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Subject: Re: UFO*BC - UFO'S WARRANT STUDY - VANCOUVER

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Subject: Re: Friedman's Laws for 'Debunkers'

> Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 22:44:10 -0400
> From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Friedman's Laws for 'Debunkers'
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> Regarding...

>
> >Date: Thu, 25 Jun 1998 22:48:23 -0300
> >From: Stanton T. Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Friedman's Laws for 'Debunkers'

> Stanton wrote:

> >As might be expected from PJK's 30 years of misrepresentation this
> >is a very inaccurate description of what I have said and how I say
> >it. In my longer college presentations I told the story of the CAUS
> >actions against the CIA and NSA and show every page of the 21 page
> >affidavit starting with very lightly censored to heavily censored,
> >leading to laughter. Far more dramatic than just showing a few
> >blacked out pages. Then I tell of the few very heavily censored CIA
> >UFO documents it took me 5 years to get, (3 out of 14) which the CIA
> >somehow didn't find and the NSA did. One page has 8 readable words.

> Stanton,

> There's no debate that some data which comes under the 'UFO'
> category has been withheld, however, clarification of the NSA
> document's contents and the NSA's submission was a welcome
> insight into some factors which we must take into account.

> The point was, if you arraign others as "demonstrating all 4 of
> Friedman's laws for Debunkers", notably, "What the public
> doesn't know, I am not going to tell them", it's a double-edged
> sword.

> No matter what you may, or may not, reveal to College audiences,
> when addressing a nationwide TV audience of several million,
> you stated on the question of a government 'cover-up', that this
> was "easy to prove" and cited as evidence:

> "A group of us went after the NSA. We found that they had over
> 150 UFO documents. They refused to release them to us, and to
> the Federal court Judge".

> Which was by no means a fair reflection of the true facts and
> served only to suggest these documents had never been released
> or further explained.

> Would you disagree?

Yes I disagree.

One cannot give lengthy explanations on TV.. What I said was
exactly true and was squeezed into a brief opportunity.

The NSA is and certainly was withholding information about UFOs
as was the CIA.. Remember that USAF keeps saying UFOs are not a
threat to National security. I gather that the CIA and NSA
disagree.

I have never said there isn't a very important national security aspect to UFOs..

I have said that Klass is guilty of massive misrepresentation.. such as saying on a TV show here recently that all sightings can be explained and claiming that a Confidential document somehow establishes what isn't in TOP SECRET Documents..

Are you trying to suggest that the NSA has released enough of each of those 156 documents so that we can make a judgement, based on Klass' misrepresentation of them?

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Re: Sheffield Incident

From: David Clarke <dclarke14@compuserve.com>
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Subject: Re: Sheffield Incident

For those following the twists and turns of the "Sheffield Incident", Updates readers will shortly be able to access my report on the incident which will be posted on:
www.sightings.com

This article was completed shortly after Helen Jackson MP for Hillsborough asked questions about the case in Parliament. Since that time my investigation has continued and an update to the article will be posted in due course.

In the meantime, here are my responses to questions posed by Max Burns: 1. Believing official sources.

Max claims I am naive for believing what "official" sources - ie. the police, MoD etc - are telling me about this case. Really? Well then what is the South Yorkshire Police Log if it is not an "official source"? Max uses the Log throughout his Sheffield Incident as a source of unquestioned reliability, so using his own logic, why should he believe a word which that log is telling us? The log was produced by the police, who by his own statements are party to the cover-up. Could not the person (a police sergeant, whose name I have) who passed the log to UFOlogists in the first place have done so just to mislead whoever got hold of it, therefore the log could be part of the cover-up too? Oh no, I'm getting paranoid as well now....

But on a serious note, all my sources really exist and can be independantly checked by anyone who wants to email me for their phone numbers. We can't say the same about Max's "sources", one of whom we are told is a drug taking New Age traveller who sleeps in a horse-box.

2. MoD and UFO reports

Max claims the MoD must be lying because the Police Log does have UFO sightings in it. So what? How do we know the police passed those incidents onto the MoD? As the police never regarded the incident as a UFO incident, why should they have passed them onto the MoD? If the reports had been passed to anyone, they would have been passed to the Home Office, not necessarily to the MoD. My information is the police didn't pass them onto anyone, therefore the MoD never received them in the first place, Why does max see such significance in things which are not significant....it all comes back to paranoia once again.

If Max feels the MoD have lied to Helen Jackson MP then let him contact Helen Jackson directly; she can be contacted via the House of Commons switchboard.

3. Radar Operators Tracking UFOs.

The fact remains that RAF Linton-upon-Ouse was closed on the night of March 24, 1997. That is an indisputable fact which can be independantly checked by anyone who cares to visit the base, look at the logbook, and speak to the staff. Even when working, the bases' radar has a very limited radius for training purposes only. It could not be used for detecting UFOs over the Peak District. Once again, all this information can be checked by anyone who cares to do so.

Air defence radar on the night of March 24, 1997 was being operated from RAF West Drayton.

4. The News of the World.

If Max has so little respect for the content of newspapers and the ability of journalists, why did he go to the News of the World to sell his story? Answer: because he knows they are the only paper likely to swallow such a huge trout of a yarn. No other national paper would touch it with a bargepole, except perhaps the Sunday Sport, where it would be a fantastic follow-up to the classic "B52 Bomber Found on the Moon" or "Space Aliens Turned My Son into an Olive". Just imagine it "Pilot shot down by UFO hitches ride from Mini-Bus while covered in Aviation Fuel". What a prize exclusive that would be in the Sport's hall of fame...

In the end even the News of the World failed to believe Max's far-fetched tale. He's being paranoid once again if he really thinks a News of the World Journalist would allow me to order him not to run a story, They did not run the story because I appraised them of the FACTS, that's all, plain and simple.

But then he has the gall to say I should feel sorry for him losing the grubby =A31,500 he stood to make! You have to conjure the image of Max visiting the newspaper and saying "I have this fantastic evidence of man's first contact with aliens, but I'm not telling you this just for the money guys, it's simply because I really believe what the witnesses are telling me..."

You have got to admit the man has some cheek.

5. Emma Maidenhead's sighting of a Triangular UFO.

Despite what Max claims, I have never said that no one believed they saw a UFO on March 24, 1997. But there is a whole world of difference between belief and reality. Nowhere have I ever claimed Emma was having "delusions" as Max puts it. I simply believe she misidentified an aircraft or some other more unconventional - but earthly - object as a UFO. We know that roughly the same time as she saw the UFO there were squadrons of low-flying RAF bombers skirting the Derbyshire Peaks at 250 foot altitude, therefore it is reasonable to conclude she saw that exercise or something connected with it.

That does not mean I'm calling her a liar, I accepted that she believes what she says she saw. I'm not disputing that for one minute.

But you have got to pose the obvious question: If a giant triangular UFO was flying so low over Dronfield (which with neighbouring Chesterfield has a population of something in the order of 250,000 people), how is it that one person, and one person alone, saw it? And why if she was so convinced the craft was something not of this earth did she not drive immediately to her local police station and log a formal report? She did not, because her sighting does not appear in the police log.

Granted, plenty of people saw the low-flying jets over Dronfield and surrounding areas, but not one other person reported this massive triangle. And isn't it also a coincidence that Emma is a friend of Max and a member of his "skywatching group"...of course Max's views and beliefs have had no influence upon Emma's interpretation of what she saw...not! 6. The Carol Vorderman programme on the air crash.

Yes Max I did tell you I acted as a consultant to the programme. But "consultant" in my dictionary (Oxford English Edition) is: "a person providing professional advice, etc for a fee". I provided the BBC with newspaper cuttings and a list of names and phone numbers, including Max Burns phone number, therefore I was by definition acting as a consultant. As I said, I had no control over what theory the programme makers decided to settle upon, that was their choice. And in the end they settled on a mundane explanation, which in this case is the right one. In answer to Max's other questions:

Yes I am a skeptic, and proud of it. That is the first thing about this case which Max has got right.

I am not, and never will be a gullible believer, or someone who is only interested in making =A31,500 out of the News of the World like others I could mention.

My motives for investigating this case?

Simple. I want to get to the truth.

If Max can provide me with evidence to back up his claims that a UFO was chased by the RAF and a fighter was shot down, leading to loss of life, I would happily put every last bit of energy I had in pursuing this case to its bitter end.

So far, Max has not produced one tiny piece of evidence to suggest such an event took place.

In the meantime, I challenge him once again:

1. Name one witness who saw a UFO shoot down/"vanish" a Tornado on the night of March 24, 1997.
2. Name the base from which this Tornado took off.
3. Name the pilot and co-pilot of the Tornado jet.

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Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

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>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 17 May 1998 11:29:27 -0400
>>>Subject: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin 01

Greetings Peter & list members,

It is hoped the following regarding the Almirante Saldanha UFO sighting off Trindade Island is in keeping with Bruce Maccabee's sentiments regarding decreasing philosophical discussion and rather, digging in and getting to the nitty-gritty within various cases.

It's a little long, so I had to split it into two parts. The second part has some important URLs. In responding to it, it may be best to assemble it on the other end. You can access the Blue Book Report easier that way.

Everything I've ever read concerning this case has suggested it was a "no-win" for either side. However, there appears to be enough supporting evidence which tends to suggest it should not be simply dismissed by mere whim. The date I have associated with the Trindade IGY case is January 16, 1958.

JC: Peter, re a portion of the MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4 you posted (for John Harney?):

>.....snip.....

>ETH enthusiasts are equally reluctant to write off the
>Trindade Isle photographs, despite the fact that they were
>taken by a man with a reputation as a trick photographer and
>the fact that the statements of the numerous other alleged
>witnesses to the sighting remain suspiciously unavailable.
>.....snip.....

JC: O.K., however, you've posted this MAGONIA Bulletin in its entirety but you haven't made any comments on my response to your posting of MAGONIA Bulletin #1. My post attempted to point out some of the reasons "open-minded researchers" are reluctant to write off the Trindade Isle photos.

>>.....snip.....

>>>TRINIDADE ISLAND

>>JC: Please forgive my interjection, I believe that island is >>Trindade.

JC: It is possible the author of the MAGONIA article may not have been thinking about the correct island. (Since he repeatedly misspelled it this way.) But it is an easy mistake to make.

Please note, "MAGONIA ETH Bulletin 01" will be abbreviated to "M".

M's author (?John Harney - editor) says:

>>>Well, what are the agreed facts of this case? I was astonished >>>to discover, on re-examining the literature on this incident >>>that some of the most basic and presumably easily >>>ascertainable facts are very much in dispute. For example, how >>>many witnesses were there? Well, it depends on whether you are >>>a believer or a sceptic.

JC: To me, an even more important question might be; "Exactly how many witnesses do we need on a Brazilian Navy IGY survey ship for this particular case to merit serious attention?"

Interestingly, we do know that the Brazilian Naval Ministry finally did issue the following statement (even though they couldn't confirm or deny an actual craft from the photographs):

The Ministry has no motive to impede the release of photographs of the referred to object taken by _____ who was at Trindade Island at the invitation of the Navy, and in the presence of a large number of the crew of ALMIRANTE SALDANHA from whose deck the photographs were taken.

JC: A question that comes to mind is; "Would they say a lot of people were present to see it without really checking it through." Your guess is as good as mine. The reputation of the Brazilian Naval Ministry was at stake.

Regarding the witness question, M's author says...

>>>Now we come to the really crazy bit. When we ask the obvious >>>question: How many witnesses were there?snip.... >>>According to Coral Lorenzen: Rio de Janeiro's Ultima Hora on >>>February 21 reported that at least a hundred individuals had >>>witnessed the sighting of the object ...

JC: Until I personally see the actual article in question, and supporting articles or reports in other papers, etc., this researcher is willing to assume for the moment that Lorenzen's "hundred witnesses " may deserve some scrutiny.

However, M's author also stated and I commented...

>>>(7) The US Naval Attachi in Rio de >>>Janeiro, evidently a dedicated sceptic, wrote the following >>>facts in his report to Project Blue Book:

>>>The Assistant Naval Attachi ... had an opportunity to visit >>>aboard [the Almirante Saldanha]. The commanding officer ... >>>had not seen the object and was noncommittal. The executive >>>officer also had not seen it but, arriving shortly thereafter, >>>had formed the opinion that those on deck had seen it.

>>JC: and why would the executive officer do this unless the people had?

JC: These statements appear to be accurate since they were entered into the Project Blue Book report by, as M's author states, an admitted "dedicated" skeptic, who collected the statements personally. Unfortunately, this presents a problem as we shall see in a few moments. (URL for the report is located at the end of part 2 of this essay "Mag 1/4__Comments on Trindade Isl.2")

>>>The captain reported >>>that his secretary, a LCDR, had seen it but this officer when

>>>personally questioned avoided discussing the matter. (8)

JC: Again, in this instance, why would the captain say this? Why would anyone put their own reputation in jeopardy on something like this, unless they really knew this? Does this make sense to anyone?

I had said:

>>JC: Well, say we ignore the newspaper (J.C. meaning "for the >>moment") and focus on the US Naval "Attachi," the Captain and his secretary.

>>The Captain says he (his secretary) saw it. If his secretary >>didn't see it, all he (the secretary) had to say was "I didn't >>see it." Would you refuse to tell someone if you didn't see >>it?snip....

JC: Peter or anyone else again, any comments on this last paragraph? I can't imagine why anyone would refuse to tell someone if they didn't see it. Does it sound like the secretary really didn't see it, or does it sound more likely as though he was avoiding discussing the matter because he didn't want to look like a fool under questioning, especially to a "dedicated skeptic," who demonstrated his strong bias in comments he made in the report he sent to Project Blue Book. Incidentally, some of Dr. Condon's comments years later had a similar ring to them.

>>>Sceptics insist that there were no witnesses, despite >>>assertions from believers that their testimonies were >>>published in Brazilian newspapers.
>>>

JC: After what we've examined so far, are we really so sure there weren't any witnesses or is it just possible that there were at least some witnesses? I'll concede we still do not know exactly how many by what we've discussed so far.

Then I asked, regarding the testimonies...

>>JC: So, were they published or not? Is there any record for >>that date or didn't they keep microfilm accounts of the papers >>there back then?

JC: Has anyone, skeptics, believers, whomever checked this out? Obviously, it wouldn't be easy if one didn't live there. Taking a long shot, are there any people from Trindade Isle on this mailing list that would like to comment here?

Sans response, one would either have to call Trindade's local library, research an Email address, or purchase a ticket to visit the island. Of course one would need to know for certain there were existing microfilms of the papers before one could even begin thinking about going. I can just hear what my wife would have to say about a trip like that. :-) Obviously this may well have been a stumbling block for most researchers concerning further investigation of this case. We weren't all NET conscious back then.

Interestingly, we do know the following from the Blue Book report:

"Federal Deputy Sergio Magalhaws sent a note to the Navy Ministry on 27 February protesting the Navy's failure to secure sworn statements of witness.

'For the first time in flying saucer history, the phenomenon was attended by large numbers of persons belonging to a military force which give these latest photographs an official stamp. Threats to national security require official attention and action,' said the Deputy."

JC: Does anyone besides myself get the idea from that last sentence the possibility higher officials may have put a clamp on this whole thing even though the Assistant Naval Attachi didn't think so.

"In the middle of all the publicity, other 'flying saucer' sighting reports came out including a naval officer who saw a

flying saucer a month before sighting from SALDANHA off the coast of Espirito Santo. CO and crew of ATA TRIDENTE said flying saucer several days before SALDANHA sighting but kept information secret."

JC: And are we to totally ignore this? I wonder if anyone ever took statements from those crew members as well.

Continued in "Mag 1/4__Comments on Trindade Isl.2"

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We also know the following from the Blue Book report:

5. Publicity. The press reports after the publication of the photographs covered a great deal of newspaper space for about a week, tending to prove or disprove the authenticity of Baruna's photographs. DIARIO CARICCA reported that personnel of SALDANHA were under rigid orders of silence.

JC:If this were true it wouldn't surprise me since all this attention by news media had to be taking away from the normal course of daily business of the people involved.

Everything we have said so far summates to the reason for my stated belief...

>>It seems rather obvious to me that people did see it. Whether >>they would admit it to the newspapers, that is another story, >>especially when we realize who the people were.

>>....snip....At least some if not most of the possible >>witnesses aboard were scientists. Would you risk your career >>as a scientist participating in world-wide IGY experiments to >>say you saw this, even if you did? We know how scientists are: >>if you don't have something solid or the numbers and data to >>prove it, it doesn't exist. Who would know better than another >>scientist?

JC:We see these same sentiments echoed time and time again in various posts from UFO skeptics who are honestly attempting to follow scientific principles. (i.e. if you can't prove it by repeatable experiments, "it isn't.") Any scientists who receive government funding, reading these posts, care to comment? Be 100% honest. If you saw it and had no other proof other than a photograph(s), would you say this to the newspapers? Remember, "be honest."

BTW, on another incredibly long shot, are there any witnesses who were on the ship during the sighting who would like to make a comment here? If any of these people are still alive and reading this list, perhaps they may be of retirement age, not have to worry about grants, etc. and might possibly want to set the record straight.

I also pointed out that Dr. J. Allen Hynek's following comments, made after approximately twenty years of study on the topic, also support what I have said in this regard:

>>Hynek, J. Allen "The UFO Experience" Henry Regnery Company
>>1972, hardcover

>>Chapter 1
>>The Laughter of Science

>>p.9"the most coherent and articulate UFO reports come
>>from people who have not given much thought to the subject and
>>generally who are surprised and shocked by their experience."

>>p.9"some of the very best reports have come from
>>scientifically trained people..... These reports are usually
>>rarely published however, because the person usually requests
>>anonymity."

M's author says the following...

>>> If there really were many witnesses, then the photographs
>>>are hardly likely to be fakes. If there were no witnesses,
>>>it is difficult to see how people could be fooled by a
>>>photographer who purported to take pictures of something
>>>which nobody else noticed from the crowded deck of a ship.

JC:In light of the all the facts we've examined so far, it seems to me, the incongruity M's author has just presented us with is the exact reason this case should not be summarily dismissed without a further serious in-depth, accurate investigation made concerning the specific points addressed by this researcher. There appears to be enough evidence to conclude there probably were witnesses.

Perhaps this is an inconclusive case to this point, so be it. But I would hope reasonable people can understand why the case shouldn't be simply written off as conclusive evidence the case was hoaxed.

Additionally, regarding M's author's observations re Dr. Menzel's comments on the photographs, and perhaps the bottom line to all this...

>>>Dr Menzel
>>>originally thought the photographs showed an aircraft flying
>>>through cloud, but eventually claimed that they were faked.

JC:As I was trying to indicate in my 17 May post, "Where can we find his proof that they were faked?" Did he do a photographic analysis of the photos? Has anyone, and what did it show? We all know "claiming" and "proving" are two different things. If it's been proven, we're all entitled to see it.

Finally, regarding the Trindade photos, M's author said...

>>> And if you are a sceptic it depends whether you
>>>believe the photographs were faked or that they are genuine
>>>and that they portray an aircraft or some natural phenomenon.

JC:My reply to this:

- 1) What aircraft of earthly origins back in the 1950's, or today, has the configuration displayed in the Trindade photographs?
- 2) To what exact phenomenon is M's author referring?

3) How was the supposed faking accomplished with, what appears to be, a high probability of witness confirmation?

Respectfully,
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P.S. Full Blue Book report on the Brazilian Navy survey ship Almirante Saldanha UFO sighting, off Trindade Island, as it appears in Dr. Hynek's "UFO Report" can be found at:

http://www.li.net/~rjcohen/Trindade_Hynek.html
Dr. Hynek's comments preface and conclude the report

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Look Magazine Special . FLYING SAUCERS . pub. by Editors of United Press International and Cowles Communications, Inc., Belleville, Lance . UPI Rio de Janeiro "Ola o disco!" : also, Hynek, Allen J.: "The Hynek UFO Report" . New York . Dell Publishing Co., Inc. 1977 . chapter 10 "The Brazilian UFO Photos"

Interestingly, for those interested, there are two military cases which happened approximately 2 1/2 months prior to Trindade; Kirtland & Sebago. I verified their exact dates and times with Jan Aldrich, Project 1947 and discovered they had actually occurred closer in time to each other than I originally thought.

- - KIRTLAND/SEBAGO DATES & TIMES - -
> Kirtland AFB, NM 10:45-11:04 pm MST 4 Nov
>
> Sebago 05:10-05:21 am 5 Nov

That places them about 5 hours apart.

Their summaries & newspaper articles can be found beginning at <http://www.li.net/~rjcohen/ocr.7a.html#Anchor> see 7a, 7b, 7c

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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

<snip>

>One of the comments that I found especially interesting came
>from Prof. Sturrock. He gave a short list of things that they
>considered "evidence," and among them was photographic and
>videotaped material! The only qualifier (if it could be
>considered that) was that he stated that modern analysis
>techniques allow them to make good determinations as to the
>authenticity of a given photo or tape. I found the fact that pix
>and vid's were included on his short list as encouraging as the
>panels findings.

During the brief interviews that he took part in, Sturrock also indicated that we know much more about some natural phenomenon that might be interpreted as "unknowns", and mentioned one of the photographs they had examined as possibly being the result of such discharges. Has there been any comment from those who may have presented the material to the panel?

>> But of course members of CSICOP and other debunker-types
>>will attack the panel and its conclusions strenuously, as usual.

>Yeah Jim, but at least this time they are argueing with Ph.D's
>and scientists. Those are the very guys they claim to defend and
>represent. It'll be like watching the Pope go to war with/
>against God!

Of course, scientists have been known to have severe disagreements over their theories and general acceptance in the scientific community (however, that's defined) may not come easily.

The JSE Report is, IMHO, a good first step and one that should have been taken a long time ago. But we still have a long road to travel.

Steve

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From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 14:41:53 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 09:46:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

> Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 06:34:42 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

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> Terry,
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> My bet is that they will not want to help us investigate. They
> will want to take over and if any answers are found they will
> take ALL the credit, act like we don't exist, and pretend they
> knew there was something to this all along. That's how "real
> science" works.

Absolutely! This was the secret of my success in my sales career.
The best way to convince someone of something is to make them
think that they thought of it.

You know, I doubt few people actually disbelieve in UFO's. It's
mostly cases of denial or the NIH (not-invented-here) syndrome. I
think Kuhn would apply nicely here.

Terry

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: John Rimmer [John Harney] <johnr@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 00:06:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 09:53:53 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 98 08:18:41 PDT

With the compliments of P.L.A. Driftwood.

I pass on the following message from ex-Meteorological Office Scientific Officer John Harney (NOT Senior Scientific Officer, as the incompetent Rimmer reported):

>Here's my question to you, John Rimmer: Is it your view, as editor of Magonia (which published the slanderous remarks above), that I am retailing "lies, fantasies, and pseudo-scientific gobbledygook"? Do you believe that my views amount only to "absurd posturings"? Is it your view that I am "intellectually dishonest"?

>I look forward to your response.

>Jerry Clark

I edit Magonia ETH Bulletin, not John Rimmer, and am solely responsible for its contents.

I do *not* think that Jerome Clark is intellectually dishonest or that he indulges in absurd posturings. I merely think that he is mistaken in giving credence to the ETH.

I suspect that Clark agrees with me about the people who retail lies, fantasies and pseudo-scientific gobbledygook, and knows who they are. Of course, I did not wish to mention their names as I wish to avoid the unwelcome and expensive attentions of m'learned friends.

--
John Harney, Editor of Magonia ETH Bulletin.

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Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 14:35:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 09:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

> From: Nick Humphries <nick@the-den.clara.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study
> Date: Tue, 30 Jun 98 11:19:33 BST

<snip>

> (For the record, my opinion on this whole phenomenon is that if
> non-human involvement is found, then the ETH is the more likely
> explanation (as opposed to alternative dimensions, time
> travellers, etc). However, IMHO there's no evidence to support
> it, and until then, I could probably be counted as a PSH-er)

I don't understand all this disagreement. From what I have
observed, there is enough to go around so that ETH, PSH, and
those Bob Shell subterranean demons, may *all* be real.

I am encouraged by the JSE report. It's just a baby step, but
one in the right direction. I think many scientists were/are
closet Ufologists anyway. I know that some septsics are! I
wouldn't mention any names, tho (Klass). <g>

Terry

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Re: Local Reaction to UFO Study

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 16:28:53 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:17:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Local Reaction to UFO Study

An interesting article on a local news web page about the UFO Study may be found at:

<http://www.accessatlanta.com/news/1998/06/30/ufo.html>

That page is running an online poll. At this posting, 84% of the respondents professed that they believed in UFOs.

Another poll question:

"Should the gov't fund more research on UFOs?"

Answers at this posting:

- 1) Yes, the phenomenon can't be ignored any longer. (16%)
- 2) No, it's a waste of money. (13%)
- 3) The gov't knows all about UFOs, they just don't want us to know (69%).

Terry

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Re: Further images of Roswell Debris

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 23:29:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:19:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Further images of Roswell Debris

I would advise all interested in this story to take a look at the web site below:

Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk> wrote:

Dear All,

This lunchtime I placed a further batch of images on my website:

<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/index.htm>

These were all taken from a 4x3 image of Ramey and Dubose "borrowed" from Randle and Schmit<g>.

If I'm correct in what they show there is no way this was balloon wreckage, I estimate one solid piece of debris in the picture is aprox 2 feet long with a diameter of some 6-8 inches, this is solid debris not foil or beams/sticks. I have asked JBJ if after seeing the picture which I have emailed him he has any recollection, if you have Bond please share it, I would love some extra info this debris it looks technical.

Neil.

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Re: Contact with SOHO Lost

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 09:38:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 09:38:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Contact with SOHO Lost

Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 09:38:23 -0400
To: updates@globalserve.net
From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Subject: Contact with SOHO Lost

List,

From: San Jose Mercury News

<http://www.mercurycenter.com/breaking/docs/071860.htm>

Breaking News
Posted at 5:54 a.m. PDT Tuesday, June 30, 1998

Contact lost with sun-watching satellite

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- A \$1 billion sun-observing satellite is missing in action a million miles from Earth and scientists don't know whether they can get it working again.

Art Poland, mission scientist for the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, said Monday that radio contact with the craft -- which has already exceeded its two-year operational lifetime -- dropped out suddenly last week while it was going through an alignment procedure that involved firing control jets.

``We have had no communications with SOHO since last Thursday morning,'' said Poland.

He said engineers have determined the craft is spinning and has lost its alignment with the sun. Exactly how it is spinning and the rate of spin is not clear, Poland said.

``We are not certain about what went wrong,'' said Poland. He said engineers are trying to restore the SOHO signal and to stabilize the craft, but added: ``There is a real fear that we won't get it back.''

European and American engineers are hoping that solar panels on the craft will generate enough power for the satellite to receive and act on stabilizing commands from the ground.

Its battery holds only a one-hour charge.

SOHO is a joint project of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the European Space Agency. NASA provided about \$477 million of the total \$1 billion cost of the craft, said Bill Steigerwald, a spokesman at the Goddard Space Flight Center.

The satellite was designed for a two-year operational lifetime and was launched on Dec. 2, 1995.

SOHO was placed in what is called the L-1 point, a position 1 million miles from the Earth that is gravitational neutral. Objects placed at such points tend to maintain the same Earth-sun position instead of orbiting around the Earth as do most satellites.

Instruments on SOHO were able to take pictures of the sun in several different spectra, or light wavelengths. The satellite also

could measure and analyze particles and magnetic fields generated by the sun.

EOF

How convenient ;)

The attached photo is from the LASCO site. I did a screen shot as I closed the picture which tends to highlight prominent features in the picture. This is the sun on June 24, 1998. The other pictures from my cache have disappeared.

Sue Kovios

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Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 20:48:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:26:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 00:50:29 -0300
>From: Carlos Barboza <cbarboza@adinet.com.uy>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

>Hello all,

>I also have a tape showing a cigar-shaped object that gets close
>to MIR, It was taken by astronauts through ship's window. In the
>same film (provided by a friend of mine) there is also another
>UFO approximating to a Telstar satellite as it was being
>repaired.

>I'm going to ask you no \$25 for this, but instead I will upload
>it to somewhere in the internet once I manage to convert it to
>video file. I must contact a friend with a video-capture card
>first. I'm interested in Susan's tape but I rather wait until the
>author accepts uploading it. I don't think anybody should mix UFO
>research with making money from it.

>Estoy de acuerdo contigo Jhon Vellez

>Carlos Barboza (from Uruguay)
>cbarboza@adinet.com.uy

ROFL!

Hats off to Carlos. How gallant.

Sue

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Re: Michigan and North Carolina Sightings

From: **Stefan Duncan** <duncan@tarheel.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 22:37:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:30:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Michigan and North Carolina Sightings

We appear to be having a similar flap in North Carolina as in Michigan. On June 7th, we had our big boom and flash of light. I need data for these sightings and would be glad to have any assistance of setting up observations points around the High Rock Lake Area for the ongoing triangular crafts, and orbs, and Saturn shaped UFOs appearing in this area.

In April recorded on video what appears to be a triangular craft moving slowly and doing a complete rollover and continuing. Two weeks ago at High Rock Lake, one passed directly over head, did a roll over and moved sideways down the river. Last week I saw a amber light hovering over the treeline across the lake. Almost daily, I am getting stories of sightings in this area that happened from 15 to 20 years ago.

Three weeks ago the Charlotte Observer newspaper did a full page spread of North Carolina marking the places and types of sightings. They have a site for people to place their local sightings on the net.

XX
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Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

From: jared@valuserve.com (1 Jared Anderson)
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 17:27:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:24:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

> From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 06:34:42 -0400
> Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 09:52:41 -0400
> Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

> >Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 10:31:34 -0700 (PDT)
> >From: Keith Wyatt <gunbunnyxx@yahoo.com>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> >Well it is about time! I'm glad to see scientist finally decide to
> >help in solving this mystery and they are welcome to help investigate
> >these incidents!

> Terry,

> My bet is that they will not want to help us investigate. They
> will want to take over and if any answers are found they will
> take ALL the credit, act like we don't exist, and pretend they
> knew there was something to this all along. That's how "real
> science" works.

> Bob

Oh, don't be such a shitheel Bob. If you look at SSE's press release on their web page you'll notice that underneath the panel of scientists they list the panel of ufologists whose case evidence they've been reviewing.

http://www.jse.com/ufo_reports/Sturrock/toc.html

Although not all the members of the ufologist panel possess academic credentials, I would assume that SSE scientists would wish to spend more of their time conferring with researchers that do. As a general rule scientists like to confer with other scientists in any scientific field, we should expect to see the same professional discipline with UFOs.

In addition Jacques Vallee and Bruce Maccabee have written articles in SSE's Journal of Scientific Exploration. If anything UFO related ever get's published in any mainstream academic scientific journals there will HAVE to be references and citations to certain ufologists. I can't imagine career reesarchers will all just be forgotten.

Jared.

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Re: Meteorite in Russia

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 21:20:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:28:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Meteorite in Russia

>From: Masinaigan@aol.com
>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 08:04:08 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Fwd: meteorite in Russia

>Dear List:

> Please read the email from Jackie Jerrigan below.
>Apparently a most unusual meteor crashed in
>Turkmenistan in central Asia on June 20, 1998.

> Joe Trainor

>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 18:22:17 -0400
>From: jackiej <jackiej@usit.net>
>To: Masinaigan@aol.com
>Subject: meteorite in Russia

>This is from CNN interactive for Sunday, June 28. Have you any other
>information about this meteorite? I was unable to find any other post
>about it. Thanks for your fine Web site. Jackie Jernigan

You could try e-mailing to the address below. This is the Embassy in UK.

mturkmen@clara.net

Sue

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Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

From: RobIrving@aol.com
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 22:44:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:36:08 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

> From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles
> Date: Sun, 28 Jun 1998 20:01:45 PDT

Leanne,

I read Filer's comments with interest, but wondered about some of the (non-) specifics...

> Editors note: Recent sampling of the crop formation and soil
> samples indicate high Electro magnetic and microwave effects
> have occurred within these fields.

Do you know specifically what this is in reference to?

> One farmer in England who hired guards to watch his fields to
> prevent hoaxers from hurting his crops. While under guard, the
> crop formations developed in 30 seconds to a maximum of five
> minutes."

Do you know specifically where this is said to have happened?

Rob

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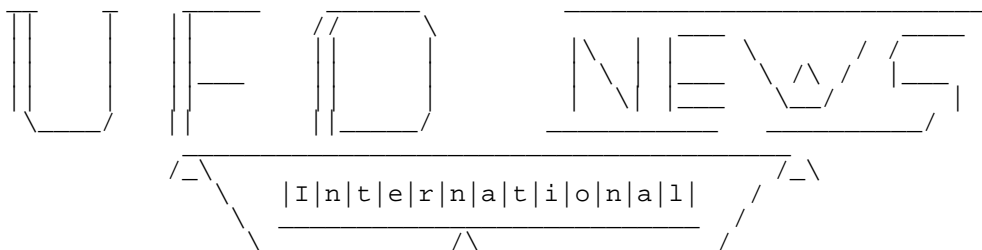
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From: Henny van der Pluijm <hvdp@worldonline.nl>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 01:15:57 +0200 (MET DST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:14:26 -0400
Subject: UFO News International 38



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Scientists conclude UFO Evidence Worthy of Study

- Data do not prove Alien Visitation

From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>

STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS RELEASE

Stanford, CA, June 29, 1998 ----

In the first independent review of UFO phenomena

since 1970, a panel of scientists has concluded that some sightings are accompanied by physical evidence that deserves scientific study. But the panel was not convinced that any of this evidence points to a violation of known natural laws or the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence.

The review was organized and directed by Peter Sturrock, professor of applied physics at Stanford University, and supported administratively by the Society for Scientific Exploration, which provides a forum for research into unexplained phenomena. The international review panel of nine physical scientists responded to presentations by eight investigators of UFO reports, who were asked to present their strongest data. Von R. Eshleman, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at Stanford, co-chaired the panel.

Although UFO reports date back 50 years, the information gathered does not prove that either unknown physical processes or alien technologies are implicated. But it does include a sufficient number of intriguing and inexplicable observations, the panel concluded. "It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to science." To be credible to the scientific community "such evaluations must take place with a spirit of objectivity and a willingness to evaluate rival hypotheses" that has so far been lacking, it added.

This conclusion differs from that reached by Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the Colorado Project, in his 1968 UFO report. He concluded that "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby." It is very similar, however, to the conclusion reached by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' Kuettnert Report issued two years later, which advocated "a continuing, moderate-level [research] effort with emphasis on improved data collection by objective means and on high-quality scientific analysis."

In the current study, the scientific panel focused on incidents involving some form of physical evidence, including photographic evidence, radar evidence, vehicle interference, interference with aircraft equipment, apparent gravitational or inertial effects, ground traces, injuries to vegetation, physiological effects on witnesses, and debris. Of particular concern are reports that UFO encounters may be hazardous to people's health. Some witnesses have reportedly suffered radiation-type injuries. These reports led the panel to draw the attention of the medical community to the possible health risks involved.

The scientists found that some of the reported incidents may have been caused by rare natural phenomena, such as electrical activity high above thunderstorms or radar ducting (the trapping and conducting of radar waves by atmospheric channels). However, the panel found that some of the phenomena related to UFOs are not easy to explain in this fashion.

Further analysis of the evidence presented to the panel is unlikely to shed added light on the causes underlying the reports, the scientists said. Most current UFO investigations lack the level of rigor required by the scientific community, despite the initiative and dedication of the investigators involved. But new data, scientifically acquired and analyzed, could yield useful information and advance our understanding of the UFO problem, the panel said.

The reviewers also made the following observations:

1. The UFO problem is not a simple one, and it is

unlikely that there is any simple, universal answer.

2. Whenever there are unexplained observations, there is the possibility that scientists will learn something new by studying them.

3. Studies should concentrate on cases that include as much independent physical evidence as possible.

4. Continuing contact between the UFO community and physical scientists could be productive.

5. Institutional support for research in this area is desirable.

The review panel consisted of Von Eshleman; Thomas Holzer, High Altitude Observatory in Boulder, Colo.; Randy Jokipii, professor of planetary science, University of Arizona, Tucson; Francois Louange, managing director of Fleximage, Paris, France; H. J. Melosh, professor of planetary science, University of Arizona, Tucson; James J. Papike, professor of earth and planetary sciences, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; Guenther Reitz, German Aerospace Center, Institute for Aerospace Medicine, Cologne, Germany; Charles Tolbert, professor of astronomy, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Bernard Veyret, Bioelectromagnetics Laboratory, University of Bordeaux, France. Eshleman and Holzer served as co-chairs of the panel.

The UFO investigators who presented evidence were Richard Haines, Los Altos, Calif.; Illobrand von Ludwig, Germany; Mark Rodeghier, Center for UFO Studies, Chicago; John Schuessler, Houston; Erling Strand, Ostfold College, Skjeberg, Norway; Michael Swords, professor of natural science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; Jacques Vallee, San Francisco; and Jean-Jacques Velasco, CNES, Toulouse, France.

The study was initiated by Laurance S. Rockefeller and supported financially by the LSR Fund.

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Dr. Thomas Holzer, panel co-chair, phone: 303-397-1567

Contributors Comment On 'Sturrock' Review

- First official investigation since 1968

Via Stig Agermose

>From the San Jose Mercury News

Science panel says it's worth evaluating UFO reports

BY MICHELLE LEVANDER

Mercury News Staff Writer

For more than 50 years, UFO investigators have scoured the skies for signs of alien life -- completely snubbed by the scientific community as cranks.

But today, in the first independent scientific review of UFO evidence in nearly 30 years, scientists gave a faint nod in their direction by concluding that it might be worthwhile to evaluate UFO reports, marking a major and important shift in the eyes of some UFO investigators.

"What we need are more scientists looking at this area if we are going to get answers," said Peter Sturrock, the Stanford University physicist who convened the international panel of "skeptical" scientists. Sturrock assembled the group after being approached by New York philanthropist Laurance S. Rockefeller, the grandson of John D. Rockefeller and someone who reportedly has a longstanding interest in UFOs and psychic phenomena.

Sturrock, whose Society for Scientific Exploration promotes the examination of ideas outside the scientific mainstream, hopes the panel's review of UFO reports, to be published today in the alternative Journal of Scientific Exploration, spurs more solid research in the arena.

To be sure, after a rare meeting between scientists and UFO investigators, the scientific panel remained skeptical. Nevertheless, they said the scientific community's refusal to even entertain the analysis of such information has been counterproductive.

"The history of Earth science includes several examples of the final acceptance of phenomena originally dismissed as folk tales," such as meteorites and sprites, the report says. "It may therefore be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to science."

One UFO investigator was pleased with the findings.

Openness, evidence

Mark Rodeghier, of the Center for UFO Study in Chicago, interprets the panel's greater openness as an important step to bring the world of science -- which demands empirical evidence -- closer to that of UFO observers, some of whom believe they now know what aliens do during human abductions.

Taking a break from the national Mutual UFO Network conference, Rodeghier said, "It would be extremely important for us to know if aliens are visiting the Earth surreptitiously. I didn't expect in five days that they would change their mind completely. I think it's sufficient that they say the subject deserves study."

For its review, the panel examined evidence such as a 1981 photograph of "a silvery oval-shaped object set against the blue sky," taken in British Columbia -- the photographer swears it was not a trick photo of a frisbee -- and a 1965 report by two French submarine crews in Martinique of "a large luminous object that arrived slowly and silently from the west, flew to the south and vanished like a rapidly extinguished light bulb."

The last time scientists took a serious look at UFOs was in 1968, when Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the Colorado Project, undertook a two-year study sponsored by the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. Air Force. His dismissive conclusion: "Nothing has come of the study of UFOs in the past 21 years and "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified"

Already some of this panel's scientists are steeling themselves for ridicule from peers.

"I haven't gone around and advertised I've done this. I thought I'd wait until our report came out and then let them take their jabs then," said Thomas Holzer, senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Still, he adds, he shares the panel's view that more openness is needed.

Natural phenomena

Some UFO reports, the scientists concluded, could be explained by rare natural events such as sprites, or what appear to be huge sheets of light moving upward from cloud decks caused by electrical activity high above thunderclouds.

Unusual radar patterns that UFO investigators interpret as flight patterns of alien craft are likely radar echoes caused by refraction in the atmosphere, said panel member and Stanford professor Von Eshleman, who studies the structure of the atmosphere through experiments on U.S. space missions.

And, the scientists said, some in their community may be more interested in UFOs than they are willing to admit.

Sturrock said his own surveys of astronomers show that many privately admit to interest in UFOs. Asked for his own views, Sturrock was coy. "I don't believe in UFOs, but they may exist whether I believe in them or not," he said. "That's saying I don't have an opinion I wish to share."

When pressed, panel member Eshleman said he thinks it would be surprising if there weren't life forms on other planets. Asked about the likelihood of complex alien societies, he said, "It's less probable, but there's no reason to limit it anywhere."

Gregory Benford, a solar physicist at the University of California-Irvine who has reviewed the UFO report, said that when Condon, now deceased, wrote his initial 1968 findings on UFO evidence, he wrote the conclusion first. Even though a scientific panel urged more open-mindedness two years later, it didn't carry much weight.

"He had an automatic aversion to the cranks who had surrounded the UFO phenomenon", Benford said. In '68, he just wanted to squash this like a bug. So he said you won't learn anything if you study this any further.

Looking in new places

"I think that's unwarranted. If you don't look in new places, you won't see new things."

Still, he added, while many astronomers believe that life exists elsewhere in the galaxy, that's a far cry from believing that UFOs are passing over your neighborhood.

"Even if some intelligent being was visiting us from a distant star, why would they fly around and never make any contact?" he said. "If they are hostile, why not do the obvious and wipe us out? It would be dead easy to get in touch with us."

"Just because you are open-minded doesn't mean your brains have fallen out."

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UFO Researcher compiles website with Russian Cases

- Needs help

From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)

Forwarded from "alt.ufo.reports".

From: Vladimir Gerasimov <vladg@ix.netcom.com>

As the communist-regime fell in the late 80's, a great deal of the Russian UFO-files has been given light (along with the rest of the Soviet allies files). We now been told that the entire Soviet armed forces, a total of 15 million people over ten years (1979-1989), was involved in a UFO study that turned up forty major incidents, including one that prompted fears of starting an accidental nuclear war. As a result of the study hundreds of UFOs were recorded and some were photographed. Some of the reports and some of the photos are clearly faked. But in other cases there were multiple witnesses...

Unfortunately, until late 80-s, the UFO subject was forbidden to discuss in our country. Any talks on this matter might get you in trouble. As local residents say, they have been noticing strange flying objects for a long time. Those objects were shaped as spheres, black "boats", domes, plates and so on. Also, there have been weird places, where people felt like being observed or were afraid of presence of something odd. When the ban of ufological information was removed, the explorers attention was drawn to abnormal events near Mobilka village. The results of the first expeditions (Perm's Bachurin's group, Muhortov's group) were a sensation. In 1989, this information got out to the Mass Media. Since then, the members of our group have been studying this place.

If anyone has any kind of information or links to web sites about Russian Sightings please email me at:

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I'm currently working on a big web site which will include a huge library of Russian Sightings including the now famous Russian UFO Crash in Tunguska and other sites..... yes there were UFO Crashes in Russian Roswell Incident was not the only one UFO Crash in History....there were many more.... " The Truth is There...."
Vlad G.

Child relates Contact Experience

- 'Tell me I'm not crazy'

Posted by : <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>

Dear CAUS Subscribers:

This week's PCE is from wjbert@yahoo.com (wj vandiepen):

"I had an experience a few years ago. I can't remember if it was '91 or '92, but I do remember it was winter, around January, and it was sometime between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. I was either 10 or 11 but remember it as if it happened yesterday. I was in the bathroom looking out the window when I saw what I thought at first was the moon. I did not have my glasses on, and I thought "wow, the moon is pretty low tonight." Then I realized that if the moon was that low it would be blocked out by trees on the other side

of highway #2 in Delaware, Ontario. My friends think

I'm insane, my family I think, believes me. I ran to get my glasses, ran back and saw something which I will never forget, and something which I have yet to explain. It could not have been from this Earth. It was no longer than a car, no higher than 10 feet over highway #2 and Victoria Street. It was about 5 ft high, and glowed a magnificent yellow.

It also had what I would describe as wings, but too small for that purpose. They were more, maybe, like the outer disk (although it wasn't a 'flying saucer', it was almost perfectly round, a sphere), and these wings moved in a wave motion, the wave coming from the 'cockpit' and out to the ends, one wing one step behind the other. I don't know how long I stared at it, but finally I started screaming for my sister to come and see it. She would not answer so, after a minute or two, I ran as fast as I could into the living room, said "Shannon quick! Come see this!" and with that I turned and ran back into the bathroom. In the 2-3 seconds it took me to do that the UFO flew away. It could not have been the moon because it still would have been visible. The weird thing is the highway is usually pretty busy, but there were no cars whatsoever. No noise except for our tv, which was very faint from the bathroom. I would like this published and for anyone who has seen this craft to <A HREF=3D"MAILTO:wjbert@yahoo.com"e-mail me and tell me I'm not crazy. I have never had another experience that I know of, but since that day I have been a firm believer."

Share your personal contact experiences with CAUS. We will keep your name confidential if so desired. Have a fantastic Friday and of CAUS...watch the skies!!!

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Has Chupacabra arrived in Texas?

From: mario <mario@farshore.force9.co.uk>

Source: Midland Reporter-Telegraph Date: May 29 1998

Header: Has legendary Chupacabra made its way to West Texas?

A recent report of sheep taken from a Midland County ranch makes me wonder if the ever-popular Chupacabra has made its way to West Texas. For some of you who are unfamiliar with the legendary Chupacabra (pronounced chew-pah-khab-rah), it's a scaled, winged and fanged alien/beast that reportedly sucks the blood out of livestock.

Its name translated in English means "the goat sucker." Its origin has been traced to South American farmers, who blame the creature for sabotaging their livestock. The lore made its way to Puerto Rico, Florida and even the Rio Grande Valley. I figured it'd only be a matter of time before this nuisance followed me to Midland.

When I was in South Texas, the Chupacabra would make his way into the police reports at least once a month. The scenario always involved a rural farmer who'd call authorities after finding dead animals on his property - all of which sustained two puncture wounds to the neck.

Then, the complainant would come to our newspaper with Polaroid pictures of his decaying animals. My assignment would come soon after: I'd have to ask a serious lawman to explain how the alien killed an entire herd of cows and if charges were to be filed. I could just see the docket: Case No. 0001, the People vs. Goat sucker; charges: criminal mischief, cruelty to animals and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Instead of making him laugh, the officer would throw me out of his office, telling me that I wasted his time with such absurd tales. Here in the basin, the closest thing I've seen to the goat sucker is a news reporter who did a live shot from a pet cemetery

in west Odessa. At prime time, this person poked at bloated animal carcasses with a branch, warning citizens not to make other people's property a final resting place for Barky or Fluffy.

However, I doubt the beast is lingering in this neck of the woods (or desert for that matter). The creature's not as dumb as we think he is. Obviously, he likes to roam the tropical climate, but probably made a detour to the southern United States to stir up a little scandal - or get a prescription for Viagra.

Or, El Nino's wrath could have scared the little guy over here. The impenetrable haze wafting from zillion-acre fires in Mexico could have forced Chupacabra to seek refuge in Midland, where he makes his home near a prairie dog town or at Wadley-Barron Park.

Either way, he won't be here long. There's way too little livestock for him to survive here. I'd imagine that he could move to Hawaii or the Virgin Islands, but maybe he hasn't acquired enough frequent flyer miles to make that voyage.

If I could meet him, I'd chide him for eluding me for appearances on the "X-Files," National Enquirer and "Unsolved Mysteries." Heck, I even looked for him at the Chupacabras Festival in Zapata, Texas, but all I found there was a 25-foot papier mch replica. At this point, I'd be happy if he could bring a little vigor into my life again, but I'm not counting on it. The smoky haze has probably chased him away to greener pastures, where there probably lives more goats fearing his arrival.

Website Shows Off Formerly Sensitive Sights

From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
From: Alien Astronomer <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

By Alan Boyle, MSNBC

A free Internet archive of aerial images includes hard-to-get photographs of U.S. spy installations, intelligence experts say. On Wednesday, they were hard to get on the Web as well: Due to high traffic, lots of users found it difficult to connect with the site.

The Microsoft (Nasdaq:MSFT) TerraServer project, offering almost 180 million overhead images taken from airplanes and satellites, was formally unveiled Wednesday at a computer trade event for governmental agencies in Washington.

But the Web site was active even before its official debut, and John Pike of the Federation of American Scientists cruised around the site looking for overhead pictures of sensitive areas. Aerial intelligence imagery is one of Pike's specialties, and he was

amazed at what he found.

He said there were aerial photos of Raven Rock, Md., the Pentagon bunker north of the Camp David presidential retreat; and Mount Weather, Va., the underground complex operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Those two facilities are thought to be designed to house government leaders in the event of an emergency.

Another photographic subject was Camp Perry, Va., which houses a training complex for the CIA's Directorate of Operations.

"I was able to find each of those in about 10 minutes or so," he said. Pike said the photos are publicly accessible by other means - after all, they originally came from the U.S. Geological Survey. But in the past, the red tape was a formidable hurdle for image-hunters.

"You're putting in one place the one-stop accessto a large chunk of what's available instead of having to go through all these channels," said Jeffrey Richelson, author of "The U.S. Intelligence Community."

- Area 51 missing
NBC producer Robert Windrem, an expert on U.S. intelligence, said the database also includes photos of sensitive communications facilities near Sugar Grove, W.Va.; Remington, Va.; and Warren Grove, N.J. Images of Nevada's Area 51, the focus of UFO lore, are not included in the database ... yet. The current database covers an estimated 45 percent of the contiguous United States plus a smattering of areas around the rest of the world. But the partners behind TerraServer say more images will be added to the database, with the entire United States likely to be covered next year.

The partners behind TerraServer say they came under no government pressure to block out the images, which come from a USGS aerial survey as well as Russian satellite photos.

For the rest of the article visit:
http://www.developer.com/news/stories/062698_terraserver.html

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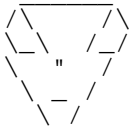
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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Dennis <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 21:47:36 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:43:25 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 98 08:48:41 PDT

>> Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 21:25:46 -0400
>> From: The Duke of Mendoza <101653.2205@compuserve.com>
>> Subject: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

<great snip>

>> It's not mentioned in the post to which I'm responding, but I
>> have it on good authority that someone, somewhere is working
>> even now on shredding Michael Swords' notions of exobiology into
>> teeny weeny bits, and that the results will be published
>> sometime this year.

>Great. 'Bout time. And I don't doubt for a second, having seen
>others make the attempt, that Swords will defend himself quite
>effectively, thank you.

>Cheers,

>Jerry Clark

Duke, Jerry, List:

My three cents on this particular topic.

I happened to be present at the 1991 Chicago MUFON Symposium when, to the best of my knowledge, Swords gave one of the first public presentations of his thinking about exobiology, in particular, why aliens might more or less resemble us, at least in basic terms (body trunk, number of limbs, placement of eyes, ears, mouth, nose, and other sensory organs, etc.). As far as it went, I think it's quite reasonable (and well reasoned). For those who haven't seen Swords's articles, to which Clark constantly refers, its basic premise (to ruthlessly summarize same) is that only certain body forms (resembling ours) will achieve space travel, and therefore, those aliens we are most likely to be visited by will resemble us in rough form.

An example: while it's reasonable to postulate that somewhere an intelligent seafaring species with eight tentacles has evolved, that species won't likely go on to develop spacefaring technology because it's extremely difficult to smelt iron underwater. And so on.

In abstract principle, Sword's thinking is perfectly permissible, as far as it goes. But even Swords's theory contains its own built-in limitations and complications. For instance, regardless of whether or not one accepts every component of the Drake equation, it still represents a sort of fundamental starting point. By definition, Swords limits the number of possible spacefaring aliens vis-a-vis Drake, which in turn limits the possibility of contact. In other words, with fewer civilizations qualifying as capable of interstellar travel, the issue of how they could conceivably "stumble" across

the planet Earth, and repeatedly, at that -- and just in our lifetime -- is greatly increased.

In addition, Swords totally ignores other circumstances that might be necessary for the development of life in the first place, never mind spacefaring intelligence. There is a considerable body of thought about the development of life on this planet alone that treats with such issues as an internal magnetic field, a placement of a satellite at such and such a distance from the primary body (thus resulting in tides), angular axis (which results in seasons, which seem to be a prime evolutionary driver), and so on. (And this ignores local surface planetary thinking a la Gould & others.) All of which again drastically reduces the number of potentially intelligent civilizations in the universe, regardless of whether one is considering the numbers of Drake, Sagan or Swords. And it gets more complicated from here. For instance, a reduction in the numbers of potential intelligent civilizations greatly increases their distances from us, greatly lowering the prospects of contact.

To emphasize this last point, I recommend that everyone read the article by Mike Davis ("Cosmic Dancers on History's Stage?"), which appeared in The Anomalist 5. As best we can determine, this is the same Davis that just recently received a MacArthur Foundation "genius" award, although we should point out that the Amazing Randi received one of same as well.

Regardless, the thrust of Davis's article is that the history of the planet Earth may well be (and arguably/demonstrably is) unique, i.e., it possess a history nowhere else even remotely repeated in the universe. The science is certainly just as good as Sword's, which brings me to my last point.

I suspect that many of Clark's more vociferous and vocal critics object not so much to the mere citation of Swords's writings, then, as to a perceived attitude on Clark's part that simple citation of same should resolve the issue once and for all -- as if it were obvious. Needless to say, it doesn't -- and it isn't.

Would that life and science were so simple.

In the end, Swords's thoughts on the subject are just that. As far as I'm concerned, every time that Swords is cited in favor of the ETH, Davis should be cited in its disfavor. Now where are we?

Dennis

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Re: Meteorite in Russia

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 22:43:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:33:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Meteorite in Russia

>From: Masinaigan@aol.com
>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 08:04:08 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Fwd: meteorite in Russia

> Please read the email from Jackie Jerrigan below.
>Apparently a most unusual meteor crashed in
>Turkmenistan in central Asia on June 20, 1998.

> Significant UFO activity was recorded elsewhere
>in the world that day.

> If any of our European colleagues saw a newspaper
>story on this event, I would greatly appreciate it if you
>would forward the item to UFO Roundup. Thanks!

> Joe Trainor

>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 18:22:17 -0400
>From: jackiej <jackiej@usit.net>
>To: Masinaigan@aol.com
>Subject: meteorite in Russia

>This is from CNN interactive for Sunday, June 28. Have you any other
>information about this meteorite? I was unable to find any other post
>about it.

From: <http://193.232.199.102:8084/press/index.html>

Turkmen-PRESS
June 29, 1998
SENSATION

A Large Meteorite Fall Down On the Territory of Turkmenistan

Turkmen scientists informed that the meteorite that fall down on the territory of Turkmenistan weighed about 300 kg. They started studies of this unique for the country event. It happened on June 20, between 18.00 and 19.00 PM and was seen by several people from the daikhan unity "Daryalik", Kune-Urgench etrap of Dashkhovuz velayat. It made a hole of 4 meters deep and 6 meters in diameter where it fall. It had a conic form and was refereed to a iron and stone type.

Its sizes were 90x60 cm. There were found lots of its small pieces in the area where it fall. At present the meteorite was brought to Ashgabat for studies.

According to scientists that was the first large meteorite that fall out the country's territory. Until now there were known 4 cases of finding meteorites and their weights were less than 6 kg though the scientists stated that the relief of some areas of Turkmenistan such as Central Karakum and Karabogaz hole-type structures' looked like it was related to the fall of some big-size meteorites in pre-historic times.

Stating the unique character of the event the scientists stressed that the meteorite did not burn out in the atmosphere as there

were witnesses of the fall. Often meteorites fall down to oceans, seas or deserts. Scientists plan to organize investigations of the event. Now a scientific research expedition is being formed to go to the site where the meteorite fell. It would define the nature of the meteorite, the trajectory of its flight to Earth, its rotation orbit around the Sun, etc.

The meteorite will be registered in international scientific organizations and definitely will attract the interest of foreign scientists. This is a rare opportunity for scientists studying the history of the planet Earth formation, its evolution process. Later the meteorite will become one of the most interesting exhibits at the National Museum of History of Turkmenistan.

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Also that night there were some celebrations going on but I'm not sure if they had fireworks which could possibly account for strange light activity.

Sue

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: RobIrving@aol.com
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 22:45:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:41:45 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> Date: Sun, 28 Jun 98 13:36:18 PDT

Jerry,

Despite your attempts to suggest otherwise, many of the points I've made to Sean do not oppose the idea that "myopic conventionalism" <my words> slows down progress. I don't see why science would be different from any other human activity.

So we agree. But I simply don't see sufficient evidence that the ETH is being obstructed in this way, as its proponents like to claim. You haven't offered any convincing examples, just abstract association with earlier examples, none of which are particularly relevant, imo.

Incidentally, the recent news regarding the scientific panel study of UFOs bears out the point I've been making. But even this has been falsely portrayed in 'either/or' terms - viz, if you are sceptical of the ETH, then you must be embarrassed by it. This is sheer nonsense, premature bleatings.

>"Belief" is not the problem with the ETH's more rational
>proponents, of course.

Belief is a problem for everybody in this regard. That is the whole point of this thread -- that it often doesn't matter how 'rational', or detached we like to think we are. Your certainty would concern me if I cared at all - there's little difference between having an X- shaped gap and believing in X.

I'd be more convinced by your protestations of 'rationale' if you at least acknowledged that ufology has a personality problem rather than simply portraying ET believers as being beyond the fringe of what is otherwise a serious study, thereby effectively sweeping the issue under the carpet as if it doesn't exist. From the p-o-v of someone who admittedly looks at ufology from the outside, this is too subtle and intriguing a 'problem' to deal with so dismissively.

<snip>

>The abuse hurled at SETI advocates, for
>example, parallels that at ETH advocates.

As far as I am concerned the main difference is that SETI is asking questions - looking for evidence - rather than giving answers with little evidence. But then, I rarely, if ever, hurl abuse at anyone.

(Before you say it Dennis, "shabby and unbecoming" is not abuse)

<snort> Anyway Jerry...

Much as you enjoy portraying things in this way, not everyone who differs in opinion to your own are ignorant and abusive 'debunkers'. Their arguments are *not necessarily* abusive. You appear more at home reducing discussion to a personal level...

read on. It's easy to allow hypersensitive emotions cloud your judgement. You appear to take criticism of what you believe personally - so much so that you resort to Wingfieldesque ad hominem attacks in its defence. Apart from not really seeing the point of it, I'm utterly unimpressed. Unless, that is, I look at it in the context of thespianism.

>>I stated: Festinger liked nothing better than to use
>>'flying saucer' enthusiasts as an example of this.

>Festinger's ideas about cognitive dissonance have been
>pretty well challenged in the sociology of religion literature.

Really? Where? Can you provide specific references, and state on which grounds his theory was challenged? Even more pertinently, why do you seem so ready to accept this. I'm genuinely intrigued.

> Wrong on all counts.

It sounds so authoritative when you say that, doesn't it? Even when in fact it is you that is er, erring...

> To the best of my knowledge, Festinger wrote
>about only one flying-saucer group...

In this instance the best of your knowledge is paper to my scissors. You assume I was talking about 'When Prophecy Fails' when I was not. As you say, most of this book concerned one particular group. However, in Festinger's 'A Theory of Cognitive Dissonance' which I strongly recommend you read, he states more generally:

~ Similarly, if one person believes that flying saucers are space ships from other planets and some other person voices the opinion that flying saucers, as such, do not even exist, the resulting dissonance in the cognition of the former may be reduced if he can believe that the latter is a stupid, ignorant, unfriendly, and bigoted individual. ~

Boy Jerry, as I copy this material I realise how terribly relevant to the discussion it is. But I should put the statement in its proper context. It comes from Chapter 8, entitled 'The Role of Social Support' (p. 182).

In the preceding paragraph but one Festinger writes:

~ 3. Another way of reducing dissonance between one's own opinion and the knowledge that someone else holds a different opinion is to make the other person, in some manner, not comparable to oneself. Such an allegation can take a number of forms. One can attribute characteristics, experiences, or motives to the other person or one can even reject him or derogate him. ~

Reading your approach to 'discussion', Jerry, I have to admit difficulty in understanding how these ideas have been successfully challenged. Whether you agree with me on this or not, I believe that it's valuable for opposing positions to co-exist, along with anything in-between. What Festinger calls tolerance for ambiguity.

To an extent what we are doing here is role-playing, and often having to play characters that we are not, simply because they are thrust upon us by others. Ufology as performance art... the newly thunk-up UPAH. This is now my position, and I will attack, discredit, and generally avoid those arguments by anyone who says otherwise. So there.

In realty, you have no idea of my position on this matter - it is enough for you to 'know' that I'm an evil debunker, because that's how these things are to the person whose role you are playing. Equally, in truth I suspect that you are not the self-important prat your role apparently demands.

>I would love to be around, 25, 50, or 100 years from now, to
>witness the cottage industry in history, sociology, and philosophy
>of science literature on the subject of how scientists of this
>century managed to miss the most important phenomenon of
>their time. Sadly for the debunkers, truth always outs.

Sure, hopefully the latter is true, but it is rather

presumptuous to state that things will inevitably swing your way
- I mean, by then you might have changed your mind again, and
so we would have to adjust ours accordingly, no?

> ...ex cathedra pronouncements Irving traffics in.

Yes, times are hard nowadays, as you know. Such is the abundance
of ex cathedra pronouncements we should turn our activities to
other, perhaps more lucrative employment. How about dealing in
the issues raised?

>Is it any wonder that persons more open-minded about UFO cases
>and better read in UFO history than Irving remain intrigued?

No, even in my closed-minded illiteracy I too remain intrigued
by UFOs.

>I cite numerous examples in my UFO Encyclopedia.

As you keep telling us. If you send me a copy I promise to read
it. I have not seen your book on any UK bookshelves... is it
mail-order only?

>Rob thinks he talks a good game, but all he can do is mutter...
>...whatever terrible thing Rob needs to believe we are at the
>given rhetorical moment... ..like Rob, would have us believe
>UFOs are a question for the social sciences... It is not as if,
>as Rob childishly argued... ..Reading arguments like Irving's,
>coming from somebody who knows little about our subject...

Don't forget to pass on that refutation of Festinger's theory,
Jerry. For it appears that you are a living, breathing
refutation of that refutation.

Or are you just playing to the audience. If so, "Bravo!".

>All I learn from the quote is that David Deutsch is phobic about UFOs,
>and not especially rational on the subject. Pardon me while I yawn.

Clearly you have not read Deutsch, and I'm left wondering if you
have even heard of him, yet you feel qualified to ridicule him
along with any who are remotely critical of UFO enthusiasts
(or... negatively swayed by the loudest dogmatists?).

If I'm wrong, which is of course possible, though highly
unlikely, I'd be interested in hearing your thoughts about
Deutsch's ideas. They could have interesting implications for
ufology, in my opinion.

One is reminded of Orwell, who said of sentences and sentiments
like Deutsch's, they give "an appearance of solidity to pure
wind."

Animal Farm? If so, how very appropriate. If we ever get to do
Animal Farm I have a feeling who will want to play Napoleon.

Add my belated but genuine congrats to the others, btw...I was
highly impressed by your award, and pleased for you.

Rob

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Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> Date: Fri, 26 Jun 1998 22:53:23 -0400
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> Subject: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

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> MAGONIA ETH BULLETIN

> No. 4, June 1998

> Editor: JOHN HARNEY

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Sophistry, but damn fine sophistry.

SB

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Pathfinder Finds Two Worlds On Mars

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Pathfinder finds two worlds on Mars: one warm and wet, one dry and rocky

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PASADENA, Calif. (June 30, 1998 10:57 a.m. EDT
<http://www.nandotimes.com>) -- During its months scrambling around Mars, the rover Sojourner came across evidence of two vastly different worlds on the Red Planet: one warm and wet, and one rocky and dry.

A year after NASA dropped the Pathfinder lander and its rover on the Martian surface, project scientists drew a picture of Mars that keeps alive the hope of finding some sort of life.

Scientists said Monday there is evidence of an ancient world that was warm, wet and possibly hospitable to life long ago, and a dry rocky world that has changed little in at least 2 billion years.

Some sort of climate change divided the wet and dry periods, but scientists don't yet know what it was, project manager Matthew Golombek said during a review of the \$266 million mission's scientific results.

The picture of Mars drawn from initial data "held up fairly well with our subsequent scientific analysis," he said at a briefing at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Pathfinder, which radioed data back to Earth until last September, detected that 3 billion to 4.5 billion years ago, the Martian surface teemed with fast-flowing water that deposited some of the boulders seen by Pathfinder's cameras.

The so-called Twin Peaks that dominate the hills on the landing site horizon appear to be islands shaped by water. And Pathfinder found rock conglomerations and pebbles that suggested water in the past.

But Golombek said Pathfinder pictures also suggest the area has been "dry and static" for the last 2 billion years. Only erosion from wind has changed the scene, stripping away 2-3 inches of surface material, he said.

"The surface has undergone very small, if any, changes at all," Golombek said as he showed the latest 360-degree video images of the landing site.

Rich Zurek, the project scientist for the 1998 Mars Climate Orbiter and Mars Polar Lander -- both to be launched in December -- said NASA's next missions to Mars will continue the search for water. The next

lander will be equipped with an arm that can dig a few feet to see if water is hiding beneath the surface.

With the whole world watching, Pathfinder bounced to a stop on the Martian surface on July 4, 1997. Its rover Sojourner rolled about 300 feet, analyzed rocks and took more than 500 pictures.

The mission demonstrated a low-cost and reliable way to land on a planet using a cushion of giant airbags and showed that a robotic rover could scurry around and carry out commands radioed from Earth.

After nearly a year of analysis, scientists say all the rocks examined by the rover's alpha proton X-ray spectrometer seem to be made of high-silicon volcanic rock known as andesite -- also found in Iceland and the Galapagos Islands here on Earth.

By JANE E. ALLEN, AP Science Writer

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Japan Readies Mars Probe

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Stig

Photos, Data Expected Next Year

Japan Readies Mars Probe

By Martin Fackler

The Associated Press

T O K Y O, =BF June 30 =97 Japan is set to join the select circle of interplanetary spacefaring nations with the scheduled launch this weekend of its Planet-B probe to Mars.

If all goes as planned, the half-ton unmanned craft will begin beaming back photographs and experimental data from the Red Planet in October 1999.

It will be the first effort by a nation other than the two former Cold War superpowers=97the United States and Russia=97to visit another world.

"We=92ve worked a long time to get this level of self-sufficiency in space," Yasunori Matogawa, director of Japan=92s Kagoshima Space Center, said as preparations entered their final stages today.

The probe is scheduled for launch early Saturday morning from the Kagoshima center in southern Japan.

10-Month Voyage

The \$80 million probe will begin its mission atop a newly developed M-5 four-stage rocket, Japan=92s most powerful launch vehicle.

After two swings around the Earth, the probe should gather enough speed to make the 440 million-mile voyage to Mars in 10 months.

Matogawa said one objective of the Planet-B program is to examine the Martian atmosphere to see how it reacts to solar winds and to measure the rate at which life-giving oxygen escapes into space.

While in orbit around Mars, Planet-B also will photograph the planet=92s massive sand storms and use high-frequency pulses to search for traces of water beneath its surface.

While the probe was designed and built in Japan, four of the craft=92s 14 experiments were provided by the United States, Canada, Sweden and

Germany.

Japan also will rely on the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration's deep space tracking network to receive the probe's transmissions.

The Search for Water

Matogawa said the probe is designed to use Japan's expertise in atmospheric and space plasma research to compliment data collected from U.S. probes, such as the Mars Global Surveyor currently mapping the planet's surface.

Photographs from the Mars Global Surveyor last month showed a dark patch at the bottom of a crater that could be ice—the latest evidence the frigid planet may once have been warm enough to sustain life.

Japan's next planned missions include a robot probe in 2002 to bring back rock samples from one of the solar system's thousands of asteroids.

Matogawa said Japan's next visit to an alien planet will likely be a probe to Mercury launched early in the next millennium.

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Nick Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 11:23:28 -0400
Subject: Nick Balaskas

Hi everyone!

We can now make it possible for extraterrestrial beings interested in our DNA to have it without having them abduct us from our beds, take us aboard their crafts, undress and poke us with strange instruments before returning us to our homes in someone else's pyjamas. For just \$50 you can send your DNA directly to them.

A modern European Ariane 5 rocket will take your DNA into geosynchronous orbit after which a small rocket will be fired to take your DNA from high Earth orbit towards Jupiter whose gravity will fling your DNA out of the solar system. No kidding. For your 50 bucks you even get a membership kit which includes a poster, a lapel pin and a certificate among other things, and of course, a plastic bag for your DNA.

The mission is called "Encounter 2001" and is associated with Celestis Inc. of Houston, the people who pioneered space burials. See the following web site for details.

<http://www.encounter2001.com/main.shtml>

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Detailed images of Mars?

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Subject: Re: Detailed images of Mars?

>From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Detailed images of Mars?
>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 22:02:15 -0500

>From: Alien Astronomer
><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

><giant snip>

>As far as I can see, and by their own admissions, we should be
>able to get images just as detailed as those from Mars
>Pathfinder. Images just as detailed as if you were to pick up a
>camera and take a picture of something no more than 10 feet away.
>Why don't they zoom in for a closer look and put an end to this
>controversy once and for all.

If NASA was to zoom in on the images and find that these structures were man made than that would be proof undeniable. As long as NASA doesn't know this they can go around thinking that we are the only intelligent beings in the solar system (a preposterous idea!).

Admitting that human beings are inferior is hard for people to accept.

For example, there are billions of stars in the universe and even more planets. Even with knowing all of this scientists and skeptics are still willing to believe that we are the only intelligent life form.

Erica

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Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 02:58:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 11:39:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 00:50:29 -0300
>From: Carlos Barboza <cbarboza@adinet.com.uy>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

>Hello all,

>I also have a tape showing a cigar-shaped object that gets close
>to MIR, It was taken by astronauts through ship's window. In the
>same film (provided by a friend of mine) there is also another
>UFO approximating to a Telstar satellite as it was being
>repaired.

>I'm going to ask you no \$25 for this, but instead I will upload
>it to somewhere in the internet once I manage to convert it to
>video file. I must contact a friend with a video-capture card
>first. I'm interested in Susan's tape but I rather wait until the
>author accepts uploading it. I don't think anybody should mix UFO
>research with making money from it.

>Estoy de acuerdo contigo John Velez.

>Carlos Barboza (from Uruguay)
>cbarboza@adinet.com.uy

Hola Carlos,

(Yo tenia un primo, -que murio- con el mismo apellido,
"Barbosa!" El mundo si es pequen~o!)

Please bear with the 'Espanol' por favor. I want Carlos to
feel comfortable and to insure that he understands me.
Besides, Spanish is one of the most beautiful languages
on the planet and I love to use it (sometimes abuse it as
I do English) at every opportunity.

Carlos wrote:

>I'm going to ask you no \$25 for this, but instead I will upload
>it to somewhere in the internet once I manage to convert it to
>video file.

Asi es como se hacen las cosas! Loose translation for the
Gringo's, "That's the way the boys downtown get things done!"

Bravo Carlos!

>I must contact a friend with a video-capture card first.

If your friend is unable to do you the favor, just let me know.
I will be happy to convert any files into a moviegif. or other
format that will play well on the web for you. I'm sitting on
an industrial quality Macintosh audio/visual workstation
with all the bells and whistles. It is (I am) at your disposal
if you need help. (Si necesitas ayuda, avisame. Estoy a sus
ordenes.)

By the way, . . . no charge. <G>
(Hago el trabajo gratis.) <Sonrisa Grande>

Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

Best of luck and thank you. (Suerte, y gracias.)

John Velez

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Re: 'Believers' Say It's About Time

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Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 11:20:30 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Believers' Say It's About Time

>From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. URL:

http://www.accessatlanta.com:80/news/1998/06/30/ufo_full.html

Stig

June 30, 1998

UFO study: Believers say it's about time

By Bill Hendrick, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Walter Sheets, a former College Park police chief, saw his first UFO in the mid-'60s and has seen a slew of them since. He welcomes a new call by a distinguished group of scientists for more research on whether space aliens have ever visited Earth.

So does Michael Hitt, a Roswell police officer who has also seen some UFOs. He says the scientists' conclusion -- that many UFO sightings have never been adequately explained -- is not only obvious, but long overdue.

If Sheets and Hitt are kooks, they have a lot of company. Most of the American public would probably agree with them, according to the latest Southern Focus poll by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The poll found 59 percent of Southerners and 66 percent of people outside the South think UFOs are real, or at least could be. The poll also found that 53 percent of Southerners and 62 percent of people outside the region think it's at least possible that aliens have visited Earth.

Perhaps lending validity to those views, the scientific panel, which conducted the first independent scholarly review of UFOs in nearly three decades, published its 50-page report Monday. It argued more research is needed because many strange phenomena have been pooh-poohed too quickly. It cited mysterious objects on radar, strange lights flitting in the skies, aberrations in the workings of automobiles, skin burns of witnesses and radiation found in vegetation.

The panel, headed by Stanford University physicist Peter Sturrock and made up of scientists from other major universities, chided scholars worldwide for shying away from UFO research because of the potential for ridicule. It noted that meteorites and ball lightning were "originally dismissed as folk tales."

Sheets and Hitt said this new recommendation will spark increased enthusiasm for a scheduled "sky watch" after dusk on July 11, at which dozens of Georgians are expected to converge on a "UFO hot spot" in Troup County. The event is sponsored by the Georgia chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, of which both men are members.

Hitt, 42, MUFON's state historian, said thousands of UFOs have been sighted in Georgia. He said "hot spots" change every few years and that Atlanta and military facilities in Georgia have all been areas of alien

scrutiny over the years.

Faded Journal-Constitution archives show "flying saucers" have been the subject of dozens of serious news reports since World War II. In 1952, for example, the Constitution published a United Press International story reporting that the U.S. military had ordered jet pilots to take off instantly in pursuit of "flying saucers" reported anywhere in the country.

In 1973, a story in the Journal, quoting officials of the North American Defense Command, reported that it was "very unlikely" that a flock of UFOs sighted over Georgia could be explained away as space junk falling to Earth.

The Air Force last year made public what it said would be its last report on UFOs. It explained that the famous "Roswell incident" of 1947, thought by many to be a UFO crash near the New Mexico town, was a military experiment with high-altitude parachuting, involving dummies.

The Pentagon launched Project Blue Book in 1952 to investigate thousands of UFO sightings and ended the research in 1969, concluding it had found no useful evidence any unexplained phenomena constituted a security risk.

Sheets, 49, a Vietnam combat veteran who spent 25 years as a homicide detective before becoming police chief in College Park, argues that Washington wants to sweep UFOs under the rug because it fears "if mankind were to learn about another intelligence from elsewhere, there would be chaos in our society."

He said he personally has investigated hundreds of sightings. He said he saw his first UFO as a student in the 1960s, peering through a telescope. He saw a "V-shaped formation of disc-like craft, traveling east to west, high in the sky, performing unusual and bizarre aerial maneuvers."

He said many sightings are made by police officers, who often are reluctant to tell their superiors for fear of being labeled kooks.

Hitt said he saw his first UFO in 1969 when he took his family to Florida to watch an Apollo moon launch. The night before blastoff, he said, "we saw something that looked like a shooting star, streaking across. But then it stopped, and reversed its course, and did this zigzag pattern for 15 seconds. I knew no one would believe me, so I got my sister, mother and grandmother to look, and they all saw it. It was very rapid."

Hitt said he feels UFOs have been visiting Earth for eons but started coming more often after atomic bomb detonations started in 1945. He said it is "well documented" that Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta was "buzzed" by UFOs in 1952, the same year strange objects were reported streaking over the White House by Washington newspapers.

John Thompson, a 45-year-old LaGrange insurance executive and a past state director of MUFON, said he and his family -- his wife and three sons -- saw a UFO on Feb. 20, 1994, that had to be from out of this world.

"It looked like a string of bright, non-blinking Christmas tree lights, just sitting in the sky, low on the horizon. It had a large white light in the center, and it was revolving."

By arguing that UFOs definitely do exist, the MUFON members go far beyond the new scientific report, which only suggests more study. Many other academics ridicule the very idea of UFOs, and say that the only research needed is psychological: to determine why people believe.

Glenn Sparks, an expert on belief systems at Purdue University, said his research shows that angst over the coming of a new millennium, fed by Hollywood movies and TV shows, is fueling belief in UFOs and other kinds of unproven phenomena, like ghosts.

"People seem to want to believe," he said. "It's a general way of coping with upheaval in society."

Michael Murphy, an anthropologist at the University of Alabama, said: "There is absolutely no archaeological evidence for UFOs, though it would be irrational to think that in an infinite universe, there is not other life. But it's just as irrational to think that any of that alien life could have found Earth and would be interested in us if they did, unless they were entomologists and wanted to study us like bugs."

Dr. Terry Sandbek, a clinical psychologist in California who also specializes in behavior, said the reason people believe in UFOs is simple: "It's the same reason we enjoy fiction. It's fun."

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The Atlanta Journal-Constitution is doing a small UFO poll. A voting option and the interim results can be found at

<http://www.accessatlanta.com:80/news/1998/06/30/ufo.html>

Do you believe in UFOs?

Yes:	85%	145
No:	9%	16
Unsure:	5%	9
Total Votes:	170=BF	

Have you seen any in the Atlanta area?

=BF			
Yes:	10%	18	=BF
No:	89%	150	
Total Votes:	=BF 168		

Should the government fund more research on UFO=92s?

Yes, this phenomenon can=92t be ignored any longer: 19% 33

No, it=92s a waste of money: 13% 24 =BF

The government knows all about UFO=92s, they just don=92t want us to know:=
67% 116

Total Votes: 173

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Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

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Subject: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

Ed Komarek of Thomasville, Georgia and Rob Bailey of Troy, Michigan have formed a recovery team to excavate 5 alien skeletons from a remote glacial site located near the Alaskan/Canadian border.

The skeletons were originally discovered in 1938 by a member of a police organization while searching for a missing person. Recovery operations begin in July and members of the media and scientific community will be apprised of the search results.

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Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

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Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:00:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 17:58:59 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

>>Stanford, CA, June 29, 1998 --- In the first independent review
>>of UFO phenomena since 1970, a panel of scientists has concluded
>>that some sightings are accompanied by physical evidence that
>>deserves scientific study. But the panel was not convinced that
>>any of this evidence points to a violation of known natural laws
>>or the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence.

>[...]

>The conclusions of this panel are cause for a small celebration,
>I think. Although they are couched in very cautious words, and
>they failed to recommend taking any witnesses' reports into
>consideration, and they went out of their way to downplay the
>likelihood that UFOs are piloted or controlled by intelligent
>creatures not from Earth, it's still an advance towards opening
>scientists' minds. The discovery in recent years of extra-solar
>(large) planets probably played a role in giving the panel the >
>courage to go as far as it did. It should cause the "giggle
>factor" to be used just a bit less frequent and to be less
>threatening. But of course members of CSICOP and other
>debunker-types will attack the panel and its conclusions
>strenuously, as usual.

Jim Deardorff

As I read the full report in the Journal of Scientific
Exploration my emotions ranged from surprise/shock to anger to
disappointment. Have we learned nothing in 30 years since the
Condam report? (intentional) This looked to me like deja vue
all over again... especially in comparison to the 1953 Robertson
Panel where several scientists - a Nobel guy included - decided
that all sightings could be explained and then recommended
debunking... (CIA sponsored, by the way).

At the Robertson panel we actually had the Air Force (Project
Blue Book) presenting the best cases to a presumably
dispassionate panel. At that time no physical evidence was
presented...except highly analyzed film (Tremonton/Newhouse and
Great Falls/Marianna), and perhaps some pictures (not sure about
everything that was presented) And now 46 years later we have
the Sturrock Panel (fortunately not CIA sponsored) which comes
up with nearly the same thing., BUT AT LEAST...they said it was
worthy of study.

However, I would argue that there is "physical evidence." I
presume that the presenters were not aware of the Project
Twinkle movies of May 1950 when cinetheodolite cameras at the
White Sands proving Range obtained film and triangulation of
objects flying over the area. Triangulation and film analysis
showed 30 ft diameter, flying rapidly at about 150,000 ft. Look,
skeptics, we didn't have anything that flew that high in 1950
(and precious little now). Film was analyzed by experts. Film
was lost by "experts". We know of its existence through the

records of Project Blue Book. So... the tilm was lost....no physical evidence? Also, physical scientists are going to have to come to grips with the FACT that you can't take the easy way out and reject sightings simply because they consist only of witness testimony. In some cases teh witness testimony is EXTREMELY compelling and furthermore involves descriptions of phenomena that remain unexplainable after analysis.... and some of these cases point toward Other Intelligences. (Uh oh, banishment to UFO Hell again!)

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:53:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 16:55:14 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 22:58:02 -0500 (CDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 98 12:17:09 PDT

>For what it's worth, however, I don't think that such exercises
>are as totally irrelevant as you apparently do. For instance,
>Ronald D. Story compiled a UFO encyclopedia and then went on to
>author another book based on just such a "best case" list, UFOs
>and the Limits of Science -- presumably because he gave some
>t>hought to the question. I hope I'm not giving away any trade
>secrets here, when I say that someone else who occasionally
>posts on this List is also presently at work on a UFO book based
>.on the "ten best cases" approach, and has been actively querying
>various ufologists for same as a starting point.

(SNIP)

>Again, the reason why I brought this whole issue up in the first
>place was because I had just finished working on a book which
>required 50 reliable cases -- and it wasn't quite the "snap" I
>had anticipated. As a sidelight, I might add that the closer one
>approaches the present, the harder good case histories are to
>come by (a feeling, I believe, expressed by Clark himself on
>occasion, although I won't put words in his mouth). Indeed, the
>latter is in danger of extinction, being rapidly superceded by
>abduction accounts, conspiracy theories, and more and more
>Roswell ephemera.>

(SNIP)_

>But since it's unfair to ask another to do what one wouldn't do
>oneself, I will shortly post a personal list of 20 UFO cases
>drawn (culled?) from the 50 mentioned earlier. I won't
>necessarily defend each and everyone of them to the death if
>called upon to do so, naturally, but I will throw them out there
>for discussion. Or dissection. Whatever>

Dennis

I agree that having "ten best cases" or 5 or 1 or 100 would be
valuable. We should attempt to find at least one case that the
majority of contributors can agree remains UNEXPLAINED AFTER
EVALUATION and, furthermore, APPEARS THAT IT WILL REMAIN
UNEXPLAINABLE IN THE FUTURE, where explanation is in terms of
known phenomena (e.g., explaining a UFO as ball lightning is
explaining one unknown with another).

Several weeks ago when this list was tied up in arguing the
merits and application of Ockham's Double Edge Sword I pointed
out in a post that was resoundingly ignored that, rather than
endlessly argue finde points of philosophy we would actually
accomplish something if we essentially investigated and vetted a

case on line. (Something like this happened last summer/fall in the discussion over the Arnold sighting and whether or not it could be explained as fast geese or even faster pelicans... but then that discussion faded out since, I guess it appeared that these explanations were for the birds).

One nice thing about using historical sightings is that there has been time to collect all available information and there is already a background of discussion from which to start and amplify various aspects of the sighting. Furthermore, as I have pointed out in THE UFO/FBI CONNECTION, a number of "ancient" cases are well enough reported so that the Air Force could legitimately conclude (from FBI document, July, 1952) that 3% of the sightings could not be explained and that top AF officials were seriously considering interplanetary ships.

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From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:03:59 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 98 12:17:09 PDT

>Let us reflect on the grand words of Ed Ruppelt, than whom none
>has put it better:

>"What constitutes proof? Does a UFO have to land at the River
>Entrance to the Pentagon, near the Joint Chiefs of Staff
>offices? Or is it proof when a ground radar station detects a
>UFO, sends a jet to intercept it, the jet pilot sees it, and
>locks on with his radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a
>phenomenal speed?"

>The apostate,

>Jerry Clark

Dear Apostate:

RIGHT ON!

And regarding the SSE UFO panel you mentioned: I must say I my response ranged from shock to anger to disappointment as I read the JSE article on this pane; (now available on the web page) when I discovered that, apparently, we have learned nothing in the 30 years since the Condon study. Also I was surprised/shocked to find out that there is nothing for physical scientists to do since there is "no physical evidence." And I ask myself.... gee....what have I been doing all these years?

SORRY, WRONG ANSWER is what I would have said to them if they had given that answer to the question, what can a physical scientist do. Instead I would have pointed out that physical scientists are needed, at the very least, to be able to separate the wheat from the chaff, the gold from the dross, etc. You have to have a background in physical sciences to know what SHOULD NOT be occurring..i.e., to recognize the anomalous when it occurs (and it does occur!).

So, inspite of the UFO panel I won't give up that ship (spaceship or other type..... in fact a nice speedboat to take me water skiing would be a good start).

So, guys, see you in UFO Hell, should that be where we are banished by conventional science/scientists.

Incidentally, the SSE report is not all gloom and doom (just mostly). Fortunately, (and it may just be dumb luck), the press put the "best light" on this by emphasizing that for the "first time" scientists were recommending that UFO sightings be studied seriously. As result of this "positive spin" the report is not treated as silly season stuff, even though (or perhaps because) it states that there is "no physical evidence" of ET (or whatever).

In the Washington DC area there is a nighttime talk show which

had one of the UFO panel members on (Jay Melosh of U of Arizona). He is a "hard nosed" skeptic. I just happened to hear the beginning of the show as I was riding in my car. When I got to my office (work late) I called in and was able to speak with/debate Melosh. It just so happened that the talk show host, Chip Franklin, had me on his show a year ago to talk about my book UFOS ARE REAL- HERE'S THE PROOF (Ed Walters and Bruce Maccabee, Avon paperback,. \$6.00 cheap.shameless plug).

Franklin, although skeptical, did not write me off as he might have most. Hence, when I got on the air in the latter half of the show and did not have time to complete some statements/thoughts I was expressing, he invited me to stay over for a "few minutes" the next hour (which was essentially an open hour in his program). SAo many people called in that I ended up on his show for the whole hour following Melosh, discussing, etc., and fielding questions from the audience. (One man who called in said he was 13 years old near Mt. Kisco New York at the time of the famous Westchester County UFO sightings (1983-1986). He was a witness to one particular event of a large object that flew near his house and was seen by his family and many of their neighbors.)

As Franklin said off-line, when this subject comes up, "they come out of the woodwork." There's a lot of interest "out there", along with the truth...

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Re: 'Elliptical' Crop Circles

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:10:20 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Elliptical' Crop Circles

>From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Elliptical' Crop Circles
>Date: Sun, 28 Jun 1998 20:01:45 PDT

>>From: "Leanne Martin" <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: "Elliptical" Crop Circles
>>Date: Sun, 14 Jun 1998 23:25:02 PDT

><snip>

>>Ladies and Gentlefolk,>

>>The above story prompts me to put forward an hypothesis for
>>discussion on the whole 'crop circle' issue.

>>We call these events "crop circles" for the obvious reason - the
>>common shape caused in the fields. But we have here the very
>>distinct shapes of eliptoids, or 'stretched' circles. Why should
>>this occurrance be so different?

More properly called Agriglyphs (like petroglyphs are pictures on
rocks, these are pictures in agricultural crops)

>>Tonight, go outside with a torch and shine it vertically to the
>>ground.

>>You should, of course, see a circular bright spot. Then slowly
>>tilt the beam away from you until you can see the bright spot
>>change shape.

>>Anything come to mind?

>>I suggest that it is quite possible that 'crop circles' are the
>>result of satellite based beam experiments - perhaps even
>>targeting experiments from the S.D.I. The complex shapes and
>>accurate patterning of some of them suggest a very obvious
>>control process.

>"The complex dragon and West Overton circles formations seem to
>have appeared overnight, with no reports of unusual activity in
>.the area beforehand. Thanks to Gerry Lovell.

>FarShores <http://www.farshore.force9.co.uk>.

>Editors note: Recent sampling of the crop formation and soil
>samples indicate high Electro magnetic and microwave effects
>have occurred within these fields.>

>One farmer in England who hired guards to watch his fields to
>prevent hoaxers from hurting his crops. While under guard, the
>crop formations developed in 30 seconds to a maximum of five
>minutes.">

><snip>.

>Some of you may recall that a year or two ago there was a report
>in some main stream media about a proposed 'theoretical'
>microwave link to an orbital solar power collecting source. I

t>hink we may be seeing the results of experiments along these
li>nes, with ever more complex designs being the result of fine
t>uning of the targeting system. .

>Looking at it as an economical resource - when you throw
>billions of dollars (U.S.) into the 'Star Wars' weapons system,
>.and your main enemy disappears with a whimper, what else are you >
>going to do with all that
>hardware floating above us?

>Regards,

>Leanne Martin
>Computer Engineer \$ WANG GLOBAL Australia

Well, having worked on portions of the "Star War's" research for
the last 15 years I would have to say that IF there were a high
power microwave beam weapon orbiting the earth (there isn't) it
wouldn't be used to "burn holes" in agricultural crops in
England or anywhere else.

If used at all it would be against the intended targets,
ballistic missiles and perhaps high flying aircraft.

But, there aren't any such weapons.

And by the way, just in case you hadn't noticed, the ballistic
missile threat is in some ways WORSE now than when President
Reagan (remember Ray Gun?) proposed the Strategic Defense
Initiative over 15 years ago. Worse because economic conditions
are causing a breakdown in civilization in the FSU (former
Soviet Union). This breakdown could result in a loss of control
over the "button" to fire one or more missile. And also, by the
way, we have been told that there are no missiles directed at
western countries. This may be true, BUT it would take only
minutes for the missile to be targeted at the USA ...or
elsewhere.

As for the development of antiballistic missiles and "Star Wars",
the story goes that wise old President Reagan asked someone what
we would do if we heard that there was an accidental (or
intentional) launch of a Soviet missile. He was told.....
nothing, we do nothing, we haven't time to do anything (30
minutes max!) and then we suck it up! Reagan, being the
reactionary throwback that all the liberal pinkos believed him
to be, thought that just maybe the Soviets might lose total
control of all their missiles and one just might get launched.
But worse than that, they might decide to attack in a big way,
so Reagan said, why don't we try to build a defense? Thus began
the Strategic Defense Initiative, which had its heyday between
1985 and 1991.

Believe it or not, in the face of all the criticism the SDI
continues under its new name of several years back, Ballistic
Missile Defense Organization (www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo). Although a
lot of money had been spent, the continual criticism of the
program has resulted in a slowdown to the point where as of
today there still is no "battlestation" in orbit. Hence, if a
disaffected citizen of the FSU (Former Soviet Union) should
decide to launch one for the hell of it...we would still have to
suck it up.

As for the "crop circles", I might also point out that the
really interesting agriglyphs are not the circular or elliptical
ones, but the highly complex structures consisting of circles,
squares, spirals, straight paths, etc. which have been seen over
the last 8 years or so. These odd shapes are far from what one
would get by shining a beam downward at some angle. One would
need, at the very least, a beam that can be scanned or a beam
that can be shaped into a very complicated arrangement of
intensities (like imaging a cookie cutter onto a field of
grain).

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Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:53:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 16:48:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 01:50:44 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

>>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 17:58:59 -0700 (PDT)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study>

>I watched it on three seperate news broadcasts here in NY. The
>report was given A-1 'serious news' treatment on all three
>broadcasts. (Two of which are nationally syndicated. ABC World
>News and Report with Peter Jennings and WPIX (Warner Bros.
>Network) Evening News with Jack Caferty. WPIX gave it the most
>air time (3 mins!) and included a brief interview with Prof.
>Peter Sturrock.

The most important thing about this panel event is the press it
has received. The panel really didn't prove anything... the full
report says "no physical evidence" so nothing for physical
scientists to do. The report says no evidence of something
unknown. In other words...nothing there. The big difference is
that Sturrock apparently convinced the unbiased (?) panel to go
along with the idea that there might be something discovered if
investigations of sightings were done and so the press picked up
on the "high side" of the report: "scientists recommend
investigation of UFO sightings."

SO, hats off to Sturrock and the SSE "Team." Even if they
couldn't put over the ET hypothesis, they got some good press.

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Re: Friedman's Laws for 'Debunkers'

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:13:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman's Laws for 'Debunkers'

>Date: Sun, 28 Jun 1998 17:06:57 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Rimmer <johnr@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Friedman's Laws for 'Debunkers'

>>Date: Sat, 27 Jun 1998 15:50:32 -0300
>>From: "Stanton T. Friedman" <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Friedman's Laws for 'Debunkers'

>>It is almost impossible to deal rationally with someone who makes
>>the absurd claim "We all know that no alien craft crashed at
>>Roswell and that MJ-12 is a fake." I know a number of scientists
>>who accept neither conclusion. .. so your claim is obviously
>>>false...

>STF

>Could we have some details of these scientists, such as their
>names and qualifications to make judgements on MJ12 and Roswell?
>Have they published anything on these topics?

I have read the arguments pro and con...including the "dummy drop" theory of Roswell..... and I say the case is still open. I can't prove that what crashed was actually an alien spaceship... but on the other hand, I don't buy the Mogul theory, either. Moreover, with Marcel's testimony of nearly 20 years ago now (and rejecting claims of how "untrustworthy" he was), I would say the evidence is still weighted on the side of "not made here" (and not in Germany and not in the Soviet Union).

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:06:37 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 00:29:58 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> From: RobIrving@aol.com
>> Date: Sun, 28 Jun 1998 00:34:47 EDT
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

>> Apart from this being built, layer upon layer, of non sequiters
>> - Mark Cashman's comparative categorizations of events/shapes,
>> etc., for example

>To exactly what are you referring Rob?>

>I have never created a comparative categorization of events /
>shapes of UFOs. I have created a catalog of UFO reports which
>show some similarities of appearance. This level of
>systematization, arising directly from an examination of the
>data, is, of course, far from a non-sequiter (a phrase not
>readily comprehensible in this context, in any event).>

>I have also created a behavioral classification system for UFO
>reports. Again, this system represents only a basic level of
>classification of UFO reports based on common features which are
>frequently reported. Being based on the data, this system also
>easily escapes being "layer upon layer of non-sequiters".>

>If you can show me that either of these systems are not
>consistent with the underlying data, then I will thank you for
>helping me improve them.>

>Please note that neither of these classification systems even
>require OEH - they are simply classifications based on reports.>>

As nearly as I can tell, it is Irving's comment which is a
"non-sequitur." The compilation of data and the sorting of said
data in similarity classes, etc. is common in science.

>> While Mark Cashman may argue that multiple witness reports
>> amount to some kind of repeatability, in scientific terms it
>> doesn't. In fact, this form of inductive reasoning is
>> demonstrably false, and often borders on the disingenuous.

>Since I have never argued this, I suspect it is your logic which
>is at fault.

>I have, however, suggested, that multiple independent
>observations, especially via separate systems (i.e. radars at
>different frequencies, eyes and radars, eyes and photographs)
>represent a higher standard of validity than single witness
>observations, and a challenge to the analyst.>

There is a sense of repeatability in multiple witness reports. A
single event (appearance of a UFO) reported by several people is
like an observation experiment being done several times at the
same time, since each person's observation is his own. Of
course, there may be some cross-contamination after the event as

nearby witnesses compare notes. But in those case (and I know of some) where distant witnesses uinknown to one another witness an event, and there is no subserquent "cross-fertilization" then the sighting is like a "repeated" observation. Instead of showing the event to witness A and then repeating the event to show it to witness B, you let witnesses A and B see it at the same time. Of course, the main importance of this sort of occurrence is that the presence of multiple witnesses reduces the liklihood that any one of them was delusional or hoaxing. As Mark says, multiple witness events are a "challenge to the analyst." Especially daylight, multiple witness events when the UFO is seen well enough for the witnesses to determine its shape and dynamic characteristics.

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Re: Jeff Glickman's report on Hoagland's conference

From: JJ Mercieca <mufor@maltanet.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:19:15 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:19:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Jeff Glickman's report on Hoagland's conference

Hi all,

Jeff Glickman's excellent report on Richard Hoagland's University of New Mexico conference may be found on the web at:

<http://www.mufor.org/conrep2.html>

Regards,

JJ Mercieca
Malta UFO Research

<http://www.mufor.org>

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 98 09:48:33 PDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:39:40 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 00:06:21 +0100
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: John Rimmer [John Harney] <johnr@magonia.demon.co.uk>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> >To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> >Date: Tue, 30 Jun 98 08:18:41 PDT

>
> With the compliments of P.L.A. Driftwood.

> I pass on the following message from ex-Meteorological Office
> Scientific Officer John Harney (NOT Senior Scientific Officer, as
> the incompetent Rimmer reported):

> I edit Magonia ETH Bulletin, not John Rimmer, and am solely
> responsible for its contents.

> I do *not* think that Jerome Clark is intellectually dishonest or
> that he indulges in absurd posturings. I merely think that he is
> mistaken in giving credence to the ETH.

As I think you are mistaken in giving credence to the shaky
allegations of Philip J. Klass or the PSH crowd. That said, I
appreciate the clarification and thank you for making it. Your
published remarks do not make clear the distinction between me
and the charlatans we both hold in contempt.

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: Rod Eastman <darkstar@carrollswb.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 14:26:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:53:04 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> From: RobIrving@aol.com
> Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 22:45:22 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> > To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> > From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> > Date: Sun, 28 Jun 98 13:36:18 PDT

> Jerry,

> Despite your attempts to suggest otherwise, many of the points
> I've made to Sean do not oppose the idea that "myopic
> conventionalism" <my words> slows down progress. I don't see why
> science would be different from any other human activity.

> So we agree. But I simply don't see sufficient evidence that the
> ETH is being obstructed in this way, as its proponents like to
> claim. You haven't offered any convincing examples, just
> abstract association with earlier examples, none of which are
> particularly relevant, imo.

> Incidentally, the recent news regarding the scientific panel
> study of UFOs bears out the point I've been making. But even
> this has been falsely portrayed in 'either/or' terms - viz, if
> you are sceptical of the ETH, then you must be embarrassed by
> it. This is sheer nonsense, premature bleatings.

> >"Belief" is not the problem with the ETH's more rational
> >proponents, of course.

> Belief is a problem for everybody in this regard. That is the
> whole point of this thread -- that it often doesn't matter how
> 'rational', or detached we like to think we are. Your certainty
> would concern me if I cared at all - there's little difference
> between having an X-shaped gap and believing in X.

In contradiction Rob, belief is not a problem for everyone. I do not believe their is evidence supporting UFO's, however that does not give me leave to close my mind to the chance that some may one day be found. And again in contradiction, there is a very large difference between having the X-shaped gap and believing in X, and that difference is reality; try walking thru a doorway that doesn't exist. Or from another perspective, try getting someone to walk thru that same doorway that believes it isn't there. Belief and reality are natural opposites that will many times meet in the middle and work for the better, debunking and close mindedness work for the benefit of only those seeking attention and recognition for their limited accomplishments. We owe it to ourselves, the human race to investigate the UFO phenomenon with an open mind to the possibilites we COULD discover. How much has been lost to the human race due to our own arrogance which has been exceeded only by our close minded research.

Rod.

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 98 11:08:33 PDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:43:56 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 21:47:36 -0500 (CDT)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Dennis <dstacy@texas.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> >To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> >Date: Tue, 30 Jun 98 08:48:41 PDT

> >> Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 21:25:46 -0400
> >> From: The Duke of Mendoza <101653.2205@compuserve.com>
> >> Subject: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> >> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> <great snip>

> Duke, Jerry, List:

> My three cents on this particular topic.

> I happened to be present at the 1991 Chicago MUFON Symposium
> when, to the best of my knowledge, Swords gave one of the first
> public presentations of his thinking about exobiology, in
> particular, why aliens might more or less resemble us, at least
> in basic terms (body trunk, number of limbs, placement of eyes,
> ears, mouth, nose, and other sensory organs, etc.). As far as it
> went, I think it's quite reasonable (and well reasoned). For
> those who haven't seen Swords's articles, to which Clark
> constantly refers, its basic premise (to ruthlessly summarize
> same) is that only certain body forms (resembling ours) will
> achieve space travel, and therefore, those aliens we are most
> likely to be visited by will resemble us in rough form.

> An example: while it's reasonable to postulate that somewhere an
> intelligent seafaring species with eight tentacles has evolved,
> that species won't likely go on to develop spacefaring
> technology because it's extremely difficult to smelt iron
> underwater. And so on.

> In abstract principle, Sword's thinking is perfectly
> permissible, as far as it goes. But even Swords's theory
> contains its own built-in limitations and complications. For
> instance, regardless of whether or not one accepts every
> component of the Drake equation, it still represents a sort of
> fundamental starting point. By definition, Swords limits the
> number of possible spacefaring aliens vis-a-vis Drake, which in
> turn limits the possibility of contact. In other words, with
> fewer civilizations qualifying as capable of interstellar
> travel, the issue of how they could conceivably "stumble" across
> the planet Earth, and repeatedly, at that -- and just in our
> lifetime -- is greatly increased.

The weight of evidence, of course, is currently falling in
the direction of Swords and others who suspect the galaxy --
and the larger universe -- is densely populated. All one
has to do is to read the newspapers; you don't have to go
to obscure scientific journals anymore to follow the argument.
The discovery that planets are apparently ubiquitous should

give heart to anyone sympathetically inclined to the ETH. If the galaxy is full of millions of advanced civilizations, we ought to EXPECT to see them. If we don't see them or any evidence of them, they likely don't exist, and the SETI program is a big waste of time, money, and personnel, and all those popular and academic books on intelligent life elsewhere are destroying trees for nothing.

Again, I urge everybody not to read my summary or Dennis'. Go to Swords' papers in JUFOS and elsewhere, then follow the threads of argument and debate in the ETI literature he cites as well as the literature he doesn't cite. (There you will discover, by the way, speculations about ETI that will strike you as pretty implausible, and rather less based on empirical reasoning than Swords'. That sort of stuff may make you feel, as it did me, good about being a ufologist, where at least we [or the most thoughtful of our number, anyway] try to argue from a body of perceived evidence, not just from the unfettered imagination. The products of the latter ought to be identified for what they are: science fiction.)

The point Dennis misses here, I think, is the one I have attempted to make continually (not "constantly," Dennis), albeit so far without any notable success: namely that, contrary to what debunkers and Purely Speculative Hypothesizers (if there is any longer a distinction) want us to believe, the ETH is neither absurd nor indefensible. Swords shows that the ETH can be defended using principles embraced by many scientists writing and researching in exobiology. You can determine that easily by reading this literature for yourself. Swords does not go beyond that observation, and neither have or do I.

The larger question -- of whether the ETH is right or wrong (or, for that matter, whether its more serious rivals are right or wrong) -- awaits resolution. And that is why the recommendations of the Sturrock panel are a good step in the right direction.

It's also why, the PSHers and their frequently expressed desire for instant and comforting answers notwithstanding, our discussions ought to be focused on the pragmatic and the here-and-now. The ETH is a reasonable provisional hypothesis, conclusive proof or disproof of which -- barring a White House landing -- is on the other side of a whole lot of hard work and analysis. If you want it quick and easy, folks, you're in the wrong business. And if you think all of the important questions have been answered, you're living in dreamland, and I don't mean the one in Area 51.

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 98 11:39:34 PDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:48:42 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> From: RobIrving@aol.com
> Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 22:45:22 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> > To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> > From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> > Date: Sun, 28 Jun 98 13:36:18 PDT

> Jerry,

> Despite your attempts to suggest otherwise, many of the points
> I've made to Sean do not oppose the idea that "myopic
> conventionalism" <my words> slows down progress. I don't see why
> science would be different from any other human activity.

Interestingly enough, this morning Minnesota Public Radio -- which NEVER deals with UFOs -- devoted an hour to a discussion among scientists on, prominently among the issues talked about, it is "professional suicide" (not my phrase but that of a skeptical University of Minnesota astronomer) for a scientist to take up UFO study. News reports following the release of the science panel's recommendations re continued UFO research quote some members on how they plan to deal with the criticism and ridicule they expect from colleagues. And of course the panel members could hardly have been more conservative in what they had to say.

> >"Belief" is not the problem with the ETH's more rational
> >proponents, of course.

> Belief is a problem for everybody in this regard. That is the
> whole point of this thread -- that it often doesn't matter how
> 'rational', or detached we like to think we are. Your certainty
> would concern me if I cared at all - there's little difference
> between having an X- shaped gap and believing in X.

Unfortunately, "belief" has been reduced in discourse and debate about anomalies into mere rhetoric. You used it in the context of the scoffer, who uses it in this sense (to borrow from David Hufford, who writes amusingly on the subject): "What I know, I KNOW; what you know, you only BELIEVE."

> I'd be more convinced by your protestations of 'rationale' if
> you at least acknowledged that ufology has a personality problem
> rather than simply portraying ET believers as being beyond the
> fringe of what is otherwise a serious study

See above.

> >The abuse hurled at SETI advocates, for
> >example, parallels that at ETH advocates.

> As far as I am concerned the main difference is that SETI is
> asking questions - looking for evidence - rather than giving
> answers with little evidence. But then, I rarely, if ever, hurl
> abuse at anyone.

A charitable view of the SETI literature, I must say. I have found much of it wildly speculative, and so have its many critics.

> Much as you enjoy portraying things in this way, not everyone
> who differs in opinion to your own are ignorant and abusive

Good to hear something refuted I never said or thought. I have repeatedly stated that honorable persons can disagree. My quarrel is with people who think that those who disagree with them are necessarily stupid, gullible, or mere "believers." That is my quarrel with you.

> >>I stated: Festinger liked nothing better than to use
> >>'flying saucer' enthusiasts as an example of this.

> >Festinger's ideas about cognitive dissonance have been
> >pretty well challenged in the sociology of religion literature.

> Really? Where? Can you provide specific references, and state on
> which grounds his theory was challenged? Even more pertinently,
> why do you seem so ready to accept this. I'm genuinely intrigued.

Be glad to. First, however, a challenge for you:

> > Wrong on all counts.

> It sounds so authoritative when you say that, doesn't it? Even when
> in fact it is you that is er, erring...

> > To the best of my knowledge, Festinger wrote
> >about only one flying-saucer group...

> In this instance the best of your knowledge is paper to my
> scissors. You assume I was talking about 'When Prophecy Fails'
> when I was not. As you say, most of this book concerned one
> particular group. However, in Festinger's 'A Theory of Cognitive
> Dissonance' which I strongly recommend you read, he states more
> generally:

> ~ Similarly, if one person believes that flying saucers are
> space ships from other planets and some other person voices the
> opinion that flying saucers, as such, do not even exist, the
> resulting dissonance in the cognition of the former may be
> reduced if he can believe that the latter is a stupid, ignorant,
> unfriendly, and bigoted individual. ~

Is this statement based on anything other than his work with Dorothy Martin's group, with which I gather you are largely unfamiliar?

> Boy Jerry, as I copy this material I realise how terribly
> relevant to the discussion it is. But I should put the statement
> in its proper context. It comes from Chapter 8, entitled 'The
> Role of Social Support' (p. 182).

> In the preceding paragraph but one Festinger writes:

> ~ 3. Another way of reducing dissonance between one's own
> opinion and the knowledge that someone else holds a different
> opinion is to make the other person, in some manner, not
> comparable to oneself. Such an allegation can take a number of
> forms. One can attribute characteristics, experiences, or
> motives to the other person or one can even reject him or
> derogate him. ~

A pretty good description of the debunker mentality. See my editorial in the March/April 1992 issue of IUR (you ARE familiar with that publication, aren't you, Rob?) for some striking examples.

> Reading your approach to 'discussion', Jerry, I have to admit
> difficulty in understanding how these ideas have been
> successfully challenged. Whether you agree with me on this or
> not, I believe that it's valuable for opposing positions to
> co-exist, along with anything in-between. What Festinger calls
> tolerance for ambiguity.

"Tolerance for ambiguity" -- in those very words -- is something I have long urged. What it's gotten me on this list is the accusation, hurled by somebody we both know and love, that I am

a "pathological fencesitter." For an essay-length commentary on the need to tolerate ambiguity, see my "On Anomalous Experience" which introduces my book Unexplained! (1993).

> Equally, in truth I suspect that you are not the
> self-important prat your role apparently demands.

And I would like to think the same of you.

> No, even in my closed-minded illiteracy I too remain intrigued
> by UFOs.

> >I cite numerous examples in my UFO Encyclopedia.

> As you keep telling us. If you send me a copy I promise to read
> it. I have not seen your book on any UK bookshelves... is it
> mail-order only?

Yes, alas. The trade-paperback version, the one available in book stores for a price the normal human can afford, contains about 30% of the material on the expensive, two-volume reference edition.

> Don't forget to pass on that refutation of Festinger's theory,
> Jerry. For it appears that you are a living, breathing
> refutation of that refutation.

Ah, would that it were that important. Before I go any further with this, Rob, I want to point out that you are trying to avoid the big issue. You even deleted my reference to it, apparently thinking I wouldn't notice. No such luck. Let me ask you: which whopping historical error do Festinger, et al., make, a mistake bearing directly on their theory?

When you've done so, you can send me your regular mail address, and I'll send you Gordon Melton's paper "What Really Hapens When Prophecy Fails" (which, annoyingly, I now discover I've misfiled, after just looking at it a couple of days ago; well, I'll find the damn thing somewhere, and if not, I can ask Melton for another copy).

> Or are you just playing to the audience. If so, "Bravo!".

No more than you are, my friend.

> >All I learn from the quote is that David Deutsch is phobic about UFOs,
> >and not especially rational on the subject. Pardon me while I yawn.

>
> Clearly you have not read Deutsch, and I'm left wondering if you
> have even heard of him, yet you feel qualified to ridicule him
> along with any who are remotely critical of UFO enthusiasts
> (or... negatively swayed by the loudest dogmatists?).

I am left wondering why, if Deutsch is such a brilliant guy, you chose such a knuckleheaded quote to cite.

Criticizing anybody "remotely critical of UFO enthusiasts"? Was Deutch's your idea of "remote criticism"? Since I have been often critical of UFO enthusiasts, and have written fairly voluminously on that subject, I simply don't understand what you're talking about. Since "balanced" is the adjective used most often in reviews of my UFO Encyclopedia, I think I can state safely that I have a good track record of sticking it to both sides. I'd be happy to compare my record in that regard with yours. You up for it?

> One is reminded of Orwell, who said of sentences and sentiments
> like Deutsch's, they give "an appearance of solidity to pure
> wind."

> Animal Farm? If so, how very appropriate. If we ever get to do
> Animal Farm I have a feeling who will want to play Napoleon.

You? Actually, the quote was from "Politics and the English Language."

> Add my belated but genuine congrats to the others, btw...I was

> highly impressed by your award, and pleased for you.

Thanks. All this aside, I look forward to meeting you one of these days. I hope you are as partial to your nation's blessed brewing industry as I am, and we can do our best to support it in each other's company.

Best,

Jerry Clark

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Sturrock Report - Oz Physicist Weighs In

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 98 15:07:34 PDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 18:32:50 -0400
Subject: Sturrock Report - Oz Physicist Weighs In

Hi, everybody,

In view of the historic pronouncement this week from a panel of physical scientists who looked at the UFO phenomenon and urged their colleagues to do the same, I thought these remarks of an Australian physicist -- of whose views I have just learned -- deserve noting. I have not seen them cited previously in the UFO literature:

"Although ... I have never seen the phenomenon personally, I feel that there is no question that it exists. I have talked to six eyewitnesses of the phenomena and think there is no reasonable doubt as to the authenticity of their observations. Furthermore, the reports are all remarkably similar and have common features with the hundreds of observations that appear in the literature."

-- John Lowke, Institute of Industrial Technologies, CSIRO,
quoted in Scientific American

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Efforts to Recover SOHO Continue

From: Scott Jordan <sjordan@sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 15:36:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 20:23:49 -0400
Subject: Efforts to Recover SOHO Continue

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EFFORTS TO RECOVER SOHO SPACECRAFT CONTINUE
AS INQUIRY BOARD CO-CHAIRS NAMED

Engineers are continuing efforts to reestablish contact with the NASA/European Space Agency (ESA) Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) spacecraft using NASA's Deep Space Network (DSN). Contact with SOHO was lost on June 24 during maintenance operations.

A team of experts from ESA and Matra Marconi Space, prime contractor for the SOHO spacecraft, gathered at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, to assist the NASA Flight Operations Team in assessing the situation and analyzing the spacecraft status should contact be reestablished.

Engineers are concentrating on gaining a full understanding of the events which led to the loss of signal, information which might help them devise procedures which may recover contact with SOHO. Commands are being sent to SOHO about once per minute through the DSN-D5s 34-meter antennas instructing the spacecraft to activate its transmitters.

Based on the last telemetry data received from SOHO, engineers said it appears most likely that the spacecraft is slowly spinning in such a way that its solar arrays, which generate power, either do not face the Sun at all or do not receive adequate sunlight to generate power. However, based on the last data received, it appears that SOHO's solar panels may be exposed to an increasing amount of sunlight each day as it orbits the Sun. If this assumption is correct, within a few weeks enough sunlight might be hitting the solar panels to generate power to charge its batteries.

The incident will be the subject of a joint ESA/NASA inquiry board co-chaired by Prof. Massimo Trella, ESA Inspector General, and Dr. Michael Greenfield, Deputy Associate Administrator for the Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC. The other members of the board will be selected from ESA and NASA as well as from the scientific community. The board is expected to convene later this week at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD.

More information, images and status reports from SOHO can be found on the Internet at:

<http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/>

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Re: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

From: Jeff Westover <jeff.westover@mailexcite.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 12:58:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 18:26:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

>From: Concorp@aol.com [Name Not Known]
>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 02:25:32 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Alien recovery team

>Ed Komarek of Thomasville, Georgia and Rob Bailey of Troy,
>Michigan

...email addresses and phone numbers please...

>have formed a recovery team to excavate 5 alien
>skeletons from a remote glacial site located
>near the Alaskan/Canadian border.

Identify the team, who is it led by and how can we reach him/her?
Verify please!

(I seem to remember an X-Files episode about this very
scenario...be careful, if I remember the episode correctly, you
may just unleash another dormant plague upon humanity!)

>The skeletons were originally discovered in 1938 by a member of a
>police organization while searching for a missing person.

Which police organization??? RCMP's? Alaskan State Authorities?
FBI Special Agent Dale Cooper of Twin Peaks? Who?!?

>Recovery
>operations begin in July and members of the media and scientific
>community will be apprised of the search results.

Apprised how? By anonymous posts like this?

Please provide email addresses and telephone numbers so as to
verify this wild claim!

(...is this Phil K.???)

Jeff Westover

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Re: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

From: dledger@ns.sympatico.ca (Donald Ledger)
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 16:22:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 18:27:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

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> police organization while searching for a missing person. Recovery
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> community will be apprised of the search results.

Aw Geez...here we go again.

Don

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Re: Roswell Incident Not Noteworthy To UFO Panel

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 02:21:26 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 00:43:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Not Noteworthy To UFO Panel

>From the Nando Times. URL:

http://www2.nando.net/newsroom/ntn/health/070198/health15_25069_noframes.htm=1

Stig

'Roswell Incident' not noteworthy to UFO panel

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (July 1, 1998 09:39 a.m. EDT
<http://www.nandotimes.com>) - The Roswell incident - perhaps the most famous, or infamous, UFO case - was not considered formally by a scientific panel that just said some UFO reports merit scientific inquiry.

The panel, organized and supported by the Society for Scientific Exploration, issued an extensive report Monday concluding that some UFO sightings have physical evidence worthy of scientific evaluation.

But the panel of highly regarded scientists stopped considerably short of saying "we are not alone."

Nothing it had reviewed during a weeklong inquiry into several UFO cases last year was sufficient to suggest extraterrestrial intelligence was involved or that any natural laws were violated, the panel reported.

"I was a bit surprised it (Roswell) didn't come up," said Von R. Eshleman, a Stanford University electrical engineer and planetary scientist who was a member of the panel.

"They were told to take their best shots," Eshleman said, referring to UFO investigators who presented cases to the panel that they felt had the strongest physical evidence.

"There was no Roswell stuff and no abductions," Eshleman said. "There was physical evidence, I believe, that came out of Roswell, but I think we had a more sober group (of UFO investigators) presenting to us."

The Roswell incident, as it has come to be known and popularized in the hit television series the "X-Files," occurred in 1947 when a Roswell rancher discovered unusual debris on his land. After a quick inspection, Air Force officials issued a press release claiming to have recovered material from the crash site of a flying saucer. Almost immediately, the Air Force retracted the press release.

Over the years the incident has fueled claims of a cover-up that included the alleged recovery of alien bodies and

extraterrestrial materials.

In 1995, New Mexico physicist Charlie Moore said he was virtually certain that the recovered Roswell debris was from a huge secret government balloon he helped launch. It was to test whether high-altitude balloons could detect an atomic-bomb explosion in the then-Soviet Union.

An 800-page Air Force investigative report the same year concluded that the balloon test program, code-named Project Mogul, was the source of the Roswell ranch debris. A later Air Force report suggested that Roswell folklore was fueled by later Air Force tests in the same area using parachute dummies.

"We didn't actually review any evidence connected with Roswell, so we couldn't say whether anything there needs to be looked at," said Thomas Holzer, a Colorado atmospheric scientist and member of the UFO review panel.

"But obviously, the Roswell incident came up," he said. "It did come up in dinner-time conversation, and some of the UFO investigators thought the Air Force's most recent explanation (citing the crash dummies) just blew it."

Holzer, who works at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., said most of the cases presented to the panel raised significant scientific questions. These include medical concerns, such as whether so-called UFO encounters could pose real health hazards from natural or man-made phenomena such as electrical storms or radar.

Eshleman said recent research at Los Alamos National Laboratory that revealed colorful electrical activity, called elves and sprites, above thunderstorms may explain some UFO claims of weird, fast-moving lights. He noted that such phenomena occur nearly at the edge of the atmosphere and can be seen over a horizon, even though the storm itself is blocked by the curvature of the Earth.

The nine-member panel was organized and directed by Peter Sturrock, a Stanford professor of applied physics.

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Boomerang Object Over Walthamstow East London UK

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Subject: Boomerang Object Over Walthamstow East London UK

Dear List:

On the 22/6/98 at approx 10.25pm, a boomerang shaped object was seen in the skies of walthamstow.

The object was glowing orange and was also stationery at a great height, according to the witness who viewed the object from his back garden.

The object was a few thousand feet up and could only been seen with a pair of binoculars. Object seemed stationery for a while before departing at great speed.

The witness is an investigator for ELUFON, and is someone who has a good knowledge of civil and military aircraft, he is certain it was none of these.

The walthamstow area has been a hot-bed for UFO activity over the years. The FT has been a regular visitor to the area, appearing at numerous times, especially over the nearby reservoirs, of Chingford.

Orange balls of light (orbs) have also been seen quite a lot, and are also seen up and down the reservoirs.

ELUFON are still investigating this and other sightings within these areas. For more info please contact me on the above E-mail, or at ELUFON@Yahoo.com.uk

Regards
Roy....

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UFO groups increase pressure for hearings

By Paul Hoversten
Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON - Buoyed by suggestions from an international panel of scientists, UFO groups in the USA plan to step up efforts to push for congressional hearings into Unidentified Flying Objects.

"This could be the thing that puts it over the top," said Steven Greer, a Charlottesville, Va., physician who heads the nonprofit Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

Greer was referring to Monday's report from scientists who said past and future mysterious sightings deserve serious scientific review.

The nine-member panel, which included physicists and astronomers from such institutions as the German Aerospace Center, the University of New Mexico and France's University of Bordeaux, spent nine months on the first independent review of UFOs since 1968.

The study was sponsored by the Society of Scientific Exploration of Stanford, Calif. It's an interdisciplinary organization of scholars formed to support unbiased investigation of claimed anomalous phenomena.

Though it did not find convincing evidence to support the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence, the panel noted that UFO reports dating back 50 years contain enough unexplained observations to merit another look.

"It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomenon currently unknown to science," the panel concluded. "Such evaluations must take place with a spirit of objectivity and a willingness to evaluate rival hypotheses."

The panel looked into several incidents, including:

=B0A photo taken on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, by a family visiting a park in October 1981. It shows a daytime view of a mountain with a silvery oval-shaped object set against the blue sky. But the panel said it is impossible to rule out a hoax.

=B0A 1994 report from an airline crew who spotted a gigantic, fuzzy-edged

disk near Paris. They lost sight of the object when the edges appeared to lose focus. Swiss military radar tracked it for 50 seconds.

=BOA 1992 report from Haines City, Fla., patrolman Luis Delgado, who said he saw a green-lit object in the rear view mirror of his patrol cruiser. He said the object was 15 feet long and hovered 10 feet off the ground. It circled his car several times before he pulled off the road. Then the engine, lights and radio went dead.

The panel's conclusions are far different than those reached by Edward Condon, who headed in 1968 an Air Force-sponsored study known as the Colorado Project. That report said further study of UFOs "cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced."

But Greer said he has 150 former government employees, many from classified projects, willing to testify under oath of their experiences with UFOs and how such technology can help the world.

"These people are not the flakes you see at some bizarre UFO conference with the T-shirts and bug-eye things you wear on your head," Greer said. "These are courageous men, and in a few cases women, who do not want to take to their grave one of the most important issues of the century."

He has pressed Congress and the White House to convene hearings and take the witnesses' testimony - so far to no avail.

The last congressional inquiry into UFOs was in 1966, chaired by the then-representative Gerald Ford.

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (July 1, 1998 09:39 a.m. EDT
<http://www.nandotimes.com>) - The Roswell incident - perhaps the most famous, or infamous, UFO case - was not considered formally by a scientific panel that just said some UFO reports merit scientific inquiry.

The panel, organized and supported by the Society for Scientific Exploration, issued an extensive report Monday concluding that some UFO sightings have physical evidence worthy of scientific evaluation.

But the panel of highly regarded scientists stopped considerably short of saying "we are not alone."

Nothing it had reviewed during a weeklong inquiry into several UFO cases last year was sufficient to suggest extraterrestrial intelligence was involved or that any natural laws were violated, the panel reported.

"I was a bit surprised it (Roswell) didn't come up," said Von R. Eshleman, a Stanford University electrical engineer and planetary scientist who was a member of the panel.

"They were told to take their best shots," Eshleman said, referring to UFO investigators who presented cases to the panel that they felt had the strongest physical evidence.

"There was no Roswell stuff and no abductions," Eshleman said. "There was physical evidence, I believe, that came out of Roswell, but I think we had a more sober group (of UFO investigators) presenting to us."

The Roswell incident, as it has come to be known and popularized in the hit television series the "X-Files," occurred in 1947 when a Roswell rancher discovered unusual debris on his land. After a quick inspection, Air Force officials issued a press release claiming to have recovered material from the crash site of a flying saucer. Almost immediately, the Air Force retracted the press release.

Over the years the incident has fueled claims of a cover-up that included the alleged recovery of alien bodies and

extraterrestrial materials.

In 1995, New Mexico physicist Charlie Moore said he was virtually certain that the recovered Roswell debris was from a huge secret government balloon he helped launch. It was to test whether high-altitude balloons could detect an atomic-bomb explosion in the then-Soviet Union.

An 800-page Air Force investigative report the same year concluded that the balloon test program, code-named Project Mogul, was the source of the Roswell ranch debris. A later Air Force report suggested that Roswell folklore was fueled by later Air Force tests in the same area using parachute dummies.

"We didn't actually review any evidence connected with Roswell, so we couldn't say whether anything there needs to be looked at," said Thomas Holzer, a Colorado atmospheric scientist and member of the UFO review panel.

"But obviously, the Roswell incident came up," he said. "It did come up in dinner-time conversation, and some of the UFO investigators thought the Air Force's most recent explanation (citing the crash dummies) just blew it."

Holzer, who works at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., said most of the cases presented to the panel raised significant scientific questions. These include medical concerns, such as whether so-called UFO encounters could pose real health hazards from natural or man-made phenomena such as electrical storms or radar.

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Burning Gas In Tornadoes Causes Many UFOs?

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>From The Press - July 01, 1998

Burning gas inside tornadoes 'cause of UFOs'

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(Photo text: Researcher Peter Coleman demonstrates equipment capable of creating ball lightning in the laboratory.)

A new theory advanced by a University of Canterbury scientist suggests many unidentified flying objects are balls of burning gas trapped inside tornadoes.

Researcher Peter Coleman said his theory, published in a book, *Ball Lightning: A Scientific Mystery Explained*, could apply to the Kaikoura UFO sightings of 1978 and 1979, the Tunguska explosion in Siberia in 1908, human combustion, and numerous types of mysterious lights in the sky.

According to the theory, ball lightning is produced when natural gas in the atmosphere is caught in a vortex, then ignited by an electrical charge such as conventional lightning or static electricity.

"If you had a tornado and you had a flame inside you would expect it to blow out but there is a property called vortex breakdown that allows the flame to survive in this high air speed environment. The vortex bursts and creates recirculation like an eddy in a stream which allows reduced air flow or stagnant air.

"It is like turning on your stove," said Mr Coleman, who has demonstrated the effect in his laboratory using a vacuum cleaner, pipes, and a camp stove.

"I could see the unconfined flame dancing around inside the pipe," he said. The phenomenon had been observed all over the world. "I have never seen it myself but the prediction the theory makes is that it would be seen where there is a high concentration of natural gas and some electrical source."

Mr Coleman said UFOs are often reported near fault lines because gas was likely to be released before an earthquake.

He said seismic activity recorded in Cook Strait at the time of the Kaikoura UFO sightings may have triggered a release of gas.

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Info Request

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Subject: Info Request

Dear List:

The following information is requested if possible.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of a Mr Glen Edwards UFO investigator. He was according to colin andrews, the man responsible for obtaining stills off the helicopter Harrasment at Alton Barnes Wiltshire?

Does anyone have any knowledge of a strange incidence involving, a crop circle film (The Scorpion) to some people (who are judged credible) 12 months before it appeared?

Can anyone give me a contact number for a Mr Keith Basterfield - UFO investigator in Australia?

Please contact me on Roy.Hale@Hotmail.com.uk

The above information is urgently required for the completion of a Manuscript into the UFO/Crop Circle Phenomena.

Kindest Regards

Roy

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

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Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> Date: Wed, 01 Jul 98 11:39:34 PDT

Jerry,

> All this aside, I look forward to meeting you one of
> these days. I hope you are as partial to your nation's blessed
> brewing industry as I am, and we can do our best to support it
> in each other's company.

We have met. I arranged for you to be interviewed on the Monsters and Miracles CD-ROM some years ago. This done so efficiently you probably didn't notice. Yes, I am partial to the odd pint.

> Interestingly enough, this morning Minnesota Public Radio --
> which NEVER deals with UFOs -- devoted an hour to a discussion
> among scientists on, prominently among the issues talked about,
> it is "professional suicide"

Well, I don't like the idea that anyone feels pressured about what to study or not to study, and if this latest activity brings the subject the attention it deserves that's good. I'm all for it. I suppose we're really talking about differences between the business of science, and the science business.

> Unfortunately, "belief" has been reduced in discourse and debate
> about anomalies into mere rhetoric. You used it in the context
> of the scoffer, who uses it in this sense (to borrow from David
> Hufford, who writes amusingly on the subject): "What I know, I
> KNOW; what you know, you only BELIEVE."

That's not a fair reflection of what I think. It's just more rhetoric... more projection. I doubt that you could sensibly back it up with unvarnished examples.

> Good to hear something refuted I never said or thought. I have
> repeatedly stated that honorable persons can disagree. My
> quarrel is with people who think that those who disagree with
> them are necessarily stupid, gullible, or mere "believers." That
> is my quarrel with you.

Then you are quarreling with something I have never said or thought. This character-mirroring is ridiculous Jerry.

To more interesting issues...

> Is this statement based on anything other than his work with
> Dorothy Martin's group, with which I gather you are largely
> unfamiliar?

He doesn't specifically say. Although he does summarise the Martin study. In fact I am familiar with Festinger's work on her group (only in terms of having read the book a couple of times). My guess is that he had a 'thing' about flying saucer enthusiasts generally... for whatever reason, I don't know. All I said was that he enjoyed using them as an example in support of his theories.

> > ~ 3. Another way of reducing dissonance between one's own
> > opinion and the knowledge that someone else holds a different
> > opinion is to make the other person, in some manner, not
> > comparable to oneself. Such an allegation can take a number of
> > forms. One can attribute characteristics, experiences, or
> > motives to the other person or one can even reject him or
> > derogate him. ~

> A pretty good description of the debunker mentality.

I guess this works both ways. But usually when one is debunking all one has to do is focus on the bunk, rather than falsely characterize.

> "Tolerance for ambiguity" -- in those very words -- is something
> I have long urged. What it's gotten me on this list is the
> accusation, hurled by somebody we both know and love, that I am
> a "pathological fencesitter."

Well Jerry, that's between you, Pete and your analyst. I'll happily read your book if I can find it.

> > Equally, in truth I suspect that you are not the
> > self-important prat your role apparently demands.

> And I would like to think the same of you.

I've played Desmond Leslie in Neil Oram's 'The Warp' once or twice. I play him more 'stage-frightened gibbering wreck' than 'self-important prat' though. What a couple of luvvies we are, eh?

> Ah, would that it were that important. Before I go any further
> with this, Rob, I want to point out that you are trying to avoid
> the big issue. You even deleted my reference to it, apparently
> thinking I wouldn't notice. No such luck. Let me ask you: which
> whopping historical error do Festinger, et al., make, a mistake
> bearing directly on their theory?

No deliberate avoidance Jerry. I like a challenge. So, just to clarify the task, I have to read 'When Prophecy Fails' again and determine errors relating to which theory, the one concerning disconfirmation or that of cognitive dissonance? You read the book two weeks ago, for me it's around four years. I'll look through it again and get back to you with an answer (or admit that I don't have an answer). Do I get a prize, btw?

> When you've done so, you can send me your regular mail address,
> and I'll send you Gordon Melton's paper "What Really Hapens When
> Prophecy Fails" (which, annoyingly, I now discover I've
> misfiled, after just looking at it a couple of days ago; well,
> I'll find the damn thing somewhere, and if not, I can ask Melton
> for another copy).

That would be interesting, but no prize. A worthwhile prize would be the two-volumes of your encyclopedia, delivered to my door. That's if I pass the challenge. What's the forfeit if I'm wrong?

> I am left wondering why, if Deutsch is such a brilliant guy, you
> chose such a knuckleheaded quote to cite.

Kindly explain what is so knuckleheaded about it. You concentrated on the least important part, his reference to UFO enthusiasts, without dealing with its essential part; 'shoddy explanations that yield correct predictions are two a-penny...'.
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Don't like Deutsch? Historian Felipe Fenandez-Armesto says much the same thing: '... trustworthy conclusions cannot be based on unverified premisses'.

Why is this knuckleheaded?

Rob

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Wednesday, July 1, 1998

To him, UFO sightings are far from alien

Bill Nemitz Column

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For 17 years, he has devoted much of his life to ever-deepening convictions that not all people who report seeing UFOs are nuts, and that not all visitors to Maine are from Massachusetts.

But Leland "Bud" Bechtel knows that when the guys down at the local Agway in his hometown of Weld ask between guffaws if he has seen any flying saucers lately, he's not exactly winning converts to his cause.

And while the Maine director for the Mutual UFO Network does the wise thing and chuckles right along with them, he wonders deep down why it's all so hard to believe. Who's to say they're not out there - analyzing us, charting our progress, zooming in for an occasional close-up late at night when only the lonely are looking?

"When you look at the statistics on the number of suns out there, it staggers the imagination," said Bechtel, 73, a retired associate professor of psychology at Bates College who now spends much of his time running down UFO sightings in Maine. "It simply isn't that fantastic to think there is life elsewhere in the universe."

This week, at long last, that "out there" view picked up signals of potential support: An international panel of scientists concluded that for the past 30 years, UFOs have not received the scientific research they deserve. Fear of the "giggle factor" and the dreaded label "lunatic fringe" has discouraged most researchers from taking on what the Society for Scientific Exploration now says is a legitimate issue "in a very unsatisfactory state of ignorance and confusion."

In other words, the scientists said, it's time we stop chuckling about the hundreds of reported sightings clogging the Internet - including such Maine legends as the Allagash Abduction of 1976 (four canoeists, two canoes and one spine-tingling story) - and start taking a closer look.

The report, launched by Stanford University physicist Peter Sturrock, was music to the ears of Bechtel, who heard about it Monday while returning from a MUFON conference in Denver.

"Just that little report shows movement in a positive direction," he said. "It's not all I'd like, but they're opening the door a crack."

And here in Maine, Bechtel says, there's plenty to see:

There's the couple from Cherryfield who watched open-mouthed one night while a 60-foot-wide object shaped like a top, with orange windows and "ferociously bright" lights, hovered over the blueberry barrens for 20 minutes. They even had time to go rouse a couple of neighbors, who saw the same thing.

There's the woman in Turner who awoke to a blinding red light outside her bedroom window. She opened the shades and saw an airborne craft slowly backing away from her house. Up the road a quarter-mile, her brother saw the same thing - at the same time.

There are the two college women who went skating on China Lake on New Year's Day in 1997 and, in broad daylight, saw a strangely shaped craft move slowly over the ice and disappear behind the trees on the opposite shore. Inside their camp, the father of one of the women simultaneously lost his television reception.

Bechtel, who longs for the day when he'll see his first UFO, has met with all these people - and dozens more like them. And while some end up in his "delusional" file, too many are responsible, credible, down-to-earth witnesses for him not to believe there's something going on here.

"I think it's far out, too," Bechtel said. "And I can laugh about it. But I think in a couple of decades, things are going to be different."

So call him kooky if it makes you feel better. Then go outside, look up at the stars - and take a ride on the nearest "what if."

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> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

Rod,

> > Belief is a problem for everybody in this regard. That is the
> > whole point of this thread -- that it often doesn't matter how
> > 'rational', or detached we like to think we are.

> In contradiction Rob, belief is not a problem for everyone. I do
> not believe their is evidence supporting UFO's, however that
> does not give me leave to close my mind to the chance that some
> may one day be found.

Nor me... apart from your first statement I don't see the
contradiction.

> > ...there's little difference between having an X-shaped gap and
> > believing in X.

> And again in contradiction, there is a
> very large difference between having the X-shaped gap and
> believing in X, and that difference is reality; try walking thru
> a doorway that doesn't exist.

This door... would it perhaps be one made from the tree that fell
in the forest which nobody heard? Try kicking it and seeing if
it kicks back.

> Or from another perspective, try
> getting someone to walk thru that same doorway that believes it
> isn't there. Belief and reality are natural opposites that will
> many times meet in the middle and work for the better, debunking
> and close mindedness work for the benefit of only those seeking
> attention and recognition for their limited accomplishments.

Well Rod, I wouldn't want to argue with you. I simply meant that
when people give up on a belief, this 'disbelief' is sometimes
another form of the same belief.

It was a generally philosophical point, but not on the level of
imaginary doorways.

Rob

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>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re:
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Regarding...

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Friedman's Laws for 'Debunkers'
>>Date: Thu, 25 Jun 1998 15:50:35 -0400

>Serge wrote:

>>Now this is an interesting one.

>>_Skeptics' UFO Newsletter_ by Philip J. Klass. #43, Jan, 1997
>>404 "N" Street, SW, Washington DC 20024 (C) 1997

James,

I hope you have as much patience reading this as I had reading the SUN document. And I sure hope my post will be less confusing than the later. Let's look at a few things:

Since you are ready to accept as face value NSA's reports on 'UFO (PROBABLY BALLOONS)', I am sure you are ready to accept as face value the rest of the stuff:

[XXXX] REPORT SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT [...] THE OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS HAVING A SEMI-CIRCLE SHAPE [...] * [XXXX] UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT [...] [...] A SMOKING LUMINOUS OBJECT MOVED THROUGH [...] SIGHT THREE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS [XXXX] AT 1915 THREE LUMINOUS OBJECTS WERE SEEN IN THE WESTERN PART OF [...] THE FIRST OBJECT WAS SHAPED LIKE A HORSESHOE AND WAS WHITE IN COLOR. THE OTHER TWO WERE ROUND AND YELLOW IN COLOR

etc.

Those UFOs don't seem to be your average every day balloon. What were they? And in the wrong order the main question: how many of the 156 reports contained those types of sightings? In a nutshell: the kick about wine is not the 88% water but the 12% of ethanol + esters + pigments + minerals + aromatics + etc. The SUN document has apparently concentrated on water.

It does also raise a few questions.

1. If the NSA did have an interest in UFOs, would Deuley have the right to openly speak about it?

2. How is it that SUN got only documents prior to 1982? Did SUN file a request for all UFO matter in NSA documentation from 1982 to 1997?

3.
> "The second non-Comint document is a three page undated,
>unofficial draft of a monograph with a four page appendix by the

>same agency employee who authored the draft referenced in
>sub-paragraph a, above....It is entitled 'UFOs _and the
>Intelligence Community Blind Spot to Surprise or Deceptive
>Data_'

Where is the official, final, dated monograph? NSA provides the draft but not the final report? You should have seen the draft of this E-mail... It had very little resemblance with the final product.

4. The last paragraph of the SUN article: (capitals are mine)

> The newly released "more declassified" copy of the 1980 NSA
>court document offers the following explanation for withholding
>the UFO Comint documents -- AN EXPLANATION THAT WAS COMPLETELY
>BLACKED OUT ON THE FIRST VERSION RELEASED BY THE AGENCY: "_The
>communication sources involved in this [FOIA] case -- are the
>source of extremely valuable communications intelligence covering
>a broad range of kinds of information from [XXXX] and other
>[XXXX] acitivities to [XXXX] and [XXXX] matters. Release of
>these documents would seriously damage the ability of the United
>States to gather this vital intelligence information_...."

Another interesting one: NSA blacked out those lines in the first place because their publication was a threat to national security? Let me rephrase that: it was a threat to national security for NSA to say that those documents could pose a threat to national security?

5. In:

>Date: Thu, 14 May 1998 10:18:13 -0500 (CDT)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@freeside.fc.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO Security Classification Hearings

>>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Date: Tue, 12 May 1998 05:40:43 +0200
>>Subject: C-SPAN On UFO Security Classification Hearings

We could read:

>>All the official records made public under the UFO title are
>>unevaluated reports gathered through various human intelligence means.
>>These reports always quote the term UFO, as it has been relayed to them
>>by sources. Mostly these sources are civilians, unaware of the current
>>official terminology used by the US government. The US military uses
>>two main terms in compiling and studying the UFO subject: Uncorrelated
>>Targets (UCT), for earth-bound unidentified objects, and Uncorrelated
>>Event Reports (UER) for space related events. I wrote to North American
>>Aerospace Defense Command, NORAD, about their terminology. They
>>replied:

>>'Historically, the term UFO was used by the Air Force starting in 1947
>>and ending in 1974 with the shelving of the "Blue Book" project. We all
>>know what the term UFO means, we just don't use it....The specific
>>term "UFO" is not used by this command even though you could say that
>>this term would equate to UTR [unknown track report], either an
>>uncorrelated event or an unknown track, since an unidentified flying
>>object could be considered either.'(3)

>>Further, I was told, 'Uncorrelated Events Reports (UERs), which are
>>space related events on the United States Space Command (USSPACECOM)
>>side of the house, are always classified SECRET.' (4)

>>Uncorrelated Targets are categorised as:

>>Significant UCTs, Nonsignificant UCTs, Critical UCTs, and
>>False UCTs. (5)

Does the same apply to NSA? e.g. Acronyms for the term UFO?

Just a few questions,

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:20:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 09:40:56 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:53:52 -0400
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> I agree that having "ten best cases" or 5 or 1 or 100 would be
> valuable. We should attempt to find at least one case that the
> majority of contributors can agree remains UNEXPLAINED AFTER
> EVALUATION and, furthermore, APPEARS THAT IT WILL REMAIN
> UNEXPLAINABLE IN THE FUTURE, where explanation is in terms of
> known phenomena (e.g., explaining a UFO as ball lightning is
> explaining one unknown with another).

This idea is interesting as far as it goes, but some ground rules
would need to be set:

Which items of data in the report and which sequences of events
in the report will require explanation?

How many low probability events are explainers allowed to posit
in their explanations as coming together to cause this report?

To what degree are explainers allowed to claim that the witness
is a hoaxer, and what level of proof will be required before
such an assertion will be accepted?

Will all reports be required to be multiple witness?

What minimum qualifications / reputation will be required to
make a witness account acceptable?

Will multiple independent witnesses offset lower witness
qualifications?

Will physical trace evidence or instrumentation be required?

You can see how hard this might be. The debunker will insist
that they be allowed to reject any item of testimony they object
to on grounds of a priori unbelievability, that any number of
low probability events be acceptable, that a low threshold of
proof for claiming a witness a hoaxer is essential, that
multiple witness reports are no more evidential than single
witness reports, and that the only acceptable trace evidence is
a component of clearly non-terrestrial origin. The believer will
insist that none of this is relevant, since the aliens have told
him why they are visiting us, and that all witnesses are telling
the truth without error, and that the speck of metallic material
recovered from his foot is sufficient trace evidence. The
scientifically oriented, open-minded skeptic such as myself
might state:

1) Only multiple witness cases are allowed.

2) Witnesses must have some level of technical knowledge.

3) Witnesses must have a reputation of some value which is
threatened by their willingness to report publicly. Previous
history showing observational skills and personal integrity is
required.

- 4) All data and events in the report must be coherently explained by any explanation and no more than one low probability event is allowed. No data may be changed or ommitted.
- 5) Misperception explanations will require a careful validation based on cognitive and perceptual psychology in the context of conditions at the time and the witness' qualifications.
- 6) Hoax claims will only be admitted when a history of hoaxing or practical jokes can be documented, or when the hoax has been admitted, or when an unequivocal attribution of the hoax to specific persons using evidence sufficient to convict for fraud is presented.
- 7) Multiple independent witnesses reporting the same event or a nearly identical event within a short interval will be considered to offset lower technical qualifications in the witness.
- 8) Photos, radar, ground traces or lasting vehicle effects are admissible as physical evidence.

This at least represents a starting point.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -
Author of SF novels available at...
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/library.htm>

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Re: Ufology And The 'Giggle Syndrome' (Sturrock's

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 04:08:36 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 09:20:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And The 'Giggle Syndrome' (Sturrock's

>From ABCNEWS. URL:

<http://www.abcnews.com/sections/science/DyeHard/dye62.html>

Stig

UFOlogy? No Gigging, Please

In France, the crew of an airliner reported seeing a giant disk, about half a mile wide, hovering over Paris. Military air traffic controllers also saw it on radar.

Scully and Mulder move aside. Real scientists are taking a look at those reports of extraterrestrial visitors.

(Kate Lake/ABCNEWS.com)

Special to ABCNEWS.com

July 1 =97 You=92ve got to give the old professor an A+ for guts.

Astrophysicist Peter Sturrock of Stanford University has gone where few scientists dare to go.

Sturrock is the prime mover behind a report issued this week by an international panel of nine scientists calling for reexamination of UFO evidence.

No matter how carefully such a report is worded, it can=92t help but lend credibility to those who claim we=92ve been visited by ETs.

That isn=92t the point of the report, of course, but by calling for better scientific scrutiny of such claims, Sturrock and the other scientists have exposed themselves to the "giggle syndrome."

The next time he attends a scientific symposium, he can expect a few snickers when he walks in the room.

"He=92s taken some ribbing," an associate said of Sturrock, who=92s an expert on solar physics and pulsars.

Few reputable scientists even acknowledge "Ufology" because they fear their reputations would get tarred. Sturrock knows the risk well, and he did not rush to this judgment.

A couple of decades ago, Sturrock was looking for an assistant with a background in both astronomy and computer science. He hired a young Frenchman, Jacques Vallee.

Vallee was interested in unidentified flying objects, and he asked Sturrock to read an exhaustive 1968 report by Edward Condon. In his now famous report, Condon concluded that UFO evidence was so inadequate that there=92s no reason to study it further.

Sturrock read the report during a vacation in Hawaii.

But after studying the report, Sturrock concluded that while nothing indicated UFOs were extraterrestrial in origin, some evidence could not just be dismissed.

Sturrock did a little research of his own. He began asking other scientists, confidentially, what they thought. To his surprise, many who publicly pooh-pooed UFO evidence privately believed the subject deserved scientific study.

Not a Scientific Topic

He then turned to the professional journals, asking them to publish research on UFO sightings, but they wouldn't touch it with a 10-foot pole.

So he and several other mavericks founded the Society for Scientific Exploration, of which he's now president, to pave the way for scientific scrutiny of everything from the paranormal to UFOs.

Then philanthropist Laurence S. Rockefeller, who's interested in UFOs, asked Sturrock to form an international panel of scientists from various disciplines to take another look at the "UFO problem." The panel met twice over the past few months, and it's report was published Monday in the Journal of Scientific Exploration, a peer-reviewed periodical published by the society Sturrock heads.

The panel heard from eight investigators from four countries. One of them was Sturrock's former assistant, Jacques Vallee.

The panel did not conclude that the evidence shows we've had visitors from space, or that UFOs violate the known laws of physics. What the scientists found, however, is that in some cases the physical evidence—such as malfunctioning instruments aboard airplanes, burns on "witnesses," damage to vegetation—is tangible enough to warrant further investigation.

Qu'est-ce Que C'est?

That sounds reasonable, even to most non-believers, but here's the rub. The subject is so distasteful to so many scientists that there's no accepted procedure for dealing with such evidence.

One exception is France. In 1994 the crew of an airliner reported seeing a giant disk, about half a mile wide, hovering over Paris. Military air traffic controllers also saw it on radar. The phenomenon was never fully explained.

The French space agency now has a program to handle such reports, including the training of police officers and investigators on how to collect evidence of UFOs.

Sturrock hopes to see that kind of a program expanded around the globe. While most "evidence" consists of hearsay and conflicting reports, some events do leave physical evidence—such as radar records—that could be examined scientifically.

Von R. Eshleman, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at Stanford, who co-chaired the panel, believes we could take a lesson from radio astronomers who listen for signals from other civilizations, the so-called Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

Listening for Life

Eshleman says that nearly everyone who takes a turn listening to signals collected by radio telescopes all over the world occasionally hears something that cannot be explained. But unless that signal meets specific standards—such as being repeated, or picked up by other listeners—it's dismissed.

No such protocol exists for UFO sightings, and as a result everything that is reported becomes "evidence," whether it warrants such treatment or not.

A good scientific program would probably eliminate 99 percent of the evidence, but the remaining evidence could be examined to see just what we can learn from UFO sightings.

Is that evidence likely to point to an extraterrestrial origin for UFOs?

Most scientists would say no, but Sturrock is a bit coy on the subject.

In interviews with reporters after the study was released, Sturrock said life probably abounds throughout the universe, but "most physicists believe it is quite impossible to travel from one star to another."

Most physicists? What about him?

All he=92s willing to say is let=92s take another look at the evidence.

OK, but no giggling.

Science writer Lee Dye=92s column appears Wednesdays on ABCNEWS.com.

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Re: Encounter 2001

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:56:00 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 10:53:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Encounter 2001

>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 20:46:59 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Encounter 2001 >>

>A modern European Ariane 5 rocket will take your DNA into
>geosynchronous orbit afterwhich a small rocket will be fired to
>take your DNA from high Earth orbit towards Jupiter whose
>gravity will fling your DNA out of the solar system. No kidding.
>For your 50 bucks you even get a membership kit which includes a
>poster, a lapel pin and a certificate among other things, and of
>course, a plastic bag for your DNA.

I think when I die I'll have my head frozen and sent out there.
That should give them something to think about.

Greg

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Re: 'Believers' Say It's About Time

From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:47:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 10:50:23 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Believers' Say It's About Time

>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 04:57:05 +0200
>Subject: UFO Study: Believers Say It's About Time

>From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. URL:

>http://www.accessatlanta.com:80/news/1998/06/30/ufo_full.html

>Dr. Terry Sandbek, a clinical psychologist in California who also
>specializes in behavior, said the reason people believe in UFOs is
>simple: "It's the same reason we enjoy fiction. It's fun."

Dear list,

Re that last sentence: In the mid seventies, some friends, a married couple, were staying on a lake here in New Hampshire (USA). Early one evening upon exiting their cabin, they were shocked to discover a large metal disc with three lights on the underside hovering above the water in front of them, gently rotating. They watched in awe for a moment, and then it suddenly departed....."in the blink of an eye" is the way the lady describes it.

Now...a little personal history. The man's name is Charles. Charles flew helicopters in Vietnam, and received an award for meritorious service from the President of the USA. He saw plenty of combat, and lost good friends. Charles will talk about his experiences in Vietnam, yet will not discuss his UFO sighting! If he walks into a room where his wife is telling friends about their sighting, he become very edgy, and tries to change the subject, and even on occasion demands that she discuss something else. This man clearly refuses to accept that what he saw was real, because to his way of thinking, it simply couldn't have been. Yet, it must haunt him every day. All he knows is that it doesn't fit into his version of reality. Does that sound like "fun" to anyone here?

He had no predisposition nor even desire to believe in such things, and there were two witnesses (probably more), so there goes PSH. And if someone can give me a non-ETH explanation that accounts for the details of the sighting, such as instantaneous acceleration, WITHOUT changing the facts, I'd really love to hear it.

Greg

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CNN's Interview With Peter Sturrock (Transcript)

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 05:55:23 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 11:13:41 -0400
Subject: CNN's Interview With Peter Sturrock (Transcript)

>From CNN. URL:

<http://cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/9806/29/tod.02.html>

Stig

CNN Today

Sturrock: UFO Reports Deserve Additional Scientific Study

Aired June 29, 1998 - 1:19 p.m. ET

THIS IS A RUSH TRANSCRIPT. THIS COPY MAY NOT BE IN ITS FINAL
FORM AND MAY BE UPDATED.

NATALIE ALLEN, CNN ANCHOR: Some scientists in the know about
UFOs are issuing a report that may heat up speculation about
this always-lively topic.

In the first independent review of UFO phenomena in more than 30
years, a nine-member group of scientists says physical evidence
linked to some sightings deserves additional scientific study.

The physicist who headed up that panel is Peter Sturrock, who
joins me now from Stanford, California.

Thanks for joining us, sir.

PETER STURROCK, STANFORD PHYSICIST: You're welcome.

ALLEN: Well, tell us about the sightings that you believe need
further examination?

STURROCK: Well, I'm not presenting my belief. I'm presenting the
assessment of a panel of scientist who met with a group of eight
investigators. The investigators were asked to present whatever
physical evidence they found in the course of their research.

And the only question asked of the panel was that, do you
believe that further study of this kind of case, this kind of
evidence, might eventually lead to answers to the problem of
understanding the cause or causes of UFO reports? And the panel
felt, yes, this would be a promising line of research for the
future.

ALLEN: So can you give us an example of a particular sighting
they may examine further?

STURROCK: Well, there were many examples given, ranging from
photographic evidence through radar, through ground traces. But
the panel, in particular, is interested in cases with more than
one kind of physical evidence. And one of those occurred in
France in 1981. It is, unfortunately, a single-witness case. But
the witness, who was working in his garden, heard a whistling

sound, saw a strange object land on his terrain and then leave.

In France, they have an official data collection and organization, organized through the French space agency, CNES. So the next day, the Jondomery (ph) (gendarmerie i.e., ed.) came out and took photographs, took samples of the plants. A little later, scientist from the space agency came out, took further samples, further photographs, took soil samples, and took samples of the vegetation, which were alfalfa plants. And they found there were indentation in the soil that would have taken about 1 ton to produce, and the vegetation has strange biochemical changes, which could perhaps be caused by micro-radiation; they didn't know what.

But here is one case with only a single witness and two kinds of physical evidence. The panel really urges a search for cases with many witnesses and more than one kind of physical evidence.

ALLEN: I believe I read that you have said that you believe there should be more emphasis placed on the physical evidence as opposed to witness testimony.

STURROCK: You need both, you need both. You have to have strong witness testimony, and you have to have physical evidence that we analyze in the laboratory. And these are really quite different kinds of activities. And it probably would be good if different people, or different teams, were involved in the two types of research.

It may take an official organization, as in France, to collect the data that can then be provided to university scientist or other scientist to analyze the data.

ALLEN: You've also said that this field of UFO study is in a very unsatisfactory state of ignorance and confusion. Why do you think that is, when there seems to be something that so many people have an interest in?

STURROCK: Well, I think basically it's because there has been no sponsored research in this area. Almost all scientific research in the nation is sponsored by an agency or supported by the institution, like a corporation or an university. UFO research has no such support.

ALLEN: Do you think you could get a corporate sponsor?

STURROCK: Did you say, do I think we can?

ALLEN: Yes.

STURROCK: That remains to be seen. I'm not looking for it.

ALLEN: How else would you try to fund this research?

STURROCK: I'm not trying to fund it. I'm simply trying to -- we're simply trying to point the way how research could be carried out if there are any organizations or any other countries who wish to pursue it. Now there are programs in Chile and in France. And if three or four other countries would set up really quite low-level research projects, then in a few years, we may have some serious answers.

ALLEN: How much would you like to see an answer to the scenario? You told us about this fellow in Europe. Do you have a particular interest in that story, since you shared it with us?

STURROCK: No, I have no particular interest in any particular story. I find it a challenge that there have been UFO reports for 50 years, and they have been pretty much ignored for 50 years. I hope they will not be ignored for the next 50 years.

ALLEN: And what about you personally? Are we alone? Do you think something or someone has landed here?

STURROCK: Oh, that is entirely a separate issue. Most astronomers and most physicists believe that we probably are not alone, that there are other life forms on other planets or on other stars. But most physicists believe it is quite possible to travel from one star to another.

ALLEN: Peter Sturrock, thanks for joining us. Something to think

about .

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From: Mail Delivery Subsystem <MAILER-DAEMON@aol.com>
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Cc: concorp@aol.com

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Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 12:58:46 -0700
From: Jeff Westover <jeff.westover@mailexcite.com>
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>From: Concorp@aol.com [Name Not Known]
>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 02:25:32 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Alien recovery team

>Ed Komarek of Thomasville,Georgia and Rob Bailey of Troy,
>Michigan

...email addresses and phone numbers please...

<snip>

Jeff Westover

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'Strange Universe' On Home Video

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Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 04:48:12 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 10:51:35 -0400
Subject: 'Strange Universe' On Home Video

>From PRNewswire, but couldn't make the link work.

Stig

Home Video is About to Get a Little Stranger!

10:18 a.m. Jun 30, 1998 Eastern

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:57:57 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 11:18:21 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>Date: Wed, 01 Jul 98 11:08:33 PDT

<snip>

>The weight of evidence, of course, is currently falling in
>the direction of Swords and others who suspect the galaxy --
>and the larger universe -- is densely populated. All one
>has to do is to read the newspapers; you don't have to go
>to obscure scientific journals anymore to follow the argument.
>The discovery that planets are apparently ubiquitous should
>give heart to anyone sympathetically inclined to the ETH.

No, Jerry, that is just the point. The weight of evidence *isn't*
falling in Swords's direction, as you would know if you had
thoroughly read and digested Davis's article in The Anomalist 5
(and followed up on the 149 footnotes/references therein, as you
are always urging others to do). Name any of the "others who
suspect the galaxy -- and the larger universe -- is densely
populated."

Secondly, if the universe *were* as densely populated as you seem
to assert here, then we would already have word of same from SETI
-- ufologists need not apply.

Thirdly, there is no "discovery that planets are apparently
ubiquitous," unless you've been reading other newspapers and
sources than I have. To the best of my knowledge, about eleven
giant gas planets have been *indicated* to date, a couple or
three of which may have been more or less confirmed. But to refer
to such huge masses, typically on a Jupiter scale, as even
remotely possible sources of ET intelligence on your part, is
disingenuous at best.

>If the galaxy is full of millions of advanced civilizations, we
>ought to EXPECT to see them. If we don't see them or any
>evidence of them, they likely don't exist, and the SETI program
>is a big waste of time, money, and personnel, and all those
>popular and academic books on intelligent life elsewhere
>are destroying trees for nothing.

I'm always amazed at the animosity shown by ufologists towards
SETI. If I were a Freudian, I would suspect some sort of penis
envy. After all, if SETI exhibited any success, wouldn't
ufologists be the first to say I told you so!?

As for trees destroyed in the pursuit of truth, ufology has its
own ecological crimes to answer for.

<snip>

>The point Dennis misses here, I think, is the one I have
>attempted to make continually (not "constantly," Dennis),
>albeit so far without any notable success: namely that,
>contrary to what debunkers and Purely Speculative
>Hypothesizers (if there is any longer a distinction) want us
>to believe, the ETH is neither absurd nor indefensible.

>Swords shows that the ETH can be defended using principles
>embraced by many scientists writing and researching in
>exobiology. You can determine that easily by reading this
>literature for yourself. Swords does not go beyond that
>observation, and neither have or do I.

And the point Jerry misses here is this: a 'densely' populated universe is still separated, one civilization from another, by immense distances, which involve gigantic expenditures in terms of energy and other resources, to surmount. Clark seems to say, hey, there's a lot of us out there, so interstellar travel should be a relative snap, even though it still takes us a couple of years to get to Mars, a planet within our own solar system.

Clark also ignores the fact, which I raised, that the Swords argument actually *reduces* the density, i.e., number, of intelligent life forms capable of space travel, by imposing additional restrictions (atmospheric oxygen content ratio, etc) on same.

In other words, Clark seems to have overlooked one of the major implications of Sword's own theory: namely, that the universe can be densely populated, but only a very small segment of same will ultimately achieve space travel. Put another way: the latter is hardly a given, as Clark seems to believe.

In addition, you can read the available scientific literature, Davis included, and find any number of scientists who disagree with Swords. So what determines your choice as to who's ultimately "right" or "wrong" in this matter? Prior disposition, I suspect.

Clark prefers Swords's description of the universe. Over the years, I've come to prefer Davis's.

Dennis

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Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

From: **Melanie Mecca** <natural.state@erols.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 23:12:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 10:56:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:03 -0400
> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> <snip>

> As I read the full report in the Journal of Scientific
> Exploration my emotions ranged from surprise/shock to anger to
> disappointment. Have we learned nothing in 30 years since the
> Condam report? (intentional) This looked to me like deja vue
> all over again... especially in comparison to the 1953 Robertson
> Panel where several scientists - a Nobel guy included - decided
> that all sightings could be explained and then recommended
> debunking... (CIA sponsored, by the way).

Right, my first impression as well - here we go again! Now, finding out that Rockefeller funded it seems to lean towards the green zone of possibility again - he's been interested for ages, no, and perhaps could supply enough of the green to encourage the heavy hitters to think objectively without biasing the results for \$\$\$\$ or fear of being blackballed by the black project community?

<snip>

>And now 46 years later we have
> the Sturrock Panel (fortunately not CIA sponsored) which comes
> up with nearly the same thing., BUT AT LEAST...they said it was
> worthy of study. > However, I would argue that there is "physical
> evidence." I presume that the presenters were not aware of the Project
> Twinkle movies of May 1950 when cinetheodolite cameras at the
> White Sands proving Range obtained film and triangulation of
> objects flying over the area. Triangulation and film analysis
> showed 30 ft diameter, flying rapidly at about 150,000 ft. Look,
> skeptics, we didn't have anything that flew that high in 1950
> (and precious little now). Film was analyzed by experts. Film
> was lost by "experts". We know of its existence through the
> records of Project Blue Book. So... the film was lost....no
> physical evidence? Also, physical scientists are going to have
> to come to grips with the FACT that you can't take the easy way
> out and reject sightings simply because they consist only of
> witness testimony. In some cases the witness testimony is
> EXTREMELY compelling and furthermore involves descriptions of
> phenomena that remain unexplainable after analysis.... and some
> of these cases point toward Other Intelligences. (Uh oh,
> banishment to UFO Hell again!)

You'll have lots of company in UFO hell - those of us who think that if it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and waddles like a duck, it most likely is a duck (ok, a souped-up-model duck with advanced yogic powers that can walk through walls - so what????) But you are forgetting that fairies and demons can assume shapes like shiny metal craft at will, and for fun they mimic various bright lights, chase cars (a la latest BC case), pretend to be ultra-flying machines showing off gravity-defying feats, simulate landings as if they were solid physical objects, and of course, abduct people to breed more fairies (because you can never have too many). Any physical evidence, therefore, may appear to have some manner of ontological status but is really

just - fairy dust. The Sturrock Panel may be in the know
already.

Melanie Mecca

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 08:04:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 19:55:49 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:09 -0400
> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> In the Washington DC area there is a nighttime talk show which
> had one of the UFO panel members on (Jay Melosh of U of
> Arizona). He is a "hard nosed" skeptic. I just happened to hear
> the beginning of the show as I was riding in my car. When I got
> to my office (work late) I called in and was able to speak
> with/debate Melosh. It just so happened that the talk show host,
> Chip Franklin, had me on his show a year ago to talk about my
> book UFOS ARE REAL- HERE'S THE PROOF (Ed Walters and Bruce
> Maccabee, Avon paperback, . \$6.00 cheap.shameless plug).

> Franklin, although skeptical, did not write me off as he might
> have most. Hence, when I got on the air in the latter half of
> the show and did not have time to complete some
> statements/thoughts I was expressing, he invited me to stay over
> for a "few minutes" the next hour (which was essentially an open
> hour in his program). SAo many people called in that I ended up
> on his show for the whole hour following Melosh, discussing,
> etc., and fielding questions from the audience. (One man who
> called in said he was 13 years old near Mt. Kisco New York at
> the time of the famous Westchester County UFO sightings
> (1983-1986). He was a witness to one particular event of a large
> object that flew near his house and was seen by his family and m
> any of their neighbors.)

Glad to know you got in your licks!

But I'm most curious about Melosh. Clearly, the steering
committee of this new UFO study leaned toward the unusual in
science, with the likes of David Pritchard, Hal Puthoff, and
Robert Jahn on it.

So it's the review panel that's most important -- the scientists
who reviewed the data that the steering committee helped
assemble. Melosh was a member. I'm glad to know he's skeptical,
because I'm glad to know there were skeptics on it.

What did he say on the radio? What part of the new report did he
stress? Did he dissent from any of it? I'm eager to know what
impact this report will have on scientists, and the feelings of a
skeptic who was involved in it might be an early sign of where
this is going.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Alfred Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 09:37:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 19:57:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Alfred Lehmborg

Apology to MW #252 (For July 2, 1998)

Two new mewling children have appeared upon the stage. Their history is very long; you'd think them wise or sage. But they wallow in their filth to show their diapers must need changing, and they smell -- exceeding squalid -- choosing wasteful, dumb, and failing.

They're popping off their phallic nukes for billions on the shot, while shabby folk just have more kids; their noses run with snot! They spend all their dust for the booms and the sizzle; their people stand shoeless, and sick in the drizzle! They're blowing the money on hidden explosions while the lives of their people dissolve in corrosions!

They beat their chests, and shake their **sticks** -- while children languish, starved and sick. Lost in thrall of infantile, they shriek and strut, and smirk and wail. They typify an ignorance. They promulgate their dissonance. Sold out to their total waste, they have the gall to, still, tempt fate.

Just a couple squalling children, then, among so many others; some into adolescence but the most in dirty diapers. Some will spend their comfort, lost, to strut and preen like birds; will scratch the ruined ground in vain, and take until it hurts. Some will take the low road, and will murder in their war what their ethics had produced before their warlord changed the score. Some will make illegal all discussion that belies . . . the **goodness** of your culture -- or your eye upon a sky.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

I wonder -- was there any reported UFO activity in either of those two irresponsible, immature, and ignorant locations? I point my finger fully realizing I point three back at myself, but I digress . . . I'd have thought the situation would have garnered a postulated ET's interest -- if not concern. Is there any news from that part of the globe? I recall no mention in any of the digests here on Updates. If not -- is that odd?

<tapping the mike> Is this thing on?

Restore John Ford!

--

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<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: 'Believers' Say It's About Time

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 15:43:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 19:30:34 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Believers' Say It's About Time

>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 04:57:05 +0200
>Subject: UFO Study: Believers Say It's About Time

>>From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. URL:

>http://www.accessatlanta.com:80/news/1998/06/30/ufo_full.html

>Stig

>*****

>June 30, 1998

>UFO study: Believers say it's about time

>By Bill Hendrick, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Hi All,

Now is the time to put pressure on the government for full disclosure! If this panel found cause for further investigation in the comparatively short time it has been looking into these matters, what has the Air Force, NSA, FBI and others in our government been up to in the 50+ years of their involvement? Surely 'they' knew -and long ago- that there was 'something' worthy of investigation here. Yet all we've ever gotten are lies and denials. The speed with which this panel arrived at it's conclusions makes the guys who run our government look like completely, hopelessly incompetent boobs!

If they should answer a public request by saying that they really didn't find reason or justification for further study then we'll have to fire a few of them and let bigger, better minds tackle the job. They work for us! If they don't produce, we have to let them know with our correspondence and (more importantly) our ballots.

The numbers quoted in all of the recent pop surveys represent a politically significant group. Congressmen, Senators, all of our representatives in Washington need to get letters and e-mails from these folks urging them to put pressure on the government/military for full disclosure of -any and all- UFO related material.

The findings released by this panel has created 'energy' (momentum.) It would be wise to make use the attention being created by this report to rally support for a popular demand for information. Before the publics short attention span moves on to feed on something new!

I am going to write to my Senator and Congressman. If enough of us do the same it may make a difference. We have absolutely nothing to lose in trying. Let's make the best of a good thing!

Just a thought, . . . maybe what they really fear is, that if we ever found out what they (da gubbamint) have really been up to, that we all may just go down there and hang a few of them

Re: 'Believers' Say It's About Time

on the White House lawn and the courtyard of the Pentagon.

Just a thought. <G>

Peace,

John Velez

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From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:55:02 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 19:41:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:03 -0400
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Date: Mon, 29 Jun 1998 17:58:59 -0700 (PDT)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

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>all over again... especially in comparison to the 1953 Robertson
>Panel where several scientists - a Nobel guy included - decided
>that all sightings could be explained and then recommended
>debunking... (CIA sponsored, by the way).

Hi Bruce,

I guess what we're "celebrating" is that the panel report
received a fairly favorable press coverage, and also that now,
after 30 years of advances in astronomy, the ETH will seem less
implausible to the outside scientist.

>[...]
>However, I would argue that there is "physical evidence." I
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>banishment to UFO Hell again!)

But keep in mind the saying that Sagan followers kept mouthing:
The more bizarre the phenomenon, the more convincing its
supporting evidence must be to be convincing (or however it was
worded). Thus the scientist who thinks that the status quo of
human thinking will persist forever will demand 99.9999%
certainty in all the evidence of a case before conceding its
reality, if it involves non-understood phenomena. That saying of
Sagan (though not original with him, as I recall) is the negative
skeptic's salvation. He won't worry about there being large
numbers of other cases up in the 99% level, though a decent
scientist should.

But with a case of multiple events, you could perhaps treat them
all together without the skeptic insisting that each sighting or

photo occasion be treated as if it were the only one. How about with Gulf Breeze and Ed Walters? You could estimate the odds that Ed could have hoaxed pictures taken on one occasion and not have slipped up in some irrefutable way; then the same for a different occasion with different lighting conditions, etc., and so on, including photos of identical or similar craft by other people in Gulf Breeze, and including Ed's photo of the UFO with its shadow moving along rapidly. You've already sort of done this, qualitatively. Most of these instances would have required different means of hoaxing, all with large probability of being unsuccessful. So the odds that Ed could have done it successfully would be the product of a large number of small fractions. You might come up with 10^{*-20} or less odds of success overall for Ed as a hoaxer. By rights, this kind of analysis should be extended to the masses of other sightings of UFOs. But even after the resulting odds that it's not a genuine unknown phenomenon have dropped below 10^{*-100} , the negative skeptic will cling to the infinitesimal odds that it *was* a hoax! But it might convince some true skeptics.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: 'Elliptical' Crop Circles

From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 02:49:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 19:44:03 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Elliptical' Crop Circles

> From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Elliptical' Crop Circles
> Date: Wednesday, July 01, 1998 4:10 PM

> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:28 -0400
> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Elliptical' Crop Circles
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> >From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
> >To: updates@globalserve.net
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Elliptical' Crop Circles
> >Date: Sun, 28 Jun 1998 20:01:45 PDT

> >>From: "Leanne Martin" <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
> >>To: updates@globalserve.net
> >>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: "Elliptical" Crop Circles
> >>Date: Sun, 14 Jun 1998 23:25:02 PDT

<snip>

> As for the "crop circles", I might also point out that the
> really interesting agriglyphs are not the circular or elliptical
> ones, but the highly complex structures consisting of circles,
> squares, spirals, straight paths, etc. which have been seen over
> the last 8 years or so, These odd shapes are far from what one
> would get by shining a beam downward at some angle. One would
> need, at the very least, a beam that can be scanned or a beam
> that can be shaped into a very complicated arrangement of
> intensities (like imaging a cookie cutter onto a field of
> grain).

From: Alien Astronomer
<http://www.geocities.com?area51/Shadowlands/6583>

Hello Everyone :-)

Crop circles always reminds me of this simple experiment:

Take a flat panel of fairly thin metallic material and sprinkle
sugar on the surface. Using the bow from a violin, run it up or
down the perimeter of the flat surface and watch how the
vibration causes geometric shapes to form. Different vibrations
cause different patterns.

Could there be a possible link?

Mark

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New goals/directions for Ufology

From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@li.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 07:28:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 19:53:20 -0400
Subject: New goals/directions for Ufology

>From: "Jerry Cohen" <rjcohen@li.net>
>Date: Wed, 1 Jan 1997 22:37:06 -0500
>Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jan 1997 07:33:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFOs and Mainstream Science

>>Date: Thu, 26 Dec 1996 20:40:49 -0500
>>From: "Steven J. Powell" <sjpowell@access.digex.net>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: UFOs and Mainstream Science

EBK and List,

Since the publishing of the erroneous conclusions of the Condon Study in 1969, it has been "out of fashion" or "out of mainstream" for scientists, in general, to openly proclaim any serious interest in UFOs. It has taken monumental effort by all serious UFO researchers, data accumulated, etc. and the proper conclusions of the Sturrock Committee to overcome the air of illegitimacy which has tainted ufological research in some people's minds for approximately the past 28 years.

Click below for the Sturrock workshop
http://www.jse.com/ufo_reports/Sturrock/toc.html
Location: Journal for Scientific Exploration web site:

John Powell had posted a letter from Bernard Haisch, Ph. D. (Journal of Scientific Exploration) back in December 1996 to which I had responded.

Dr. Haisch's original letter located at:
<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1996/dec/m27-006.shtml>

My response, below, was intended as a combination "thank you," from all serious researchers, for his and the JSE's important contributions and a simplified review of some of the things he brought to our attention in his original essay.

I believe it is probably important at this time to once again review some of the items which were addressed by Dr. Haisch and the JSE as a partial step in redirecting our primary goals to hopefully keep us flowing in an ongoing positive and productive direction.

Although one may feel that some of what he discusses may be almost impossible to achieve in ufology as it exists today, other things most certainly have great merit. (Successes of the combined efforts of FUFOR, CUFOS, MUFON, etc. as an example.)

It is also important to note that even with the recent Sturrock success, our debates will certainly continue until we hopefully, eventually cut closer to the core of the enigma we are attempting to examine. We should also remember that success in this one area, although certainly a time to rejoice (yes, we all earned it), does not mean it is time to relax.

>Dr. Haisch .. you wrote:

>>UF0's and Mainstream Science

>>by Bernhard Haisch, Ph. D.

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>>Scientific Exploration, P.O. Box 5848, Stanford, CA 94309.
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>A RESPONSE FROM ONE RESEARCHER:

>JC: Your thoughtful letter certainly deserves a reply. First, it is a pleasure to hear someone of your credentials and background saying that you have "been exposed to enough data and met enough serious investigators to become supportive of the need to carefully study whatever this phenomenon (phenomena,) may be." The points you have brought to our attention are excellent.

>> From someone who is "an insider in the scientific mainstream: author of research papers, principle investigator on NASA projects, associate editor of a leading journal in astrophysics," this statement alone and your "Journal of Scientific Exploration' (JSE)" is another "breath of fresh air" that Ufologists having been working towards and literally praying for, for a number of years. I believe this is very significant as your letter is proof that the diligent efforts of Ufologists, although certainly divergent in nature, have been able to amass enough data or evidence to convince more scientists of your caliber that there is at least "some" substance to "some" of the things UFO researchers have been saying for years. As you have found, some of that evidence is indeed persuasive and that as you said; "It seems from my unique vantage point as both scientist and editor of JSE, that substantial evidence exists of "something going on."

>Your remarks concerning comments made by Daniel Goldin, the head of NASA, at "the American Astronomical Society in San Antonio," as to how Ufology might some day earn enough respectability to procure at least a portion of the "billions" which government spends on research, hopefully will be thoughtfully received.

>As you have said "Goldin's lesson for NASA" apply to us as well. It is important for us to remember that "If the American people truly want the UFO problem officially investigated, the government will do that by and by", and that "As Goldin urged us to do on behalf of NASA's research: write, call, visit your representatives and senators. Constituencies count. No doubt about it." Some of these are being attempted in Ufology today.

>But, you also said Goldin made a second point that there is...

>> "a second key ingredient that really needs to come first, is that somehow, the community of Ufologists must reach consensus on prioritizing projects," and that "those of us whose projects may not make the cutoff, owing to fiscal limitations, should still obligated as members of the research community to support those that are selected."

>JC: Basically what is said here is that in collective unity, there is strength. This is the incredibly difficult part for us, unifying and agreeing as to who should lead this "crusade" and what specific direction we should take as a whole.

>
>You have said;

"Evidence needs to be properly analyzed and then properly presented using techniques and venues as close as possible to those of mainstream science. The disparity of the evidence appears to be confusing enough without layers of unproven theory and conspiracy."

>JC: This is why researchers are attempting present the facts as we see them and to inform more "scientists" of the data that does presently exist so we can enlist their aid in achieving the

above. More of us need to realize it is only people with the proper credentials and properly trained skills that can do this for us the most successfully.

>The Internet has become a valuable aide in this endeavor. It is helping us communicate with one another. This mail list is one such forum which has been dedicated to bringing these facts to anyone curious enough to find out more about this important topic. Many thanks are owed its overseer, Errol Bruce-Knapp, and the many people who are and have been contributing their time and research to making this list a place where one can analyze and collect other people's serious thinking on the subject. (J.C. 7/1/98 Certainly not to omit Glenn Campbell, who's magnificent, important data base/storage facility makes handling the massive volume of correspondence at least bearable.)

>Additionally, scholarly journals such as your own, material published by the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), etc. are gradually leading us in the direction you mention. Hopefully, other newly interested "mainstream" Scientists, etc. may gradually be able to glean enough information from these sources to get them started on a path that will eventually achieve some of the goals you have mentioned.

>You also make another very important point that should be remembered by all:

>> "To be fair to the principles of objectivity and comprehensiveness one must also acknowledge the possibility that the disarray of Ufology may be partially driven by official or semi-official disinformation, or even, taking the view of the respected researcher Jacques Vallee, by the UFO phenomenon itself."

>> "Even if the UFO phenomenon should turn out to be deeper than we imagine, even should it prove to transcend science as we know it, the scientific approach is the only feasible way in the real, political, economic, technological world we live in to give us some chance to control our dealings with this phenomenon, rather than letting the phenomenon entirely control us... if such it is."

>JC: This is all the more reason why researchers need to continue their efforts in presenting the facts as they see them and doing their best to draw other mainstream Scientists into the fray.

>Thank you, once again for sharing your thoughtful insights with all of us. This researcher certainly appreciates the valuable time you have taken to do so. I am sure many others do as well.

>Respectfully, Jerry Cohen

>E-mail: rjcohen@li.net

Again,

Dr. Haisch's original essay can be found at:
<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1996/dec/m27-006.shtml>

JC: Well done gentlemen. Onward!

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Alfred's Odd Ode #252

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 09:37:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 23:04:08 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

Apology to MW #252 (For July 2, 1998)

Two new mewling children have appeared upon the stage. Their history is very long; you'd think them wise or sage. But they wallow in their filth to show their diapers must need changing, and they smell -- exceeding squalid -- _choosing_ wasteful, dumb, and failing.

They're popping off their phallic nukes for billions on the shot, while shabby folk just have more kids; their noses run with snot! They spend all their dust for the booms and the sizzle; their people stand shoeless, and sick in the drizzle! They're blowing the money on hidden explosions while the lives of their people dissolve in corrosions!

They beat their chests, and shake their *sticks* -- while children languish, starved and sick. Lost in thrall of infantile, they shriek and strut, and smirk and wail. They typify an ignorance. They promulgate their dissonance. Sold out to their total waste, they have the gall to, still, tempt fate.

Just a couple squalling children, then, among so many others; some into adolescence but the most in dirty diapers. Some will spend their comfort, lost, to strut and preen like birds; will scratch the ruined ground in vain, and take until it hurts. Some will take the low road, and will murder in their war what their ethics had produced before their warlord changed the score. Some will make illegal all discussion that belies . . . the *goodness* of your culture -- or your eye upon a sky.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

I wonder -- was there any reported UFO activity in either of those two irresponsible, immature, and ignorant locations? I point my finger fully realizing I point three back at myself, but I digress . . . I'd have thought the situation would have garnered a postulated ET's interest -- if _not_ concern. Is there any news from that part of the globe? I recall no mention in any of the digests here on Updates. If not -- is that odd?

<tapping the mike> Is this thing on?

Restore John Ford!

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Explore the Alien View?

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 23:54:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 23:54:17 -0400
Subject: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

While listening to Wednesday night's 'Sightings', hosted by Jeff Rense, this evening (thanks Bill) I caught the erudite Michael Lindemann dropping a gem.

It seems that he ran into Jeff Sainio at the MUFON Symposium in Colorado this past weekend. The reclusive Mr Sainio called up the Mexico City footage of the 'Craft' going behind a large building, on his computer and told Michael that he was absolutely in no doubt that the footage was a hoax.

Michael also let listeners know that Jerry Glass had tracked the source of the 'Most Stunning Case Ever' (over and around San Bernadino, Southern California). Apparently a film crew were flying a 'Special Effect'.....

The July 1st show is available at:

<http://www.audionet.com/shows/endofteline/archive.stm>

Jeff and Michael work well together, every Wednesday night. Michael will be reporting live from this years Roswell Fest and doubtlessly will be giving Colorado, Roswell and several other stories extensive coverage in the next issue of 'CNI News' - the finest UFO newsletter available on the Net. You can get two free issues by sending a request for same to CNINews1@aol.com

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Jul 98 10:26:38 PDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 23:58:56 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> From: RobIrving@aol.com
> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 21:53:42 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> > To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> > From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> > Date: Wed, 01 Jul 98 11:39:34 PDT

> > Unfortunately, "belief" has been reduced in discourse and debate
> > about anomalies into mere rhetoric. You used it in the context
> > of the scoffer, who uses it in this sense (to borrow from David
> > Hufford, who writes amusingly on the subject): "What I know, I
> > KNOW; what you know, you only BELIEVE."

> That's not a fair reflection of what I think. It's just more
> rhetoric... more projection. I doubt that you could sensibly back
> it up with unvarnished examples.

Perhaps you would care to elucidate. If you go back to
reread what specifically I was responding to, perhaps you
will better understand why I said what I said.

Let me put it this way: Answer yes or no: A reasonable
person, without recourse to mere belief (i.e., faith), can
look at the UFO evidence and see -- rightly or wrongly --
ossible evidence of extraterrestrial visitation. A
yes answer will get you an apology from me.

> To more interesting issues...

> > Is this statement based on anything other than his work with
> > Dorothy Martin's group, with which I gather you are largely
> > unfamiliar?

> He doesn't specifically say. Although he does summarise the
> Martin study. In fact I am familiar with Festinger's work on her
> group (only in terms of having read the book a couple of times).
> My guess is that he had a 'thing' about flying saucer enthusiasts
> generally... for whatever reason, I don't know. All I said was
> that he enjoyed using them as an example in support of his
> theories.

There are several major papers refuting Festinger, whose
theories have failed replication. (You might say, I guess, that
Festinger's prophecies have failed.) As one critic writes, in
the course of showing why ideas like Festinger's are simplistic
and reductionistic, "As scholars we should approach religious
groups as phenomena to be observed and understood in
their own complexity, with at least as much respect for the
complexity and integrity of our subject matter as a biologist
or a physicist has for the phenomena of nature."

> > > ~ 3. Another way of reducing dissonance between one's own
> > > opinion and the knowledge that someone else holds a different
> > > opinion is to make the other person, in some manner, not
> > > comparable to oneself. Such an allegation can take a number of
> > > forms. One can attribute characteristics, experiences, or

judge from -- yes -- the knuckleheaded quote you cite. As for the sentiment about "shoddy explanations": well, of course. It was Deutsch's ignorance and prejudice that I was addressing, not his firm grasp of the obvious. Look what happened to John Rimmer recently when he tried to construct a falsifiable version of the PSH.

> Don't like Deutsch? Historian Felipe Fenandez-Armesto says much
> the same thing: '... trustworthy conclusions cannot be based on
> unverified premisses'.

Quite. I hope he spelled "premisses" right, though.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Lloyd Pye Lecture

From: Scott Jordan <sjordan@sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 17:51:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 00:35:27 -0400
Subject: Lloyd Pye Lecture

Dear List:

If anyone here is a regular listener of Art Bell you may have heard of Lloyd Pye and his research into Zacheria Sitchen's work and the hominids (Yeti, Bigfoot, Alma) as the indigenous species of Earth.

Well my question is: If he were to Lecture in Toronto in August, how many here would be interested in seeing his lecture ?

I am arranging a lecture tour and trying to gauge interest in the Toronto area.

Please e-mail me at sjordan@sympatico.ca

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Filer's Files #26

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 00:31:44 -0400
Subject: Filer's Files #26

Filer's Files #26-1998 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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SCIENTISTS CLAIM UFOs MIGHT BE REAL AND DESERVE FURTHER STUDY

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- The first independent scientific review of purported UFO sightings in almost 30 years has concluded that some unexplained physical evidence warrants serious scientific study, the Washington Post reported in its Monday editions. The study by an international panel emphasized that it had found no convincing evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence or any violation of natural laws, the Post said. But the panel cited cases of intriguing and inexplicable details such as burns to witnesses, radar detection of mysterious objects, strange lights appearing repeatedly in the skies over certain places, aberrations in the workings of automobiles and radiation and other damage found in vegetation. The 50-page review was released Monday in a publication of the Society for Scientific Exploration. The society was established by Peter Sturrock of Stanford University, who directed the inquiry. The survey asserted that the scientific community might learn something worthwhile if it overcame a fear of ridicule associated with the topic and got some funding for targeted research, the paper said. "It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to science," it quoted the report as saying. The Sturrock group said that thanks to strides in understanding and technical capabilities, chances of significant understanding were greater now than 30 years ago when the Air Force and the CIA supported a two-year investigation. That 1968 report concluded that "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced."

GEORGIA

John Thompson reports from Georgia that The Atlanta Journal Constitution afternoon edition had as its front page headlines in one inch bold black type about SSE scientists who are recommending study by other scientists on UFOs. Seeing that one inch tall "UFO" at the top of the largest afternoon paper in the South was really a shocker. They followed up this morning with another front page story--but not the headline--on a UFO poll showing a majority of the country now believes it is possible that ET craft are visiting Earth. Using quotes from old AJC articles in the '50s, '60s, and even '70s they showed where the Air Force admitted this or that in their own newspaper back then. It is the most positive high-profile article I have ever seen published in the AJC since I've been in Georgia (20 years). I don't know if this type coverage will really lead to any help we need but it sure won't hurt. I'm hearing that similar coverage occurred in Chicago and around the country.

NEW JERSEY

Investigator Evelyn Galson that a Mullica Hill couple was traveling down Route 45 from Woodbury towards Mullica Hill on Saturday, June 13, 1998, at 9:35 PM when they spotted a UFO. The wife looked towards the Gloucester County Library as they passed by and noticed some strange lights in the sky. There were 3 or 4 red and blue, round lights all in front like a straight bar. She asked her husband, "What is that?" He couldn't look because he was driving and he didn't answer her. As she watched, the lights followed their car and changed to all white lights. She asked her husband, "Can a planes lights change color?" But he still didn't answer her. When they finally arrived home and pulled into their driveway, the object moved over the treetops to the right side of their backyard and stopped. She asked her husband, "What is that?" Her husband said, "I don't know, maybe it's a helicopter." He then

went into the house. The wife walked to the backyard to get a better look at the craft and noticed that there were no sounds coming from it. The object moved a little at a time, very slowly and finally reached the left side of backyard just above their suburban home. The UFO turned to a different direction and she saw that the object was oval. It was just hovering, barely moving about 80 feet above the ground. All of a sudden, the outside lights on the craft were turned off, and lights came on the inside. There were three decks or three levels that lit up one after another. You could see right into the craft. Later she noticed three white lights underneath the craft towards the outside. They were positioned in a triangular pattern. She observed the craft in the backyard for 10 to 15 minutes. She said it was about the size of a military helicopter, but three floors high. She then went into the house to call her daughter, because she wanted her daughter to see it. When they went back outside it was no longer visible. The mother had trouble sleeping that evening and was unusually tired the next morning, which was Sunday. When she got up to get ready to go to church, she noticed a bruise on her thigh with three puncture wounds. She did not have them the day before. The craft was viewed from 9:35 to after 11:00 P.M. Thanks to Evelyn Galson

Daniel Rodriguez reports he and his father saw a UFO on Saturday, June 27, 1998, on Tonnelle Avenue between North Bergen and Fairview not far from Newark Airport. About 7:00 PM, they saw a craft that looked like half a pizza, with lights on the pointy ends and one in the middle of the rounded edge. The flat portion of the craft was the front with the circular part in the rear. It was moving slow, but increased its speed. The craft was the size of two cars laid next to each other, or about a 40 foot wingspan. The UFO flew off to the west-southwest. Other aircraft were observed in the vicinity, but no one seemed to notice the UFO. Thanks to Daniel Rodriguez at UFOs here in E-mail interview

MICHIGAN

Port Washington Bob Mueller reports that saw black helicopters fly over his house on Saturday, June 13, 1998, and then again on Sunday. On both days, five helicopters flew north and then came back a few hours later heading south. They looked like UH-60 Blackhawks gunships with a capacity for about a dozen troops apiece. There were no markings, but those low-visibility paint schemes make it tough to see. Sunday night, at about 11:00 PM, I went out to my car to get something, and I saw a moving, flashing orange light very high in the sky directly overhead. When it flashed, it was very bright (so much so, it's reflection off my car/glasses caught my attention enough to cause me look DIRECTLY up). It appeared to be moving in straight line. The UFO was heading due North - the same heading (and along virtually the same path) as the helicopters. I watched it for about 10 seconds, then ran inside to get my wife Michele. We came out maybe 30 seconds later, but by then it was gone. Was a satellite catching the sun? I wonder. Thanks for the E-mail submission from Bob Mueller.

CALIFORNIA

Roman Yerema reports he has taped many UFOs during May and June of this year. Roman says he owns stock footage and specializes in military aircraft. I've been shooting aircraft for thirty years and never encountered anything that resembled a UFO. In May and June all hell broke loose. You should see what I have gotten on tape. Give Roman a call if your interested at 800-677-5778, 13855 Belvedere Dr. Poway CA Thanks to ISUR and John Thompson.

Good quality video of a UFO was apparently taken near San Bernardino on June 16, 1998. At 3 AM, Abel was delivering newspapers and saw a Green Fireball with three smaller red objects near Highway 330. Abel who is close to home, races home and grabs his wife and a video camera. He drove to 40th Street and Del Rosa where he video taped a craft! Two nights later at 9:05 PM, LeAnn, her son and boyfriend return to the site where they saw the Fireball. In the trees they see the Green Fireball again. The son says it's 200 feet across. They video tape the object that has several smaller orange orbs. First, she tapes it on automatic, and when the object moves, they follow it and switch video to manual. They catch the object changing colors. LeAnn reports (as do all the others) the object was so bright, it hurt her eyes. LeAnn played the tape while I was on the phone and I could hear their interaction. On Sunday, Cinde Costello, fellow MUFON State Section Director and I will visit LeAnn and Abel, see their videos, fill out MUFON reports, make copies of the tapes, take site photographs, pin-point map positions, then post the photos and data to the web site (<http://www.neptune.net/mufon>). Following this, all the witnesses involved have agreed to a joint meeting to corroborate their data. Hosted by MUFON, it will take place at the residence of Bishop Donald, Jolly-Gabriel, 1510 Yucca Street, San Bernardino, CA, on Friday, July 3, 1998, at 6:30 PM.. This historic meeting may be heard "Live" on Jeff Rense's "Sightings" radio show, as well as being covered by television and by the press. To attend, contact Jerry Glass at: jglass@pe.net or (909) 471-1194." Thanks to Peter A. Gersten,

MONTREAL, CANADA

Saturday night, June 20, 1998, Kayla S. and her husband "were sitting in our backyard and watching the stars, because it was unusually clear and the visibility was great. I was hoping to see a UFO but did not really expect it." The couple, lives in a suburban neighborhood between Dorval and Lachine, just south of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, watched the sky for a while. "Then, at around midnight," Kayla reported, "I screamed, 'UFO, UFO! It looks like something weird, honey.'" "My husband and was also watching the strange sight. We both saw an L-shaped formation that seemed to be made up of about five different V-shaped objects. It could have been a flock of birds except for the fact of the speed they were going at. It traversed the sky in about four seconds." (Editor's Note: Four seconds from horizon to horizon equals 3,600 miles per hour.) "We lost sight of it because of the trees and the houses and the speed of it. The color of each of the separate V-shaped objects was a kind of opaque grey, translucent almost. If it hadn't been so crystal clear that night, then there was no way we would have ever been able to see this." She added that the UFO formation was "traveling due south" towards the Adirondack Mountains of the USA's northern New York state. (E-mail Interview) Thanks to UFO Roundup #3-26 6/24/98 Joe Trainor Editor

ASTRONOMERS DISCOVER PLANET #12 OUTSIDE OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

A planet bigger than Jupiter has been discovered and is just 15 light years from Earth. Geoffrey Marcy, who heads a four-member team of San Francisco State researchers, announced the discovery at a scientific symposium in Canada. The finding was confirmed by a separate team in Switzerland. The group found the planet, apparently a huge ball of gas with a surface temperature well below zero, using the Keck I telescope in Hawaii. Its huge mass -- at least 1.9 times bigger than Jupiter's -- was detected by a wobble in the motion of a nearby star, not by direct visualization. There is no evidence of any solid land on the planet on which earthlike life forms might have developed. Scientists say the planet is mostly hydrogen and helium with a surface temperature of about 80 degrees below zero. The planet was the first to be found orbiting a small star called Gliese 876, one-third the size of the sun. The star is the closest to Earth -- other than our own sun -- around which a planet has been found. It is one of the closest members of a class of low-mass stars that are the most common in the Milky Way galaxy. The previously closest-known "extrasolar" planet orbits a star about 35 light-years away. A light-year is 5.9 trillion miles, the distance light travels in one year. "It's not spitting distance, exactly, but spacecraft distance perhaps for future generations. Marcy added that the discovery of a planet around Gliese 876 dramatically raises the odds that many more planets may be found relatively close to our own solar system. "Twelve such planets have been discovered, including seven by Marcy and his associates in the past three years. Thanks to the Nando Times and Jack Beach jbeach@dmv.com

UFO PLASMAS

Dana Schmidt writes regarding last week's files: "Are plasmas causing UFOs?" - I object to the way you concluded that section. You said, "Almost anywhere there can be surprisingly strong electrical plasmas...that have been generated by storms, within the earth or from man-made machines....Our brains will attempt to make sense of any object in front of our eyes. We can interpret these electrical plasmas as UFOs."

George, this is as strong a statement that UFOs are nothing but natural plasma phenomenon as I have ever seen! But that is clearly untrue, as plasma will NOT generate structural features, aliens in windows, aliens on the ground, etc. And as far as "almost anywhere strong plasmas are generated by storms or man machines," baloney. I have NEVER seen any plasmas, and I have watched many storms. I think you owe your readers an explanation. Otherwise, I might as well close up NY MUFON and simply inform all callers that it must have been a plasma. Thanks to Don Schmidt. dschmidt@cldx.com.
 Editors Comment: Don't close up shop, expand it instead. I may not have made it clear, but some 5 to 10% of UFOs reported in my opinion are some type of plasma or orbs. I have some good clear pictures of them in an abductee's bedroom and the sky. I consider that some of these plasmas are a type of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO). Further, they may possess alien intelligence and technology. Some of these plasmas have even been observed entering our atmosphere. I know this may be hard to accept, but I have a number of witnesses who claim to be in contact with these electrical plasma type UFOs. Remember, most abductees report seeing plasmas or orbs prior to or during an abduction. They also have scars that seem to have been caused by plasmas. We may be dealing with a very misunderstood form of natural phenomenon or aliens who are completely different from what we can imagine. These aliens may be an electrical magnetic energy life form. I'm attempting to enlarge our concept of alien life, it may be much different than any one imagined. The plasma UFOs may be an attempt to camouflage their craft or may be the result of their technology.

KEVIN RANDLE AND ROSWELL PHOTOGRAPH CONTROVERSEY CONTINUES:

I have received numerous letters regarding the debris photos. Two sides seem to be developing. Those who feel the debris is simply an Army Radar Reflector and those who feel the debris involves much more, perhaps even alien wreckage. Kevin Randle writes 6/21/98 regarding #20 files. I might be able to help on some of this since I spoke to Bond Johnson in 1989, and have recorded interviews with him from that time frame.

Filer:>>I'm printing what Dr. James Johnson says. To my knowledge he is not going to make any money with this and his motivation seems to be to clear General Ramey's name. I agree with that motivation.

Randle: First, Ramey's name doesn't need clearing by Johnson or anyone else. No one has said that General Ramey acted improperly. He was doing his job as ordered by higher headquarters and was eventually rewarded since he made major general. Second, while Johnson might not make any money, there are other, powerful motives for actions. He certainly is seeking the spotlight with his claim of being the Roswell Photographer. He is, in fact, the Fort Worth photographer, who took pictures of a weather balloon and radar target, which are clearly visible.

Filer> >He claims there is wreckage in addition to the radar reflector that was very odd.

Randle He told me, originally, that all he saw was a weather balloon and radar reflector. He was told, at that time, by General Ramey it was a weather balloon. He didn't see anything other than a weather balloon and target.

Filer>> Also it smelled like something that had burned or exploded. I don't have the photographs to determine what he is talking about, but they have been ordered.

Randle: How are you going to determine, from photographs, how something smelled? I have seen the photographs and there is no evidence in them that something has been burned or exploded.

Filer>> Both Marcel's claimed they saw symbols on the materials in the field and in the kitchen.

Randle>> The Marcel's did but the symbols seen by them are not what is being reported today.

Filer: Dr. Johnson claims the symbols are in the photos proving General Ramey was not lying and the material had not been switched. He handled the material, claims he saw the markings, and did not know what it was.

Randle: General DuBose said the material was not what had been found in Roswell. Marcel, looking at the photos said that it wasn't what he found in New Mexico. No one said that General Ramey was lying. This is a straw man erected by Johnson to further his own agenda. He has only recently started suggesting he handled the material. Why the change in his story? He only recently began to talk of seeing symbols? Why the change in his story?

Filer>He is alive and well. He is a retired Colonel and minister, Ph.D., etc. Why would he lie?

Randle: The lure of the spotlight. More importantly, his story as told today is at odds with what he was saying in 1989... all of which is recorded on audio tape, with his permission.

Filer>> If he is right it might solve this case once and for all. My experience has been that seldom would people of this caliber lie unless ordered to do so. There is always the possibility that he is simply mistaken after he has been so closely questioned by so many people with so many different agendas. It's our job to prove this stuff is not "ALL" a Mogul balloon train. They brought in the weatherman and flew the stuff to Wright Pat to determine its identity. That seems consistent. Of course, there may have been a crashed craft on another field consistent with the other eye witness testimony. Perhaps I'm naive, but I assume people are telling the truth the best they can remember it until proven otherwise. I've talked to several people who were at the site and the testimony is generally consistent.

Randle If I read this right, then you will accept the possibility that Johnson has radically altered his story if I can prove that he has altered it. If he told me, several times, on tape, that General Ramey told him it was a weather balloon, in direct conflict with his claims today, then you would grant that he is mistaken. If he told me, several times, on tape, that he wrote the July 9 story in the newspaper, which he now denies saying, then you would grant that he is mistaken. Johnson has entered the arena and has cluttered it with incorrect information which he continues to spread. He is not going to help us prove that Mogul wasn't responsible. He is, however,

going to provide the skeptics with everything they need to sink us if we don't place Johnson's story in the proper context. Remember, I have his original statements on tape and they are in conflict with what he says today. Worse, Jesse Marcel, Jr. said that Johnson had put words in his mouth and taken his comments out of context. I thought you would want to know this. Thanks to Kevin Randle

Marilyn J Ruben writes in support of Johnson's photos. No, it is absolutely not a substance that was glued on. Under 8 x up to 16 x magnification the surface is shiny and perfectly smooth. It is a continuous and single surface. It is as shiny as a polished metal. That is why I am sure the designs are engraved mechanically. The shapes have perfect symmetry under magnification. The balls at the edges of the letters are perfectly round. The beam is not wrinkled except along the edges or other places where it folds under, which as noted previously, was caused by the crash impact. I am sure the English Professionals has already seen this as well. The magnification does not lie. It shows what the human eye can't see. Thanks to Marilyn J Ruben.
Editors Note: Bond Johnson has gathered together several important researchers to examine his photographs. Some claim they've found symbols and other evidence not consistent with the Rawin radar reflector. It appears the controversy will continue and there is a possibility that further examination of the photos might reveal some new data. Have a nice July 4.

Please send your comments and letters to George A. Filer at Majorstar@aol.com.

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Re: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

From: David Baker <davbak@globalnet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 22:11:16 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 00:18:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

>Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 16:22:43 +0100
>From: dledger@ns.sympatico.ca (Donald Ledger)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

>> From: Concorp@aol.com [Name Not Known]
>> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 02:25:32 EDT
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> Subject: Alien recovery team

>> Ed Komarek of Thomasville, Georgia and Rob Bailey of Troy, Michigan have formed a recovery team to excavate 5 alien skeletons from a remote glacial site located near the Alaskan/Canadian border.

>> The skeletons were originally discovered in 1938 by a member of a police organization while searching for a missing person. Recovery operations begin in July and members of the media and scientific community will be apprised of the search results.

>Aw Geez...here we go again.

>Don

Dear Name Not Known,

I believe the episode of the X-Files you are referring to is the season 4 finale, "Gethsemene"....

Dave

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Jul 98 12:44:20 PDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 00:14:02 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:57:57 -0500 (CDT)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> >To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> >Date: Wed, 01 Jul 98 11:08:33 PDT

> <snip>

> >The weight of evidence, of course, is currently falling in
> >the direction of Swords and others who suspect the galaxy --
> >and the larger universe -- is densely populated. All one
> >has to do is to read the newspapers; you don't have to go
> >to obscure scientific journals anymore to follow the argument.
> >The discovery that planets are apparently ubiquitous should
> >give heart to anyone sympathetically inclined to the ETH.

> No, Jerry, that is just the point. The weight of evidence *isn't*
> falling in Swords's direction, as you would know if you had
> thoroughly read and digested Davis's article in The Anomalist 5
> (and followed up on the 149 footnotes/references therein, as you
> are always urging others to do). Name any of the "others who
> suspect the galaxy -- and the larger universe -- is densely
> populated."

Don't you read the papers? Do I really have to go out and dig up
stuff that you already know is there? At least I HOPE you do, or
I don't know what you're doing here. Just, however, to be sure I
understand you correctly: are you saying that SETI scientists do
NOT "suspect the galaxy -- and the larger universe -- is densely
populated?" By "densely populated" I mean many hundreds of
thousands, or several millions, of intelligent civilizations.
Some, presumably, in our galactic neighborhood. Is it your
contention that this particular heresy is ufology's alone?

> Secondly, if the universe *were* as densely populated as you seem
> to assert here, then we would already have word of same from SETI
> -- ufologists need not apply.

What is the basis of this claim?

> Thirdly, there is no "discovery that planets are apparently
> ubiquitous," unless you've been reading other newspapers and
> sources than I have. To the best of my knowledge, about eleven
> giant gas planets have been *indicated* to date, a couple or
> three of which may have been more or less confirmed. But to refer
> to such huge masses, typically on a Jupiter scale, as even
> remotely possible sources of ET intelligence on your part, is
> disingenuous at best.

Oh, my. If I were you, I wouldn't be throwing around adjectives
such as "disingenuous" here when you're using this sort of
argument, if argument it is. (I can think of more colorful
characterizations.) Come back and talk sense next time, and
maybe we can discuss this productively.

> >If the galaxy is full of millions of advanced civilizations, we
> >ought to EXPECT to see them. If we don't see them or any
> >evidence of them, they likely don't exist, and the SETI program
> >is a big waste of time, money, and personnel, and all those
> >popular and academic books on intelligent life elsewhere
> >are destroying trees for nothing.

> I'm always amazed at the animosity shown by ufologists towards
> SETI. If I were a Freudian, I would suspect some sort of penis
> envy. After all, if SETI exhibited any success, wouldn't
> ufologists be the first to say I told you so!?

I am always amazed at the animosity shown by SETIans towards
ufologists. If I were a sociologist or philosopher of science,
or maybe a psychologist, I would suspect some species of
intellectual anxiety. After all, if ufology exhibited any
success, wouldn't SETIans be embarrassed as hell?

A witty and insightful piece on the irrational hostility of
SETIans toward ufology's ETH, together with a discussion of its
possible psychological foundations, is Don C. Donderi's "The
Effect of Conscious and Unconscious Attitudes About UFO Evidence
on Scientific Acceptance of the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis,"
JUFOS 1 (old series, 1979): 35-40. Donderi, a McGill University
psychologist, uses his professional training to probe this
curious phenomenon.

And finally, a question: I'm curious. When was the last time you
took a pro-UFO position in any argument on this subject? Or is
that occurrence lost in the dim mists of antiquity?

Just wondering.

> >The point Dennis misses here, I think, is the one I have
> >attempted to make continually (not "constantly," Dennis),
> >albeit so far without any notable success: namely that,
> >contrary to what debunkers and Purely Speculative
> >Hypothesizers (if there is any longer a distinction) want us
> >to believe, the ETH is neither absurd nor indefensible.
> >Swords shows that the ETH can be defended using principles
> >embraced by many scientists writing and researching in
> >exobiology. You can determine that easily by reading this
> >literature for yourself. Swords does not go beyond that
> >observation, and neither have or do I.

Dennis has yet to acknowledge what you just read.

> And the point Jerry misses here is this: a 'densely' populated
> universe is still separated, one civilization from another, by
> immense distances, which involve gigantic expenditures in terms
> of energy and other resources, to surmount. Clark seems to say,
> hey, there's a lot of us out there, so interstellar travel should
> be a relative snap, even though it still takes us a couple of
> years to get to Mars, a planet within our own solar system.
>
> Clark also ignores the fact, which I raised, that the Swords
> argument actually *reduces* the density, i.e., number, of
> intelligent life forms capable of space travel, by imposing
> additional restrictions (atmospheric oxygen content ratio, etc)
> on same.

Oh, I see. So they can't get here from there, is that it? How, I
would like to know, do you know that? Remote viewing? Deeply
rooted faith? The conviction that the science and technology of
the late 20th Century will be the science and technology of the
late 30th Century?

> In other words, Clark seems to have overlooked one of the major
> implications of Sword's own theory: namely, that the universe can
> be densely populated, but only a very small segment of same will
> ultimately achieve space travel. Put another way: the latter is
> hardly a given, as Clark seems to believe.

Nor is it a given that at a certain stage of development, a
civilization -- or a whole lot of civilizations -- won't achieve
space

(and even intragalactic) travel. What's odd about arguments like
Dennis' is that he assumes that only ufologists, whom he seems

to regard as uniquely evil or something (otherwise why would he attack only them for holding opinions that are not theirs alone?) entertain these heresies. In fact, many of the criticisms could be applied equally to anti-ETH SETI advocates, but whenever somebody like me points that out, the Dennis Stacys of the world go ballistic (or, more specifically and weirdly, begin to ruminate about penis envy[!?!]). A number, in my reading of them, do not even dispute the possibility of ET visitation; they just don't think it is happening at the moment. Dennis, I gather, is arguing that it could never happen, or is so unlikely that only dimwitted ufologists could consider the possibility -- which puts him at odds, of course, not just with pro-ETH ufologists.

The subject of doable interstellar travel has its own considerable literature among space scientists and engineers. There is far from a consensus, as Dennis seems to want us to believe, that travel through the galaxy will be forever impossible. Maybe Dennis should go there with his arguments and try to tell the nonufologists why they're wrong.

Which leads me to ask: what would you prefer, Dennis: an occult explanation for puzzling UFO reports? Or a debunking one? Beyond that, I confess that more and more I am at a loss to follow your thinking on our subject. All I detect is an unrelenting hostility to it.

> In addition, you can read the available scientific literature,
> Davis included, and find any number of scientists who disagree
> with Swords. So what determines your choice as to who's
> ultimately "right" or "wrong" in this matter? Prior disposition,
> I suspect.

And, of course, an acquaintanceship with the UFO evidence, which is certainly suggestive in a number of intriguing ways of ET visitation, as (for example) the late Clyde Tombaugh (you know, the famous "believer" and pseudoscientist) remarked. Unlike Dennis apparently, I don't consider the matter closed. I consider it one requiring a lot more and much better funded investigation before we know "who's ultimately 'right' or 'wrong' [why the scare quotes, by the way?] in this matter."

> Clark prefers Swords's description of the universe. Over the
> years, I've come to prefer Davis's.

As the great Ralph Stanley says, You go to your church, I'll go to mine. I just hope that next time you attend services, you'll hear a more compelling sermon. I have the distinct impression, watching the deep convictions you exhibit based on what looks to me like shaky foundations, that you are of a far more fundamentalist disposition than I am. You might try a little tolerance for ambiguity, my friend.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Hubble Simulcast Links Outer Space To Cyberspace

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HUBBLE SIMULCAST LINKS OUTER SPACE TO CYBERSPACE

Expanding its broadcast universe far beyond the Baltimore area and into cyberspace, the popular WJHU radio program "The Marc Steiner Show" (WJHU, FM 88.1), has teamed up with NASA's Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI) to take listeners on a Hubble Space Telescope tour of the cosmos via the Internet.

For the show's first time, host Marc Steiner's discussion and interview with his guests will be available on the World Wide Web, courtesy of STScI's Office of Public Outreach.

Even if people miss the July 7 live broadcast, STScI will make the recorded program, with dazzling Hubble Telescope images added, available on the Internet for space enthusiasts to listen to in their leisure time.

The hour-long program's guests are Dr. Carol Christian and Dr. Mario Livio from STScI, and IMAX/Planetarium director Jim O'Leary from the Maryland Science Center, a popular Baltimore Inner Harbor attraction.

The experts will describe the latest Hubble discoveries, notably, recent observations of the spectacular and colorful deaths of stars like our sun. The guests will also answer listeners' questions over a broad range of astronomical topics, and tell the story behind the headlines of some of Hubble's most dramatic findings.

"My talk show tackles all sorts of intriguing topics, but bringing Hubble results and even pictures to a worldwide audience with commentary by leading Hubble astronomers is an especially exciting opportunity," says radio host Marc Steiner. "This is groundbreaking work for public radio, bringing you a live broadcast with pictures and text during our conversation. We are marrying the forms of media."

"The astronomers at STScI are enthusiastic about sharing the dramatic imagery and latest science results from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope through innovative ways on the Internet," says Carol Christian, head of the Institute's Office of Public Outreach. "A simulcast with the Marc Steiner's program is a great merging of broadcast radio with the Web."

For listeners to "tune in" via the Internet, they need a free software package "plug in" called Real Audio. This software can be downloaded into a home computer from the following URL: <http://www.real.com/products/player/index.html>. Before the show, listeners need to use their computers and Internet access to reach the site, and follow the directions for downloading and installing the software.

The program, which will be broadcast at 12 noon on Tuesday July 7, can be accessed on the internet at the following URL:

<http://hubble.stsci.edu/steiner/>

"After the show listeners will still be able to access the site and log into any part of the discussion they want, hearing that portion of the conversation, seeing the videos and photo's and accessing documents," says Steiner. "Also we want to hear their comments and critiques, and so listeners are welcomed to e-mail us."

"The Marc Steiner Show" airs weekdays from noon to 2 p.m. on WJHU, Baltimore's National Public Radio member station and a radio service of The Johns Hopkins University.

The Space Telescope Science Institute is the research center for conducting Hubble Telescope observations, and will also operate the successor to Hubble, called the Next Generation Space Telescope, to be launched in the year 2007.

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From: Mark - Alien Astronomer

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

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Sarah McClendon Press Release

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Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 10:07:53 -0700
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July 1, 1998

From: Sarah McClendon
White House Correspondent

Washington, D.C. - Pressure is building up for Congress to give attention to the controversy over unidentified flying objects. With scientists from Stanford, MIT, Cornell, Princeton and elsewhere studying UFO evidence, the controversy is now being brought out into the open and heavy secrecy surrounding the subject is being lifted. Seminars on UFO evidence are being held periodically throughout the country with laymen discussing the evidence without fear of being ridiculed.

When about 30 members of Congress or their staff heard a briefing on UFOs in April of 1997, Rep. Dan Burton, R., Ind. chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, displayed some interest in the matter. His committee has received a number of letters on the subject, according to staff member Matthew Ebert. "These letters are treated seriously," he said. Ebert thinks there is a possibility congressional hearings will be held.

At a May 11 hearing on human rights documents pertaining to Guatemala and Honduras held by the House subcommittee on Government Management Information and Technology, its chairman Rep. Steve Horn, R. CA, asked how the government classifies UFO documents. The two witnesses, Lee Strickland, chief of the Information Review Group of the Central Intelligence Agency and Steven Garfinkle, director of the Security and Oversight Group of the National Archives, both said they thought UFO documents should be considered as public information.

There may be economic benefits from this emerging information. Dr. Steven Greer, an emergency room physician, who for eight years has briefed and been briefed by government and U.N. officials on the subject of unidentified objects in U.S. airspace, is convinced that the materials and technology of UFOs carry enormous benefits. For example, he says their energy creating apparatus does not use internal combustion.

Greer asserts the financial and environmental cost of exploiting oil and gas to service 6 billion people worldwide can be dramatically reduced. Large scale energy production derived from UFO technology would reverse environmental damage and save hundreds of billions of dollars annually in direct costs.

Dr. Greer is the International Director of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence and leads a working team of around 200 composed of CSETI members and associates, government employee witnesses, consultants and government contacts. Their hope is to get congress to hold hearings and take testimony from witnesses. He has explained his conclusions to a number of congressional members.

A national petition utilizing the Internet and calling for congressional hearings was launched last year by another group, Stargate International out of Tucson, Arizona. It has accumulated 20,000 + names to be presented to congress. A million signatures are sought.

Greer is aware that many employees of the government keep secret facts which they have obtained about UFOs. He feels it is unconstitutional for government to bottle up information of this importance. He would like to see UFO's openly discussed and covered widely in the press.

For some years the belief has been widespread there is in the public domain a presidential executive order forbidding government employees from talking about UFOs. Dr. Greer is not aware of any such an executive order but indicated concern that secret executive orders have been issued and not disclosed to Congress or the public. Such secret orders would make it difficult for people to learn more about UFOs. From the White House it was learned that a check of executive orders going back to the early eighteen thirties shows none has been issued on this subject. Surprising is the growing number of citizens showing an interest in finding out more about UFOs. Seminars are being held around the country every week with as many as five and six hundred in attendance.

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Sarah McClendon is the Dean of the White House Press Corps

The following is a March 30, 1998 Press Release on the subject by Ms. McClendon

By SARAH MCCLENDON
WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT
March 30th, 1998

Washington, D.C. -- Unidentified Flying Objects, a term given for many years to unexplained sightings of craft in the skies over every state in the Union, are actual visitors from other worlds, believe a community of scientists and technicians employed by government.

The real danger to the U.S. and perhaps this whole planet is the government has placed such a heavy blanket of secrecy upon this issue. So much secrecy, those in government who have knowledge showing UFOs are identifiable feel the subject cannot be discussed by those in the know without serious repercussions. Others are afraid their friends and co-workers will think they are crazy if they even so much as insinuate that UFOs are identifiable as manned craft from outside the earth. This particularly applies to newspaper editors and publishers, reporters and analysts. Thus the U.S. is denying itself the chance to learn more about UFOs or to encourage research despite the fact the U. S. stands to gain from such discussions.

Not publicized but true is that the Clinton administration, soon after coming to office, had many briefings on the subject. Laurance Rockefeller provided the information for the President and Mrs. Clinton. Others provided documents and verbal briefings to presidential advisors Jack Gibbons (science), Bruce Lindsay (personal), Anthony Lake (national security) and Vice President Albert Gore. About the same time a three hour briefing was given by Dr. Steven Greer to the sitting Director of the CIA, Admiral Woolsey.

Subsequently, Clinton instructed Webster Hubbell, when naming him to the position of Associate Attorney General at the Justice Department, that he wanted him to investigate and report back to him on two things, circumstances surrounding the death of President John F. Kennedy, and the existence of UFOs. Hubbell, despite his position and the presidential imprimatur, was boxed in at Justice Department and never was able to find out. All of this was disclosed in Hubbell's memoir Friends in High Places.

Now the lid on UFOs is gradually coming off. There is a national drive underway to get one million signatures on a petition calling for an open Congressional hearing for government employee witnesses. Dr. Steven Greer, Director of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI), devotes most of his time seeking disclosure of government evidence proving the existence of craft manned by non-humans. Another who feels that positive proof exists within government, is Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso (retired), who reveals in a recent book, The Day After Roswell, that he was in charge of the Roswell files during his tenure as head of the Army's Foreign Technology Division. He states unequivocally that these files confirm the crash which occurred at Roswell, New Mexico was an alien space craft. This completely refutes the Air Force denials and subsequent explanations. Corso says that the crashed vehicle was studied and proved to be manufactured of materials unknown as to source and usage in this country. In time, he says, this and other UFOs provided technologies which were "worked into the commercial world via front companies." Incidentally he vouches for the fact that this has proven to be a valuable contribution to U.S. aircraft design and other commercial products.

After the Roswell incident, the Air Force replied to reporters' inquiries that this was all part of research using weather balloons and other equipment. Corso and hundreds of others who work or have worked in secret defense and scientific agencies, are willing to swear under oath that alien craft are repeatedly penetrating our airspace.

Whenever the military agencies are asked to look into this matter further, the answer is always the same - "We do not investigate UFOs."

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Mysterious Flashes And Iridium Satellites

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Hi everyone!

Below is part of an article written by a past neighbour and fellow RASC amateur astronomer, Terence Dickinson. The article is from the July/August 1998 issue of SkyNews, The Canadian Magazine of Astronomy and Stargazing of which Terry is the editor. Many ufologists will already know him as the author of The Zeta Reticulli Incident article in Astronomy magazine which caused a big stir a few decades ago when the home base of certain Earth visiting aliens was identified.

NEW SATELLITES FLASH THE SKIES

A giant constellation of 66 Earth- orbiting satellites, each the size of two large refrigerators stacked atop one another, is now in position 780 kilometres above the Earth's surface. The \$6 billion Iridium project, operated by communications giant Motorola, is the largest commercial space venture ever mounted, yet it remains virtually unknown to anyone outside the aerospace industry.

After a brief testing period, the satellite network will bring into service in September the first global cellular- type wireless phone system. Since at least one of the 66 satellites will be near overhead at any given time, Iridium subscribers will be able to call any- where in the world without placing the call through the local telephone company.

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In addition, the satellites' highly reflective transponder antennas - each about the size of a standard household door - produce brilliant flashes as the satellites pass overhead. The flashes are reflected sunlight and, to the naked eye, look like bright stars that appear out of nowhere, then quickly fade. They can become brighter than Venus for a few seconds. Amateur astronomers have been enjoying watching for these Iridium flashes, but the novelty may wear off in a few months. Predictions are available on the Web at:

<http://www.gsoc.dlr.de/satvis/>

During annual meteor showers there is always the rare chance of observing a meteor that is heading almost directly at you. This meteor will also appear as a flash which will usually last for a fraction of a second (not many seconds as with the Iridium flashes) and will rarely be as bright as Venus, the third brightest celestial object in the sky next to the Sun and Moon. One excited amateur astronomer friend of mine once saw flashing lights in the sky that changed directions frequently. I pointed out to him that the flashes of light which he thought were UFOs in the distance were in fact nearby fireflies.

Go to the Web site above, note the times of the next Iridium satellite flashes and try to observe them. Some of these flashes, which will now occur regularly (more common than firefly sightings too?), may even be reported as UFOs.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Burning Gas In Tornadoes Causes Many UFOs?

From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 22:08:08 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:46:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Burning Gas In Tornadoes Causes Many UFOs?

In a message dated 98-07-02 09:56:24 EDT, you write:

>From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 03:24:36 +0200
>Subject: Burning Gas Inside Tornadoes Cause Of Many UFOs?

>A new theory advanced by a University of Canterbury scientist suggests
>many unidentified flying objects are balls of burning gas trapped
>inside tornadoes.

>Researcher Peter Coleman said his theory, published in a book, Ball
>Lightning: A Scientific Mystery Explained, could apply to the Kaikoura
>UFO sightings of 1978 and 1979, the Tunguska explosion in Siberia in
>1908, human combustion, and numerous types of mysterious lights in the
>sky.

>According to the theory, ball lightning is produced when natural gas in
>the atmosphere is caught in a vortex, then ignited by an electrical
>charge such as conventional lightning or static electricity.

>"If you had a tornado and you had a flame inside you would expect it to
>blow out but there is a property called vortex breakdown that allows
>the flame to survive in this high air speed environment. The vortex
>bursts and creates recirculation like an eddy in a stream which allows
>reduced air flow or stagnant air.

This person clearly knows very little about tornadoes. He seems to be saying that people are reporting UFOs inside same. To my knowledge, the only report that comes close is one of two wherein a witness was able to look up inside a tornado as it passed over. The witness described a shimmering cloud partway up the funnel, whose sides did not contact the rotating walls. This could have easily been accounted for by visible condensation (tornadoes often have several distinct "walls") being illuminated by light filtering in through the sides of the main funnel. That doesn't even remotely sound like any of the ball lighting reports with which I am familiar. In fact, I know of no reports of ball lighting being reported in or near tornado-producing storms (tornadoes themselves being relatively rare). I just don't see the connection.

Additionally, ball lightning has been reported to pass through electrically conductive materials, such as aircraft skin (aluminum), and non conductive ones, such as glass. Apparently they left their parent vortices outside to go in and have a look around. Can natural gas be ionized, and would that change its state sufficiently enough to allow it to pass through relatively solid matter?

I know that plasma is one of the theories, but this guy seems to be saying that the natural gas is merely on fire. If that were the case, one would think the gas would be used up in short order. There is also the matter of BL's apparent bouyancy. If it were on fire, would it still remain dense enough to keep it from rising up, or rather from having the cooler, denser surrounding air slip underneath?

>It is like turning on your stove," said Mr Coleman, who has
>demonstrated the effect in his laboratory using a vacuum
cleaner, >pipes, and a camp stove.

I don't know....maybe I shouldn't argue with a man who sets
natural gas on fire inside a pipe with a camp stove and a
vacuum.

Greg

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 22:25:12 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:49:16 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:57:57 -0500 (CDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>>Date: Wed, 01 Jul 98 11:08:33 PDT

<snip>

>>If the galaxy is full of millions of advanced civilizations, we
>>ought to EXPECT to see them. If we don't see them or any
>>evidence of them, they likely don't exist, and the SETI program
>>is a big waste of time, money, and personnel, and all those
>>popular and academic books on intelligent life elsewhere
>>are destroying trees for nothing.

>I'm always amazed at the animosity shown by ufologists towards
>SETI. If I were a Freudian, I would suspect some sort of penis
>envy. After all, if SETI exhibited any success, wouldn't
>ufologists be the first to say I told you so!?

Gentlemen, If I may interrupt for a moment:

Mr. Stacy,

Animosity and/or envy are, IMO, justifiable in the case of SETI.
That project has been the proud recipient of millions dollars in
funding, and has, to my knowledge, never had to produce results
to maintain that funding. Ufology on the other hand, has
generally had to scrape and scrounge and fight every step of the
way for funding. And yet, Ufologists are somehow expected to have
all the answers to the UFO mystery!

Besides, what do you do with a ten thousand year old signal
anyway..... respond to it?

Greg

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Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:38:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:38:57 -0400
Subject: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

From: UFOMind Mailing List Archive
<http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1998/apr/d17-001.shtml>

Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

From: Bob Durant <70232.17@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 08:36:06 -0800

On March 30 Washington columnist Sarah McClendon published a report claiming, among other things, that "a community of scientists and technicians employed by the government" believe UFOs "are actual visitors from other worlds." Her report has received wide distribution on the Internet.

[See <http://www.ufomind.com/people/m/mcclendon/#1>]

McClendon states that a number of senior Clinton advisors received UFO briefings. Among those named officials is Anthony Lake, who served as the President's National Security Advisor. Lake was nominated for the position of Director of Central Intelligence, but his nomination was withdrawn in the face of Republican opposition. He resigned from public life, and now teaches at Georgetown University.

On April 14 Lake delivered the annual George W. Ball Lecture at Princeton University. I attended the lecture, and approached him after the talk to ask about McClendon's report. The following is a transcript of our short but unambiguous conversation.

Durant: Two weeks ago Sarah McClendon, a Washington reporter,

Lake: Right, right

Durant: wrote a real fire burner about UFOs. And she indicated that this was taken very seriously by the Clinton administration. Your name was mentioned in it, as somebody having received a briefing on this topic. Do you know anything about this?

Lake: This is very highly classified. But if you looked at Independence Day, the contact with the space aliens, the description of the aliens is just about perfect. No, that's just nonsense. Absolute nonsense. I never got a briefing. There is no, what, what is it, Roswell. Unless, I never heard of Roswell, in fact, until I was on the Diane Reems (sp?) show about a year ago, and a caller said, so are you going to tell us about Roswell, Roswell and what's it called, 51 or 52?

Durant: Area 51

Lake: Oh, Area 51. I never heard of it, and so I went back to the Air Force and said, what's this all about? And they denied it. Maybe they lied to me. This is nonsense. And I think the explanation is, uh, I can't remember now, it may have had something to do with satelllites, reconnaissance, going over, flights, planes going over that convinced people something was

happening. Now, the problem is, as I said on the Diane Reems (sp?) show, I never heard about this, I don't know about this. You can either conclude, one, that I'm lying to you, or two, that I'm naive and nobody ever tells me anything, or three, that I'm telling the truth. All I can do is tell you what the truth as I know it is. But Independence Day was a good movie!

Durant: OK, gotcha. Thank you.

Earlier in the day, a colleague of mine telephoned Sarah McClendon to inquire about her source for the claim about Lake's UFO briefing. She was unable to answer that question at the moment.

Robert J. Durant
15 April 98

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UFOs not worthy of study?

From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 19:50:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:20:55 -0400
Subject: UFOs not worthy of study?

I think some of the more eloquent, detail orientated people on this list should write a response to this editorial from the N.Y. Post. Bruce Mac. and Stanton Friedman immediately come to mind among others.

Editorial email - letters@nypost.com

>From N.Y. Post Online Editorial

<http://www.nypostonline.com/070198/editorial/2874.htm>

THE TRUTH ISN'T OUT THERE

"Panel Urges Study of UFO Reports," ran the front-page headline in Monday's Washington Post. According to that Post, an independent scientific review directed by a Stanford physicist said that UFO sightings need serious study. The implication: The UFO industry has now received the intellectual backing of serious scientists.

But the sad fact is that The Washington Post has been taken for a good long ride by one of the more superficially respectable organizations on the lunatic fringe - an association for the sort of credulous academic who overdosed on science fiction as a teen-ager, is a sucker for ESP and Eastern mysticism and is drawn to the kind of crank who claims that Martians built the pyramids.

The source of this extraordinary story was the "Society for Scientific Exploration." The group has put out papers on "Atlantis and the Earth's Shifting Crust," "The Message of the Sphinx," "Reincarnation and ... Birthmarks" and one of our favorites, "Severe Birth Defects Possibly Due to Cursing."

It is all very well to search for explanations for mysterious crop circles or strange lights in the sky. But nowadays UFOs and ESP have replaced demonic possession as a superstitious way of explaining phenomena that are otherwise hard to understand.

Why would actual science professors put their name to a report like this? Well, there are a lot of scientists in the world and, not surprisingly, a small number of them are given to wild fancies. Many truly extraordinary scientists can be completely "out there" when it comes to subjects other than their own area of expertise. Sir Isaac Newton was devoted to alchemy; Michael Faraday, the great theorist of electricity, was a member of an extremely bizarre religious sect. William Shockley, the father of the transistor, believed a lot of racist nonsense about IQ.

But what about The Washington Post? All it would have taken for the newspaper to realize that this announcement did not come from a serious, respected scientific organization was a quick

search for the SSE on the Internet (www.jse.com). But maybe something else is going on here. It is very common to hear supposedly educated, rational people proclaim their belief in all sorts of wispy magic, from crystal power to astrology to curing AIDS by the laying-on of hands.

One explanation for spreading credulousness among Americans is the deepening ignorance of basic science among members of the liberal professions. Even as our technology becomes more sophisticated, more and more people have no understanding of scientific method or even the kind of basic science behind the internal-combustion engine.

Another explanation is the powerful appeal of New Age claptrap to Baby Boomers who long ago lost the religious and political ideals they grew up with. Such people are prey to all sorts of superstition. Faith in "alternative medicine" - some of it sensible, most of it pure snake oil - is now so common that many people are as likely to trust a popular witch doctor as their MD.

This partly came about because doctors and scientists oversold themselves and their abilities during the '50s and '60s. But just because real scientists cannot explain everything or cure every disease, there is no cause for 20th-century Americans to turn to superstitions like frightened savages in the primeval forest.

The SSE's UFO platform is based on a big lie. That lie is that scientists have never taken UFO claims seriously for fear of ridicule - or because of a government conspiracy right out of "The X-Files." The truth is exactly the opposite. UFO "sightings" have been exhaustively investigated by genuinely open-minded people over and over again.

And despite the successful efforts of the UFO industry to convince millions of people otherwise, there is no - repeat no - credible evidence of space aliens visiting the Earth in suspiciously Hollywoodesque flying saucers. And the case for little green men making landings all over the farm belt in order to kidnap and then have unusual sex with random hicks in pickup trucks is even more ridiculous.

When a sophisticated civilization starts to nourish weird cults and an obsession with magic, it is a sign of a retrogressive sickness that can be fought only with sweet reason and an appeal to true religion, not false idols.

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Two 'New' UFO Crashes

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 23:04:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:51:43 -0400
Subject: Two 'New' UFO Crashes

To anyone interested:

Here is a report I feel confident none of you have heard. It was investigated initially by Ray Fowler when he worked with NICAP.

Several years ago, I heard that in the seventies a UFO had crashed into a nearby "swimming hole" known as Rainbow Lake here in Derry NH, (USA). I took that report with substantial NaCl, but then later saw reference to it in a book about "local mysteries". So, I went to the library and did some micro ficheing. Since I had no specific date to go by, I started from 1970 and worked my way through piles of newspaper film until I found the story. I'm paraphrasing here since I can't find the photocopy, but here is the gist of it:

On Oct. 10, 1973, more than twenty witnesses saw two glowing disks descend from the sky. Both hovered momentarily above Rainbow Lake, then one dropped into the water, making an audible splash and a series of waves. The remaining disk lingered briefly, then shot back into the sky. The police were contacted, and subsequently divers from the local fire department were called in. They searched the water, but reported near zero visibility due to the cloudy, murky conditions. Dragging the bottom with nets was considered, but apparently dragging for UFOs was not included in the small-town fire dept's budget, and no further searches were conducted.

I have been to the site, and it is not a particularly large body of water. In fact, "pond" would describe it more adequately. It is perhaps two to three hundred yards wide, and nearly circular. It may be artificial. I have not spoken to any of the witnesses, but have spoken to a few folks who recall the excitement generated by the event.

I must admit, I watched with bemusement as Paramount's Sightings covered the recent searches off the coast of Nova Scotia as teams looked through hundreds of square miles of ocean for the object purportedly seen there a few years back. Perhaps they would have had better luck down the road a bit from my house! There are no reports of the object leaving, after all.

If anyone would like copies of the original articles, let me know and I'll find them or just go make more.

Greg

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Jul 98 22:07:07 PDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:59:43 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:20:36 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> >Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:53:52 -0400
> >From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> >Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> > I agree that having "ten best cases" or 5 or 1 or 100 would be
> > valuable. We should attempt to find at least one case that the
> > majority of contributors can agree remains UNEXPLAINED AFTER
> > EVALUATION and, furthermore, APPEARS THAT IT WILL REMAIN
> > UNEXPLAINABLE IN THE FUTURE, where explanation is in terms of
> > known phenomena (e.g., explaining a UFO as ball lightning is
> > explaining one unknown with another).

> This idea is interesting as far as it goes, but some ground rules
> would need to be set:

> You can see how hard this might be. The debunker will insist
> that they be allowed to reject any item of testimony they object
> to on grounds of a priori unbelievability, that any number of
> low probability events be acceptable, that a low threshold of
> proof for claiming a witness a hoaxer is essential, that
> multiple witness reports are no more evidential than single
> witness reports, and that the only acceptable trace evidence is
> a component of clearly non-terrestrial origin.

In the above and what followed in the original (which I've deleted simply so that this will be readable), Mark anticipates the by now well-worn rationalizations debunkers (and PSHers, assuming there is a meaningful distinction between the two any longer) will use not to have to come to grips with anything they can't bear to deal with. His words came to mind this evening as I happened to be going through my "Anomalies and Science" file, reading papers here and there. One I happened to reread was an old favorite, David J. Hufford's "Reason, Rhetoric, and Folklore: Academic Ideology Versus Folk Belief" (New York Folklore 11, 1-4 [1985]). It speaks to what Mark is addressing here.

First, though, a word of explanation. Prof. Hufford is using such terms as "religious experience" and "supernatural belief" in the broad way anthropologists use them, and in fact later in the essay he is specifically critical of such usage. By "religious experience" he means generally of phenomena that suggest nonmaterial realities (life-after-death experience, encounters with apparitions) and by "supernatural belief" anomalous experience (including UFO sightings) generally:

"The high social position and numerous rhetorical advantages of the academic opponents of the supernatural have resulted in a scholarship that has assimilated data to existing intellectual structures while maintaining those structures as rigidly as possible, preventing their accommodation to novel input. A shift, for example, from psychopathological to social explanations of allegedly non-empirical and irrational beliefs

and hallucinations may give the appearance of accommodation, but in view of the growing body of data concerning the nature and distribution of the religious experiences of ordinary persons, it can be seen as assimilation with a vengeance. The result is what Thomas Kuhn has called 'normal science' in its most mundane form, and it guarantees a rapid accumulation of anomalies that seems already to have passed the critical point. As Kuhn predicted of such periods, this state has made the study of religious experience and supernatural belief increasingly convoluted, trivial, and dull for those committed to the ideology of the status quo, while the most interesting and exciting work tends to be that which is most resisted by the academic establishment. This is one reason that folklorists have been so little involved with central issues of this subject; there is a limit to how many times one can explain the naive irrationalism of one's informants, while simultaneously alleging their dignity and native intelligence, and espouse a universal relativism that is at direct odds with one's own implicit epistemology, before cognitive dissonance and boredom combine to send one on to more pleasant occupations."

In a lighter though no less telling vein, I found this paragraph in a paper by sociologist of science Ron Westrum:

"Is there any reason why the existence of anomalies should prove pleasant or unpleasant to scientists? We must admit that there is. Science as an institution has a strong vested interest in maintaining anomalies in a deviant status since it has so often argued that they should be disregarded. Anomalies, along with deviant scientific systems, have come under repeated heavy fire from the guns of science. To admit the existence of an anomaly is to admit that the previous shooting was not only unnecessary, but possibly harmed an innocent victim. Such an admission would be, in other words, acutely embarrassing for science."

Jerry Clark

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Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 23:54:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 02:27:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 14:24:12 -0400
>To: " UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@li.net>
>Subject: Mag 1/4__Comments on Trindade Isl.1

>Greetings Peter & list members,

>It is hoped the following regarding the Almirante Saldanha UFO
>sighting off Trindade Island is in keeping with Bruce Maccabee's
>sentiments regarding decreasing philosophical discussion and
>rather, digging in and getting to the nitty-gritty within
>various cases.

Great, Jerry. Glad to (a) see that someone actually reads my
messages and (b) is willing to try to get some "real work" done
by members of this list.

Unfortunately I cannot be of much help in this case since' I have
no information that is not available in th general literature. I
wonder why no one in Brazil...at least none that we have heard
of, has tried to dig up some of the witnesses.

Note: Baruna was interviewed about 10 years ago, I believe and
the interview was published in IUR.(Jerry could probably name the
particular issue.)

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Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 00:39:52 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 02:31:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 23:54:17 -0400
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

ebk wrote:

>It seems that he ran into Jeff Sainio at the MUFON Symposium in
>Colorado this past weekend. The reclusive Mr Sainio called up the
>Mexico City footage of the 'Craft' going behind a large building,
>on his computer and told Michael that he was absolutely in no
>doubt that the footage was a hoax.

Lindemann also said that Jaime (sp?) Maussan is willing to consider this but Maussan can't get by the credibility of the teenage girl Cassandra who claims she saw the craft and her Father didn't believe her and called her a liar. He allegedly believed her when J.M. came calling. The Father tells same story. Supposedly Cassandra didn't watch the show where Maussan debuted the video. Of course, this is impossible to prove.

There were also other witnesses including a young boy. Are they all lying? What a sad world if they are. And what a terrific bunch of liars because I saw the interviews and these people seemed credible. Some were professional people from the area of where the sighting or hoax took place if that's what it is.

How reliable is Sainio? Who is he?

Joe in Tampa

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Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 04:13:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 04:15:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

>Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 09:37:36 -0500
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

>Apology to MW #252 (For July 2, 1998)

>Two new mewling children have appeared upon the stage. Their
>history is very long; you'd think them wise or sage. But they
>wallow in their filth to show their diapers must need changing,
>and they smell -- exceeding squalid -- _choosing_ wasteful,
>dumb, and failing.

One of the local news broadcasts ran a piece about how
the Pakistani's actually contemplated -USING- nuclear
weapons against India during this recent round of sabre
rattling. Isn't that kind of thinking symptomatic of full
blown psychosis? Murder on that scale is unthinkable to
any sane person. Yet, "leaders" of whole nations get away
with it and in fact are sometimes put into power _because
of_ their psychotic rantings and propositions.

People think we're crazy because we talk about aliens
and UFOs. The real whacko's (the dangerous ones) are
-running- the assylum! If we don't 'sane up' real quick
our children and our grandchildren won't have the luxury
of living out their lives to a natural end. That will be taken
care of for them. We have to take responsibility to insure
a future for them and all succeeding generations. We have
to stop living like we're the last generation or we will be!

>I wonder -- was there any reported UFO activity in either of
>those two irresponsible, immature, and ignorant locations? I
>point my finger fully realizing I point three back at myself,
>but I digress . . . I'd have thought the situation would have
>garnered a postulated ET's interest -- if _not_ concern. Is
>there any news from that part of the globe? I recall no mention
>in any of the digests here on Updates. If not -- is that odd?

I wouldn't be surprized if activity was up because of the
blasts. Bottom line though is that we gotta save ourselves!
I for one, ain't waiting around to be "saved" by aliens. I
learned a long time ago that Life is a self-help program.

Abductees die from cancer, (ie; Dr. Karla Turner,) heart
attacks, and all manner of natural causes with no apparent
intervention or concern shown by their lifelong captors.
Foo fighters may have 'watched' battles during WWII or
Viet Nam but they never 'stopped them.' Hitler killed millions
of Jews and Gypsies, we nuked Hiroshima and Nagasaki,
millions continue to die at the hands of others daily. Just
look at the fairly recent mass murders in Africa, the
ongoing and unchecked genocide in Bosnia etc. The aliens
could have interceded on behalf of poor insane and suffering
humanity at anytime throughout our long, bloody history.
The 'fact' is, they haven't.

Doesn't matter if UFOs are watching, they won't interfere.
I honestly believe that if China, India, Pakistan, the US and
Russia all launched their nuclear warheads at each other

simultaneously that our "visitors" would probably just watch in awestruck wonder and contemplate the magnitude of our collective stupidity and the profound depth of our suicidal tendencies and self-destructive psychosis.

><tapping the mike> Is this thing on?

Yeah brother, I hear you. I hope others do too, for all our sakes. If we don't do it, the evidence points to the fact that "They" sure as hell won't come down and do it for us!

"Stop the insanity!"

John Velez

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Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 06:15:32 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 09:59:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

>Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 09:37:36 -0500
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

Dear Mr. Lehmborg:

I have been cataloging UFO sightings for nearly 20 years now.

I have pillaged the personal libraries of UFO people who go back decades before I ever started... all to get what I consider the best UFO cases on record, in reasonably large number and quality.

The fact is that few useable UFO reports ever emanated from India and Pakistan, and that is much the case today.

If two or three came in tomorrow, it would be like the ice cream vendor who "doubled his staff in one week" (He hired his wife.)

I'm sure there are plenty of sightings on the Indian sub-continent but they just don't "get out" where we can study them. This is due (I suspect) to cultural, religious, political, and other ethnological reasons... compounded by horrid governments and communications facilities of equal merit.

I like your idea of comparing sightings, before and after atomic testing. I just don't think it will work in countries so retrograde as to conduct 1950's style atomic tests in 1998.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

> Lehmborg@snowhill.com

> I wonder -- was there any reported UFO activity in either of
> those two irresponsible, immature, and ignorant locations? I
> point my finger fully realizing I point three back at myself,
> but I digress . . . I'd have thought the situation would have
> garnered a postulated ET's interest -- if not concern. Is
> there any news from that part of the globe? I recall no mention
> in any of the digests here on UpDates. If not -- is that odd?

> <tapping the mike> Is this thing on?

Yeah, its on. -LH

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Re: MUFON's Maine Director On 'Sturrock Review'

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> From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 04:14:14 +0200
> Subject: MUFON's Maine Director On 'Sturrock Review'

> From: The Portland Newspapers (Portland Press Herald and Maine Sunday
> Telegram).

> <http://www.portland.com/news/story11.htm>

> Stig

> *****

Hi Stig:

I think you got the wrong URL. I clicked on it and got an article
about a local festival, complete with chicken-barbecue and band
concert.

Best: - Larry Hatch

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 09:51:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

I'm not snipping, cutting, nor pasting, 'coz I think anybody who has read Alfred's Ode and John's reply will understand the context.....

In my very humble opinion, I no longer regard the human race as worth saving. My only hope is that we die out before we totally decimate every other specie on the planet.

But I think that would be overly optimistic. While many will argue that I cannot tar all with the same brush, I must say that any people that are pure and devoted to a clean planet where all species live in harmony, are so few, far between, and therefore uninfluential, that I see little hope for a significant change in the status quo.

I believe that the sanctity of human life is wrong. I believe in the sanctity of all life that is crucial to the health of our planet.

I just wish the warring nations of the world could wipe themselves out without destroying the planet. Maybe we should offer them bows and arrows?

And no, I don't believe in the fundamental good of the human being. There is little evidence to support this theory, but much to refute it.

I would say that long periods of barbarism are interspersed by short periods of enlightenment, not the other way round.

I reckon ET are just a bunch of reporters from far away observing the fall of the Ghetto planet.

depressed, and despairing.....

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Subject: A Note About Jerry Black

From: Black's Hole

<http://members.xoom.com/ufobarb/black.html>

A note about Jerry Black...

Jerry Black is a long time UFO researcher, having been actively interested in the subject for about 40 years. As with many of us in the field, he's seen a lot of changes, some good and some bad.

One thing that distresses Jerry is that he has seen, in the last decade or so, the gradual decline in good research and investigation by what were once the forerunners in ufology; those that, at one time, were earnest and forthright seekers of the truth about the UFO phenomenon.

In recent conversations with Jerry, he related to me his misgivings about the detrimental effect that many of these one-time solid figures were having on the field, overall. There is a group of people that are considered long-standing "experts" in the subject of UFOs. These include some prominent names that are recognized even by folks that have little interest in the subject. Jerry applauds the work that got most of these people to the status that they now hold in ufology... He fully realizes that determination and a sincere desire for answers to the enigmatic questions about the nature of the phenomenon is what made them the "big names" that they are.

He feels though, that, unfortunately, many of these well-known figures have lost sight of what originally brought them to their research and investigations. It appears that, for some, the original fascination with the enigma has given way to the limelight that they have been cast into, either by fate, or in some cases, by design. He has come to the conclusion that some of them have even "sold out." By this, I mean that they no longer truly conduct themselves in the manner that a researcher should, and more concerned with "staying in the public eye," "cashing in" on the subject (with lecture tours and book sales), and maintaining their status and notoriety.

According to Jerry, the problem with this lies in the fact that these people are big names in the field; they are the individuals that are looked to for answers about UFOs, not only by we students of the subject, but by the media, the curious, and those with a burgeoning interest in ufology. Because of this, it is their duty to provide only the best in information, the facts, as they can be determined, and nothing but clear, concise, unembellished data about what the phenomenon may be. Sadly, this is no longer necessarily the case. He questions a lot of what is presently being said and presented by "big name" UFOlogists -- as we all should -- and wonders if many of them have lost sight of their original objectives.

Jerry makes no apologies for what he says... Everything comes

straight from the gut, and is to the point. He believes that ufology can progress and be taken seriously only if we get back to the basics in research and investigation. It saddens him that many of the people he speaks to in his open letters have "lost their credibility," because he once considered many of them to be the best in the field.

On a personal note, I have come to know and respect Jerry Black. Not only is he still very sincere in his quest for the truth, but he pulls no punches. He is straightforward and targeted when he begins a research or investigative project. I have also come to consider Jerry a friend. His open letters, sharp and coldly incisive, give no indication of the man behind the scenes. He is a good soul, honest and giving. He and his wife, Peggy, went through the most traumatic experience a parent can ever endure, having lost their three-year-old daughter to brain cancer. Yet, yearly, they deliver toys to kids at Cincinnati's Children's Hospital on Christmas Day, and have established the Melissa Black Memorial Fund (in honor of their daughter), to provide a continuing source of financial help for terminally-ill children.

In closing, I urge anyone with questions and comments about Jerry's editorials to contact him. He really is accomodating, and will discuss his views openly and without reservation. He does not have an e-mail address, but his contact information appears at the end of each segment.

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by Jerry Black
July 1998

On or about February 10, 1998, Mr. Whitley Strieber and Ms. Vicki Cooper, who is a promoter for the annual Gulf Breeze Symposium held in Gulf Breeze, Florida every year, appeared on the Art Bell Show. Vicki made a comment that, just recently, a young couple took a video of what appeared to be a steel or metallic ball in the sky. As it turns out, this video was shot around 40 miles from Gulf Breeze. A still frame shot of this object was placed on the Art Bell website.

Whitley Strieber had seen this photograph taken from the video a few days earlier. Upon seeing the photograph on Art Bell's website, and listening to Vicki Cooper relate the story, Whitley Strieber made a comment that maybe the doubters of the Ed Walters photographs would now take a second look.

I found that comment very interesting, because, first of all, what does a video taken in 1998 -- or in 1990, for that matter -- by a young couple, whether in Gulf Breeze, or 40 miles outside of Gulf Breeze, have to do with Ed Walters' photographs? It has absolutely nothing to do with Ed Walters' photographs. Even if the object depicted in the video had been similar in appearance to the Walters' photographs, it would still have nothing to do with them.

Each case is, or should be, evaluated on its own merits, individually and personally. Any other video taken has no bearing on photographs taken by someone else. Certainly, it is interesting to note similarities in photographs, and especially in those taken around the same time. You certainly make a notation of such in recording your investigative efforts. But one case has no bearing on another case, otherwise. Each case has to be evaluated as though it were a singular occurrence.

Mr. Whitley Strieber has written many books. He is a science fiction writer by trade. I would have thought that he would have been sharp enough to realize, by now, that Ed Walters' Gulf Breeze photographs have been conclusively proven to be a hoax. Mr. William G. Hyzer, and his son, James Hyzer, analyzed several photographs, and concluded that, in particular, Photo #19, the "road shot," was a double exposure.

The evidence of the case supports the fact that it is a hoax. So why is Whitley Strieber out there touting the Ed Walters case? Is it because this helps perpetuate the UFO phenomena on the Art Bell Show? Does this help him keep a secure spot on the show, if he professes to believe in other nationally-know UFO cases? I would have figured that Mr. Strieber would have been a lot smarter than that.

Another thing we'd like to point out is that Mr. Strieber is certainly considered a contactee. In view of all of the books he has written, and the numerous experiences that he claims to have

had -- which are ongoing -- he certainly would be categorized as a contactee. Strangely, in the past, there has never been even one contactee that mainstream UFO investigators have accepted. That includes Mr. Daniel Frye, Mr. George Adamski, Billie Meier, and a few others. There has not been a case of what we consider a "contactee," which has been accepted as valid by any of the better investigators.

Vicki Cooper went on to mention the then upcoming March 20 symposium in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Of course, Ms. Cooper would obviously be promoting this, as she has had a financial interest in the success or failure of the Gulf Breeze Symposium, ever since the early 1990s, if not even before that. Consequently, you can understand her point of view, when making the comment that, for the last three out of five years, UFOs have been spotted during the convention at the bay in Gulf Breeze. Mr. Strieber went along with this, when Ms. Cooper stated that she was hopeful that, with the gathering of a large crowd at the symposium, the UFOs would make an appearance again. I don't think anyone really believes that UFOs, whatever they might be, make an appearance based on how many people are at a certain location. I have no knowledge of any evidence that would support this in any way, yet Ms. Cooper used it as a draw to get people to come down to the symposium that was held on March 20. Of course, Mr. Strieber went right along with that, and said that he would try to be there.

My question is then, with Whitley Strieber, is he promoting the Ed Walters case, and UFOs appearing to massive crowds of believers, to keep an interest in his books on the subject? Or does he sincerely believe this stuff? I also note, as referred to earlier, that, as a UFO contactee, he is quite rare, as he is the first to ever have been able to convince the vast majority of UFO researchers that his encounters are true.

Ed Walters, who I assume is Mr. Strieber's friend, since he supports Ed's story, claims to have taken and passed four polygraph tests. In reality, what Ed Walters did was pass two polygraph tests given by one gentleman; he passed one PSE test given by another gentleman; the fourth PSE test was inconclusive. Strangely enough, the two polygraphs and the PSE that he passed were all self-sponsored, with no third party involved to monitor the sessions. This is totally unacceptable. The fourth test was sponsored by a third party, and was inconclusive. Mr. Walters tried to make it appear that he passed that test. He neither passed, nor failed -- there was not enough material spoken on the UFO subject for the PSE to be valid. Ironically, the three tests he passed were sponsored by no outside, objective party. Ed Walters paid the bill, and there were only two people involved in each test -- Ed and the tester. Whether in ufology or in the criminal investigation system, this is completely unacceptable.

On the sleeve of one of Mr. Strieber's books, I noticed that it says he has also taken, and passed, four polygraph tests. So my question is to Mr. Strieber, can you, sir, or someone else out there, give us some basic information on the four polygraph tests that you have claimed to pass? Who were the test administrators? Who were the third parties involved in each, to witness, or to pay for the sessions? Are the questions that were asked in each test, along with the charts recording responses, available for interested parties to take to other polygraph experts, in an effort to have the material verified? I would assume that, with nothing to hide, this would be possible and that no one would have a problem with it.

I guess I'm trying to determine, Mr. Strieber, if your tests, like Ed Walters', were self-sponsored, or if they were given by a third objective, disinterested party -- no friends, no relatives, but an investigator that could be completely unbiased. Again, are the charts and questions available, to be taken to other polygraph experts, for verification?

I would appreciate it if you could supply me with this information, Mr. Strieber. Or if anyone out there has read something of his that will give us a clear indication of this information, it would be appreciated. I have tried to find the information in a couple of his books, but could not.

Hopefully we will be hearing from Mr. Strieber, or someone else, in the near future, to put to rest the question of whether or

not his polygraph tests were self-sponsored.

I thank you for your time in reading this.

Regards,

Jerry Black

JB/gmj

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UFOs And Credibility
An Open Letter To Linda Moulton Howe
by Jerry Black
July 1998

Recently on the Art Bell Show, a gentleman referred to as "Kent" talked to Linda Moulton Howe for about two hours. He related a story of being employed by a major courier company, and being sent to NASA to pick up a package. After receiving the package, it fell open. Out of the package came photographs of the "face" on Mars which had not been shown to the general public. Upon seeing the photographs, he was reprimanded by the gentleman who had given the package to him, and the photographs were placed back into the tube, for the courier to continue on his way.

Linda Moulton Howe spoke about the two-hour conversation on the Art Bell Show, and made comments indicating that she thought this was a solid case. Richard Hoagland, who was on the show at the same time, felt the case was "98%" valid. He left that remaining two percent open. To the credit of Mr. Hoagland, he did investigate the case, and found that the gentleman was hoaxing the story that he had told Ms. Howe. He even admitted this.

Richard Hoagland's defense, regarding his 98% assessment in originally deeming the story credible, was, "Well, I did leave that two percent open." That is not good enough. One cannot make a comment on high credibility, based on a person relating a story that they were told by yet another person over the phone. Even though one may know and trust that person (in this case, that person was Linda Moulton Howe), one cannot automatically say, "Well that case sounds like it's 98 percent authentic."

Linda Moulton Howe, who is the big culprit in this particular case, ran with this story prematurely, as she has done with others in the past, certainly before any investigation was conducted. Because of this she has lost a lot of credibility, not only on this case, but on others in which she has done the same thing.

When Mr. Art Bell asked her what she had to say when it was determined, through Richard Hoagland's investigation, that this was an admitted hoax, she said, "Well, it doesn't make any difference. We have some other pictures out there showing better images of the face on Mars, structures, and things of that nature." One has nothing to do with the other. This is a case of Ms. Howe again trying to shrug off her mistake of running prematurely with cases, as she has clearly demonstrated is her nature in the past -- as though it makes no difference. It does make a difference. It makes a difference in one's credibility.

Since that time, Linda Moulton Howe has brought forth the name of a gentleman called "Cooper." Cooper has related information to Ms. Howe concerning the autopsy video and his alleged knowledge of this situation. He is apparently saying that the autopsy video is authentic, and has given her some other

information concerning the crash at Roswell.

Again, Ms. Howe has presented the story of her conversation with this gentleman, concerning the autopsy video, telling Art Bell and his listeners that this is a bona fide story. We wonder when she will realize that a conversation with someone over a telephone is just that -- a conversation over the phone. One cannot make any distinctions as to the credibility of a case until one has at least personally spoken with the proponent of a story and conducted an investigation. In fact, if these people who call on the phone will not meet with Linda Howe, or Richard Hoagland, or whoever it might be, once they have placed that phone call, then, in my opinion, the investigation should be dropped. One cannot handle these types of investigations over the phone. Anyone can call and make claims, as these people do, or send some type of document that may look valid.

The bottom line is, one cannot conduct an investigation over the phone. It simply cannot be done, in my opinion. One must convince the person on the other end to meet with you, to discuss the situation eye to eye, get more information, and then begin the investigation of what is being related. Only then can one determine if there is any credibility to a given case.

Linda Moulton Howe has lost a considerable amount of credibility in the past few years, because of situations just like this one. I have learned from a credible source that she also continues to use a photograph of the alleged body of an alien being in her various lectures, even after being told, over a year ago, that the photograph was not real. The photograph is of a dummy alien made up for the Showtime movie, Roswell, and is the same dummy on display at the UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico. Ms. Howe was advised of this over a year ago, yet still uses it in her lectures, presenting it as a bona fide photograph of an alien being.

So as far as I am concerned, Richard Hoagland -- while we applaud the fact that he did conduct an investigation, to bring the case of "Kent" to a close -- should not be making these 98% and 2% statements. Sure, it's easy to say, after the fact, "Well, I did leave that two percent open." But to listeners of the Art Bell Show you have relegated the story as 98% authentic just because of what Linda Howe told you. The proper statement to Art Bell or Linda Moulton Howe would be, once Mr. Hoagland had heard this, "The story sounds interesting. I think a lot of investigation needs to be done on this to see if this gentleman is telling us the truth. Will he meet with us at a place and time convenient to all of us, where we can talk with him? We need more information." At that time a full investigation should proceed. Mr. Hoagland would have no way of knowing if what Ms. Howe, or her informant, was saying was "98%" true. It shouldn't matter if Ms. Howe was one's best friend... Realistically, even if my father had made that statement, I would not make the claim that the story was "98%" valid, before any investigation had been made.

Linda Moulton Howe is yet another figure in the UFO field that has lost a lot of credibility, by continually making these ludicrous statements about people calling her on the phone, making claims about this or that, then running with those stories prematurely. I really cannot even understand what reason she would have to do so. Is it because she becomes of more interest to the Art Bell Show when she does this? I have no idea, but I do know that her credibility has been drastically compromised. You can bet that most serious researchers will now take a second look at anything she has to say, before trusting the credibility of the stories she comes forth with. She has only herself to blame for this.

In the future, I wish Ms. Howe would check things out thoroughly, before making claims on the air. It does no harm to bring it to the attention of the Art Bell audience that you have talked to someone about a case, or that you are proceeding cautiously, based on a phone call from someone. It would even be acceptable for her to tell us that she was trying to meet with the person, and checking to see if that was possible, before making unfounded claims. As it is, she has no way of knowing if the person is telling her the truth or not. It would not be bad protocol to even advise listeners of the investigation, letting the listeners know where the case stands.

To go on the air, though, after talking to a complete stranger for two hours, and to say, "Oh, this sounds like a solid case," is ludicrous. It has to be because Ms. Howe is simply trying to maintain some kind of status on the Art Bell Show, or that she really is a very gullible person. We do not have room for any more gullible people in the UFO field... We have more than we need at the moment.

Again, UFO research and credibility must go hand in hand. We're losing a lot of credibility with the general public, because of statements like these Linda Moulton Howe has been making about "Kent" and "Cooper." She must change her way of doing things, for the good of the field, because she is the person that people hear on the radio, and she is the person they go to listen to when UFOs are being discussed.

Linda Moulton Howe needs to be extremely cautious, for the good of UFO research in general, and should be a bit more skeptical about things she hears in the future. This is the only way she will continue to be a viable force in the UFO community, to be considered a responsible, objective, and scientific investigator.

I thank everyone for their time in reading this.

Regards,

Jerry Black

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> From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Burning Gas In Tornadoes Causes Many UFOs?

> >From: Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
> >Subject: Burning Gas Inside Tornadoes Cause Of Many UFOs?

> >A new theory advanced by a University of Canterbury scientist suggests
> >many unidentified flying objects are balls of burning gas trapped
> >inside tornadoes.

> >Researcher Peter Coleman said his theory, published in a book, Ball
> >Lightning: A Scientific Mystery Explained, could apply to the Kaikoura
> >UFO sightings of 1978 and 1979, the Tunguska explosion in Siberia in
> >1908, human combustion, and numerous types of mysterious lights in the
> >sky.

> >According to the theory, ball lightning is produced when natural gas in
> >the atmosphere is caught in a vortex, then ignited by an electrical
> >charge such as conventional lightning or static electricity.

> >"If you had a tornado and you had a flame inside you would expect it to
> >blow out but there is a property called vortex breakdown that allows
> >the flame to survive in this high air speed environment. The vortex
> >bursts and creates recirculation like an eddy in a stream which allows
> >reduced air flow or stagnant air.

<Expletivos delitidos>

Dear sirs:

I thank you for identifying the cause of UFO reports.

Now that they are identified, I can go back to my regular business.

Yours truly

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 03 Jul 98 10:00:59 PDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 10:04:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

> Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 23:54:53 -0400
> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> >Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 14:24:12 -0400
> >To: " UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@li.net>
> >Subject: Mag 1/4__Comments on Trindade Isl.1

> Unfortunately I cannot be of much help in this case since' I have
> no information that is not available in th general literature. I
> wonder why no one in Brazil...at least none that we have heard
> of, has tried to dig up some of the witnesses.

> Note: Baruna was interviewed about 10 years ago, I believe and
> the interview was published in IUR.(Jerry could probably name the
> particular issue.)

Hi, Jerry and Bruce,

The citation is Willy Smith, "Trindade Revisited," IUR 8,4 (July/
August 1983): 3-5,14.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 11:09:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 10:09:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

> Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 04:13:35 -0500
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

> >Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 09:37:36 -0500
> >From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #252

> >Apology to MW #252 (For July 2, 1998)

> One of the local news broadcasts ran a piece about how
> the Pakistani's actually contemplated -USING- nuclear
> weapons against India during this recent round of sabre
> rattling. Isn't that kind of thinking symptomatic of full
> blown psychosis? Murder on that scale is unthinkable to
> any sane person. Yet, "leaders" of whole nations get away
> with it and in fact are sometimes put into power _because
> of_ their psychotic rantings and propositions.

Isn't it ironic that we tolerate, in our leadership, behavior we
would never tolerate in our own children, or ANY child?

> People think we're crazy because we talk about aliens
> and UFOs. The real whacko's (the dangerous ones) are
> -running- the assylum! If we don't 'sane up' real quick
> our children and our grandchildren won't have the luxury
> of living out their lives to a natural end. That will be taken
> care of for them. We have to take responsibility to insure
> a future for them and all succeeding generations. We have
> to stop living like we're the last generation or we will be!

Perhaps giving them the excuse they need to go in and round us
all up for incarcerations they practiced for recently in
Virginia?

> I wouldn't be surprized if activity was up because of the
> blasts. Bottom line though is that we gotta save ourselves!
> I for one, ain't waiting around to be "saved" by aliens. I
> learned a long time ago that Life is a self-help program.

Amen Brother -- if we can't carry our own water we don't
deserve a continuence. Maybe the Aliens understand that better
than we do.

> Abductees die from cancer, (ie; Dr. Karla Turner,) heart
> attacks, and all manner of natural causes with no apparent
> intervention or concern shown by their lifelong captors.
> Foo fighters may have 'watched' battles during WWII or
> Viet Nam but they never 'stopped them.' Hitler killed millions
> of Jews and Gypsies, we nuked Hiroshima and Nagasaki,
> millions continue to die at the hands of others daily. Just
> look at the fairly recent mass murders in Africa, the
> ongoing and unchecked genocide in Bosnia etc. The aliens
> could have interceded on behalf of poor insane and suffering
> humanity at anytime throughout our long, bloody history.
> The 'fact' is, they haven't.

But perhaps they would have had we not worried them so terribly <g>. Seriously, I think we do worry them, if not scare them scatologic -- less <g>.

> Doesn't matter if UFOs are watching, they won't interfere.
> I honestly believe that if China, India, Pakistan, the US and
> Russia all launched their nuclear warheads at each other
> simultaneously that our "visitors" would probably just watch
> in awestruck wonder and contemplate the magnitude of our
> collective stupidity and the profound depth of our suicidal
> tendencies and self-destructive psychosis.

Jakes Louw saw it as a group of ET's watching the meltdown of a ghetto planet in a stunned collective of incredulity. Don't think you're alone, brother Jakes!

> ><tapping the mike> Is this thing on?

> Yeah brother, I hear you. I hope others do too, for all our
> sakes. If we don't do it, the evidence points to the fact
> that "They" sure as hell won't come down and do it for us!

> "Stop the insanity!"

> John Velez

That Susan Powter did know how to put a cap on it, no? <g>--
Explore the Alien View?

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@freeside.fc.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 11:08:55 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 10:12:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

Regarding the following Updates post ...

> Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:38:57 -0400
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

> From: UFOMind Mailing List Archive
> <http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1998/apr/d17-001.shtml>

> Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

> From: Bob Durant <70232.17@compuserve.com>
> Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 08:36:06 -0800

> On March 30 Washington columnist Sarah McClendon published a
> report claiming, among other things, that "a community of
> scientists and technicians employed by the government" believe
> UFOs "are actual visitors from other worlds." Her report has
> received wide distribution on the Internet.

> [See <http://www.ufomind.com/people/m/mcclendon/#1>]

> McClendon states that a number of senior Clinton advisors
> received UFO briefings. Among those named officials is Anthony
> Lake, who served as the President's National Security Advisor.

> [snip]

> On April 14 Lake delivered the annual George W. Ball Lecture at
> Princeton University. I attended the lecture, and approached him
> after the talk to ask about McClendon's report. The following is
> a transcript of our short but unambiguous conversation.

> Durant: Two weeks ago Sarah McClendon, a Washington reporter,

> Lake: Right, right

> Durant: wrote a real fire burner about UFOs. And she indicated
> that this was taken very seriously by the Clinton
> administration. Your name was mentioned in it, as somebody
> having received a briefing on this topic. Do you know anything
> about this?

> Lake: This is very highly classified. But if you looked at
> Independence Day, the contact with the space aliens, the
> description of the aliens is just about perfect. No, that's just
> nonsense. Absolute nonsense. I never got a briefing. There is
> no, what, what is it, Roswell. Unless, I never heard of Roswell,
> in fact, until I was on the Diane Reems (sp?) show about a year
> ago, and a caller said, so are you going to tell us about
> Roswell, Roswell and what's it called, 51 or 52?

> Durant: Area 51

> Lake: Oh, Area 51. I never heard of it [snip]

Well how interesting! The President's National Security advisor
never heard of Area 51? This when its common knowledge that the
site is one of the military's most protected development

facilities? And when President Clinton himself has granted waivers to the site regarding Environment Protection Agency standards?

Somehow I don't think so.

If this were true at all, its only because Lake is familiar with the site, but by some other designation. And I have to wonder about his denial of the UFO briefing too. The only remark above I don't doubt the truth of is Lake's initial one,

> ... This is very highly classified. ...

-Brian Cuthbertson

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The Duke of Mendoza

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 13:10:44 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 10:58:39 -0400
Subject: The Duke of Mendoza

Dear Sirs and Madames:

Has anyone heard from the Duke of Mendoza lately?

The last I heard were some bubbles from his private submarine in the Greek Isles. Maybe he was confused with a Turk or a communist.

Please direct all comments to this open list.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Nua Blather: Silly Season - Monsters, UFOs, etc

From: Dave Walsh <dave@nua.ie>
Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 18:14:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 10:27:14 -0400
Subject: Nua Blather: Silly Season - Monsters, UFOs, etc

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SILLY SEASON: MONSTERS, UFOS, ETC

Today's issue (July 3rd 1998) of that not particularly erudite newsheet *The Star*, carries a report titled *Look out, it's Eskie!*, which tells the tale of a lake monster sighting on Lough Eske [a.k.a. Lough Easke], a few miles north of Donegal town, in north-eastern Ireland. Diners and staff at Harvey's Point Hotel (<http://www.commerce.ie/harveys-pt/>) saw 'something' moving about, around 300m (328 yds) from the shore on Sunday 28th June at 2:30pm. Local B&B boss Annabel Clarke reckons that the beastie was up looking for food, while her husband Kieran commented that '"some lakes in Donegal are said to be connected by current to Scotland"'. Disappearing rivers, caverns, connecting lakes (which does happen, e.g. Lough Mask and Corrib) are all classic motifs in lake monster lore. I even seem to recall claims of links between Scottish and North American lakes!

The article is accompanied by a photo of the hotel's banqueting manager, Seamus Caldwell -- one of the witnesses -- looking at the lake through binoculars, and has an inset of a plesiosaur illustration labelled 'COUSIN: Lough Ness Monster', which almost caused me to choke on my breakfast [Let me point out at this juncture that I don't normally read *The Star* over breakfast].

On a practical side, Lough Eske is at an elevation of about 100m (328 ft) about sea-level, and connects into Donegal bay by the River Eske which is only 3 or four miles long. I'm unfamiliar with the terrain, and Blather's readers are welcome to comment on the practicability of seals etc. entering Lough Eske. So far, I haven't come across any mentions of Lough Eske in lake monster literature, but Robert Lloyd Praeger does mention it on page 52 of *The Way That I Went*.

'Lough Easke (*Loch eisc*, lake of the fish) offers a softer type of scenery, for though surrounded by hills on three sides, its sheltered position allows rich woodland to clothe its western shores (Plate V [photo included]). It is indeed a very beautiful lake, seen to its best advantage from the southern end, where the rounded summits of the naked Blue Stack Mountains (2219 feet) are seen rising behind the heathery hills that surround the lake.'

Lough Belshade, another two miles up river, have some tales attached. The Gaelic name, loch b=E91 s=E9ad translates as the lake with the jewel mouth. it comes from a legend in the *Leabhar Breac*, which tells us that:

'"*Coerabar boeth*", the daughter of Etal Anbuail of the fairy mansions of Connaught, was a beautiful and powerfully gifted maiden. She had three times fifty 50 ladies in her train. They were all transformed every year into three times fifty beautiful

birds and restored to their natural shape the next year. These birds were chained in couples by chains of silver. One bird among them was the most beautiful of the world's birds having a necklace of red gold on her neck, with three times fifty chains depending from it, each chain terminating in a ball of gold. During their transformation into birds they always remained in Loch Crotta Cliath [that is, the Lake of Cliath's Harps] wherefore the people who saw them were in the habit of saying: 'Many is the *S=E9ad* [that is, a gem, or jewel, or other precious article] at the mouth of Loch Crotta this day. And hence it is called *Loch B=E9l S=E9ad* [or the Lake of the Jewel Mouth].''

Robert Lloyd Praeger

The Way That I Went 1937, republished 1997 by The Collins Press
ISBN 1-898-256-357

(*The Star*, Friday July 3rd 1998)

THE BLATHER OF NORWAY

While on the subject of lake monsters, we may as well go so far as to share with you an upcoming Blather outing.

In Blather Vol 1. No. 42, back on February 27th 1998, we had a story labelled *A Monster Hunting We Will Go*

(<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issuelno42.html>), which told of a planned monster-hunt to Lake Seljord in Norway. In the following issue

(<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issuelno43.html>) Jan-Ove Sundberg, the leader of the expedition, gave us his views regarding to some rather spurious remarks from scientists regarding lakeside sawmills.

This Blatherskite is flattered to have been invited aboard as part of the team, or to be more precise the Global Underwater Search Team (GUST), which seeks to corroborate 250 years of lake monster sightings on the lake. The project runs from August 3rd - 20th, and 24-hour surveillance will be maintained by the 12 person team. The proceedings will be filmed for both the Discovery Channel and the BBC. More details on the lake, the monster, the GUST team and the equipment we'll be using is available at the GUST website. (<http://www.bahnhof.se/~wizard/gust>). More news as it all unfolds.

See also *Netman hunts Norwegian Nessie*, Sunday Business Post, June 28 1998, Page 11

(<http://www.sbpost.ie/newspaper/current/news/Netman.html>)

WHAT'S IN THE DERRY AIR?

The Derry Journal Friday 19th of June 1998 tells us of *Close Encounters of the Derry Kind*, enlightening us as to how folks thereabouts are convinced of extraterrestrial contact during that week. The paper received various anonymous reports of 'round objects' seen 'high in the sky' over the Galliagh area at around 11am on Wednesday 17th. The object was said to be spinning, and reflective, but noiseless. It was joined [how?, did they *arrive*, or just appear?] by two more, and "all three could be seen spinning high in the sky."

The claimants said that the UFOs moved across the sky, and two shot vertically upwards 'straight up into the atmosphere'. The other continued flying across the sky, and vanished.

The Journal seems to have had a ball investigating these claims, with little success. Derry airport said that *the* hadn't seen anything, while the RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary) urged witnesses to contact their "alien branch".

The article was accompanied by photo with this caption:

'It was something like this...This special photofit images was similar to the spherical like object which several readers claimed to have seen circling Derry this week'
[Image shows shot of Derry, with stuck-on flying *saucer*]

So, is this just silly season stuff, or is there any credence to it at all?

[Thanks to Ciaran O'Neill from the Derry Journal for faxing me the article, and Patricia Sharkey for alerting me to this, and to earlier reports in the Donegal Democrat, a copy of which I have been as yet unable to acquire.]

AN IRISH CHUPACABRAS?

Mention was made to me only this morning by one Gerry Minehan of 'goat sucker'-like creature which alledgedly haunted the Gougane Barra Forest Park area in Co. Cork during the 1930s. First I heard of it, though Doc Shiels does make mention of the Ballyvourney Beast in Fortean Times 34:20, seen about 10 miles north-east of Gougane Barra by Seamus Creagh and Pauline Dodds, way back in 1981. They reckoned they had seen a lynx. Apart from it being the haunt of Saint Gobnate, the Pooka and a Spirit Horse got up to no good around Ballyvourney, according to Thomas Crofton Croker

(<http://faeryland.tamu-commerce.edu/~earendil/faerie/Croker/>).

Morty Sullivan had a bit of a run-in with the Pooka, in the shape of an old woman, 'a sulphureous puff coming out of her mouth, her nostrils distending, and her eyes growing redder than ever'. He was found batter and bruised the next morning by a bunch of pilgrims to St. Fin Barre's church at Gougane Barra, or so we're told. Unrelated of course, were the goings-on in a funeral home there in March 1997, involving an assault against a corpse by an former U.S. Marine. (<http://www.irish-times.com/irish-times/paper/1997/0619/hom12.html>)h-times/paper/1997/0619/hom12.html)

In the same Doc Shiels article, according to a letter from a Miss Kathleen O'Shea of Cork City, had a bit of a weird experience on 4p.m. on the 9th of August, while walking near Smerwick on the Dingle Peninsula, Co. Kerry. She was heading towards Ballyferriter, and the sky was "dark with rain clouds". As she made for shelter, "a giant black animal like a bat flew up. I screamed and fell forward. When I dared to open my eyes it had gone. I ran all the way to Ballyferriter. . ." An Irish Owlman, Mothman, Goatsucker or a Devil?

RAW

Blatherskite alter-ego pontificates on the work of Robert Anton Wilson in June's Purple Ept (<http://www.inept.com/sporadic/featuresjul98/raw.htm>)

Dave Walsh
July 3rd 1998

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A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 15:49:49 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 11:04:53 -0400
Subject: A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio

A remark that Prof. Eshleman (of the Sturrock panel) made on PBS Radio's "Science Friday" interview was interesting. This is in regard to the SETI program having received a considerable number of signals from space that could not be identified as coming from any Earth source, and which did not last long enough to be considered really repeatable. His point on this was that these unidentified radio-wave signals (URS?) resemble UFO reports in this regard -- both unidentified. (His hope was that ufology might grow in respectability to the same level that SETI has reached, which is not asking for too much!)

A point he did not make, however, is that UFOs are unidentified in many or most cases because they do not hang around long enough for the news media to photograph them from all directions, or for the military to shoot them down and display them as evidence, etc. This makes Eshleman's analogy even closer, I think.

So it would not be surprising if these URS were purposely implanted by certain UFO intelligences, as part of the overall UFO phenomenon. That way they can make some astronomers start to ponder it a bit, just as the crop-circle phenomenon can (or should) make a few plant pathologists ponder that end of it.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 19:19:55 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 11:10:18 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>Date: Thu, 02 Jul 98 12:44:20 PDT

<Total snip>

Jerry,

Before I take the time to respond to your latest post, let me ask you two brief yes or no questions.

1) Does the word "condescend" mean anything to you? If so, then don't do it. Please. It merely tickles the tendency in the respondent to do likewise.

2) Have you read the Mike Davis essay in The Anomalist 5? I'm pretty sure you have a copy, because I believe I sent you one. If not, it's a long weekend, so maybe you could stir yourself. And I'll read Swords's "Extraterrestrial Hypothesis and Science" in the 2nd edition of your Encyclopedia, which arrived last night, and for which, many thanks.

I will answer one of your questions now, however.

>And finally, a question: I'm curious. When was the last time you >took a pro-UFO position in any argument on this subject? Or is >that occurrence lost in the dim mists of antiquity?

One pro-position I took was to solicit and publish Karl Pflock's article "UFOs: For RAND Use Only" in The Anomalist. I might also point out that it precedes Davis's article in the same issue. To some (except possibly yourself) that would indicate that I have a high tolerance for ambiguity.

For another recent pro-position, see many of the articles included in my "UFOs 1947-1997: Fifty Years of Flying Saucers," co-edited with Hilary Evans. If I weren't in basic agreement with them, I wouldn't have used them.

(Sorry, but sometimes one has to state the obvious. I believe you even referred to it as one of the best books of the year, a laurel I doubt you would have bestowed on a book highly critical of the subject.)

For a forthcoming pro-position, read my next book, "A Field Guide to UFOs," co-written with Patrick Huyghe, and due out next year. You may be surprised.

And my very next death-defying act of pro-UFO-position derring-do (when I eventually get around to it) will be to publish on this List a list of 10-20 cases suggestive of ET UFOs (drawn from the Field Guide), a pro-position a number of people on this List have proffered you, as well, to no avail to date.

But, no, I don't get out of bed every morning (such is my tolerance for ambiguity that it even extends to my own thinking on any given day) with a burning need to issue a pro-UFO proclamation.

My doubts about ET visitation (apparently unlike you, I have some), when I have them, are driven more by the sorts of larger issues raised by Davis (and others -- yes, there is a so-called "New Astronomy"), rather than the number of (potential) civilizations in the galaxy or the immense distances between stars. After all, if there's only one intelligent observer species in the universe (the Strong Anthropic Principle), it wouldn't make any difference how far apart (or near) the stars were.

From the papers I read, it's clear to me that new discoveries are being made about the universe almost on a daily basis. Old theories and best guesses are being overturned regularly. The old girl is refusing to sit still for her full physical, which makes it extremely difficult for any of us -- Davis, Swords, you, or me -- to fully know, or describe, the creature we're talking about. And, by extension, the role of the UFO within.

Again, a response to some of your other issues later.

Dennis

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Re: Filer's Files #26

From: Jeff Westover <jeff.westover@mailexcite.com>
Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 17:47:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 12:01:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #26

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 16:54:02 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Filer's Files #26

>Port Washington Bob Mueller reports that saw black helicopters
>fly over his house on Saturday, June 13, 1998, and then again on
>Sunday. On both days, five helicopters flew north and then came
>back a few hours later heading south. They looked like UH-60
>Blackhawks gunships with a capacity for about a dozen troops
>apiece. There were no markings, but those low-visibility paint
>sc hemes make it tough to see. Sunday night, at about 11:00 PM,
>I went out to my car to get something, and I saw a moving,
>flashing orange light very high in the sky directly overhead.
>When it flashed, it was very bright (so much so, it's reflection
>off my car/glasses caught my attention enough to cause me look
>DIRECTLY up). It appeared to be moving in straight line. The UFO
>was heading due North - the same heading (and along virtually
>the same path) as the helicopters. I watched it for about 10
>seconds, then ran inside to get my wife Michele. We came out
>maybe 30 seconds later, but by then it was gone. Was a satellite
>catching the sun? I wonder. Thanks for the E-mail submission
>from Bob Mueller.

I believe this report to actually be from Port Washington, Wisconsin (north of Milwaukee and sitting on Lake MICHIGAN).

Jeff Westover

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Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@li.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 21:44:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 12:09:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 23:54:53 -0400
>Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 02:27:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

>>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 14:24:12 -0400
>>To: " UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@li.net>
>>Subject: Mag 1/4__Comments on Trindade Isl.1

Bruce,

I believe that a paper entitled "Trindade Revisited" was published by Dr. Willy Smith in the July/August 1983 issue of the International UFO Reporter.

However, I have a gap in my IUR subscriptions from about that time, when CUFOS was going through its early growing pains. (i.e. when it was publishing through "Probe" and "Second Look", which I think became, "Frontiers of Science.")

If what you mentioned about the Baruna interview isn't there, we'll need some "official" help for the exact issue. :-)

Jerry

>>Greetings Peter & list members,

>>It is hoped the following regarding the Almirante Saldanha UFO >>sighting off Trindade Island is in keeping with Bruce >>Maccabee's sentiments regarding decreasing philosophical >>discussion and rather, digging in and getting to the >>nitty-gritty within various cases.

<snip>

>Note: Baruna was interviewed about 10 years ago, I believe and >the interview was published in IUR.(Jerry could probably name >the particular issue.)

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Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 23:21:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 12:30:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 17:27:11 -0700
>From: jared@valuserve.com (1 Jared Anderson)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

<snip>

>In addition Jacques Vallee and Bruce Maccabee have written
>articles in SSE's Journal of Scientific Exploration. If anything
>UFO related ever get's published in any mainstream academic
>scientific journals there will HAVE to be references and
> Citations to certain ufologists. I can't imagine career
> researchers will all just be forgotten.

I have also published a couple of articles in Applied Optics...
how that came about is an interesting story in itself. However,
if the high powered academics with university affiliation take
grab the ball and start running with it (funded research) they
will overwhelm the previous work quite quickly. Whether "classic
UFO scientists" get mentioned or no will depend upon whether the
sightings investigated by the "newby" scientists are old cases
(e.g. predating 1998) or new ones for which there has been little
or no investigation by the "classic ufologists." And, yes,
career researchers could be forgotten.

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Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 23:21:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 12:29:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Mag 1/4 -- Comments on Trindade Isl. 1/2

>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 14:24:12 -0400
>To: " UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen@li.net>
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>sentiments regarding decreasing philosophical discussion and
>rather, digging in and getting to the nitty-gritty within
>various cases.

Great, Jerry. Glad to (a) see that someone actually reads my
messages and (b) is willing to try to get some "real work" done
by members of this list.

Unfortunately I cannot be of much help in this case since'
I have no information that is not available in th general
literature. I wonder why no one in Brazil...at least none that
we have heard of, has tried to dig up some of the witnesses.

Note: Baruna was interviewed about 10 years ago, I believe
and the interview was published in IUR.(Jerry could probably
name the particular issue.)

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Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 23:22:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 13:21:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

>From: Melanie Mecca <natural.state@erols.com>
>Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 23:12:32 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study

>> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:03 -0400
>> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Scientists: UFOs Warrant Study
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> In some cases teh witness testimony is
>> EXTREMELY compelling and furthermore involves descriptions of
>> phenomena that remain unexplainable after analysis.... and some
>> of these cases point toward Other Intelligences. (Uh oh,
>> banishment to UFO Hell again!)

>You'll have lots of company in UFO hell - those of us who think
>take a duck, it most likely is a duck (ok, a souped-up-model duck
>with advanced yogic powers that can walk through walls - so
>what????) But you are forgetting that fairies and demons can
>assume shapes like shiny metal craft at will, and for fun they
>mimic various bright lights, chase cars (a la latest BC case),
>pretend to be ultra-flying machines showing off gravity-defying
>feats, simulate landings as if they were solid physical objects,
>and of course, abduct people to breed more fairies (because you
>can never have too many). Any physical evidence, therefore, may
>appear to have some manner of ontological status but is really
>just - fairy dust. The Sturrock Panel may be in the know
>already.

Melanie Mecca

Thank you for your kind comments about having company in UFO
HELL. As for the fairies, they exist in fairy hell along with
lots of fairy dust.... but they don't care. Neither would
anyone else after sniffing some of that fairy dust.

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 23:22:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 13:24:35 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 08:04:24 -0400

>> Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:09 -0400
>> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> In the Washington DC area there is a nighttime talk show which
>> had one of the UFO panel members on (Jay Melosh of U of
>> Arizona). He is a "hard nosed" skeptic. I just happened to hear
>> the beginning of the show as I was riding in my car. When I got
>> to my office (work late) I called in and was able to speak
>> with/debate Melosh. It just so happened that the talk show host,
>> Chip Franklin, had me on his show a year ago to talk about my
>> book UFOS ARE REAL- HERE'S THE PROOF (Ed Walters and Bruce
>> Maccabee, Avon paperback, . \$6.00 cheap.shameless plug)...

>> Franklin, although skeptical, did not write me off as he might
>> have most. Hence, when I got on the air in the latter half of
>> the show and did not have time to complete some
>> statements/thoughts I was expressing, he invited me to stay over
>> for a "few minutes" the next hour (which was essentially an open
>> hour in his program). SAo many people called in that I ended up.
>> on his show for the whole hour following Melosh, discussing.,
>> etc., and fielding questions from the audience. (One man w.who
>> called in said he was 13 years old near Mt. Kisco New Yor...arge
>>.any of their neighbors.)

>Glad to know you got in your licks!

>But I'm most curious about Melosh. Clearly, the steering
>committee of this new UFO study leaned toward the unusual in
>science, with the likes of David Pritchard, Hal Puthoff, and
>Robert Jahn on it.>

>So it's the review panel that's most important -- the scientists
>who reviewed the data that the steering committee helped
>assemble. Melosh was a member. I'm glad to know he's skeptical,
>because I'm glad to know there were skeptics on it.>

>What did he say on the radio? What part of the new report did he
>stress? Did he dissent from any of it? I'm eager to know what
>impact this report will have on scientists, and the feelings of a
>skeptic who was involved in it might be an early sign of where
>this is going.>

>Greg Sandow

I did not hear the whole show, only th first few minutes and
then the last 20 or so when I was on. From what I did hear it
was clear that Melosh wouldn't bite the UFO bullet without
having a bullet - i.e., hardware - to bite. In other words, he
didn't believe that any of the sightings he heard about were
evidence of anything beyond our physics, although he admitted
that some of the sightings were "puzzling." As I recall, Mr
Franklin asked specifically about several of the cases that

Melosh couldn't explain. Melosh did agree that the subject deserves more serious study, although he did point out that young scientists trying to build up their credibility probably shouldn't get involved because of the "giggle factor" (not a term he used). Generally speaking he did not, so far as I could tell, dispute the published report in any way.

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 23:21:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 13:15:42 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

>From: RobIrving@aol.com
>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 22:45:22 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

>> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>> From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
>> Date: Sun, 28 Jun 98 13:36:18 PDT

>Jerry,

>Despite your attempts to suggest otherwise, many of the points
>I've made to Sean do not oppose the idea that "myopic
>conventionalism" <my words> slows down progress. I don't see why
>science would be different from any other human activity.>

<snip>

Rob, you say you don't accept the ETH. Fine. The first question to answer is this : is there any case which you would accept as unexplainable in terms of known phenomena, said phenomena being generally characterized as either misidentification (of mundane natural or manmade phenomena or devices), mental phenomena (e.g., delusions, "will to believe" overpowering rationalism, daydreaming, hypnopompic/gogic, "old hag," etc.) or outright hoaxes.

If there is no such case then I presume that you can offer an explanation for each sighting case that can be presented to you... and I don't mean a "garbage" explanation that falls apart upon analysis, I mean an explanation that withstands analysis in light of the available information on any sighting.

On the other hand, if you can suggest a case which is truly puzzling to you, perhaps we can discuss it on this list and arrive at some conclusion as to how it might be explained or if it truly seems unexplainable.

If you can think of no sighting that would be unexplainable, perhaps I can suggest one or more to discuss... to see if you can explain.

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Re: Press Release

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 09:42:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 13:30:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Press Release

Press Release -- July 4, 1998 -- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

REACTION TO OPENING OF BOB SHELL'S STORE OVERWHELMING

Today's Grand Opening of Bob's Place, the new on-line store on Bob Shell's web site was greeted with wild enthusiasm. Large crowds turned out in massive impromptu demonstrations all across the nation to celebrate. The smell of hotdogs, hamburgers and cotton candy filled the air. Kegs were cracked and glasses lifted in toast to this unique occasion. Traffic jams occurred everywhere as people rushed to the celebrations.

Reached at his 147th floor office in the imposing Bob Shell Ltd. building which dominates the skyline of Radford, Virginia, Bob said, "I am humbled by this response. I expected a few people to turn out for my grand opening, but not these gigantic crowds. Why it was almost a holiday atmosphere. And the fireworks were almost too much!!! This day will live forever in my memory."

The new store is the result of a solid year of hard labor by Crimson Star, widely regarded as the world's finest web site designer, with input from Bob and a specially selected group of test subjects.

Bob is available for television and radio appearances related to this spectacular event.

The web site is at <http://www.bobshell.com>

If you have trouble accessing the site, keep trying. It is expected that the massive crowds going on line simultaneously to visit Bob's Place may bring the entire internet to a crawl for the next few weeks.

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Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 10:47:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 13:41:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 00:39:52 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>>Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 23:54:17 -0400
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>ebk wrote:

>>It seems that he ran into Jeff Sainio at the MUFON Symposium in
>>Colorado this past weekend. The reclusive Mr Sainio called up the
>>Mexico City footage of the 'Craft' going behind a large building,
>>on his computer and told Michael that he was absolutely in no
>>doubt that the footage was a hoax.

>Lindemann also said that Jaime (sp?) Maussan is willing to
>consider this but Maussan can't get by the credibility of the
>teenage girl Cassandra who claims she saw the craft and her
>Father didn't believe her and called her a liar. He allegedly
>believed her when J.M. came calling. The Father tells same
>story. Supposedly Cassandra didn't watch the show where Maussan
>debuted the video. Of course, this is impossible to prove.>

>There were also other witnesses including a young boy. Are they
>all lying? What a sad world if they are. And what a terrific
>bunch of liars because I saw the interviews and these people
>seemed credible. Some were professional people from the area of
>where the sighting or hoax took place if that's what
>it is.

>How reliable is Sainio? Who is he?

>Joe in Tampa

Sainio is one of the best photo/video analysts in the
"business." He began studying the video at my request and the
results of our initial joint work on it were published in the
MUFON Journal several months ago. He as spent MANY hours on this
video, as I can attest, as have I.

Initially it looked very intriguing. But scientists always asks
questions of the data (in a manner of speaking) and try to check
consistency in all ways.

One of the things to check in in video movie or even a still
photo is the comparison between the smearing of images due to
camera motion. The UFO image smear should be the same as the
background image smear. Careful edge analysis shows that the UFO
image is smeared very little or not at all at the same time (in
the same frames) where the building image smear is sizeable. In
neither case is the smear very great because the camera was
evidently operating with a rather fast shutter time (1/250 sec
or so). This is why the differential smearing was not noticed in
the initial analyses.

Any acceptance of the video as real would have to include a logical explanation for this differential smear (I can't think of one!). Since the cameraman is still, so far as I know, unknown, the camera, etc. cannot be checked.

The story is that the cameraman would not come forward because he was working illegally in Mexico City and would be sent back to Venezuela (or perhaps arrested and put in jail) if discovered. You should note that sizeable amounts of good old American \$\$\$ were thrown around in order to UPN to buy the rights to use that video in "Danger in Our Skies." The cameraman could have demanded a pretty penny for convincing proof that his video was real.... I expect he could have made a lot of money and gone back to Venezuela as rich man, had he played his cards right. In other words, if this were a real video it would have been more lucrative for the person to admit to having taken it (thereby getting paid tens of thousands of \$\$\$) than to maintain anonymity and continue working for whatever company in Mexico City. (Unless, of course, he works for "Juan Valdez" and the people who have all those "funny" farms in Columbia.)

Without a "first person account" of the video, the video will always be "wounded." Inasmuch as internal evidence seems to show signs of fake, at the very least it cannot be accepted as proof of the visual sightings.

How, then, does it related to the visual sightings?

Perhaps the videographer heard about the sighting or was a witness and then took well over a month to construct his depiction of it. And perhaps the witnesses were not all recalling events on the specific date, Aug. 6, which shows on the video.

The bottom line is that we don' know how to relate the video to the sightings, and we may never know if the videographer doesn't come forward.

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Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 10:47:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 13:59:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>While listening to Wednesday night's 'Sightings', hosted by Jeff
>Rense, this evening (thanks Bill) I caught the erudite Michael
>Lindemann dropping a gem.>

>It seems that he ran into Jeff Sainio at the MUFON Symposium in
>Colorado this past weekend. The reclusive Mr Sainio called up the
>Mexico City footage of the 'Craft' going behind a large building,
>on his computer and told Michael that he was absolutely in no
>doubt that the footage was a hoax.

It is true. Upon careful analysis we have determined that when the background building images are smeared by camera motion the UFO image does NOT appear to be similarly smeared. Very difficult (impossible?) to explain this situation if the UFO were a real object out there. This result has been known to the investgators (myself, Sainio, and Chip Pedersen) for over a month and I mentioned it at the Mid Atlantic MUFON SYmposium in early May. Furthermore, Sainio sent a letter stating his opinion to Walt Andrus about a month ago.

However, we have held off publication pending analysis of a guaranteed fake for comparison. The fake has been created for use in Robert Kiviat's next TV show (he did the alien autopsy and last summer's "best video evidence") in a couple of weeks. (Kiviat would not release to us a copy of the fake video until just before his show airs).

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Re: Two 'New' UFO Crashes

From: Joe Ritrovato <joerit@flash.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 09:25:52 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 14:08:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Two 'New' UFO Crashes

> From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
> Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 23:04:32 EDT
> To: updates@globalseve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Two 'New' UFO Crashes

> To anyone interested:

> Here is a report I feel confident none of you have heard. It
> was investigated initially by Ray Fowler when he worked with
> NICAP.

> Several years ago, I heard that in the seventies a UFO had
> crashed into a nearby "swimming hole" known as Rainbow Lake here
> in Derry NH, (USA). I took that report with substantial NaCl,
> but then later saw reference to it in a book about "local
> mysteries". So, I went to the library and did some micro
> ficheing. Since I had no specific date to go by, I started from
> 1970 and worked my way through piles of newspaper film until I
> found the story. I'm paraphrasing here since I can't find the
> photocopy, but here is the gist of it:

> On Oct. 10, 1973, more than twenty witnesses saw two glowing
> disks descend from the sky. Both hovered momentarily above
> Rainbow Lake, then one dropped into the water, making an audible
> splash and a series of waves. The remaining disk lingered
> briefly, then shot back into the sky. The police were contacted,
> and subsequently divers from the local fire department were
> called in. They searched the water, but reported near zero
> visibility due to the cloudy, murky conditions. Dragging the
> bottom with nets was considered, but apparently dragging for
> UFOs was not included in the small-town fire dept's budget, and
> no further searches were conducted.

I've been collecting stories of reported UFO Crashes for a
couple of years (I have a list of 70 that I feel may be worthy
of further investigation), but haven't heard of this one.
However, there is one I know about that is strangely similar to
it that also occurred in New Hampshire. On 1/10/77 in Wakefield,
NH, an unidentified black cube shaped object (believe it was no
more than a foot long on a side) fell from the sky and crashed
through the ice of a pond in someone's back yard (for details
see: Boston Globe, 8/7/96, B, 1:4).

Kevin Randle in his "A History of UFO Crashes" rates this last
crash of something as 'Not A UFO Event', however he doesn't tell
us what he thought it was either.

> I have been to the site, and it is not a particularly large body
> of water. In fact, "pond" would describe it more adequately. It
> is perhaps two to three hundred yards wide, and nearly circular.
> It may be artificial. I have not spoken to any of the witnesses,
> but have spoken to a few folks who recall the excitement
> generated by the event.

> I must admit, I watched with bemusement as Paramount's Sightings
> covered the recent searches off the coast of Nova Scotia as
> teams looked through hundreds of square miles of ocean for the
> object purportedly seen there a few years back. Perhaps they
> would have had better luck down the road a bit from my house!

> There are no reports of the object leaving, after all.
> If anyone would like copies of the original articles, let me
> know and I'll find them or just go make more.
> Greg
> Strmnut@aol.com

Yes Greg, I would be very interested to see the original articles related to the 10/10/73 event. Let me know when you've got them in hand...

Thanks,

Joe Ritrovato
mailto:joerit@flash.net

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I did the most thorough investigation ever done of the Kaikoura sightings of December, 1978. I published several papers on it in the 1980's. There was no tornado around. The idea of seismic activity causing glowing lights was proposed soon after the sightings. The explanation made no more sense then than it does now nearly 20 years later. The two lighted objects which for which there was the most film (16 mm color movie) were simply too intense and of too long a duration to be glowing gas. Moreover, the second of these pulsated at a steady rate with the image changing from bright white that overexposed the film to a dim triangular arrangement of lights with two red lights side by side and an orange light above at the apex of the triangle. This has been reported in the Journal of Scientific Exploration, Volume 1, #2, of 1987. This is the publication of the Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE) which recently published the results of an independent panel that reviewed the UFO situation. One conclusion of the panel was that UFO sightings deserve more scientific study. The panel concluded there was no conclusive evidence of ET presence based on the sightings they reviewed. However, the Kaikoura sightings were not among those reviewed. It is possible that their conclusion would have been modified somewhat had the full New Zealand investigation results been presented.

Yours truly,

Dr. Bruce Maccabee

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 10:47:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 14:04:24 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:20:36 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:53:52 -0400
>>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> I agree that having "ten best cases" or 5 or 1 or 100 would be
>> valuable. We should attempt to find at least one case that the
>> majority of contributors can agree remains UNEXPLAINED AFTER
>> EVALUATION and, furthermore, APPEARS THAT IT WILL REMAIN
>> UNEXPLAINABLE IN THE FUTURE, where explanation is in terms of
>> known phenomena (e.g., explaining a UFO as ball lightning is
>> explaining one unknown with another).>

>This idea is interesting as far as it goes, but some ground rules
>>would need to be set:.

>Which items of data in the report and which sequences of events
>in the report will require explanation?>>

>How many low probability events are explainers allowed to posit
>in their explanations as coming together to cause this report?>

>To what degree are explainers allowed to claim that the witness
>is a hoaxer, and what level of proof will be required before
>such an assertion will be accepted?

>Will all reports be required to be multiple witness?

>What minimum qualifications / reputation will be required to
>make a witness account acceptable?

>Will multiple independent witnesses offset lower witness
>qualifications?

>Will physical trace evidence or instrumentation be required?>

>You can see how hard this might be.

I never promised a "rose garden." Of course things are more complicated than one might deduce from the little that I wrote. However, it is in the argumentation that the skeptics (and proponents) around here might learn something valuable about the nature of the argumentation and some of the "operational philosophy" of proving a case. You have indicated your experience by the list of requirements you have suggested and by your own choices for what the "rules of engagement" would be.

> The debunker will insist
>that they be allowed to reject any item of testimony they object
>to on grounds of a priori unbelievability, that any number of
>low probability events be acceptable, that a low threshold of
>proof for claiming a witness a hoaxer is essential, that
>multiple witness reports are no more evidential than single

>witness reports, and that the only acceptable trace evidence is
>a component of clearly non-terrestrial origin. The believer will
>insist that none of this is relevant, since the aliens have told
>him why they are visiting us, and that all witnesses are telling
>the truth without error, and that the speck of metallic material
>recovered from his foot is sufficient trace evidence. The
>scientifically oriented, open-minded skeptic such as myself
>might state.

>1) Only multiple witness cases are allowed.

Yes

>2) Witnesses must have some level of technical knowledge.

or at least a good education

>3) Witnesses must have a reputation of some value which is
>threatened by their willingness to report publicly. Previous
>history showing observational skills and personal integrity is
>required.

Yes, or at least being a credible adult.

>4) All data and events in the report must be coherently
>explained by any explanation and no more than one low
>probability event is allowed. No data may be changed or
>omitted.

Yes, but if any data are "desired" to be omitted or modified,
arguments to justify same must be clear and acceptable (the
Double Edge of Ockham's blade play a role here, as elsewhere;
too many caveats or conditions on the data make the analysis
unsavory!)

>5) Misperception explanations will require a careful validation
>based on cognitive and perceptual psychology in the context of
>conditions at the time and the witness' qualifications.>

Yes

>6) Hoax claims will only be admitted when a history of hoaxing
>or practical jokes can be documented, or when the hoax has been
>admitted, or when an unequivocal attribution of the hoax to
>specific persons using evidence sufficient to convict for fraud
>is presented.

Yes

>7) Multiple independent witnesses reporting the same event or a
>nearly identical event within a short interval will be
>considered to offset lower technical qualifications in the
>witness.

OK

>8) Photos, radar, ground traces or lasting vehicle effects are
>admissible as physical evidence.

YES, but must be backed by testimony of a sighting at the time
the "physical effect" (radar, photo, landing trace) occurred.

For example., no photo images that appear only when the photo
was developed; (such as the Vancouver case presented to the SSE
review panel and ultimate rejected as proof of anything because
the witness did not see it!)

Radar only cases not considered unless several independent
radars are involved (e.g., Washington DC sightings, 1952) This
at least represents a starting point. Landing trace and other
physical trace cases (e.g., metal samples) must have direct
lineage back to a sighting unless the material is VERY bizarre.
(For example, alleged Roswell metal sample not considered
without direct traceability to Roswell crash or whatever.
However, a metal sample of "unknowium" or "unobtainium" or
"nevermadebymanium" would be worthy of study on its own.)

Abduction cases worthy of study if multiple witness to at least
part of it the events and abductee(s) recall UFO sighting either
before or after. Physical traces remainins after would be
valuable, whether on the ground/surroundings where the abduction

occurred or on the abductee or both. Requirments for samples (implants) same as for physical samples (metal or whatever) stated above.

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Alfred's Odd Ode #253

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>

Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 10:03:02 -0500

Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 14:05:51 -0400

Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #253

Apology to MW #253 (For July 4, 1998)

Think of folks that lived *way back* in, ancient, unguessed time -- when humankind was fresh faced; when she lived in different climes. Present deserts were once verdant in a time so long ago that they're buried by eternity in drifts of time like snow. The continents were closer, and they bridged themselves with land where sea now washes liberally -- plains were mountains, understand? And the arctic was the tropics, and a magnet switched its poles, and the water rushed around them and then slid into its holes.

They made their gods their explanation, and they showered them with gifts, beyond the explanation of their own self worth or thrift. They wrote a lot about them and they said it with aplomb that the gods DID walk among them, or Zecharia's been dead wrong. They were literal -- non allegoric, and they wrote it as they saw it. It's the only thing they did that worked; as they saw it they would call it. And they wrote about their awesome gods, and they gave them useful names, from the strongest to the weakest, and then on them laid their blame <g>.

The biggest? Call him Jupiter! He's the king of all the gods. He's the one with all the lightning bolts, and he gives the rest a nod. Venus is his consort; she has him by the ear, and all the rest arrange themselves behind her, to the rear. Venus was the lessor god, of that there was no doubt. She didn't have Jup's monstrosity, she didn't have his clout. She might trick him or deceive him, but she'd pay the price if caught, she's the loser, any battle where they struggled, or they fought.

Now, come on back to present time, and in the morning, walk outside. Look east before the sun comes up upon a dark, but cloudless sky. Jupiter and Venus, just two planets, out shine stars! But one outshines the other; which is which gets rather hard. Not hard for me, perhaps for you, I've seen them through a scope! I have learned which one is bigger, that's what has me by the throat! It's Jupiter that's dimmer, 'cause it spins so far away; it has the low albedo, and its color makes it fade. Venus is the brightest, so it looks the bigger, still. It has the high albedo and it's closer to us, Phil <g>.

That's where we have the disconnect, and a loss in continuity. This is where we learn comeuppance, and we fill up on humility!

HOW DID THEY KNOW the *dimmiest* light was the father of the gods? HOW DID THEY KNOW when just a look proves Venus has the nod! HOW DID THEY KNOW, when Venus looks the biggest, and more blaming? HOW DID THEY KNOW the sizes of the planets they were naming?!?

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Sitchin would argue that they would have to have been -- uh . . .
. <ahem> . . . TOLD, yes, informed by the gods that walked among them as women and men.

Restore John Ford!

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Explore the Alien View?

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: Sheffield Facts

From: Max Burns <AlienHype1@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 09:15:13 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 13:53:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Sheffield Facts

After all the pontificating and procrastinating from David Clark and his supporters, which even after I offered an olive branch in the hope of stopping all the personal insults that have been flying across the list vier posts, which although may supply some sort of entertainment for the subscribers of ufomind.

Has only distracted from the case, and as you can be aware from the previous posts from Andy Roberts and David they responded straight away with more attacks on my character, followed by more attacks on my research, which all in all is just an attempt to discredit my research, why this type of behaviour continues is not to uphold honesty and to sort out credible research but quite the opposite,

For example, Mr Andy Roberts produces a bit of photo copying Called the Armchair Ufologist, which basically is a non stop tabloid type attack on all researchers who dare to actually make a statement in which anyway mentions aliens, extra terrestrial craft, or abductions.

Mr Robert's has even attacked the user's of updates this is what his thought's are on the users of updates, "Its a constant babble of half formed speculation, pseudo-truth and pseudo religious yearning"

Very nice of you to share your thoughts with us all from your lofty and aloof ivory all seeing all knowing tower, in your self appointed position as guardian of truth or is it suppressor of truth.

You see what I am getting at every single person who even consider's or perhaps would dare to open there mind's to the large amount of evidence that certainly does not fall into the bracket of colored lights. or atmospheric phenomena etc etc.

Mr Robert's roll call of abuse in his last issue included, Max Burns, Miles Johnston, Erik Morriss, Harry Harris, Tony Dodd, Steve Gamble, Bufora, Mathew Williams and Stanton if you are reading this post he calls you the unclear physicist. As well as lot's of sarcastic comments on others including Jenny Randles, Nick Redfern, Tim Mathews, the list goes on and on.

You see that under the guise of searching for the truth, Mr Robert's feel's that he has the right to attack anybody who's onion differs from his own and his group of ivory tower guards.

And as far as I am concerned that is Mr Roberts right, but trying to force your belief's on every body else at the cost of other peoples reputation is just not on.

Now back to the Sheffield incident. Mr Robert's and Mr Clark have been shouting from the roof tops that they have solved the case in no uncertain terms, and have conclusive proof of what has occurred. but this is simply not true. in David's may i add well written article entitled, " The crash that never was"

David has reached no positive conclusion to his investigation and left it open to a number of options, A Bolide meteor, Which David knows that there was no space debris in the atmosphere

that night, a micro light club prank, (Hudson valley sightings) yeah right, a drug drop, top secret craft test, and a covert low flying mission.

As Mr Clark has no conclusive evidence about the night of the 24th March, with all the ufo sightings that night he should not preclude the possibility that an extra terrestrial craft may have been involved.

David also acknowledges that there were a number of UFO reports to the police on the 24th March 1997 and the 25th March 1997 pertaining to the night of the 24th March. confirming that Helen Jackson MP has indeed been lied to in the houses of parliament.

And the last line of his article after coming to no firm conclusions is "How long will the rest of us have to wait before the truth emerges"

You must agree that making that comment is hardly the statement of somebody who has conclusively solved the problem. And David just seems to pass over the ufo sightings and as all good hardened sceptics uses the usual ill decide and interpret what the witnesses have seen to suit my own belief's.

And as he has no conclusive proof of what actually occurred, it is an elementary rule of logic that you cannot prove a negative. Coupled with the lack of conclusive evidence he should not have precluded the possibility of extra terrestrial origin of the ufo sightings on the 24th March 1997.

So there you have it the no conclusive proof no hard evidence just the detailed multiple choice options none of which include the possibility that the flying triangle was actually there and a true ufo, whether this triangle was part of some top secret stealth type project or et in origin is still open for debate, but one thing is for sure, with the five clear independent identical statements from people in the area and on the flight path who have not seen each others statements, who all describe the same object, never mind mis identification, these statements are from people who have had close proximity sightings and are not vague colored lights in the sky type sightings, there was indeed a flying triangle present on the 24th March 1997.

With regard to comments that these witnesses have not had there statements checked, this is not true, Miles Johnston has interviewed and spoken to a couple of the witnesses as well as Mr Mike Jarvis reporter for the News of the World,

I have made some new advances in my research, and I am steadily progressing in the right direction to obtain conclusive proof that a military jet has indeed crashed during this encounter. And with the aloof and self appointed all seeing and all knowing Mr Robert's and Mr Clark demanding that my witnesses be interviewed by independent researchers, My witnesses will be available to be questioned when the time is right which will be soon, and not to your own timetable.

They will be available to people in a position to make comment, who will not have already decided that the witnesses who although believe what they have seen are mistaken, bold comments from someone who has not spoken to the witnesses, a rush to judgement if you ask me.

The behaviour of Andy Roberts and David Clark, is indicative of the way hardened sceptics or debunkers are simply not willing to entertain the possibility that we are in fact being visited by various non human intelligence.

At least I stand by my Statement that we are being visited by various non human intelligence. whether I am right or wrong only time will tell and this truth is not to be meted out by the likes of Mr Roberts Mr Clark and others of similar thoughts. Although they are entitled to there own options, perhaps it would be more productive if they concentrate on obtaining evidence in there search for there version of the truth, instead of attacking anyone who has a different version of the truth, and therefore protecting there own version of the truth.

Whats the truth? I will keep the readers of UpDates informed, if anyone has any personal questions about this incident then

please e mail me at

Alienhypel@aol.com

you can read my extensive research at

<http://www.soft.net.uk/staffs/maxsecret/sheff101.html>

http://www.pufori.org/articles/sheffield/index_nf.htm

<http://www.skipnet.com/~visitations/sheffield/>

<http://www.sightings.com/ufo/sheffield.htm>

Comments are welcome,

Max Burns

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Re: The Duke of Mendoza

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 15:04:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 15:04:22 -0400
Subject: Re: The Duke of Mendoza

>Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 13:10:44 -0700
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: TORONTO LIST <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: The Duke of Mendoza

>Dear Sirs and Madames:

>Has anyone heard from the Duke of Mendoza lately?

In a recent telephonic communication, The Dowager Duchess
(Auntie Vi) imparted the following:

- His Grace is yet mightily miffed viz a vis the Government
of Britain's decimation of His Armoury.
- His eyesight doth sorely reflect His inability to
differentiate tween a window handle and a dead parrot
It hath become the stuff of legend
- He is mightily vexed apropos the stance of British
Telecomm t'ward members of the aristocracy whose
country estates exist in the most inaccessible
Welsh mountains. Intermittant static upon His Grace's
telephonic lines doth wreak havoc 'pon His modi.
- He doth toil yet 'pon a new tome

Thus is His absence explained.

Or perhaps he's simply experienced the Experiencer experience?

ebk

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 13:16:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 16:02:25 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 19:19:55 -0500 (CDT)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> From the papers I read, it's clear to me that new discoveries
> are being made about the universe almost on a daily basis. Old
> theories and best guesses are being overturned regularly. The old
> girl is refusing to sit still for her full physical, which makes
> it extremely difficult for any of us -- Davis, Swords, you, or me
> -- to fully know, or describe, the creature we're talking about.
> And, by extension, the role of the UFO within.

Good point, Dennis. And a perfect segue into something I've been wanting to say -- that these writings by Swords and Davis put forth theories. The theories have yet to be proved right or wrong. Therefore they can't tell us what's true and what isn't.

The Swords theories are helpful when somebody says "Hey, how can these reported aliens be humanoid? That's hardly likely." Swords can provide theoretical reasons for saying, "Well, maybe they WOULD be humanoid." Likewise, Davis is helpful when people see aliens in every not-immediately-explained light. "You know, we can't be sure there are aliens out there at all."

But these theories can't properly be used to give more or less weight to (a) any purported UFO sighting, or (b) any UFO hypothesis. None of us has any business saying "I don't think Aunt Matilda saw an alien craft because Davis has a theory." That's putting theories above data.

Remember the old days when the Big Bang theory competed with Fred Hoyle's idea of a steady-state universe? Hoyle didn't go around saying "I reject the Big Bang evidence that astronomers at Adaliade University say they've observed, because my theory says there wasn't any Big Bang." (Hypothetical example.) I agree that UFO evidence can seem a lot more tenuous than astronomical observations, but still it's not proper to use theories -- no matter how many scientific footnotes they have -- as reasons for accepting or rejecting it.

And, Dennis, I'm worried when you say:

> My doubts about ET visitation (apparently unlike you, I have
> some), when I have them, are driven more by the sorts of larger
> issues raised by Davis (and others -- yes, there is a so-called
> "New Astronomy"), rather than the number of (potential)
> civilizations in the galaxy or the immense distances between
> stars.

There's a danger here that you're using unproved theories to bias your thinking. And Jerry Clark is in the same danger, if he cites Swords' work in defense of the ETH. In the last analysis, ET visitation is a factual matter -- either they're here, or they aren't. Theories can't settle that. Only hard data can.

Greg Sandow

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8,000-Year-Old Shoes Prove Cave-Dwellers Were

From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 15:45:45 EDT
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Subject: 8,000-Year-Old Shoes Prove Cave-Dwellers Were

<http://www.cnn.com/TECH/science/9807/02/prehistoric.shoes/>

8,000-year-old shoes prove cave-dwellers were well-heeled

<Picture: Shoes> Some of the shoes found are more than 8,000 years old =A0

July 3, 1998

Web posted at: 12:04 a.m. EDT (0404 GMT)

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- Ancient, 8,000-year-old shoes found in a Missouri cave show that fashion in footwear is nothing new and, in fact, is much older than anyone thought.

Scientists said Thursday that high-tech dating procedures indicate that the shoes are at least 2,000 years older than previously believed.

The shoes were found 40 years ago in the Arnold Research Cave in Missouri, but, due to the mixing of deposits around the shoes at the dig site, researchers were unable to assign an age to them.

Michael O'Brien of the University of Missouri and colleagues at Louisiana State University used an accelerator mass spectrometer to carbon-date the shoes. It dated the oldest shoes at up to 8,300 years old, the researchers reported in a study published Friday in the journal Science.

"I was surprised," O'Brien said Thursday. "I would have guessed 3,000 but not 8,000. I thought it was so outrageous that I took a second sample."

Some of the shoes were sandals with pointed toes. Others were round-toed slip-ons. "Some of them were round-cupped heels like on a bedroom slipper, others had sling-back heels like you find on women's shoes," O'Brien said.

Cushioned And Durable

Most of the shoes were made with fibrous plants that could be woven into a tough fabric used for the top, bottom and sides of the footwear. O'Brien said the most common material was from a yucca-like plant called rattlesnake master. The leaves were dried and shaped into cording that was woven like modern-day espadrilles.

<Picture: Shoe>Both sandal and slip-on styles were found =A0

There were also comfort innovations. The moccasins were cushioned with grass that functioned "like a Dr. Scholl's foot pad," said O'Brien.

"There's nothing new under the sun," he said. "Some of these shoes you would swear were made in a Mexican market."

The shoes were also very durable, he said. Of 35 samples recovered, 20 were complete or nearly complete. Even though the shoes spanned thousands of years, O'Brien said the basic craftsmanship was about the same.

"They did not invent something flimsy that then got better over time," said O'Brien. "The earliest shoe is every bit as well-made and as complex as those from later on."

'They Wore The Heck Out Of These Things'

O'Brien said the variety of styles and differences in details suggests that there may have been concessions to style or fashion.

"There was no ornamentation or color that we know about, but my guess is that these shoes were very stylish for the time," he said. "We know that people then were wearing jewelry," and that it was likely that such artistic interest carried over into the footgear.

Only the moccasins were made of leather, and O'Brien said it is likely that the cave dwellers did not use leather for shoes much earlier than that.

The style and construction of the Missouri shoes are similar to specimens unearthed from a nearby site in the Ozark Mountains but are different from shoes found in caves in Kentucky. They are also very different from shoes constructed by the Anasazi people who inhabited Southwest deserts.

Footwear got hard use among the prehistoric Americans. They had to walk most places since there were no horses. They had to hunt or gather all of their food and to haul water back to the cave -- all jobs that took much walking.

"Many of the shoes wore down exactly the way that our shoes do -- the ball of the foot and the heel," said O'Brien. "In some instances there were repairs where they wove fiber back into them. Other shoes were just tossed, but they wore the heck out of these things."

A Woman'S 8 1/2

Foot size, he said, appears to be much like that of modern humans. There is no way to tell if wearers of the ancient shoes were male or female, but the average length was about 10 1/2 inches -- about an 8 1/2 in modern American women's sizes.

"That suggests that these people fell within the size range of people today," he said.

The cave, which is in a bluff not far from the Missouri River, was a spectacular home by the standards of the time.

"It was really perfect," said O'Brien. "A great place to live."

O'Brien said that people lived there for hundreds of generations, leaving layer after layer of debris: bone and stone tools, animal bones, char from campfires and even some human remains. Late in the occupancy, there were shards of pottery.

"The cave is so dry and has been for the last 10,000 years that all this stuff is preserved," he said.

O'Brien said the finding was not a huge scientific breakthrough, but interesting nevertheless. "To be honest," he said, "I think people think this is pretty cool stuff."

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Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 16:10:12 -0400
Subject: Re: A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio

>Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 15:49:49 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: A remark by Eshleman on PBS Radio

>A remark that Prof. Eshleman (of the Sturrock panel) made on PBS
>Radio's "Science Friday" interview was interesting. This is in
>regard to the SETI program having received a considerable number
>of signals from space that could not be identified as coming from
>any Earth source, and which did not last long enough to be
>considered really repeatable. His point on this was that these
>unidentified radio-wave signals (URS?) resemble UFO reports in
>this regard -- both unidentified. (His hope was that ufology
>might grow in respectability to the same level that SETI has
>reached, which is not asking for too much!)

>A point he did not make, however, is that UFOs are unidentified
>in many or most cases because they do not hang around long enough
>for the news media to photograph them from all directions, or for
>the military to shoot them down and display them as evidence,
>etc. This makes Eshleman's analogy even closer, I think.>

Actually UFOs ave been filmed/videoed by newsmedia a number of
times. However, the videos have been generally ignored. Note:
the famous new Zealand Film was taken by newsmedia! How about
the famous "Concord UFO" of 20 years ago or more?

None of the newsmedia recorded film/video/photos was discussed
at the SSE panel.

I guess the problem is that there hasn't been an event where
independent newsmedia have multiply recorded (as well as
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Mexico City and 100 Witnesses?

From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 15:39:39 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 16:25:37 -0400
Subject: Mexico City and 100 Witnesses?

Everybody,

Okay, now that it looks like the 8/6/97 Mexico City UFO video may be (nothing is 100%) a hoax, a couple of questions need to be answered.

I posted the following information to the list in March:

In March of this year in Gulf Breeze, Fl. at The Project Awareness UFO Conference, Jaime Maussan said that close to 100 witnesses were ready to come forward and testify to what they saw on the day in question. Where are these people now?

I believe that Maussan made some money on the sale of this video to UPN. If he has knowledge of close to 100 witnesses who supposedly saw this thing then why doesn't he even mention them when shown the "new" evidence? If these people are never accounted for then I think Maussan's motives must be questioned. I happen to like the guy but that's irrelevant and this is an important issue and he should be held accountable to what he said. Right now, his credibility should be questioned.

There are other people on this List that attended Maussan's lecture and can attest to what he said in March in Gulf Breeze. I hope your memory is as good as mine. If not, the videos and audiotape of his lecture are available from Project Awareness.
www.projectawareness.com

Jeff Rense should be commended for staying on the fence when it came to this video. I think his gut feelings served him well.

Joe in Tampa

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>among others.

>Editorial email - letters@nypost.com

>>From N.Y. Post Online Editorial

><http://www.nypostonline.com/070198/editorial/2874.htm>>

>THE TRUTH ISN'T OUT THERE.

>"Panel Urges Study of UFO Reports," ran the front-page headline
>in Monday's Washington Post. According to that Post, an
>independent scientific review directed by a Stanford physicist
>said that UFO sightings need serious study. The implication: The
>UFO industry has now received the intellectual backing of
>serious scientists. >

>But the sad fact is that The Washington Post has been taken for
>a good long ride by one of the more superficially respectable
>organizations on the lunatic fringe - an association for the
>sort of credulous academic who overdosed on science fiction as a
>teen-ager, is a sucker for ESP and Eastern mysticism and is
>drawn to the kind of crank who claims that Martians built the
>pyramids.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT However, probably won't see
th light of day outside this List.

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Editor,
New York Post
www.nypostonline.com/070198/editorial/2874.htm

Dear Editor,

The Editor of the New York Post has criticized the
Washington Post for being "taken for a good long ride" by the
Society for Scientific Exploration. The Washington Post
publicized the report of a panel of independent scientists who
evaluated UFO sighting evidence and concluded that because, some
sightings were unexplainable, they deserve further serious
study.

The tone of the editorial indicates that the editor knows next to nothing about the present understanding of UFO sighting reports, next to nothing about the history of the subject and next to nothing about the intense debate continually being carried on within the community of scientifically oriented UFO investigators.

The editor asks, why would "actual science professors put their name to a report like this?" The implied answer is that these professional scientists are "given to wild fantasies." The editor presents this idea with certainty, even citing previous examples of scientists with wild ideas (e.g. Isaac Newton, Michael Faraday) without stating that he/she had actually talked to any of the UFO panel scientists to assess their level of "wildness".

According to the editor, the SSE panel says the reason UFO sightings have never been taken seriously is fear of ridicule or because of a government conspiracy. The editor calls this a "big lie." It is clear from this that the editor really does not understand what has been going on. The fear of ridicule is real. I was on a call-in talk show in the Washington, D.C. area and heard Dr. Jay Melosh, one of the panel scientists and a UFO skeptic, tell the talk show host that for a young scientist to become publicly interested in studying UFO sightings could be professional suicide. The implication is that such studies should only be carried out by tenured professors or scientists with well established backgrounds in conventional science. As for the government conspiracy aspect, it is clear from the historical record, available to anyone including the editor for review (e.g., the UFO files of Air Force Intelligence released within the last 12 years, the UFO files of the FBI released 20 years ago and now on line at www.fbi.gov and the UFO files of the CIA released some 20 years ago) that the US intelligence agencies and the Air Force in particular took these sightings, especially the ones by Air Force personnel, very seriously. Furthermore, according to the FBI "X" file (yes, it includes sighting reports entitled "Security Matter - X"; look it up in the web documents!) in 1952 Air Force intelligence told the FBI that 3% of the sightings could not be explained and that the objects reported in these sightings "may possibly be ships from another planet such as Mars." (FBI document dated July 29, 1952). On the same day that AF Intelligence told this to the FBI, in a press conference the AF General in charge of Intelligence, John Samford, told the American public that all the sightings were natural phenomena. This sort of contradiction between what the Air Force would say privately and what it would say publicly has led to the present state of confusion over just what information the Air Force uncovered year ago. It is no wonder that the citizens of this country suspect that they have not been told the whole story.

The editor correctly points out that UFO sightings have been "exhaustively investigated by genuinely openminded people over and over again." The editor then states that "there is no - repeat, no - convincing evidence of space aliens visiting the earth in suspiciously Hollywoodesque flying saucers." I suppose the crux of the matter here is not "Hollywoodesque" but rather what one accepts as "convincing evidence." Under ordinary non-UFO conditions multiple witness, daytime reports of phenomena seen clearly and for considerable time durations (many seconds to minutes) and perhaps supported by film, video or radar would be at least mildly convincing to the intelligent person. There are such UFO sightings (several of which were evaluated by the panel and left unexplained) for which there seems to be no possibility of misidentification, delusion or hoax. At the very least these sightings point toward something new, something unexplained. Some of these sightings also involve descriptions of objects which seem to be constructed craft of some sort. (Note: Hollywood, starting in the 1950's, has followed the UFO/saucer sightings with the creation of "Hollywoodesque" saucers, not the other way around.) It is certainly true that the field of UFO research is littered with the hopes, dreams and faulty theories of many people who "want to believe," but the hard core of the UFO evidence does not lie within this litter. If the editor would take time to look beyond the Hollywood glitter and the tabloid press, the editor would find that the UFO subject is grounded in much more solid information.

The value of information is in what you do as a result of it.

Re: UFOs not worthy of study?

One has the option to ignore it or to pursue it. UFO information is of this sort. Clearly the editor intends to ignore it, which is fine. However, the editor should apply his/her own criterion of "sweet reason", leave out "true religion" and not criticize scientists who do wish to pursue this information in a rigorous manner.

Yours truly,
Dr. Bruce Maccabee

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Jul 98 11:37:00 PDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 16:17:59 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 19:19:55 -0500 (CDT)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> >To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> >Date: Thu, 02 Jul 98 12:44:20 PDT

> <Total snip>

> Jerry,

> Before I take the time to respond to your latest post, let me ask
> you two brief yes or no questions.

> 1) Does the word "condescend" mean anything to you? If so, then
> don't do it. Please. It merely tickles the tendency in the
> respondent to do likewise.

I apologize if I sounded as if I were condescending. I did not mean to sound that way, and I know it infuriates me when I felt as if I am being condescended to. I responded as I did because I thought you were, to use the vernacular, jerking me around, and I was, frankly, irked about it. You WEREN'T jerking me around, were you?

> 2) Have you read the Mike Davis essay in The Anomalist 5? I'm
> pretty sure you have a copy, because I believe I sent you one. If
> not, it's a long weekend, so maybe you could stir yourself. And
> I'll read Swords's "Extraterrestrial Hypothesis and Science" in
> the 2nd edition of your Encyclopedia, which arrived last night,
> and for which, many thanks.

I read Davis' essay when The Anomalist arrived. I promise, however, to read it again this weekend.

> I will answer one of your questions now, however.

> >And finally, a question: I'm curious. When was the last time you
> >took a pro-UFO position in any argument on this subject? Or is
> >that occurrence lost in the dim mists of antiquity?

> One pro-position I took was to solicit and publish Karl Pflock's
> article "UFOs: For RAND Use Only" in The Anomalist. I might also
> point out that it precedes Davis's article in the same issue. To
> some (except possibly yourself) that would indicate that I have a
> high tolerance for ambiguity.

> For another recent pro-position, see many of the articles
> included in my "UFOs 1947-1997: Fifty Years of Flying Saucers,"
> co-edited with Hilary Evans. If I weren't in basic agreement with
> them, I wouldn't have used them.
> (Sorry, but sometimes one has to state the obvious. I believe you
> even referred to it as one of the best books of the year, a
> laurel I doubt you would have bestowed on a book highly critical
> of the subject.)

Lemme repeat: UFOs 1947-1997 is the best book on UFOs published in 1997, followed closely by Kevin D. Randle's overlooked Project Blue Book Exposed. Both of these should be in the library of any serious ufologist.

> For a forthcoming pro-position, read my next book, "A Field Guide
> to UFOs," co-written with Patrick Huyghe, and due out next year.
> You may be surprised.

I look forward to it.

> And my very next death-defying act of pro-UFO-position derring-do
> (when I eventually get around to it) will be to publish on this
> List a list of 10-20 cases suggestive of ET UFOs (drawn from the
> Field Guide), a pro-position a number of people on this List have
> proffered you, as well, to no avail to date.

As I have stated repeatedly, I do not think such an approach is useful or helpful, and I also suspect it's a set-up. I've seen Phil Klass use it repeatedly. As Mark Cashman wrote in a recent posting, it is pointless to do unless both sides agree to a whole set of ground rules. In practice what happens is this:

The debunker looks at the list and says, with mock incredulity, didn't you know Case X was exposed as a hoax (or proven to be a misperception)? He then refers to a chapter of a Klass book. (Consider the recent example of John Harney on the RB-47 case as but one example of the practice in action.) On to the next case, and it turns out that Venus was responsible. How do we know that? Blue Book identified it as such. And of course if you dispute Blue Book, you are putting yourself at risk of being called a conspiracy theorist. Any other case can be dismissed as arbitrarily, and at the end of the effort, one is back to Square One. If your curiosity is perverse enough, just read the book-review columns of Magonia and Skeptical Inquirer, and you begin to see the futility of trying to change certain sorts of mind-sets with actual evidence. (In this regard I keep thinking, as a particularly egregious example, of Peter Rogerson's review of Ray Fowler's Allagash book in Magonia.)

Moreover, having demolished (however dubiously) the alleged Top 10 cases, the challenger implicitly gets to ignore all the interesting patterns that give weight to the case for UFOs as extraordinary phenomena. So the case for UFOs has been artificially whittled down to a handful of reports, and when those are dispatched, there is nothing left. As I have said before, the UFO evidence -- as you surely know, Dennis -- is both good cases and demonstrated patterns.

That is why, being a sensible man, I continually refer challengers such as yourself (I am not accusing you, by the way, of being a Klass-style debunker, only of conducting yourself like one in this instance) to, for example, The UFO Encyclopedia, where puzzling cases are discussed in all of their detail and complication and where something like intellectual inquiry, and not a pissing contest, occurs.

> My doubts about ET visitation (apparently unlike you, I have
> some), when I have them, are driven more by the sorts of larger
> issues raised by Davis (and others -- yes, there is a so-called
> "New Astronomy"), rather than the number of (potential)
> civilizations in the galaxy or the immense distances between
> stars. After all, if there's only one intelligent observer
> species in the universe (the Strong Anthropic Principle), it
> wouldn't make any difference how far apart (or near) the stars
> were.

The SETI literature is full of speculation about interstellar voyages, colonization of the galaxy, and the notion that millions of advanced civilizations exist in the Milky Way alone. What I object to is your treating ufology as if it were some unique form of perversity, as if its ideas and theories were unconnected to anything else in the intellectual universe, and thereby to be condemned. Talking on NPR yesterday, Von Eshleman (he of the Sturrock panel, a retired Stanford professor of electrical engineering) said something to the effect that serious UFO research ought to be as respectable as the SETI enterprise (to which, as ufologist readers of that literature are aware, there are indeed interesting parallels and common theoretical concerns).

> From the papers I read, it's clear to me that new discoveries
> are being made about the universe almost on a daily basis. Old
> theories and best guesses are being overturned regularly. The old
> girl is refusing to sit still for her full physical, which makes
> it extremely difficult for any of us -- Davis, Swords, you, or me
> -- to fully know, or describe, the creature we're talking about.
> And, by extension, the role of the UFO within.

My sentiments precisely. All I am saying -- let me repeat -- is that honorable, reasonable people can disagree about these matters, given the limitations of the knowledge we currently possess. It is when debunkers and their allies in ufology refuse to acknowledge that the ETH, right or wrong, is a reasonable provisional hypothesis, and that reasonable people may be inclined to that view (Swords' point and Clark's, repeated again and again to no apparent effect; all we get are demands for 10 or 20 cases that "prove" ET visitation, whatever that means), that I get riled and, finally, bored. In fact, I am more and more inclined to the idea that discourse with persons who feel otherwise -- I am not talking about you, Dennis -- is not worth my time.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 15:40:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 18:52:51 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 23:22:27 -0400
> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> I did not hear the whole show, only th first few minutes and
> then the last 20 or so when I was on. From what I did hear it
> was clear that Melosh wouldn't bite the UFO bullet without
> having a bullet - i.e., hardware - to bite. In other words, he
> didn't believe that any of the sightings he heard about were
> evidence of anything beyond our physics, although he admitted
> that some of the sightings were "puzzling." As I recall, Mr
> Franklin asked specifically about several of the cases that
> Melosh couldn't explain. Melosh did agree that the subject
> deserves more serious study, although he did point out that
> young scientists trying to build up their credibility probably
> shouldn't get involved because of the "giggle factor" (not a
> term he used). Generally speaking h did not, so fa as I coul
> tell, dispute the published report in any way.

If he's skeptical but thinks UFOs deserve more serious study,
this is a wonderful, though small, step forward.

Greg Sandow

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From: **Melanie Mecca** <natural.state@erols.com>
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What about the CNN daylight filming in San Jose, Costa Rica a few months ago? Anyone seen hide or hair of that? Further, slightly related, what about that daylight photo over Lake Arenal of the large metal saucer entering or leaving the lake, taken by the mapping expedition? Any due diligence ever done on that image?

Melanie

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Re: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <SGBList2@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 16:31:58 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 18:51:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

>Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 11:08:55 -0500 (CDT)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@freeseide.fc.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

Regarding the following Updates post ...

>>Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:38:57 -0400
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

>>From: UFOMind Mailing List Archive
>><http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1998/apr/d17-001.shtml>

>>Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

>>From: Bob Durant <70232.17@compuserve.com>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 08:36:06 -080

Denying it in an on the record interview with the press is what is needed. Blowing off a difficult query by a citizen after a lecture does not mean too much. A note: given Lake's background, his comments (if accurate) regarding Roswell and Area 51 are not believable.

SB
PRG

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P1947: Sturrock Panel as Managed News

From: Moderator UFO UpDates
Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 19:31:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 19:31:47 -0400
Subject: P1947: Sturrock Panel as Managed News

Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 10:11:44 -0700
From: Terry Hansen <twhansen@PSCU.COM>
Subject: Sturrock Panel as Managed News
To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

On Fri, 3 Jul 1998, Ed Stewart wrote, concerning the Sturrock panel:

>This is not a regular news story that was picked up by the media and wire
>services who ran with it. I suspect this event is managed news.

I can tell you as a journalist with some 15 years in the publishing business that precious little that gets into the media is not, in some sense, managed news. The media industries always have the bottom line firmly in mind, and they don't wish to spend money funding investigative journalism, either about UFOs or anything else. Consequently, most journalists simply stand around waiting for a press release which they can grab and write up for publication or broadcast. This makes them sitting ducks for manipulation.

Governments and corporations learned this fact early in the game, and they are far more adroit at managing the news than the SSE will ever be. Objectivity, is a highly problematic concept, not only in journalism but science as well.

Here are a few books which explain the forces that shape media content:

- "PR! A Social History of Spin" by Stuart Ewen
- "Unreliable Sources" by Martin A. Lee & Norman Solomon
- "News from Nowhere" by Edward Jay Epstein
- "Making News" by Gaye Tuckman
- "News: The Politics of Illusion" by Lance Bennett

If you read even a few of these, you'll better understand the powerful entities that keep consensus reality firmly in its desired orbit. The SSE has every right to make its voice heard above the roar of these professional spin meisters.

-- Terry Hansen

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"While our escape in solar-system astronomy from the blinkered medieval world is a reason for a certain measure of self-congratulation, we must be somewhat sparing in the adulation we heap upon ourselves, since almost exactly the same pre-Copernican errors are being made nowadays in the frontier area of astronomy, chemistry and biology."

-- Sir Fred Hoyle and Chandra Wickramasinghe
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>Subject: UFOs not worthy of study?

I think some of the more eloquent, detail orientated people on this list should write a response to this editorial from the N.Y. Post. Bruce Mac. and Stanton Friedman immediately come to mind among others.

Okay, here is the problem in a nutshell. Many, many people, believe in the existance of extraterrestrial life (myself included). Many, many people believe that some of these ET lifeforms have the ability to visit earth and have done so (myself included). Many people (not as many as "many, many") actually study the phenomenon and believe there is enough evidence to warrant further investigation and documentation of results. A few people also tend to believe garbage like "birthmarks caused by curses". This breaks down the UFO believers into three groups:

Those that simply believe, those that believe that according to scientific principles of investigation, the hypothesis of the existance of UFOs has enough evidence to move it to a theory if not a fact based belief and finally, the new-agers who believe anything weird and wonderful so long as it replaces their Christian belief system.

Why are ufologists not taken seriously by some of the media? Because we do not separate the truth from fanciful conjecture. We allow groups that spout "claptrap" and middle ages peasant nonsense ranging from curses to demons to also represent our hard researched opinions. We don't tell the media "look, don't listen to them, they may be saying what we are about the ufo issue, but they are a bunch of crackpots and are just mouthing our words".

We need to have pure science and scientific process to be used to simply prove the existance of ETs and their craft.

We need to avoid the wacky new age fringe beliefs and concentrate on the main issue: Do Ufos Exist?

We need spokespersons who will simply state the facts and evidence as it arises, and not in the same breath, just as the media and neutral public start listening, start yacking on about fringe topics. Then the media will listen.

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Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 16:34:15 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 08:27:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 10:47:24 -0400
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

Bruce wrote:

[...]

>One of the things to check in in video movie or even a still
>photo is the comparison between the smearing of images due to
>camera motion. The UFO image smear should be the same as the
>background image smear. Careful edge analysis shows that the UFO
>image is smeared very little or not at all at the same time (in
>the same frames) where the building image smear is sizeable. In
>neither case is the smear very great because the camera was
>evidently operating with a rather fast shutter time (1/250 sec
>or so). This is why the differential smearing was not noticed in
>the initial analyses.

>Any acceptance of the video as real would have to include a
>logical explanation for this differential smear (I can't think
>of one!).

[...]

Say Bruce,

What if you were to allow for the following possibilities; would
a possible explanation then come to mind?

(a) Some UFO entities are able to cause a person to do something involuntarily. Such as to look up for no apparent reason from what they're doing and spot a UFO in a certain part of the sky. Some are reportedly able to affect equipment at a distance, such as remotely clicking a camera's shutter. Causing equipment malfunction could be related, especially when an automobile's engine suddenly comes back on again, etc.

(b) UFOs are capable of nearly instantaneous accelerations within our time frame, and at the same time very controlled motions and displacements, such as the UFO that was once reportedly filmed to make a tight circle around a speeding rocket, or UFOs that charge towards autos or airplanes and at the last split second avoid collision.

(c) UFO entities like to toy with us at times, often with an apparent goal of leaving crumbs for skeptics to latch onto.

Would these and related considerations cause you to rethink making the assumption that the Mexican City UFO was moving uniformly along a single trajectory? Or do such considerations just bring to mind the attitude of: "If what you imply were the case, what's the use of studying them?"

Jim Deardorff

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BWW Media Alert 19980704

From: <BufoCalvin@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 19:12:06 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 08:26:07 -0400
Subject: BWW Media Alert 19980704

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strangers before you e-mail them something. If you forward this, please make
sure it is clear that you are forwarding it).

July 4, 1998

Again, a slow week. Rumor had it that Rosie O'Donnell was airing a segment with Whitley Strieber this upcoming week, but I can't confirm that yet. The tabloids were all over her "coming out" as a UFO experimenter...she's a comic, folks, wait until you see it and decide whether or not she is joking. She certainly may not be: she's friends with Dan Aykroyd, and they generally do discuss UFOs when he appears on her show. For the U.S. readers, I hope you are having a good holiday weekend (oh, and happy Canada Day this last week as well!). Things will probably pick up in the next couple of weeks.

TELEVISION

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Sunday, July 5, 1:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: STIGMATA - THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST?
Sunday, July 5, 1:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD: INTO THIN AIR (disappearing buildings)
Sunday, July 5, 2:00 PM, ANIMAL X: STRANGE EVENTS (includes the thylacine)
Sunday, July 12, 1:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: AN ELEMENT OF THE DIVINE (dowsing)
Sunday, July 12, 1:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: CROP CIRCLES
Sunday, July 12, 2:00 PM, ANIMAL X: SUPERSTITIONS
Monday, July 13, 9:00 PM, SCIENCE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE: ALIENS, WHERE ARE THEY?
Tuesday, July 14, 1:00 AM, SCIENCE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE: ALIENS, WHERE ARE THEY?

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

They've increased the SIGHTINGS re-runs, although they've gotten a bit quirky with the schedule. Figure 9:00 AM, 4:00 PM, and 8:00 PM most weekdays. Sundays are typically 8:00 AM and 11:00 PM.

THE SCIENCE CHANNEL

Runs weird programming at 6:00 AM, 6:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 10:00 PM, and 10:30 PM.

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

You can stop receiving this from me just by asking (note: it is commonly redistributed, and I can't control you getting it from those sources) by e-mail at BufoCalvin@aol.com. You can also subscribe or unsubscribe to Bufo's WEIRD WORLD Media Alert the same way. Also, please let me know if there is something in the media you think I should cover. Deadline is Tuesday, the week before.

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Jul 98 22:20:17 PDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 08:34:50 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
> To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
> Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 13:16:45 -0400

> > Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 19:19:55 -0500 (CDT)
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> > From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

> There's a danger here that you're using unproved theories to bias your
> thinking. And Jerry Clark is in the same danger, if he cites Swords'
> work in defense of the ETH. In the last analysis, ET visitation is a
> factual matter -- either they're here, or they aren't. Theories can't
> settle that. Only hard data can.

Greg,

I have NEVER said Swords' paper proves the ETH; I have said only that it shows the idea is a perfectly respectable scientific theory like other respectable scientific theories, awaiting validation or disconfirmation. My quarrel has always been with those who claim that (1) the notion is ridiculous and (2) those who hold it suffer from some intellectual or emotional deficiency which the critic is happy to diagnose.

If I thought UFOs had been proven to be ET spacecraft, I would call them the latter, not the former. I have repeatedly made the point you just made. When even you aren't hearing me, I begin to wonder if I've lost whatever command of words I thought I had.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Sturrock Panel

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 23:56:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 08:39:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

Regarding...

>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 11:01:29 PDT
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET>
>Subject: Re: Re. Sturrock Panel
>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

[Taking the liberty of copying this to the UFO UpDates list]

Jerry wrote:

>The Sturrock panel report is the best thing that's happened in a long
>time, and the wide and respectful attention it has received is indeed
>gratifying.

Jerry,

Can a small group of scientists, in such a short period, evaluate so few cases as an overall perspective of some 50 years evidence for the possibility of any extraterrestrial contact?

Would you disagree that hardly constitutes a thorough scientific study?

As an unmitigated PR coup, I personally have no objections to that achievement. Many would agree with the 'Sturrock panel's' conclusion that there is some related evidence which challenges an obvious explanation. It is after all, the essence of the 'UFO phenomenon' and its myriad facets.

However, didn't we know that already?

For the record, as a 'scientific panel', were they commissioned to produce a report and paid as 'consultants'? If so, how much and by whom?

>We don't know, of course, what effect this will have in the
>long term, but at least in the short, we have reason to hope.

What exactly are you hoping for?

Perhaps ideally, that influential, or at least significant, scientists will campaign for a formalised, scientific investigation of 'UFO' evidence?

What would that include, say...

'abductions by aliens and the ongoing hybrid program'
'crop circles'
'alien implants'
stigmatists
MJ-12
Ed's numerous, amazing, 'Gulf Breeze' photos
'men in black'
'black helicopters'
'men in black in black helicopters'
contactees
'cattle mutilations'

'Star Elders'
Whitley Streiber's 'experiences'
Reverse engineered, captured alien technology
Meier's numerous, amazing, 'flying saucer', photographs
Chupacabras
'Roswell'
The great NASA cover-up of [insert subject here]...

Etc..

No?

Then what of the above and similar material which has become a mainstay of 'ufology'. Do we unequivocally distance ourselves from it?

You can't control it and once you start putting pressure on anyone not to further the cause of patently dubious or bogus evidence, that's a contentious and subjective issue.

So, how can we complain when scientists ridicule the entire spectrum of 'ufology'?

It's not really their fault and if it's agreed we have identified the villains, then what is 'ufology' doing about it? What has it ever done about it? Kinda difficult when those same villains are inherently promoted as integral?

Take any pending 'UFO' conference and illustrate why there is 'reason to hope' that the subject is approaching a 'scientific' footing.

You have carte blanche.

The subject of the 'best 10 to 20 cases' is an ongoing discussion and appreciating the dilemmas in citing a preferred choice, or making any selections at all, if evidence is to be investigated, there does come a point when, you know, the absence of evidence poses some difficulties.

What evidence would you personally like to see presented to our theoretical scientific committee - say 10 cases?

In the interests of science, would it strictly be necessary to evaluate, by comparison, 10 cases which were once proclaimed as 'best evidence' of a possible ET contact, although later being found to have a mundane explanation?

Might we see 'Roswell' offered as 'best evidence' under both categories? !

What about a placebo?

Should we have a similar number of hoaxes, perhaps deliberately created for this purpose, to examine whether our scientists are easily deceived by false data? Wouldn't it be essential to prove whether that was a factor science must account for?

>Congratulations are due all those -- ufologists and scientists
>-- who made this possible.

Whilst you may, understandably, consider the 'Sturrock panel's' report as a 'red letter' day, we must note they concluded there was absolutely no evidence for any ET contact during the past 50 years, plus.

Like, period...

Might we take a big step back and wonder if that isn't because there actually isn't any. Yet.

Or, looked at this way, if, ten years ago, it was suggested that ten years hence, the next ostensibly scientific investigation of the 'best' evidence, would conclude there was nothing to suggest any ET contact, would you have thought, BRILLIANT!!!

Or perhaps have hoped for something more tangible.

I know it's a pessimistic overview, however, I do believe it's

also, alas, evidently realistic.

However, it only requires one case, whether historical or tomorrow's, to be proven evidence.

Historically, as of today, what's the one case you would like to see scientists focus on?

James.

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Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

From: "Serge Salvaille" <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 23:21:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 08:32:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 10:47:41 -0400
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>>While listening to Wednesday night's 'Sightings', hosted by Jeff
>>Rense, this evening (thanks Bill) I caught the erudite Michael
>>Lindemann dropping a gem.>

>>It seems that he ran into Jeff Sainio at the MUFON Symposium in
>>Colorado this past weekend. The reclusive Mr Sainio called up the
>>Mexico City footage of the 'Craft' going behind a large building,
>>on his computer and told Michael that he was absolutely in no
>>doubt that the footage was a hoax.

>It is true. Upon careful analysis we have determined that when
>the background building images are smeared by camera motion the
>UFO image does NOT appear to be similarly smeared. Very
>difficult (impossible?) to explain this situation if the UFO were
>a real object out there. This result has been known to the
>investgators (myself, Sainio, and Chip Pedersen) for over a
>month and I mentioned it at the Mid Atlantic MUFON SYmposium in
>early May. Furthermore, Sainio sent a letter stating his opinion
>to Walt Andrus about a month ago.

>However, we have held off publication pending analysis of a
>guaranteed fake for comparison. The fake has been created for
>use in Robert Kiviat's next TV show (he did the alien autopsy
>and last summer's "best video evidence") in a couple of weeks.
>(Kiviat would not release to us a copy of the fake video until
>just before his show airs).

Bruce,

Not my intention to be in anyway offending, but I find hard to
swallow the fact that yourself and a couple of experts have been
in the knowing of some decisive new data on the Mexico video and
that the facts become public in such an indirect (and perhaps
lucky) manner.

Especially when you said yourself in concluding your November
1997 analysis of the Mexico video:

>TO BE REVISED AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE

I can't understand why nobody triggered a red flag at the time
(more than a month ago!?).

How can this be possible since this looks like definitive
evidence And can this...

> pending analysis of a
>guaranteed fake for comparison

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justify holding off on the evidence. If you can't reproduce a
fake then it's not a fake

My mind is a blank.

Serge Salvaille

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The Tent Footage - Names Revealed Of The Alleged

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 00:54:16 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 08:54:00 -0400
Subject: The Tent Footage - Names Revealed Of The Alleged

Dear Colleagues,

In the hope that some of you out there might be able to assist us with our research we are now releasing, for the first time, those allegedly involved in faking the 'tent footage' part of Ray Santilli's film. Below are all of the particulars that we currently have about these individuals.

THE TENT FOOTAGE - NAMES REVEALED OF THE ALLEGED FAKERS

By
Philip Mantle And Tim Matthews.

In my interview with K.G. he implicated at least three individuals as being involved and/or allegedly being responsible for faking the 'tent footage' sequence of the alien autopsy film.

Over the last few weeks we have been attempting to contact these individuals by letter, fax and phone, but so far they have failed to respond to any of our requests for an interview.

This leaves us with little option but to publish here their particulars and request assistance with this research. For example, do you know anything about these people, can you succeed in interviewing them where we have failed. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

According to K.G. the company in Milton Keynes who faked the tent footage is called A.R.K. Music Ltd. This information has been obtained by Tim Matthews of the Lancashire UFO Society from Companies House in London.

A.R.K. Music Ltd have ceased trading but their address in Milton Keynes was:

Suite 2, Witan Court,
Silbury Boulevard,
Central Milton Keynes,
Bucks.

Those alleged to have faked the tent footage at A.R.K. Music Ltd are:

Keith Bateman of:
93 Eelbrook Avenue,
Bradwell Common,
Milton Keynes,
Bucks, MK13 8RF.

The other is Andy Price Watts of:

Music House,
77 Water End,
Eversholt,
Milton Keynes,

Bucks, MK17 9EA.

Keith Bateman is now listed as a director of Upbeat Leisure Limited in Milton Keynes.

Upbeat's telephone number is:

01908 365300,
fax: 01908 376186.

Despite letters to both individuals at their respective home addresses by recorded delivery, and phone calls and faxes made to Upbeat Leisure (the person answering the phone answers as Upbeat Studios) no replies have been received.

Another person mentioned by K.G. as allegedly being involved is Bruce Barlowe from Leighton Buzzard. Bruce was the producer of the 'Penetrating The Web' series of video's, one of which featured the 'tent footage'. Bruce has been out of circulation for some time and we are anxious to contact him.

We would therefore like to request the assistance of any and all interested parties in getting to the bottom of this matter once and for all. If you can help in any respect please contact us at the earliest opportunity.

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Re: UFO Study on NPR Monday: Callers Welcome

From: Deborah E. Leech <dleech@mail.coin.missouri.edu>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 07:13:51 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 09:01:28 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Study on NPR Monday: Callers Welcome

A nationally syndicated radio program on NPR, The Diane Rehm Show, will air an hour-long program on the Stanford UFO Study in their first hour of programming, Monday, July 6. I'm not sure who the guest will be.

This program is open to callers, with an 800 number announced in the first part of the program. We air it direct from the satellite at 9:00am central daylight time. However some local stations may delay the broadcast to fit into their local schedule. Check with your local NPR station (usually public radio station, FM) for accurate air time in your broadcast area, as well as the 800 number for calling in to talk with their guest (in case you want to be ready to call in at the beginning of the program). I would guess that the lines will be jammed early on this one.

NPR also aired another call-in program on the Stanford study, on Friday, on Talk of the Nation's Science Friday. Their guest:

Von Eshleman Professor Emeritus, Electrical Engineering
Stanford University Stanford, CA

At their website:

<http://www.sciencefriday.com>

you can find the following links that they posted for their listeners who want further information:

Articles Discussed:

"Physical Evidence Related to UFO Reports: the Proceedings of a Workshop Held at the Pocantico Conference Center, Tarrytown, New York, September 29-October 4, 1997."

http://www.jse.com/ufo_reports/Sturrock/toc.html

Related Links:

[6]The Journal of Scientific Exploration
<http://www.jse.com/>

[7]The Skeptical Inquirer
<http://www.csicop.org/si/>

[8]The SETI Institute
<http://www.seti-inst.edu/>

[9]The J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies
<http://www.cufos.org/>

[10]The Mutual UFO Network
<http://www.rutgers.edu/~mcgrew/MUFON/>

[11]Got UFO Insurance?
<http://www.ufo2001.com/>

Government UFO documents

[12]from the FBI
<http://www.fbi.gov/foipa/ufo.htm>

[13]from the NSA (may be very slow)
<http://www.nsa.gov:8080/docs/efoia/released/ufo.html>

[14]from the CIA
<http://www.foia.ucia.gov/scripts/popdoc.asp?docType=ufo>

There is also a email survey on the Science Friday site for listeners asking if we should have more studies of the UFO phenomenon.

Best,

Deb

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Re: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 07:50:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 08:56:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 16:31:58 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

>>Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 11:08:55 -0500 (CDT)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@freeside.fc.net>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

>Regarding the following Updates post ...

>>>Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 01:38:57 -0400
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

>>>From: UFOMind Mailing List Archive
>>><http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1998/apr/d17-001.shtml>

>>>Anthony Lake Denies UFO Briefing

>>>From: Bob Durant <70232.17@compuserve.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 08:36:06 -080
>_____

>Denying it in an on the record interview with the press is what
>is needed. Blowing off a difficult query by a citizen after a
>lecture does not mean too much. A note: given Lake's
>background, his comments (if accurate) regarding Roswell and
>Area 51 are not believable.

>SB
>PRG

I have no hesitation in calling him a liar if his comments were
accurately transcribed. Saying he never heard of Roswell or
Area 51! Hogwash!!!!

Bob

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Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 02:44:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 08:45:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 10:47:24 -0400
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 00:39:52 EDT
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>>>Date: Thu, 02 Jul 1998 23:54:17 -0400
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>>ebk wrote:

>>>It seems that he ran into Jeff Sainio at the MUFON Symposium in
>>>Colorado this past weekend. The reclusive Mr Sainio called up the
>>>Mexico City footage of the 'Craft' going behind a large building,
>>>on his computer and told Michael that he was absolutely in no
>>>doubt that the footage was a hoax.

>>Lindemann also said that Jaime (sp?) Maussan is willing to
>>consider this but Maussan can't get by the credibility of the
>>teenage girl Cassandra who claims she saw the craft and her
>>Father didn't believe her and called her a liar. He allegedly
>>believed her when J.M. came calling. The Father tells same
>>story. Supposedly Cassandra didn't watch the show where Maussan
>>debuted the video. Of course, this is impossible to prove.>

>>There were also other witnesses including a young boy. Are they
>>all lying? What a sad world if they are. And what a terrific
>>bunch of liars because I saw the interviews and these people
>>seemed credible. Some were professional people from the area of
>>where the sighting or hoax took place if that's what
>>it is.

>>How reliable is Sainio? Who is he?

>>Joe in Tampa

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Bruce wrote:

>Sainio is one of the best photo/video analysts in the
>"business." He began studying the video at my request and the
>results of our initial joint work on it were published in the
>MUFON Journal several months ago. He as spent MANY hours on this
>video, as I can attest, as have I.

Jeff is a very thorough guy. He did an analysis on some photos
I took a few years ago. If he goes over everything the way he
did my pix then 'thorough' is one good way to describe him.

>One of the things to check in in video movie or even a still
>photo is the comparison between the smearing of images due to
>camera motion. The UFO image smear should be the same as the

>background image smear. Careful edge analysis shows that the UFO
>image is smeared very little or not at all at the same time (in
>the same frames) where the building image smear is sizeable. In
>neither case is the smear very great because the camera was
>evidently operating with a rather fast shutter time (1/250 sec
>or so). This is why the differential smearing was not noticed in
>the initial analyses.

>Any acceptance of the video as real would have to include a
>logical explanation for this differential smear (I can't think
>of one!). Since the cameraman is still, so far as I know,
>unknown, the camera, etc. cannot be checked.

Bruce, I've been an avid amateur astronomer for 26 years. I have constructed telescopes over the years and learned a 'little something' about optics. Let me ask you a question, could field curvature (aberration) caused by the optics themselves account for the difference in the amount of 'smearing' of the objects in the field of view?

I'm transplanting knowledge of telescope optics onto videocam optics so my question may not even apply. I will bow to your expertise. But, if camera optics can suffer from the same types of aberrations that the mirrors and lenses in telescopes do, then differences may be accounted for in this way. In telescopes using mirrors the shorter the focal length the more curved the surface of the mirror and therefore the further away from the center the image is the more distorted it is. (Curvature of field)

Telescopes using lenses or combinations of lenses and mirrors (such as schmidt cassegrain or maksutov systems) are always corrected for curvature of field. The 'amount' of correction is what distinguishes 'quality' optics from mass produced junk. I would imagine that the same applies to videocams. If this guy was using a 'cheapy' videocam with poorly manufactured or uncorrected lenses would that account for the differences you are finding? I'm curious.

>The story is that the cameraman would not come forward because he >was working illegally in Mexico City and would be sent back to >Venezuela (or perhaps arrested and put in jail) if discovered. >You should note that sizeable amounts of good old American \$\$\$ >were thrown around in order to UPN to buy the rights to use that >video in "Danger in Our Skies." The cameraman could have >demanded a pretty penny for convincing proof that his video was >real.... I expect he could have made a lot of money and gone >back to Venezuela as rich man, had he played his cards right. In >other words, if this were a real video it would have been more >lucrative for the person to admit to having taken it (thereby >getting paid tens of thousands of \$\$\$) than to maintain >anonymity and continue working for whatever company in Mexico >City. (Unless, of course, he works for "Juan Valdez" and the >people who have all those "funny" farms in Columbia.)

Your logic is plausible. But you also need to take into consideration cultural influences. (Latinos are notoriously family oriented,) and many Latino households are three generation affairs. In my culture if one person screws up really bad the whole family is tarred with the same brush. -Everyone- is (socially) shamed by it. A good comparison is the culture of the American deep South. If you screw somebody today, - his- great grandchildren will hate -your- great grandchildren. Hatfields and McCoys, shit sticks, that kind of thing. His -stated concerns- about going public and how that may impact on his family and career may be completely legitimate, honest, and a reflection of deep cultural influences that demand that 'family' (first and foremost) and personal reputation are -always- a major consideration. Ask any Latino on the list!

You may be right and a 'faker' is simply trying to hide, but it's also important to give people both sides of the story when making implications of intentional fraud publicly. Maybe the guy meant what he said and he -really- doesn't want to expose himself/his kin to public ridicule or humiliation. Or, jeopardize his bread and butter gig! It (may not) necessarily be a case of not taking advantage of commercial/marketing opportunities because he has something to hide as you imply above. Not fair Bruce!

In his original letter to Maussan he clearly stated that he didn't want his family involved, or bothered by this. He went on to say to Maussan that he was sure, (because Jaime had been a public figure for so long,) that Jaime would surely understand why he wished to remain anonymous. All legit concerns and -to be respected- if he so wishes.

BTW Bruce, 'Juan Valdez' grows _coffee_ not "funny stuff!" <G> If you saw Peter Jennings' TV special/report, "The Money Tree" you'd know that more Americans grow their own "funny stuff" at home (for fun and profit) nowadays than is grown/imported from old Mehico. You're thinking of the sixties man! <VBG>

>Without a "first person account" of the video, the video will
>always be "wounded." Inasmuch as internal evidence seems to
>show signs of fake, at the very least it cannot be accepted as
>proof of the visual sightings.

Does the difference in 'smears' mean that the UFO was a "dropped in" image? If so, does it show any of the other signs of superimposed image work? ie; traps/seams, differences in pixel size, lighting, color value, texture, etc.?

It just seems to me that if it was a fake, (superimposed or dropped in from somewhere else) there would be -more- than just one indicator. If the object wasn't a part of the original scene then -evidence of tampering- would go further than a difference in edge smear correct? You're the 'expert' Bruce, you tell me man. I'm just trying to get it all straight in my head before I dismiss it as a hoax myself based on what you are sharing with us.

How strong is this difference in 'edge smear' in terms of indicating/proving a sure hoax? Could optical aberrations in the lens train account for it? The object did spend most of its time off to one side. Field curvature at the edges could account for certain 'visual' differences. (Lengthening/ foreshortening of image elements) Again, I don't know if this applies to videocam lenses so I'm just shooting in the dark.

>How, then, does it related to the visual sightings?

>The bottom line is that we don' know how to relate the video to
>the sightings, and we may never know if the videographer
>doesn't come forward.

Agreed. Let's hope this guy does come forward. If it's real, it's an important document and piece of evidence. Would it be possible to get Jeff involved in this thread? I'd like to hear from him too on this. I'm sure he'd give us all an earful about this video and I'm all ears! <VBG> Send him a copy of this e-mail and we'll all hope he responds. I have been following this one very closely from day one and I'd like to see it through to a final conclusion if such a thing is possible.

Thanx Bruce, for the info and all the work that I know you put into this video yourself.

Till I hear from you,

John Velez

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Chat With Deon Crosby of the International UFO

From: "Yvonne Hedenland" <yvonne_h@email.msn.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 08:22:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 09:50:04 -0400
Subject: Chat With Deon Crosby of the International UFO

Deon Crosby, Director of the International UFO Museum & Research Center in Roswell, is dedicated to providing information regarding the Roswell Incident of 1947, and related information concerning UFO and Extraterrestrial phenomena.

A key organizer of the town's yearly festivities and lectures, she has moved to acquire collections, artifacts and research material from top Ufologists through out the world.

The Museum announced this week their 5-year plan which is comprised of an ambitious expansion program--not just in buildings, but in worldwide service by becoming the international center for information--incoming and outgoing. A vision recently fueled by the donation of an archive collection of UFO materials estimated to be worth \$250,000. Crosby will relate the events of the Roswell '98 Encounter weekend in addition to discussing the future of this well respected museum in a special guest chat on Tuesday, July 7th at 6pm, PT.

This chat is available at <http://forums.msn.com/UFO>
The Briefing Room chat can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

The Netshow Audio interview with Deon Crosby is now available at <http://forums.msn.com/UFO>

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Re: Sturrock Panel

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 98 09:54:18 PDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 12:00:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

> Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 23:56:12 -0400
> From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
> Subject: Sturrock Panel
> To: UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>

> Regarding...

> >Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 11:01:29 PDT
> >From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET>
> >Subject: Re: Re. Sturrock Panel
> >To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

> [Taking the liberty of copying this to the UFO UpDates list]

> Jerry wrote:

> >The Sturrock panel report is the best thing that's happened in a long
> >time, and the wide and respectful attention it has received is indeed
> >gratifying.

> Jerry,

> Can a small group of scientists, in such a short period,
> evaluate so few cases as an overall perspective of some 50 years
> evidence for the possibility of any extraterrestrial contact?

Depends on whom you want to listen to. The Robertson panel spent a total of 12 hours deciding what it had already decided before it walked in the door: that the subject was nonsense. The decision the panel made influenced all of the subsequent course of UFO history, down to today.

The Condon Committee spent about a year and a half investigating reports and in the end could not explain something like 30% of them -- a higher percentage, as Allen Hynek noted at the time, than Blue Book conceded as unexplained.

The Sturrock panel got to listen to some of the best evidence from some of the best UFO investigators and researchers alive today. It came, it seems to me, to the only conclusion possible, one that we ufologists have known for a long time: UFO reports deserve to be investigated further, and attempts to explain them away have failed.

> Would you disagree that hardly constitutes a thorough scientific
> study?

What do you mean by a "thorough scientific study"? It seems to me what we saw is scientific SOP. It looked at the evidence, as other judging panels do in other areas, and decided that thorough scientific study is desirable. The panel itself, of course, was not set up to be a "thorough scientific study." I guess I don't understand your question. Were did the panel represent itself to be a "thorough scientific study"? Let's hope, however, that it becomes as influential as the Robertson panel. Well, we can dream, can't we?

> >We don't know, of course, what effect this will have in the

> >long term, but at least in the short, we have reason to hope.

> What exactly are you hoping for?

A thorough scientific study or, better, a whole bunch of 'em.
Aren't you?

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Tent Footage - Names Revealed Of The

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 12:46:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:52:10 -0400
Subject: Re: The Tent Footage - Names Revealed Of The

>Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 00:54:16 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: The Tent Footage - Names Revealed Of The Alleged Fakers

>A.R.K. Music Ltd have ceased trading but their address in Milton
>Keynes was:

>Suite 2, Witan Court,
>Silbury Boulevard,
>Central Milton Keynes,
>Bucks.

Philip,

I believe that you will find if you look into this that this address is merely an 'accommodation' address, and most likely belongs to a firm of accountants. When I was publishing in the UK my registered address was also Witan Court, Silbury Blvd., Central Milton Keynes, Bucks. That was the address of Reid & Co., who were our accountants.

Bob

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Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 11:26:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:44:39 -0400
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin #4
>Date: Sat, 04 Jul 98 22:20:17 PDT

>>There's a danger here that you're using unproved theories to bias
>>your thinking. And Jerry Clark is in the same danger, if he cites
>>Swords' work in defense of the ETH. In the last analysis, ET
>>visitation is a factual matter -- either they're here, or they
>>aren't. Theories can't settle that. Only hard data can.

>Greg,

>I have NEVER said Swords' paper proves the ETH; I have said only
>that it shows the idea is a perfectly respectable scientific
>theory like other respectable scientific theories, awaiting
>validation or disconfirmation. My quarrel has always been with
>those who claim that (1) the notion is ridiculous and (2) those
>who hold it suffer from some intellectual or emotional deficiency
>which the critic is happy to diagnose.

>If I thought UFOs had been proven to be ET spacecraft, I would
>call them the latter, not the former. I have repeatedly made the
>point you just made. When even you aren't hearing me, I begin to
>wonder if I've lost whatever command of words I thought I had.

Hi, Jerry. I said "if he cites," etc, not that you actually had. I was
bending backwards to be fair. Sorry if I wasn't clear. I should have
said "Jerry would be in the same danger, if he ever cites." The day
you lose your command of words will be a bad day for ufology, but
thankfully it hasn't yet come.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Sturrock Panel

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 13:41:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:59:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

Dear list,

In reading the recent N.Y. Post Online Editorial, I suddenly realized that we have not heard from the "skeptical community" at large yet. I wonder what's taking them so long? I envision Phil Klass busy digging up as much terra firma on the panel's scientists as he can find, and contacting various news agencies and assorted other media, preparing to deliver another broadside to our subject. I'd wager he senses we have our foot in the door, and he fancies himself to be running at the other side to close it. No doubt others of his ilk are preparing to follow suit. Btw, has anyone else noticed a correlation between skeptics and rapid or excessive blinking? Just wondering.

I have found myself wondering about the motives of skeptics. Not the reasonable ones, who enjoy doing real investigative work to find legitimate explanations for sightings, (which I hope we are all doing) but the ones who have deemed themselves keepers of the truth. Since they insist that scientific methodology shows there are no unexplainable phenomena that could possibly lend themselves to support of the ETH, one would think they would encourage analysis to bear this out. And yet, they attack any who would investigate, whether to prove ETH or even the existence of unexplainable phenomena. What could possibly motivate such behavior? Would their hackles relax a bit if we were to investigate precisely the same phenomena and sightings in the same manner, yet drop any mention of ETH? Would they be more comfortable, and perhaps stop altering evidence or attacking witness testimony as long as we didn't say aliens might possibly be involved?

Greg

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UFO Crashes And Water/Lake Ontario Research

From: **Jennifer Jarvis** <fierycelt@full-moon.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 12:21:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:50:14 -0400
Subject: UFO Crashes And Water/Lake Ontario Research

Hi Errol and List.

I have been reading a great many ufo "crash" reports in recent weeks. I have noticed that it has been assumed, in some reports, that because the craft has/have been seen to go into a body of water, they have crashed.

Last night I reviewed the Shag Harbour incident which was covered by the Sightings show a couple of years ago. It seemed that the craft was able to travel under water for quite some distance.

Judging by the number of sightings of unknowns going into Lake Ontario, which is where our observation team does most research, should we not consider the possibility that these craft are perfectly able to function under water as they are above water?

So, could it be that these so-called crashes are just submersions, as we term them?

One night, back in May 1997, I observed and filmed 15 unknowns lining up and going into the lake in the space of 40 minutes. These were very organized in their approaches and gave no indication of crashing.

On January 20th. 1998, between 19.15 hrs and 20.15 hrs. I observed 7 submersions from the north shore.

On the evening of March 16th, 1998, we observed 6 submersions from the north shore of the lake.

On 23rd March, 1998, between 19.25 hrs and 20.00 hrs. we observed 4 submersions.

On June 5th. 1998, we observed 13 submersions in the space of 10 minutes. At one time there were 3 Orbs visibly lining up to submerge.

On June 22nd. 1998, observing from the south shore, east of the Niagara River, there were 3 submersions in the space of 20 minutes. We saw these at much closer range due to our location on the US shore.

Over the past 16 months we have observed and documented many submersions. I was fortunate enough to film quite a few of the events, and one such submersion can be found in the VIDEO section of ORBWATCH.

Descriptions of these events can be found in the REPORTS section of ORBWATCH. The most recent events are in the UPDATES section of REPORTS.

Field research has been much hampered by very poor weather conditions over the spring and summer here in Southern Ontario. Fog, haze and mist have made it difficult to see any distance and filming has been nigh on impossible.

Last week our ORBWATCH team spent a very interesting evening with Hugh Cochrane. Hugh is the author of 'Gateway To Oblivion - the Great Lakes Bermuda Triangle'. I showed him video that I had made over the last 16 months and he compared the events to those that have been seen and photographed since the early 1970's.

We were very grateful to Mr. Cochrane for a most enjoyable exchange of information, and look forward to further meetings with him.

Best wishes.

Jennifer Jarvis.

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"It's a kind of magic, it's a kind of magic,
A kind of magic...One dream, one soul,
One prize, one goal...
One golden glance of what should be."

From: QUEEN "A Kind of Magic" album (1986)

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Re:

From: Vicki Cooper Ecker <Ufovicki@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 13:16:19 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:56:52 -0400
Subject: Re:

>From: Black's Hole
>Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 09:57:31 -0400
>Subject: An Open Message To Whitley Strieber - Jerry Black

<snip>

>On or about February 10, 1998, Mr. Whitley Strieber and Ms.
>Vicki Cooper, who is a promoter for the annual Gulf Breeze

Hold it!! You're talking about VICKI LYONS, not me, VICKI COOPER
ECKER. FYI-----I'm not involved in any of this endless b.s. NOT
EVEN FOR A NANOSECOND!

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Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

From: Moderator UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:38:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:38:27 -0400
Subject: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

The following segment is transcribed from the July 3rd 1998 edition of Jeff Rense's 'Sightings' radio show, in which Budd Hopkins was interviewed, via phone, from Roswell, New Mexico.

The complete interview is available at:

<http://www.audionet.com/shows/endoftheline/archive.stm>

BH: I wanted to talk about some recent cases that I've I've just begun to look into and these have been investigated very thoroughly. What they would indicate is that the UFO occupants have been getting even a little sloppier. Unless they're deliberately wanting us to see things.

JR: "Sloppier....."

BH: In the case that you mentioned earlier, the 'Witness' case, we felt that the fact that people saw the abduction taking place seemed to be a deliberate act on the part of the UFO occupants.

JR: I remember you making that point....

BH: That seems to be the case. But now I've got several cases where we have witnesses who, at least part of the abduction, who seem to have just seen it by accident. As if the aliens aren't turning on the machine/box/memory or insight or whatever.

Just as an example; a woman was with her boyfriend in their apartment Queens [New York] and she woke up in the middle of the night (she remembered this the next morning) and saw people standing on the roof. She saw these grey legs and immediately the thought went into her mind, probably from the outside, not to worry, even though it was three o'clock in the morning, it must be people cleaning the leaves out of the gutter on the roof.

JR: Yes, of course.....

BH: So, she doesn't remember much more except that she seemed to be very frightened when she woke up, as if certain other things had happened she wasn't clear about. The long and short of this is that a couple of weeks later the man who lived across the street, a retired science teacher, said to her that he wanted to know what she and her friends were doing out on the roof at three in the morning.

We know from looking into this more thoroughly, in terms of the young man she was with and his recollections and hypnotic regressions and so forth, that she was abducted. Here we have an independant witness, unconnected with anybody, who saw the aliens on the roof. I haven't had a chance to interview him yet, but this is his story.

I have a similar case now in Ohio, Baria, [sp?] Ohio, where the woman who woke up in the morning feeling that something had happened to her the night before - very dim memories - went outside and the next door neighbour said "What were all those lights over your house last night? Who were those people in

uniform in the back were they police or what were they?" And of course there were no police and there was no explanation for the lights. But, the neighbour was quite agitated about this.

So, I have yet a third case near Altoona, Pennsylvania, that's also quite similar, I don't really have time to go into it, but I'm pointing these cases out to suggest there's a sort of momentum to this. And the formally very covert style of operation of the UFO occupants seems to be moving very slowly to a sort of 'devil may care' carelessness.

JR: Ah, this is very interesting - this is a very, very strange trend, to say the least.....

BH: It is and I think it is a trend. I think that that's the correct word that you just used. There is something that seems to be happening more and more often, where mistakes are made and it's getting sloppier and perhaps.....

JR: If their protocols are breaking down Budd, what.....we can only speculate, but it brings to mind right away the concept that maybe they have done most of what they need done, and the big change is about to happen and things are getting lax.

BH: That's a very valid interpretation. We really don't know what to make, in an absolute way, of this. You know, very often during interviews like this, I'm asked questions that make me wish that we only had an alien here to answer them instead of me.

JR: Sure.

BH: But I do feel that it does constitute a trend. There are so many people here now who seem to be remembering more of their experiences as they happened, as if the enforced amnesia isn't as frequently enforced as it used to be or as successfully enforced.

So, I don't know what this means, but it's rather portentous I think.

JR: Yeah, I would be interested to hear..... have you discussed this with David Jacobs?

BH: Yeah. Well he's getting the same kind of thing. I think that it's.....

JR: Oh Really!?

BH:generally being noted by other researchers in the field. It just isn't something that's coming my way.

JR: You know, now that you mention it gells over here on this end..... because I've heard that now fit that bill and I didn't even stop to think that it might be something that might be unique, but there are more graphic remembrances. Bizarre multiple-witnesses to things that we wouldn't have heard about a couple of years ago.....

BH: Right.

JR: Very interesting!

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transcribed by ebk, 5th July, 1998

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Re: An Open Message To Whitley Strieber

From: Don Ecker <decker@ufomag.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 10:57:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 14:36:59 -0400
Subject: Re: An Open Message To Whitley Strieber

To all subscribers to the UFO UpDates Mailing list.

I recently read an Op Ed piece from long time ufologist Mr. Jerry Black addressed to abductee Whitley Strieber. When reading it I could not help noticing a very large glaring error. Mr. Black wrote:

<<http://members.xoom.com/ufobarb/jb04.html>>

An Open Message To Whitley Strieber
by Jerry Black
July 1998

"On or about February 10, 1998, Mr. Whitley Strieber and Ms. Vicki Cooper, who is a promoter for the annual Gulf Breeze Symposium held in Gulf Breeze, Florida every year, appeared on the Art Bell Show. Vicki made a comment that, just recently, a young couple took a video of what appeared to be a steel or metallic ball in the sky."

For those of you that may not be aware, Ms. "Vicki Cooper" Ecker is the Editor of UFO Magazine. "Vicki Cooper" Ecker and former partner Ms. Sherie Stark founded UFO Magazine, which is published in Los Angeles, California, in 1986. Over the years UFO Magazine has garnered a reputation for reporting on the UFO field second to none. Over the years we have broken open many stories that today make a large part of the UFO field. Vicki is not now, nor ever been a promoter for Gulf Breeze, nor for any faction in the overall UFO community.

Mr. Black was actually refering to "Ms. Vicki Lyons". Ms. Lyons has been affiliated with PROJECT AWARENESS which has been hosting UFO Conferences in Florida for several years now.

Mr. Black goes on to say;

"Whitley Strieber had seen this photograph taken from the video a few days earlier. Upon seeing the photograph on Art Bell's website, and listening to Vicki Cooper relate the story, Whitley Strieber made a comment that maybe the doubters of the Ed Walters photographs would now take a second look."

First, "Ms Vicki Cooper" Ecker has never been a guest on the Art Bell Show, although she did years of commentary on my former radio program 'UFOs Tonite'!

Vicki Cooper went on to mention the then upcoming March 20 symposium in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Of course, Ms. Cooper would obviously be promoting this, as she has had a financial interest in the success or failure of the Gulf Breeze Symposium, ever since the early 1990s, if not even before that.

And once again "Ms. Vicki Cooper" Ecker has never had ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST in any symposium ANYWHERE. Mr. Black means "Ms. Vicki Lyons".

Mr. Black goes to great lengths to question motives and credibilty on various UFO researchers and this is a valid question. However, he

should be much more careful with his own research and at least get the names and people correct in his own research when placing something like this out in the INTERNET.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write me at the following email address.

Thank you for your time.

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Re: An Open Message To Whitley Strieber

From: Vicki Cooper Ecker <Ufovicki@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 13:16:19 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 14:33:52 -0400
Subject: Re: An Open Message To Whitley Strieber

>From: Black's Hole
>Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 09:57:31 -0400
>Subject: An Open Message To Whitley Strieber - Jerry Black

<snip>

>On or about February 10, 1998, Mr. Whitley Strieber and Ms.
>Vicki Cooper, who is a promoter for the annual Gulf Breeze

Hold it!! You're talking about VICKI LYONS, not me, VICKI COOPER
ECKER. FYI-----I'm not involved in any of this endless b.s. NOT
EVEN FOR A NANOSECOND!

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Re: The Duke of Mendoza

From: Susan Baldwin <sblee@stc.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 14:51:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 08:49:54 -0400
Subject: Re: The Duke of Mendoza

>From: Moderator UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>
>Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:38:27 -0400
>Subject: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

>In a recent telephonic communication, The Dowager Duchess
>(Auntie Vi) imparted the following:

>- His Grace is yet mightily miffed viz a vis the Government
> of Britain's decimation of His Armoury.

>- His eyesight doth sorely reflect His inability to
> differentiate tween a window handle and a dead parrot
> It hath become the stuff of legend

>- He is mightily vexed apropos the stance of British
> Telecomm t'ward members of the aristocracy whose
> country estates exist in the most inaccessible
> Welsh mountains. Intermittant static upon His Grace's
> telephonic lines doth wreak havoc 'pon His modi.

>- He doth toil yet 'pon a new tome
>Thus is His absence explained.
>Or perhaps he's simply experienced the Experiencer experience?

>ebk

Faugh, what do you expect of the aristocracy.....
the modi problem is aggravated by inbreeding I'm sure.
No doubt the loss of the Armory is connected somehow
with the dead parrot - they ARE a protected species.
This serves to remind me how very thankful we should
be here in the colonies for independence day!!

(just kidding I'm sure)
Susan

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: RobIrving@aol.com
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 16:04:00 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 08:55:12 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> Date: Thu, 02 Jul 98 10:26:38 PDT

Jerry,

> Let me put it this way: Answer yes or no: A reasonable
> person, without recourse to mere belief (i.e., faith), can
> look at the UFO evidence and see -- rightly or wrongly --
> possible evidence of extraterrestrial visitation. A
> yes answer will get you an apology from me.

I would be alarmed if no-one were looking at whatever evidence exists with an eye to ET as a possible cause. In that sense, I see the ETH as viable, just as I see the PSH as viable. My recoil from the ETH stems from over-exposure to those who pay lip-service to the word 'hypothesis' while spouting off in terms that proof, or *hard* evidence is an accepted given, or even invoking Occam's Razor in a vain 'scientific' attempt to justify it.

Granted, I've never heard Michael Hesemann use the term 'ETH', but I've seen others of his ilk use it, as if by couching their beliefs in scientific terms it gives them credence. All I'm asking here is at which point along the continuum between acceptance and denial is the ETH currently *enjoying* its existence.

Note the emphasis on 'enjoying'. By this I mean that judging by the amount of books, videos, etc, on the market one could be forgiven for thinking that ufologists see science - if they genuinely care for it at all - as being decided by general consensus (the more people believing it the better) - a rather old-fashioned viewpoint that leads us into the exact same problems of reasonable acceptance we've been discussing here, albeit from the other side of convention.

The way your question is worded places the ETH firmly on middle ground, and I have no problem with that, so I guess my answer is "yes" - no need to apologise. But naturally I have reservations...

Furthermore, I don't see the PSH as being in total opposition to the ETH, as you seem to when you equate it with mere 'debunking'. It makes me wonder about your own prejudice when you say this, as well as reaffirming the feeling I have that a majority of ETHers are pathological either/orists. None of the people I know who are tagged 'debunkers' seem particularly worried by the notion of ET landing on the White House lawn so long as it actually happened as reported; that it wasn't just another story with no evidence.

By the casual out-of-hand dismissal of the possible psychological and social aspects of the UFO phenomenon, it appears to me that you are resorting to the same level of denial that you accuse your opponents of. Perhaps it's just a debating technique but I certainly wouldn't place you in any top ten list of most tolerant of ambiguity. I suspect that you have seen the

phrase, liked the sound of it and invested yourself with the title. Worse, you think you live up to it.

That said, I agree that the most extreme UFO 'sceptics' can be just as ridiculous in their denial as the most ardent UFO-as-ET believer -- to me they are just different sides of the same coin. As Aristotle said, there is nothing between asserting and denying.

Rather like tug o'war, once that middle ground is established I'll be as interested in which way the strength of evidence pulls as any member of the crowd - although, being English, and therefore not to be trusted in a crowd, you might catch me putting my fist in the face of the man on the Clapham omnibus at any sign of uncritical judgement on his part.

> There are several major papers refuting Festinger, whose theories have failed replication. (You might say, I guess, that Festinger's prophecies have failed.) As one critic writes, in the course of showing why ideas like Festinger's are simplistic and reductionistic, "As scholars we should approach religious groups as phenomena to be observed and understood in their own complexity, with at least as much respect for the complexity and integrity of our subject matter as a biologist or a physicist has for the phenomena of nature."

I'd like to see these papers. From the way you talk of one might assume that all his ideas have been refuted. I'm not convinced of that. It seems a rather convenient way of avoiding revealing insights. I can cite a number of instances within ufology which mirror Festinger's ideas.

> I'll ask my publisher to send you a review set if you get the answer right. What can you offer in return, if you get it wrong?

Dunno. I'm easy. But you didn't answer my question: You initially stated that Festinger's Theory of Cognitive Dissonance has been "pretty well challenged" by sociologists of religion. That's a broad statement considering how little of the theory is directly related to religion. Are you sure you don't mean the derivative discussed in 'When Prophecy Fails' concerning disconfirmation & proselytism?

It's an important distinction, which I would like to hear you explain before I simply accept your wave-of-the-hand dismissal. It would also put your question in context, which is why I asked.

> > Don't like Deutsch? Historian Felipe Fernandez-Armesto says much the same thing: '... trustworthy conclusions cannot be based on unverified premisses'.

> Quite. I hope he spelled "premises" right, though.

He did, as do you -- both are right. Check the dictionary.

Rob

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Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

From: **Carlos Barboza** <cbarboza@adinet.com.uy>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 22:24:02 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 09:13:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 02:58:30 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

> Hola Carlos,

> (Yo tenia un primo, -que murio- con el mismo apellido,
> "Barbosa!" El mundo si es pequen~o!)

> Please bear with the 'Espanol" por favor. I want Carlos to
> feel comfortable and to insure that he understands me.
> Besides, Spanish is one of the most beautiful languages
> on the planet and I love to use it (sometimes abuse it as
> I do English) at every oportunity.

> Carlos wrote:

> >I'm going to ask you no \$25 for this, but instead I will upload
> >it to somewhere in the internet once I manage to convert it to
> >video file.

> Asi es como se hacen las cosas! Loose translation for the
> Gringo's, "That's the way the boys downtown get things done!"

> Bravo Carlos!

> >I must contact a friend with a video-capture card first.

> If your friend is unable to do you the favor, just let me know.
> I will be happy to convert any files into a moviegif. or other
> format that will play well on the web for you. I'm sitting on
> an industrial quality Macintosh audio/visual workstation
> with all the bells and whistles. It is (I am) at your disposal
> if you need help. (Si necesitas ayuda, avisame. Estoy a sus
> ordenes.)

> By the way, . . . no charge. <G>
> (Hago el trabajo gratis.) <Sonrisa Grande>

> Best of luck and thank you. (Suerte, y gracias.)

> John Velez

Dear John (not Jhon, sorry for my mistake) :

Thank you very much for all your offers and explanations in Spanish. My English is not very fluent for writing but I do understand it well, anyway I feel very comfortable when you put some words in Spanish, "ya llegara el dia en que todos hablemos un mismo idioma" (translation: "the day will come when we all speak the same language").

I'd be pleased to send you a copy of the tape for you to convert it and upload it in your website if that could be possible, for my friend is going to be out of Montevideo for at least two months and it would take me some time to get someone else to do the work. Please feel free to e-mail me directly to my internet address if you want, so to know where and how to send the tape.

I do also have an interesting audio file which I digitalized from the radio while a well-known (in my country) radio-speaker (right words?) was having a multiple sighting (avistamiento, is that right?) at night with many witnesses around him. I had the chance to talk to him and I went to the place where they had the sighting, talked to some witnesses and I could prove this was not a trick.

Philip Mantle wrote:

Dear Carlos,

How can I obtain a copy of this video, please let me know.

Thanks,

Philip Mantle.
England.

Dear Philip:

No trouble to send you a copy of the tape if you're interested, anyway I'm sure you're going to have it on the web very soon, thanks to our friend John Velez. But please tell me your address and I'll also send one to you for free, as soon as I can. I must say that I have little spare time, for I have two jobs and I'm only free on sundays (this is Uruguay, you know :)). That's why I don't participate in the list actively although I get the messages since two years ago.

Thanks for caring,

Carlos

PS: Well, at the moment I have both copies done, so I will need your address where to send them.

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Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

From: "Leanne Martin" <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 16:51:38 PDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 09:04:33 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

>Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 10:36:08 -0400
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

>From: RobIrving@aol.com
>Date: Tue, 30 Jun 1998 22:44:56 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

>> From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles
>> Date: Sun, 28 Jun 1998 20:01:45 PDT

>Leanne,

>I read Filer's comments with interest, but wondered about some of
>the (non-) specifics...

>> Editors note: Recent sampling of the crop formation and soil
>> samples indicate high Electro magnetic and microwave effects
>> have occurred within these fields.

>Do you know specifically what this is in reference to?

>> One farmer in England who hired guards to watch his fields to
>> prevent hoaxers from hurting his crops. While under guard, the
>> crop formations developed in 30 seconds to a maximum of five
>> minutes."

>Do you know specifically where this is said to have happened?

>Rob

Rob,

Thanx for the reply. Unfortunately no, I have no idea as to where
Filer's File refrs.

I'm surprised by the lack of general interest on this issue given the
downstream implications (political & military) if my thoughts on this
particular use of orbiting technology pan out. If such beams can be very
finely targeted and made to track mobile targets, and without too much
atmospheric attenuation, the implications are enormous.

Regards,
Leanne Martin
Computer Engineer @ WANG GLOBAL Australia

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Re: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

From: "Leanne Martin" <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 17:00:25 PDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 09:06:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team

>Date: Wed, 01 Jul 1998 11:37:22 -0400
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Non-Sub. Post - 'Alien Recovery' Team
>Cc: Concorp@aol.com

>From: Concorp@aol.com [Name Not Known]
>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 02:25:32 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Alien recovery team

>Ed Komarek of Thomasville, Georgia and Rob Bailey of Troy,
>Michigan have formed a recovery team to excavate 5 alien
>skeletons from a remote glacial site located
>near the Alaskan/Canadian border.

>The skeletons were originally discovered in 1938 by a member of a
>police organization while searching for a missing person. Recovery
>operations begin in July and members of the media and scientific
>community will be apprised of the search results.

Dear List,

Is this a hoax story?

If not does anyone have any info on the supposed original find? If so,
would you mind updating we late-comers?

Regards,
Leanne Martin
Computer Engineer @ WANG GLOBAL Australa

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: RobIrving@aol.com
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 16:04:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 08:58:15 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

>Date: Fri, 3 Jul 1998 23:21:40 -0400
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

Bruce,

>>many of the points
>>I've made to Sean do not oppose the idea that "myopic
>>conventionalism" <my words> slows down progress.

>Rob, you say you don't accept the ETH. Fine.

Bruce, what really baffles me is how you can take everything I've written and reduce it to that. I accept the ETH exists, and I accept its right to exist. Sure, I'm not inclined to believe it any more or less than any other single explanation. My interest revolves around the way the ETH is presented and where it sits within ufology.

Or where ufology sits within it? Whatever...

If you were to ask me if I accept the ETH has been proven, as in, 'UFOs are real (ET craft): here's the proof' I would of course say no. As a hypothesis I'm easy with it. If ET landed on my lawn this wouldn't make me accept the ETH as an explanation of all UFOs.

>The first question
>to answer is this : is there any case which you would accept as
>unexplainable in terms of known phenomena, said phenomena being
>generally characterized as either misidentification (of mundane
>natural or manmade phenomena or devices), mental phenomena (e.g.,
>delusions, "will to believe" overpowering rationalism,
>daydreaming, hypnopompic/gogic, "old hag," etc.) or outright
>hoaxes.

Yes, I accept my own experiences as unexplained in those terms, inasmuch as they remain mysterious to me. Why do you presume otherwise?

>If there is no such case then I presume that you can offer an
>explanation for each sighting case that can be presented to
>you... and I don't mean a "garbage" explanation that falls apart
>upon analysis, I mean an explanation that withstands analysis in
>light of the available information on any sighting.

You're barking up the wrong tree, mate. I'm philosophically opposed to explanations as being an ultimate justification of any theory - I try to steer clear of them, mine especially. My position, as I see it, is the back row of the peanut gallery. If you had witnessed my recent talk at the National Museum of Photography, UK, you would know that I am equally distrustful of conventional, 'objective' explanations.

Rob

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Correction and Apology From Jerry Black

From: Glenn Joyner <infohead@airmail.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 18:30:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 09:28:34 -0400
Subject: Correction and Apology From Jerry Black

Greetings EBK and List Recipients:

I recently transcribed an open letter from Jerry Black regarding Whitley Strieber, and likewise posted it to his website, which I have been retained to manage.

In his dictation, Jerry inadvertently called Vicki Lyons by the name of Vicki Cooper. He did not realize this until it was pointed out to him by another friend, and with a phone call in which he and I spoke this afternoon.

Since he has no e-mail capabilities, he immediately requested that I hastily post this message, to clarify the matter. Needless to say, he was aghast at the error.

He wants to apologize to Vicki Cooper, and to the folks who might have read the piece, getting the wrong impression about her, from his inadvertent error. I will be sending Ms. Cooper a copy of this apology as well.

I too want to extend my own apology. Being QUITE familiar with ufology, I should have realized the mistake in the dictation and questioned him about it before posting the piece to the website. To be absolutely honest, I don't personally know of Ms. Lyons, and was depending on the accuracy of the dictation. I know and respect both Don Ecker and Vicki Cooper, through years as a subscriber to the magazine, years of listening to their radio show, and through their applaudable efforts in this field. With the seeming abundance of "Coopers" that are connected to ufology, I thought that perhaps it was an unusual coincidence, that the names were the same. I DO know that Vicki Cooper (Ecker) has no ties to the Gulf Breeze Symposium, and, in retrospect, find my own failing in this matter very distressing.

In fact, Jerry wants to publicly thank Vicki, Don, and UFO Magazine for allowing him the opportunity to voice his concerns about Gulf Breeze some years back. He has no disregard, ill feelings, or problem with Ms. Cooper, and has expressed his own respect for her in our phone conversation.

I will make the necessary corrections at the wesite immediately, with an explanation.

Once again, sincere, earnest, and humble apologies to all concerned and affected, from both Jerry and myself. This WILL NOT happen again in the future.

Thanks,

Glenn Joyner

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Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon by

From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 21:10:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 09:15:21 -0400
Subject: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon by

Hello Everyone :-)

I received this message that is very important to all.

Forwarding Message:

Everyone,

A HUGE MONOLITH has been discovered in CLEMENTINE data from an official NASA website! This MONOLITH is HUGE and looks like a huge "spike" sticking strait up from the lunar surface! In my opinion there is simply NO WAY that this HUGE object pointing up from the lunar surface could be any kind of natural formation. It MUST be artificial!

It sure is not any crash dummy, weather balloon, flare, or atmospheric inversion!

For more information about this HUGE MONOLITH you can visit the following website to see pictures, read updates about the MONOLITH, and get links to the NASA site(s) that it is located at:

<http://members.aol.com/phikent/orbit/orbit.html>

Also, it is very important that as many people as possible with VRML equipped browsers visit and inspect the MONOLITH at the NASA site before it gets YANKED or ALTERED. If you have a VRML equipped browser you can visit the following NASA site to see the MONOLITH from all angles and directions at the following URL:

http://lunar.arc.nasa.gov/dataviz/vrml/clementine_8k.wrl

Note: of the two ends of a long narrow 3D strip; the monolith can be found on the squared end.

Now, two more brief suggestions:

1) PLEASE share this information with EVERYONE you know and spread it far and wide before the information gets yanked from the net or altered. It is very important that as many people as possible know about this huge monolith. This could be the information and proof that forces disclosure of the UFO/ET reality once and for all!

2) PLEASE send this information to RICHARD C. HOAGLAND. He needs to know about this information AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Thanks for all of your help! Take care and God Bless all of you!

Best Regards,
William

From: Mark - Alien Astronomer
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

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Re: Mexico City and 100 Witnesses?

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 22:59:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 09:42:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexico City and 100 Witnesses?

>From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 15:39:39 EDT
>To: UASR@MyList.net, updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Mexico City and 100 Witnesses?

>Everybody,

>Okay, now that it looks like the 8/6/97 Mexico City UFO video
>may be (nothing is 100%) a hoax, a couple of questions need to
>be answered.

>I posted the following information to the list in March:

>In March of this year in Gulf Breeze, Fl. at The Project
>Awareness UFO Conference, Jaime Maussan said that close to 100
>witnesses were ready to come forward and testify to what they
>saw on the day in question. Where are these people now?

>I believe that Maussan made some money on the sale of this video
>to UPN. If he has knowledge of close to 100 witnesses who
>supposedly saw this thing then why doesn't he even mention them
>when shown the "new" evidence? If these people are never
>accounted for then I think Maussan's motives must be questioned.
>I happen to like the guy but that's irrelevant and this is an
>important issue and he should be held accountable to what he
>said. Right now, his credibility should be questioned.>

>There are other people on this List that attended Maussan's
>lecture and can attest to what he said in March in Gulf Breeze.
>I hope your memory is as good as mine. If not, the videos and
>audiotape of his lectue are available from Project Awareness.
>www.projectawareness.com

COMMENT: Brit and Lee Elders have told me they spent quite a bit
of time in Mexico city interviewing people. She sent me brief
comments on the testimony of about a dozen, I believe. However, I
have not been able to get full testimony. Nor have I gotten a map
showing the locations and reasonably sighting directions of these
witnesses.

I'm afraid that we are heading toward an unending state of
confusion on this case. If we never get to the cameraman and his
camera the video will have to be considered separate from any
testimony. And, yes, where are these hundred witnesses?

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Re: Mexico City Fake [was: Lindemann & Rense Tidy]

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 23:00:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 10:04:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexico City Fake [was: Lindemann & Rense Tidy]

>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 16:34:15 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>,
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 10:47:24 -0400
>>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Bruce wrote:

[...]

[...]

>Say Bruce,

>What if you were to allow for the following possibilities; would
>a possible explanation then come to mind?

>(a) Some UFO entities are able to cause a person to do something
>involuntarily. Such as to look up for no apparent reason from
>what they're doing and spot a UFO in a certain part of the sky.
>.Some are reportedly able to affect equipment at a distance, such
>as remotely clicking a camera's shutter. Causing equipment
>malfunction could be related, especially when an automobile's
>engine suddenly comes back on again, etc.

>(b) UFOs are capable of nearly instantaneous accelerations within
>our time frame, and at the same time very controlled motions and
>displacements, such as the UFO that was once reportedly filmed to
>make a tight circle around a speeding rocket, or UFOs that charge
>towards autos or airplanes and at the last split second avoid
>collision.

>(c) UFO entities like to toy with us at times, often with an
>apparent goal of leaving crumbs for skeptics to latch onto.>

>Would these and related considerations cause you to rethink
>making the assumption that the Mexican City UFO was moving
>uniformly along a single trajectory? Or do such considerations
>just bring to mind the attitude of: "If what you imply were the
>case, what's the use of studying them?"

I suppose if UFOs could do anything we couldn't rule out a video
that shows a UFO with a line above it...since the UFO could have
created the line within the electronics of the camera to fool us.

In the Mex. Ciuty video..what really attracted Sainio's attention
was the remarkable correlation between the motion of the camera
and the motion of the UFO. That is, if the camera moved up, the
UFO moved up, etc. This tracking was not perfect but very good
implying that either (a) the UFO knew which way the camera was
about to move and adjusted its position in the sky accordingly or
(b) the UFO modified the electronic signal within the camera to
make it appear to move with the camera. An alternative is that
the presumed hoaxer wasn't perfectly accurate in compensating for

camera motion when he electronically pasted the UFO image onto the (presumed) real video background (that had been obtained first, so the UFO could be added later).

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Re: A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 23:00:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 09:43:35 -0400
Subject: Re: A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio

>From: Melanie Mecca <natural.state@erols.com>
>Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 18:23:39 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio

>What about the CNN daylight filming in San Jose, Costa Rica a few
>months ago? Anyone seen hide or hair of that? Further, slightly
>related, what about that daylight photo over Lake Arenal of the
>large metal saucer entering or leaving the lake, taken by the
>mapping expedition? Any due diligence ever done on that image? >

I guess these events, like many others, have faded into oblivion.
Perhaps the people who get UFO video/film/photos such as these are
too "embarrassed" to treat them seriously. Anyway, I haven't either
hide or hair of them.

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Re: Mexico City Fake [was: Lindemann & Rense Tidy]

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 23:04:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 10:18:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexico City Fake [was: Lindemann & Rense Tidy]

>Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 02:44:24 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up>

<snip>

>Bruce, I've been an avid amateur astronomer for 26 years. I have
>constructed telescopes over the years and learned a 'little
>something' about optics. Let me ask you a question, could field
>curvature (aberration) caused by the optics themselves account
>for the difference in the amount of 'smearing' of the objects in
>the field of view?

<snip>

Dear John,

I understand your comments about curvature of field and also other optical aberrations. They cannot explain this noted effect in the video. The field aberrations are ":field depoendent", that is, how much aberration depends upon where you are looking within the field of view. As you are aware, typically the aberration is greatest at the edge of the field of view. Anyway, such aberrations are "static"... they occur at the same magnitude at a particular field location each time you look at that field location (which is an angle away from the optic axis). The blurring I am talking about is dynamic, varying frame by frame in the video even though the change in position of the UFO or building image doesn't change much in the field of view..

>>he was working illegally in Mexico City and would be sent back
>>to Venezuela (or perhaps arrested and put in jail) if
>>discovered. You should note that sizeable amounts of good old
>>American \$\$\$ were thrown around in order to UPN to buy the
>>rights to use that video in "Danger in Our Skies." The
>>cameraman could have demanded a pretty penny for convincing
>>proof that his video was real.... I expect he could have made a
>>lot of money and gone back to Venezuela as rich man, had he
>>played his cards right. In other words, if this were a real
>>video it would have been more lucrative for the person to admit
>>to having taken it (thereby getting paid tens of thousands of
>>\$\$\$) than to maintain anonymity and continue working for
>>whatever company in Mexico City. (Unless, of course, he works
>>for "Juan Valdez" and the people who have all those "funny"
>>farms in Columbia.)

>Your logic is plausible. But you also need to take into
>consideration cultural influences. (Latinos are notoriously
>family oriented,) and many Latino households are three
>generation affairs. In my culture if one person screws up really
>bad the whole family is tarred with the same brush. -Everyone-
>is (socially) shamed by it. A good comparison is the culture of
>the American deep South. If you screw somebody today, - his-
>great grandchildren will hate -your- great grandchildren.
>Hatfields and McCoys, shit sticks, that kind of thing. His
>-stated concerns- about going public and how that may impact on
>his family and career may be completely legitimate, honest, and
>a reflection of deep cultural influences that demand that

>'family' (first and foremost) and personal reputation are
>->always- a major consideration. Ask any Latino on the list!>

>You may be right and a 'faker' is simply trying to hide, but
>it's also important to give people both sides of the story when
>making implications of intentional fraud publicly. Maybe the guy
>meant what he said and he -really- doesn't want to expose
>himself/his kin to public ridicule or humiliation. Or,
>jeopardize his bread and butter gig! It (may not) necessarily be
>a case of not taking advantage of commercial/marketing
>opportunities because he has something to hide as you imply
>above. Not fair Bruce!>

>In his original letter to Maussan he clearly stated that he
>didn't want his family involved, or bothered by this. He went on
>to say to Maussan that he was sure, (because Jaime had been a
>public figure for so long,) that Jaime would surely understand
>why he wished to remain anonymous. All legit concerns and -to
>be respected- if he so wishes.

Thanks for your comments regarding the social issue.

>Does the difference in 'smears' mean that the UFO was a "dropped
>in" image? If so, does it show any of the other signs of >
>superimposed image work? ie; traps/seams, differences in pixel
>size, lighting, color value, texture, etc.?

>It just seems to me that if it was a fake, (superimposed or
>dropped in from somewhere else) there would be -more- than just
>one indicator. If the object wasn't a part of the original scene
>then -evidence of tampering- would go further than a difference
>in edge smear correct? You're the 'expert' Bruce, you tell me
>man. I'm just trying to get it all straight in my head before I
>dismiss it as a hoax myself based on what you are sharing with
>us.

>How strong is this difference in 'edge smear' in terms of
>indicating/proving a sure hoax? Could optical aberrations in
>the lens train account for it? The object did spend most of its
>time off to one side. Field curvature at the edges could account
>for certain 'visual' differences. (Lengthening/ foreshortening
>of image elements) Again, I don't know if this applies to
>videocam lenses so I'm just shooting in the dark.>

Actually there is a more important effect which is what first caught Sainio's attention: the rather strong partial correlation between the "hand vibration" motion of the UFO and the vibration of the buildings frame by frame. Here I am talking about motion from frame to frame rather than relative image smear on a single frame. The camera is always moving around by some amount due to random hand vibration. The UFO also moves with respect to the building background. Under these conditions one might expect an occasional "perfect pan" in which the UFO image seems to stand still in the field of view as the building images move. In this video that sort of thing happens a lot..... and at a high rate (frame by frame). Sainio discovered a considerable correlation between the frame-by-frame motion of the camera itself (as determined by building image motion) and the motion of the UFO image. He discovered this as he was making a stabilized image video in which the building images stand still. Under these circumstances the UFO and the DATE STAMP on the video (which is at a fixed place in the field of view) both move. Sainio noted a considerable correlation between the vertical motions of the date stamp and of the UFO. There are further details on this that really require a paper...which Sainio might write (he has made his correlation graph available to Walt Andrus and to the Elders).

This correlation is a bit "too much" to expect for merely random correlations between the UFO motion generally to the right and the hand motion of the camera.

There is one point where one can see this effect by looking hard without sophisticated software analysis. This is as the UFO passes over the second wind sock. The UFO image makes a several frame "jump" up and down...

and this is correlated with the date stamp motion, meaning that the camera moved down and up a noticeable amount while the UFO stayed at a single place in the field.

Such an effect is consistent with the use of a software program to analyze the background video (which is of a real scene), remove the image motion, calculate locations for the UFO image to generate a uniform UFO motion against the background, and then

reintroduce the hand motion. If the program does not do perfect image stabilization the residue of "incomplete stabilization" will show up as a correlation between the motion of the camera (as indicated by the motion of the date stamp as seen against the background) and the motion of the UFO.

>>How, then, does it related to the visual sightings?

>>The bottom line is that we don' know how to relate the video to >>the sightings, and we may never know if the videographer >>doesn't come forward.

>Agreed. Let's hope this guy does come forward. If it's real, >it's an important document and piece of evidence. Would it be >possible to get Jeff involved in this thread? I'd like to hear >from him too on this. I'm sure he'd give us all an earful about >this video and I'm all ears! <VBG> Send him a copy of this >e-mail and we'll all hope he responds. I have been following >this one very closely from day one and I'd like to see it >through to a final conclusion if such a thing is possible.

Don't know if jeff takes time for list correspondence. I'll mention it.

>Thanx Bruce, for the info and all the work that I know you put >into this video yourself.

>Till I hear from you,

>John Velez

You're welcome. Yes, I did put in time!
And, while we're at it, heads up on Phoenix.

Thanks to cooperation from some witnesses...who don't believe the flare hypothesis, I have been able to demonstrate that at least some (and perhaps all) of the major light displays (non-moving or very slowly moving orange colored very bright lights) are probably flares. The triangulations that I have been able to carry out for events on January 14, 1998, which didn't make a big splash in the national media the way the March 13, 1997 (at 10 PM sightings did), place the lights 60 to 80 miles from the witnesses.... right over the Barry Goldwater Test Range. The March 13 video situation at 10 PM seems similar. THE March 13, 1997 moviong V shape remains unexplained. I am also investigating a case of 1995 sighting with possible missing time. I am writing a paper on the Phoenix light arrays. Won't be done for a while thought. I will not be reporting on the 1995 case until I and the witnesses are convinced we have "figured out" what really happened.

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Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

From: **Leanne Martin** <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 20:41:17 PDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 10:25:35 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 07:54:28 -0400
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Well, having worked on portions of the "Star War's" research for
>the last 15 years I would have to say that IF there were a high
>power microwave beam weapon orbiting the earth (there isn't) it
>wouldn't be used to "burn holes" in agricultural crops in
>England or anywhere else.

<snip>

> Reagan, being the
>reactionary throwback that all the liberal pinko's believed him
>to be, thought that just maybe the Soviets might lose total

Dear Bruce (& list)

How can you have such an open mind on the UFO issue/subject yet display such an appallingly neanderthal attitude to people who choose to voice an opposing political viewpoint by refering to them as "liberal pinko's" (sic)? It makes one feel very tempted to ask, "What did you do for those 15 SDI years - push a broom?", but that may be seen as equally derogatory ;-)

>As for the "crop circles", I might also point out that the
>really interesting agriglyphs are not the circular or elliptical
>ones, but the highly complex structures consisting of circles,
>squares, spirals, straight paths, etc. which have been seen over
>the last 8 years or so, These odd shapes are far from what one
>would get by shining a beam downward at some angle. One would
>need, at the very least, a beam that can be scanned or a beam
>that can be shaped into a very complicated arrangement of
>intensities (like imaging a cookie cutter onto a field of
>grain).

This is the exact point that I was making in my original post, i.e. that these could very well be targeting experiments that are fine tuning a possible energy beam. The small ellipticals mentioned possibly being the result of a simple 'high-angle' test to test for attenuation of intensity through a longer atmospheric path on to a readily photographicical surface.

If my thinking on it is correct then having differently shaped beams (squares, triangles, etc.) is pointless. Think about how easily we can manipulate laser beams in disco light shows, for example. Simply having a fine a circle shape as possible and deflecting it appropriately (like the electron beam in a t.v.) would be all that is required.

Also, that the more complex patterns that we are seeing are an extrapolation of the original circles that gave the phenomenon its name. As you say, in the last 8 years these designs have gotten ever more complex. Why so? Now let me see . . . Reagan pushes SDI in 1985, billions get poured into it and scare the hell of Russia, your recent 8 year 'window of complexity' starts in 1990 giving a 5 year tooling-up period. Sounds like a

reasonable hypothesis so far.

It is not necessary to "burn holes" into the grain fields just to test a targeting system, but it could be intended for use like the neutron bomb - to drastically alter the cellular structure of an organism, leading to death, without destroying its surroundings.

I note that you make no comment at all on my point that these agriglyphs do not overlap obstructions - it would seem a deliberate intention that they be in open paddocks and remain unobstructed by trees, rocks, fences, tractors and anything else that would ruin the image quality on a scale that is large enough to be photographed from space.

Also, a broom pusher's "need to know" would only cover what bit of floor to do next. <G>

Regards,

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 23:01:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 10:03:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexico City Fake [was: Lindemann & Rense Tidy]

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: "Serge Salvaille" <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up
>Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 23:21:40 -0400

<snip>

>>However, we have held off publication pending analysis of a
>>guaranteed fake for comparison. The fake has been created for
>>use in Robert Kiviat's next TV show (he did the alien autopsy
>>and last summer's "best video evidence") in a couple of weeks.
>>(Kiviat would not release to us a copy of the fake video until
>>just before his show airs).

>Bruce,

>Not my intention to be in anyway offending, but I find hard to
>swallow the fact that yourself and a couple of experts have been
>in the knowing of some decisive new data on the Mexico video and
>that the facts become public in such an indirect (and perhaps
>lucky) manner.

>Especially when you said yourself in concluding your November
>1997 analysis of the Mexico video:

>>TO BE REVISED AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE

>I can't understand why nobody triggered a red flag at the time
>(more than a month ago!?).

>How can this be possible since this looks like definitive
>evidence And can this...

>> pending analysis of a guaranteed fake for comparison

>justify holding off on the evidence. If you can't reproduce a
>fake then it's not a fake>

>My mind is a blank.

Dear Serge,

Please don't let your mind go blank. It's bad for your brain.
(The synapses get lazy.)

When it became apparent two months or so ago that the video had
problems I was at that time being promised by Kiviat that I
would have a comparison fake "soon" that he had requested for
comparison. I still haven't got it. If things had worked out as I
expected, however, I would have gotten it well over a month ago
and then published a paper. As it is, I did announce this at the
Mid Atlantic MUFON Symposium on May 12. I figured that Kiviat's
fakers wouldn't hear about it as a result of telling that
relatively small audience (less than 100).

I also mentioned that Sainio has written a letter to Walt Andrus
and to the Elders. They told Maussan, so he was aware of it by
the time of the recent MUFON conference (but not as of the tiome
of the Project Awareness meeting).

I wanted to wait until I had the fake in hand before general publication because I didn't want the guaranteed fakers of Kiviat's video to know what we were looking for so we could see if they made the same mistakes. However, that fake video has been completed and so it no longer matters whether they know or not (they can't modify what is already incorporated into Kiviat's production.)

I will not state, as does Sainio, that I am, 100 % confident that the Mexcity video of Aug 6 is a fake, but as I have said before, it has serious problems that might only be explained, if at all, by having access to the cameraman and the original camera.

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Re: Sturrock Panel/skeptics

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 23:40:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 10:21:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel/skeptics

>From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 13:41:32 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Sturrock Panel/skeptics

>Dear list,

>In reading the recent N.Y. Post Online Editorial, I suddenly
>realized that we have not heard from the "skeptical community" at
>large yet. I wonder what's taking them so long? I envision Phil
>Klass busy digging up as much terra firma on the panel's
>scientists as he can find, and contacting various news agencies
>and assorted other media, preparing to deliver another broadside
>to our subject. I'd wager he senses we have our foot in the door,
>and he fancies himself to be running at the other side to close
>it. No doubt others of his ilk are preparing to follow suit. Btw,
>has anyone else noticed a correlation between skeptics and rapid
>or excessive blinking? Just wondering.

This is a good point. You are probably correct. If you can't
attack the substance of the argument, attack the arguer (a.k.a.
"ad hominem"). You can bet CSICOP was shocked and several of the
members of CSICOP nearly "excremented in trou" when they saw
the basically favorable (to UFO investigators, not to extreme
skeptic/ debunkers) press reaction.

Imagine, whisper the debunkers! After all these years some REAL
scientists (as opposed to the fake scientists that study UFO
reports, some of whom conclude ET is a reasonable explanation)
have lost their minds. They say the study of UFO reports should
be an acceptable scientific endeavor. Oh, the WORMWOOD AND THE
GALL (slight Biblical reference to that which is completely
annoying and distasteful). What is civilization coming to, with
UFOs and mental affects on electronic coin flips and other
psychic stuff and bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster and
agriglyphs (more than just "crop circles"), metal bending,
astrology, near death experiences, acupuncture, herbal
remedies..... WHEN WILL IT ALL END? Will civilization as we
know it die?

(Answer: yes, whether or not UFOs are ET; civilization is about
to take a quantum leap into some new direction as a result of
modern technology and innovation.
Interested? Ask me to email you FRIGHT NIGHT!)

Well, anyway, you can bet CSICOP was quite jealous of the
exposure of SSE and they will be fighting back by enlisting their
members to say that (a) the scientists of the panel had the wool
pulled over their eyes by the UFO investigator/presenters and (b)
UFOs/sightings are merely cult-related activity or a result of
wishful thinking and do not bear any serious consideration.

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Re: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

From: Robert Stirniman <robert@skylink.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 23:02:29 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 10:50:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

> From: Moderator UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>
> Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:38:27 -0400
> Subject: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

>The following segment is transcribed from the July 3rd 1998
>edition of Jeff Rense's 'Sightings' radio show, in which Budd
>Hopkins was interviewd, via phone, from Roswell, New Mexico.

>The complete interview is available at:

><http://www.audionet.com/shows/endoftheline/archive.stm>

<snip>

> JR: If their protocols are breaking down Budd, what.....we can
> only speculate, but it brings to mind right away the concept
> that maybe they have done most of what they need done, and the
> big change is about to happen and things are getting lax.

Or maybe --

If their protocols are breaking down.....we can only speculate,
but it brings to mind right away the concept that they have
not done most of what they need done, and a change is due
to happen and things are getting desperate.

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Clarification from Jerry Black

From: **Kenny Young** <task@fuse.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 01:02:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 10:44:44 -0400
Subject: Clarification from Jerry Black

From: Jerry Black

Mr. Black has asked me to forward the following clarification to all concerned, regarding comments in his letter which appeared on UFO UpDates - Toronto referencing Whitley Strieber.

"I apologize for using the name Vicki Cooper, which was in error. The name should have been Vicki Lyons. Please note the clarification, and the change has been made at the web-site address located at -

<http://members.xoom.com/ufobarb/jb04.html>

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New Frontier Magazine

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 01:25:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 10:46:00 -0400
Subject: New Frontier Magazine

List,

Please check the site below for articles in the New Frontier Magazine. There was no date specified but think I'm safe to assume it's June or July '98.

Example:

An Interview with Steven Greer, MD
Director of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence
by Sw. Virato, Executive Editor, New Frontier Magazine

and

Physicist to Metaphysician
An Interview with former Astronaut Dr. Brian O'Leary by Sw. Virato

<http://www.newfrontier.com/2/nfarticl.htm>

Sue

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Ruppelt Index Approaches Completion

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 00:18:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 10:42:35 -0400
Subject: Ruppelt Index Approaches Completion

Some of you may recall that I have been working on the index for Edward J. Ruppelt's The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects (The Report) for several months. Here is a small sample from the introduction to the Research Index and Commentary:

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The Role Of Scientists

Another up-to-the minute controversy which is addressed by information contained in The Report is the widely held belief that the mainstream scientist, particularly the physical scientist has ignored, never investigated the UFO. Scientist readers of The Report will have the scales fall from their eyes. The very latest development in this arena can be found in the preface to the recently released Journal of Scientific Exploration study of UFOs (Physical Evidence Related to UFO Reports, JSE vol.12 no. 2 pp. 179-229). Peter Sturrock, principal author of the Rockefeller funded effort, seems to be saying on page 182 that there has never been any significant investigation of the UFO by physical scientists.

"In December 1996, Mr. Laurance S. Rockefeller, Chairman of the LSR Fund, invited me to review with him the status of our understanding of the problem posed by UFO reports. We agreed that the problem is in a very unsatisfactory state of ignorance and confusion. I expressed the opinion that this problem will be resolved only by extensive and open professional scientific investigation, and that an essential prerequisite of such research is that more scientists acquire an interest in this topic."

The obvious implication of the paragraph above is that Sturrock would have us believe that there has never previously been any serious investigation by physical scientists. Many readers will simply glide over the word 'open' and jump to Sturrock's intended conclusion that there has no such investigation has ever taken place. However, close reading of Sturrock's statement reveals that what he actually says is that there has never been any "open professional and scientific investigation". However we know from The Report that there were serious scientific investigations of the UFO by physical scientists. The key to understanding Sturrock's paragraph is the strategic use of the word 'open'. That is, the investigations that Ruppelt mentioned were hardly open, not standard academic affairs, they were clandestine investigations conducted by government scientists. Does Sturrock understand that this may be true? We think the answer is yes because of the use of the vital qualifying word 'open' in the paragraph above. The use of that word reveals to us his certain knowledge of the information contained in The Report. Is it possible that Sturrock has not read The Report, not likely. Therefore he must qualify his statement by the use of the word 'open'. He would hardly have used that word if he was ignorant of any clandestine investigation. Groups of scientists and industrialists, of the highest level, such as the code named Beacon Hill Group received briefings on UFOs. Ruppelt never disclosed the names of the scientists or organization which comprised the Beacon Hill Group. However, as this introduction was being written Professor Micheal D. Swords, Professor of Science Studies at Western Michigan University made the following disclosure in the Spring 1998 issue of the

IUR/International UFO Reporter, pages 12 and 31. (Swords holds The Edward Ruppelt Manuscript Files for CUFOS in Kalamazoo, Michigan).

"They were apparently scientists associated with Project Lincoln, which later became the Lincoln Laboratory, and was largely administered by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. One Lincoln division head was Dr. George Valley, perenial member of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board and their chief expert during the Project Sign era. Valley would most likely have been one of the scientists present at Ruppelt's briefing."

"Project Lincoln seems to have been a continuation of the wartime Radiation Laboratory, and was vitally involved in radar and photographic reconnaissance and electronic intelligence. Much of this focused on air defense. It is intriguing that they were keeping tabs on the UFO phenomenon."

Swords also notes:

"An important member of Project Lincoln, MIT's Dr. Julius Stratton, insisted to the CIA - at a meeting with Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell - that the project be assigned to investigate UFOs. Dr. Alfred Hill was suggested as leader of the investigation. Chadwell ignored the suggestion and instead continued with his idea of the Robertson Panel."

Any reasonable person would certainly agree that these were physical scientists of the first magnitude and associated with institutions of equal or similar rank. How the activities of scientists of such distinction could escape the notice of Professor Sturrock is almost as mysterious as the UFO itself.

*** end of excerpt ***

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coffee. The vet described the creature as a "hairless monkey" and Dr. W. A. Mickle of Emory University called it a hairless member of the Rhesus Monkey family.

This interested me since I am from Atlanta and had never heard of the incident before. I plan to visit the public library here this week and see if I can get a better picture of the creature. Does anyone else know about this incident? Maybe someone in the DC area might like to get a copy of the Daily News picture.

What do you think the odds are that a couple of drunk barbers shaved a monkey? <g>

Terry

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 98 09:21:57 PDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 11:10:36 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> From: RobIrving@aol.com
> Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 16:04:00 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> > To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> > From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> > Date: Thu, 02 Jul 98 10:26:38 PDT

> I would be alarmed if no-one were looking at whatever evidence
> exists with an eye to ET as a possible cause. In that sense, I
> see the ETH as viable, just as I see the PSH as viable. My
> recoil from the ETH stems from over-exposure to those who pay
> lip-service to the word 'hypothesis' while spouting off in terms
> that proof, or *hard* evidence is an accepted given, or even
> invoking Occam's Razor in a vain 'scientific' attempt to justify
> it.

It seems to me, based on what I've read on this list, that it's
debunkers, not proponents, who are "invoking Occam's Razor in a
vain 'scientific' attempt to justify" their view. Are we on the
same list?

> Furthermore, I don't see the PSH as being in total opposition to
> the ETH, as you seem to when you equate it with mere
> 'debunking'.

I have no idea why you're taking this complaint to me. As John
Harney, editor of Magonia ETH Bulletin (and I think we can all
agree that Magonia is the flagship publication of PSH ufology),
"Our theory is quite simple ... not one of the available UFO
represents a genuine sighting of an extraterrestrial
spacecraft." Phil Klass and CSICOP could not have expressed
their view more succinctly.

> It makes me wonder about your own prejudice when
> you say this, as well as reaffirming the feeling I have that a
> majority of ETHers are pathological either/orists. None of the
> people I know who are tagged 'debunkers' seem particularly
> worried by the notion of ET landing on the White House lawn so
> long as it actually happened as reported; that it wasn't just
> another story with no evidence.

Speaking of pathological "either/orists," see John Harney above.
Most either/orists I see, and I have read a whole lot of UFO
literature since 1957, are debunkers and/or PSHers.

My own view, and nothing I've seen so far persuades me otherwise,
is that the ETH is the best provisional theory to explain the
hard evidence (radar/visuals, CE2s, multiply and independently
witnessed sightings, and the like -- the sorts of cases, for
example, the Condon Committee, even with all the ill will in the
world, wasn't able to explain), but it is also clear that other
things, conventional and unconventional, are going on as well. A
pluralistic approach seems the most profitable. How that
translates into either/orism is something I don't understand.
Again, I refer you to my essay "On Anomalous Experience" in the
introduction to my Unexplained! (1993).

> By the casual out-of-hand dismissal of the possible
> psychological and social aspects of the UFO phenomenon

What ufologist does that? Names, please? Obviously, you are not referring to me. Either that, or -- as I suspect -- you've not read my writings and aren't reading carefully what I have written here. In any case, any dismissal of the PSH, as you would know if (1) you knew my history in this subject and (2) you had read what I've written about the PSH, is anything but "casual." Frankly, Rob, it's not a little annoying being lectured by someone who by his own admission doesn't know a lot about this subject.

> it
> appears to me that you are resorting to the same level of denial
> that you accuse your opponents of.

Rubbish, rubbish, rubbish. Please educate yourself before you start spouting this sort of silliness. Do me the courtesy of acquainting yourself with my views before you tell me what they are.

> Perhaps it's just a debating
> technique but I certainly wouldn't place you in any top ten list
> of most tolerant of ambiguity.

Exactly what of my writings have you read, Rob?

> I suspect that you have seen the
> phrase, liked the sound of it and invested yourself with the
> title. Worse, you think you live up to it.

How, given your admitted lack of familiarity with the UFO literature generally and my writing specifically, would you know?

> That said, I agree that the most extreme UFO 'sceptics' can be
> just as ridiculous in their denial as the most ardent UFO-as-ET
> believer -- to me they are just different sides of the same
> coin. As Aristotle said, there is nothing between asserting and
> denying.

I agree. Marcello Truzzi defines the debunker as a denier and a skeptic as a doubter. I am much closer in temperament to skeptics than to uncritical believers.

> > There are several major papers refuting Festinger, whose
> > theories have failed replication. (You might say, I guess, that
> > Festinger's prophecies have failed.) As one critic writes, in
> > the course of showing why ideas like Festinger's are simplistic
> > and reductionistic, "As scholars we should approach religious
> > groups as phenomena to be observed and understood in
> > their own complexity, with at least as much respect for the
> > complexity and integrity of our subject matter as a biologist
> > or a physicist has for the phenomena of nature."

> I'd like to see these papers. From the way you talk of one might
> assume that all his ideas have been refuted. I'm not convinced
> of that. It seems a rather convenient way of avoiding revealing
> insights. I can cite a number of instances within ufology which
> mirror Festinger's ideas.

How would you know whether Festinger has been refuted or not, when you admit you haven't read the papers in question?

Jerry Clark

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Re: Artificial Structure Discovered

From: **Andy Denne - A.U.R.A.** <aura@telekabel2.nl>
Date: Sun, 06 Jul 1997 16:18:04 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 11:02:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Artificial Structure Discovered

> From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
> To: "UFO UpDates Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon by Clementine
> Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 21:10:25 -0500

> Hello Everyone :-)

> I received this message that is very important to all.

> -----

> Forwarding Message:

> Everyone,

> A HUGE MONOLITH has been discovered in CLEMENTINE data from an
> official NASA website! This MONOLITH is HUGE and looks like a huge
> "spike" sticking straight up from the lunar surface!

...And Napoleon is dead...so? I'm sure the moon 'needle' isn't
like shocking news to anyone on this list.

>In my opinion there is simply NO WAY that this HUGE object pointing up
>from the lunar surface could be any kind of natural formation. It MUST be
>artificial!

It MUST be artificial? As a result of what research do you make
this claim? What led you to believe this is definitely
artificial?

> It sure is not any crash dummy, weather balloon, flare, or
> atmospheric inversion!

No it's a giant piece of rock stickin' out of the ground. I don't
see any reason in the above to say the monolith is artificial.

> For more information about this HUGE MONOLITH you can visit the
> following website to see pictures, read updates about the MONOLITH,
> and get links to the NASA site(s) that it is located at:

> <http://members.aol.com/phikent/orbit/orbit.html>

> Also, it is very important that as many people as possible with VRML
> equipped browsers visit and inspect the MONOLITH at the NASA site
> before it gets YANKED or ALTERED. If you have a VRML equipped browser
> you can visit the following NASA site to see the MONOLITH from all
> angles and directions at the following URL:

Yanked or altered? By whom? for what purpose?

> http://lunar.arc.nasa.gov/dataviz/vrml/clementine_8k.wrl

> Note: of the two ends of a long narrow 3D strip; the monolith can be
> found on the squared end.

> Now, two more brief suggestions:

> 1) PLEASE share this information with EVERYONE you know and spread it
> far and wide before the information gets yanked from the net or

> altered. It is very important that as many people as possible know
> about this huge monolith. This could be the information and proof
> that forces disclosure of the UFO/ET reality once and for all!

How does a stick of stone prove UFO/ET reality? I wish it did and we could all go home knowin' we were on the right track all this time...but fact is it proves nothin' of that kind.

> 2) PLEASE send this information to RICHARD C. HOAGLAND. He needs to
> know about this information AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

sigh

Mr.Hoagland....hmmm...you might have a chance there...

> Thanks for all of your help! Take care and God Bless all of you!

> Best Regards,
> William

> From: Mark - Alien Astronomer
> <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

A quick last question, what does an "alien" astronomer do?
Are you astronomer?

With kind regards,

Andy Denne
A.U.R.A.
The Netherlands

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Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 3, Number 27

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BLACK HELICOPTERS ATTACK A TOWN IN KOSOVO

On Saturday night, June 27, 1998, several black helicopters attacked Kijevo, a small town in Yugoslavia's embattled Kosovo province, launching rockets at and dropping bombs on positions held by the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA).

Fighting broke out around Kijevo on June 17 when KLA soldiers captured the town and locked up 50 Yugoslav policemen and 100 civilian Serbs. Kijevo is located 24 kilometers (15 miles) west of Pristina, the provincial capital.

According to the AP report, "Witnesses said Yugoslav helicopters, all painted black, strafed and bombed the Kijevo positions for 90 minutes late Saturday night."

"The Serb Media Center, which releases official Serb statements, said the gunners were providing cover for the evacuation of four women and a child from Kijevo."

No list of civilian casualties was provided by either the Serb Media Center or by the KLA Information Center.

The war began in February 1998 when ethnic Albanians, who make up 80 percent of Kosovo's population of two million, revolted against the central Yugoslav government in Belgrade.

On Friday, July 3, 1998, at around 5 a.m., a Yugoslav Army armored column rolled into Kijevo and freed the prisoners. The KLA Information Center said their troops withdrew into the hills prior to the assault. (See the New York Times for July 4, 1998, "Western Officials Say Accord in Kosovo Seems Unlikely," page A6. See also the AP story for June 28, 1998, "Besiege Village in Kosovo.")

UFO, BLACK HELICOPTERS SIGHTED IN WISCONSIN

Five black helicopters were seen flying northward over Port Washington, Wisconsin (population 9,338) by a local man who reported his sighting to MUFON.

Bob Mueller reported that he "saw black helicopters fly over his house on Saturday, June 13, 1998, and again on Sunday," June 14, 1998. "On both days, five helicopters flew over, then came back a few hours later, heading south. They looked like UH-60 Blackhawk gunships with a capacity of about a dozen troopers apiece. There were no markings, and their low-visibility paint scheme made them hard to see."

On Sunday, June 14, 1998, at about 11 p.m.,

Bob reported, "I went out to my car to get something, and I saw a moving, flashing orange light very high in the sky directly overhead. When it flashed, it was very bright. So much so, it reflected off my car (and) glasses, caught my attention enough so that I had to look up. It appeared to be moving in a straight line. The UFO was heading due north--the same heading, and virtually along the same path, as the helicopters."

Bob ran indoors to get his wife Michele. But when the couple reached the yard, 30 seconds later, the UFO was gone.

Port Washington is located on the western shore of Lake Michigan 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (See Filer's Files #26 for 1998. Many thanks to George A. Filer, Eastern Director of MUFON, for this news story.)

NEW UFO CASE EMERGES IN MULLICA HILL, NEW JERSEY

MUFON investigator Evelyn Galson is looking into a strange encounter that occurred in New Jersey on Saturday, June 13, 1998.

At 9:35 p.m. that evening, a couple was driving south on Route 45 from Woodbury, New Jersey (population 10,904) to their home in Mullica Hill.

As the wife glanced in the direction of the Gloucester County Public Library, she spied "some strange lights in the sky. There were three or four red and blue-red lights like in a straight line."

The wife asked, "What is that?" Her husband, sitting behind the steering wheel, did not look.

"As she watched, the lights followed their car and changed to all white lights. She asked, 'Can a plane's lights change color?' Again her husband did not respond.

"When they finally arrived home and pulled into the driveway, the object moved over the treetops to the right side of the backyard and stopped. She asked her husband, 'What is that?'"

"I don't know," he replied, "Maybe it's a helicopter."

After he went indoors, "the wife walked to the backyard to get a better view of the object and noticed that there was no sound coming from it. The object moved a little at a time, very slowly, and finally rested on the left side of the backyard above their suburban home. It was just hovering, barely moving about 80 feet from the ground."

"All of a sudden, the outside lights on the craft were turned off, and the inside lights came on. There were three decks or three landings that lit up one after another. Later she noticed three white lights underneath the craft."

After watching the UFO for 10 to 15 minutes, the woman went inside the house. On Sunday morning, however, she said she was "unusually tired" and "noticed a bruise on her thigh with three pointed ends but did not have them the day before."

Woodbury and Mullica Hill are in southern New Jersey, just south of Philadelphia's international airport. (See Filer's Files #26 for 1998. Many thanks to George A. Filer for this news story.)

LUMINOUS UFO SEEN NEAR WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1998, at 8:53 p.m., a male witness sighted a UFO near his home in Bowie, Maryland, a suburban community located 20 miles (32 kilometers) northeast of Washington, D.C.

"I observed a bright white point of light which appeared about 1.5 degrees north of the half moon and moved extremely slowly to the northwest," he reported, "I estimated the light to be about magnitude 0 (zero) and briefly mistook it for Jupiter, which I quickly realized should not have been there."

"After about three to four minutes of observation-- by then I viewed it with binoculars--it rested at about a point 0.5 to 1.0 degrees northwest of what I believe was the star Porrima (Gamma Virginus) or about three degrees northwest of the moon. The steady brightness and very slow movement suggest to me that the light was not an aircraft. The light then flashed for several seconds to maybe magnitude 5 or 6, then disappeared. At about that time appeared in the binoculars a faint 'puff' of white smoke or vapor, not a trail" where the object had been seconds before. (Many thanks to Jim Hickman of Skywatch for forwarding this report.)

THREE SILVER SPHERE UFOs VISIT NORTHERN IRELAND

On Wednesday, June 17, 1998, several people in Galliach, near Derry, Northern Ireland reported sighting three silver sphere UFOs flying and hovering over their homes.

According to the Derry Journal, there were "several reports of a strange object being sighted in the sky around the Galliach area. Observers reported that the first sighting was...around 11 a.m. on Wednesday."

One witness said, "It was spinning, and you could see the sun reflected from it. But the strange thing was there was no sound. Then two other objects and that strange light...could be seen spinning high in the sky."

"The witness claimed the object flew across the sky, and then two of them disappeared by flying straight up into the atmosphere. The other reportedly disappeared after flying across the sky."

Galliach is about 120 kilometers (75 miles) northeast of Belfast.

On Thursday, June 18, 1998, the Derry Journal attempted to corroborate the reports by checking with the City of Derry Airport and the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The newspaper was told that the airport "had no reports of any sightings in the sky over the Derry area." (See the Derry Journal for June 19, 1998. Many thanks to Daev Walsh of Nua Blather for forwarding the article.)

MYSTERY METEOR CRASHES IN TURKMENISTAN

On Saturday, June 20, 1998, a strange "conical" meteor weighing 300 kilograms (670 pounds) crashed in a farm field in Turkmenistan, a small nation just east of the Caspian Sea.

The meteor crashed on the Daikhan Daryalik collective farm just after 6 p.m. The farm is in the Kune-Urgench district of Dashkhovuz province.

The meteoric impact created a crater 6 meters (43 feet) wide and 4 meters (25 feet) deep. The meteor measured 60 by 90 centimeters (30 by 45 inches) and was described as having "a conical form" and being "of the stone or iron type."

The meteor was dug up and shipped by truck to Ashgabat, the national capital. Because it crashed on the sixth anniversary of the election of President Sapamurat Niyazov, scientists wish to name the meteor Turkmenbashi (Head of the Turkmen), one of Niyazov's official titles.

The meteor will soon go in display at the National Museum of History in Ashgabat. (See the newspaper Neitralny Turkmenistan for June 27, 1998. Many thanks to Sue Kovios for forwarding this news story.)

RED UFO SIGHTED OVER ARLINGTON, TEXAS

On Saturday, June 20, 1998, Texan ufologist Mike Harman was at a family outing near the Prairie Parkway, a.k.a. Highway 330, in Arlington, Texas when he spotted a UFO.

"I had stepped outside for a breath of fresh air

and had been looking at the sky for only a few minutes when I noticed an object that didn't look the 'norm' for an aircraft."

"This object was displayed only as a single colored red light. No landing lights or strobes were visible," he reported. Unlike the standard FAA red-and-white strobing lights he had seen on five conventional aircraft passing over in the minutes prior to his UFO sighting.

"Only the single very large red light that pulsated from the brightest down to a glow and back again" was visible, he added, and it "was moving across the sky at approximately 30 to 35 degrees from the horizon and moving at about the speed of the other aircraft. It flew at a steady speed and continued the cycling (pulsating) of the light until it was out of sight behind some trees. I estimated it to be approximately two miles from my location."

Arlington (population 261,721) is approximately 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of Dallas, Texas. (Many thanks to Mike Harman for this report.)

SCIENTISTS SURPRISED BY UNEXPECTED METEOR SHOWER

An unexpected meteor shower struck Earth on Saturday, June 27, 1998, and was confirmed by scientists in several countries.

That evening, two Japanese astronomers, K. Suzuki and M. Ueda, noticed a sudden "increase of meteor ratios by radio-forward meteor scattering signals." The incidence of meteor signals was "three to five times above normal ratios."

They estimated that up to 50 meteors were hitting Earth's upper atmosphere each hour during the evening.

Between 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, and 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 28, Italian astronomers Alberto Halper, Enrico Stomeo and Roberto Gorelli confirmed the Japanese sighting and found "rates above 100 (meteors) per hour."

An astronomer in Portugal also confirmed the meteor shower.

The meteors apparently came from these coordinates in space: Right Ascension 224 degrees, Declination +50 degrees. (See the International Astronomical Union Circular 6954 for June 27, 1998.) (Editor's Comment: This anomalous meteor shower is a bit too late to be part of the Eta Aquarids, which usually arrive on May 4. And it's too early to be part of the Delta Aquarids, due on July 28. Our world seems to be getting hit by a lot of meteors lately. See recent issues of UFO Roundup for details.)

NASA, ESA STILL UNABLE TO CONTACT SOHO

Ground controllers are still unable to contact the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) by radio, despite the best efforts of NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA).

Contact was lost Thursday night, June 25, 1998, "after controllers at the Goddard Spaceflight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland sent a set of routine commands to maneuver the satellite."

Launched in December 1995 from Cape Canaveral, Florida, the \$1 billion solar satellite is currently in a "halo orbit" at the Lagrangian L-1 point one million miles from Earth, or 92 million miles from the sun.

(Editor's Note: Lagrangian points are small areas of outer space where the gravitational attraction of Earth and its neighbors cancel each other out.)

According to the Sky & Telescope News Bulletin, "Efforts to reestablish contact have continued, using the 70-meter-wide antenna of the (NASA) Deep Space Network to listen for signs of electronic life aboard the derelict craft."

According to SOHO mission scientist

William Poland, "radio contact was lost" as the spacecraft was undergoing "a procedure that included firing control jets."

Poland "said engineers have determined that the craft is spinning and has lost its alignment with the sun. 'Exactly how it is spinning and the rate of spin is not clear,' Poland said, 'We are not certain about what went wrong.'"

On Tuesday, June 30, 1998, a team of experts from ESA and Matra Marconi Space, the firm that built the satellite, arrived at the Goddard Spaceflight Center to meet with the NASA Flight Operations Team.

A board of inquiry to investigate the space mishap will be formed and chaired by Dr. Massimo Trella, ESA's Inspector General, and Dr. Michael Greenfield of NASA's Office of Safety and Mission Assurance.

The most recent telemetry available showed that SOHO "is clearly spinning in such a way that its solar array, which generates power, either does not face the sun at all or it does not receive enough sunlight to generate power."

SOHO is completely dependent upon its solar array to provide needed electricity. Its onboard battery only carries enough reserve power to run the spacecraft for one hour. (See USA Today for June 29, 1998, "Sun-studying probe failing to respond; NASA fears it's lost." Also Sky & Telescope News Bulletin for June 26, 1998. Many thanks to Errol Bruce-Knapp for forwarding the bulletin.) (Editor's Comment: At one million miles sunward from Earth, SOHO is a little too far out of the neighborhood to have been affected by the current meteor shower. It makes you wonder just what knocked it out of alignment out there at L-1. There are rumors, though. See the following story.)

ORBIT WEBSITE DESTROYED
BY PERSONS UNKNOWN

On Tuesday morning, June 23, 1998, Eagle Net, operated by Norio Hayakawa of Citizens Against the New World Order, suddenly disappeared from the Internet.

Wiped out in the mysterious event was Kent Steadman's popular cyber-newspaper, the CyberSpace Orbit.

The Orbit had recently been running a series of articles about the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) satellite, which suddenly, and equally mysteriously, lost contact with ground controllers here on Earth two days later.

According to the Orbit, two weeks ago a kind of solar flare "seemed to reach out and blind" SOHO's cameras. In another incident, "two strange objects" appeared near the sun.

UFO Roundup first learned of the strange loss of Eagle Net from a reader who had attempted to access last month's Orbit interview with an anonymous scientist who claimed that data from the Mars Global Observer showed a high incidence of radioactive isotopes in the Cydonia region. The scientist speculated that the region might have been struck by a nuclear bomb.

UFO Roundup editor Joseph Trainor tried to access the Orbit site himself at 7:10 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 1998 and received a "403: Access to this site is forbidden" message.

UFO Roundup interviewed a handful of computer users who had tried to or successfully accessed the site, including Jon H., who first posted the message about Eagle Net's disappearance in the USENET.

"I attempted to access Eagle Net on Tuesday morning, June 23," Jon reported, "I use my ISP which is Earthlink, and I can also access the Internet at work over a T-1 computer. Most of my newsgroup saw the enhanced images of the object that SOHO picked up."

Asked if he had experienced computer problems as a result, Jon wrote, "Yes, although I cannot

attribute them directly to the site. My computer went down and I lost most of my bookmarks. I believe that it was a virus that was downloaded by email."

Jon has a sophisticated virus scanner, but it was not running at the time of the download.

M.H., another operator, remarked, "I watched the (alleged anomalous) object up until Friday, June 26, and it kept getting brighter and brighter, as if it were coming right at us. It was a fascinating sight."

Concerning the loss of the Orbit, he added, "Perhaps too many people are seeing things someone doesn't want them to see."

J.B. claims to have visited the Eagle Net site, adding, "There was nothing there. If you try to enter, you wind up off the Net. Fascinating."

Another respondent wrote, "It was like ground zero. Nothing left."

During the week, Kent Steadman successfully salvaged the newspaper's back issues and has set up a new website. Once back online, he remarked, "Let's hope this new web location holds up against or resists broadsides by hacker/buccaneers."

The Orbit can now be accessed at this URL:
<http://members.aol.com/phikent/orbit/orbit.html>

Noted ufologist Dr. Bruce Cornet suggested this week that many "mirror sites" be created to protect vital newsletters like the Orbit, Filer's Files, CNI News and UFO Roundup from cybernetic attack. (Email Interview)

PATHFINDER DATA SHOWS SEAS ON ANCIENT MARS

Intensive scientific study of the data radioed to Earth last year by Pathfinder shows that Mars was "warm and wet" three billion years ago.

The rock-strewn plain where Pathfinder landed was deluged "by large volumes of water in the distant past, and the hills on the horizon known as Twin Peaks appear to be islands shaped by water."

The study "suggested catastrophic flooding two billion years ago," but the area has been dry ever since.

Wind has also contributed to the erosion of Martian landforms, according to Pathfinder scientist Dr. Matthew Golombek of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

"There are other places on Mars that we call 'sinks,' or places where dust ends up being deposited (by the wind--J.T.) Amazonis Planitia, for example, probably has about three to six feet (1 to 2 meters) of fine, powdery dust that you would sink into if you stepped on it."

Chemical analysis of nearby rocks by the rover Sojourner's Alpha Proton X-ray Spectrometer (APXS) recorded "an unexpected composition that scientists are still trying to explain."

The rocks appear to be an unusual form of andesite, similar to the volcanic magma flows of Iceland and the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador.

Before losing its radio last year, the Pathfinder transmitted "2.3 gigabytes of data to Earth, including 11,500 images from the lander's camera, 550 images from the rover camera, 16 chemical analyses of rock and up to 20 million measurements of atmospheric pressure and temperature" on Mars. (Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for sending along this story.)

(Editor's Comment: Andesite of the Icelandic and Galapagos type is formed when magma oozes up from a planet's core through a fracture zone, i.e. the point where two tectonic plates overlap each other. So, are two plates colliding miles below the lost Pathfinder and Sojourner? Mars is just chock-full of mysteries, isn't it?)

from the UFO Files...

1978: THE MEN WHO DROVE
TO MARS

Twenty years ago, on July 6, 1978, at 6 a.m., a fleet of UFOs appeared over the World Cup futbol (soccer in the USA) stadium in Mendoza, a city in western Argentina.

"There were 25 to 30 of them," said Marco Palma, a night watchman who worked near the stadium. "They had green windows and were about the size of a car. The objects were round and very bright. There was no noise at all. After about 20 minutes, they went north very, very fast."

Another watchman, Gilberto Caballero, reported, "About a thousand people stopped to watch. The saucers completely covered the stadium. Further north there was a bigger craft sitting motionless in the air."

Fifteen hours later, at 9 p.m., Francisco Nunez, age 66, and his son, Carmelo Nunez, 22, were driving home to Mendoza when something strange happened.

"We were just about to pass a traffic sign when a pickup truck in front of us disappeared," Carmelo said, but in actuality, "We had disappeared."

"Carmelo said he could see the beam's of his car's headlights ahead of him, but nothing else. On all sides there was only pitch black."

Pointing at the dashboard, Francisco said, "Look at that!"

The odometer's numbers were spinning. Spinning so rapidly that they were a blur.

"But suddenly the men found themselves in an alien city. They believe they were on another world--but they had reached it within just minutes."

"The car entered the city going very, very fast," Francisco said.

"Said Carmelo, 'The car felt as if it were in the air...I couldn't feel the engine running or feel any bounces. I felt that the car was controlled by something else. The steering wheel seemed to be fixed, and I couldn't turn it. I think a UFO was above the car.'"

"Francisco agreed that the car 'seemed to be floating' at high speed. 'We saw big square windows in the buildings, and inside everything was red. The buildings looked reddish, too.'"

"We were on an avenue 45 to 55 yards wide, and the buildings were so tall we couldn't see their tops. I looked up, and the red light was coming from the sky above."

"I said, 'How beautiful it is,' and Carmelo agreed. I said, 'I don't think we're on Earth.' There were no trees, no people, no cars--just buildings."

"A few minutes after we got into the city, it got very cold. It was like twenty degrees below zero.' The men said their journey through the incredible city lasted about 15 minutes."

"Then Carmelo said, 'It seems as if the Martians have taken us'--and as soon as he said that, the city disappeared,' recalled Francisco."

"I felt a jolt, and suddenly the car was making noise again. We looked around, and Carmelo said, 'Oh, we're in Guaymallen (a suburb of Mendoza, which is located 900 kilometers (540 miles) west of Buenos Aires--J.T.).'"

"Said Carmelo Nunez, 'I think the UFOs took us, but I don't know where. I don't know that city.'"

"Francisco added, 'I felt we were not on Earth.'"

"I think it is a UFO case,' declared Police Sub-Inspector Adolfo Siniscalchi of Mendoza... 'They are honest and reliable people. We don't think they invented this story.'" (See the book NATIONAL ENQUIRER UFO REPORT, Pocket Books, New York, N.Y., 1985, pages 108 to 111)

July 7 is the birthday of George Graham, the talented Eighteenth Century watchmaker who built telescopes for the famous British astronomers Sir Edmund Halley and James Bradley.

We'll be back next week with more saucer news from "the paper that goes home--UFO ROUNDUP." See you then.

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Re: Sturrock Panel/skeptics

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 98 10:20:24 PDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 18:00:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel/skeptics

> Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 23:40:15 -0400
> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel/skeptics
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> >From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
> >Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 13:41:32 EDT
> >To: updates@globalserve.net
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Sturrock Panel/skeptics

> Well, anyway, you can bet CSICOP was quite jealous of the
> exposure of SSE and they will be fighting back by enlisting their
> members to say that (a) the scientists of the panel had the wool
> pulled over their eyes by the UFO investigator/presenters and (b)
> UFOs/sightings are merely cult-related activity or a result of
> wishful thinking and do no bear any serious consideration.

The shape of the debunker response to the Sturrock panel is already becoming clear. Like the New York Post, a nearly hysterical editorial in the current issue of New Scientist links the SSE with all sorts of other heresies and condemns UFOs as evidence of mass ... well, fill in your nasty noun here. Basically, the thought police are determined that nobody, least of all a scientist, is going to get by with acknowledging the obvious: that the best UFO reports continue to resist explanation and maybe, just maybe, deserve scientific attention. Such is the heresy that menaces civilization.

Jerry Clark

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Hancock on Hawass

From: **Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto**
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 18:02:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 18:02:29 -0400
Subject: Hancock on Hawass

[Partial transcript from the Q&A portion of a talk given by
Graham Hancock in Toronto, Saturday, June 13, 1998 --ebk]

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Graham Hancock in Toronto, Saturday, June 13, 1998 --ebk]

What I and my colleagues have been told by Zahi Hawass the Chief Inspector of Antiquities at Ghiza, who we've had a radical change of relationship with compared to the past two years, is that an attempt will be made to open the door in the southern shaft in the Queen's chamber before the end of this year. And that he is open now to, and the antiquities organization as a whole are open to, proposals for investigations under the Sphinx.

The problem is that there's such a lot of bogus so-called work being in this field. We have an example of an expedition that has been claiming, for the past year, to have official permission from the Egyptian authorities to look for the Hall of Records in Egypt. This organization calls itself 'Operation Hermes' and they do not have official permission. The Egyptian authorities three days ago [June 10, 1998] issued a statement, 'For The Record', saying that they do not have permission to look for the Hall of Records.

What has happened is that myself, Robert Bauval and James Anthony West were locked, for more than two years, in a direct face to face conflict with Zahi Hawass over precisely these kinds of matters and it de-generated into the most horrific slanging match where we would say really nasty things about him and he would say really nasty things about us. But we didn't know him.

During last year a bit of a breakthrough began to occur. Zahi had the opportunity of closing down John's [Anthony West] study focused in Egypt and he didn't do so even though John had been his staunchest opponent up till now. Robert and Zahi met in the summer of last year and I had my first meeting with Zahi in December - the first of many. He spent six hours with me at the Sphinx, explaining his point of view and I have come to the conclusion that, whatever Zahi is, he's not lying and I don't think he's covering anything up. I think that he's passionate about his Pyramids and that he genuinely wants the best for them.

What we've agreed to do is to hold a series of public debates. It's the first time, as far as I know, that heretics and orthodox Egyptologists have got together in front of the public and debated things like the meaning and antiquity of the Pyramid and The Sphinx.

We had the first debate, which was very surreal, on a cruise ship off Alaska a month ago. It was attended by about three hundred people and the next debate will be held with a much wider gathering of Egyptologists and other scientists. Zahi will

be there, Mark Lainer from Chicago, Ed Krupp from the Griffiths Observatory, Farouk al Baz an Egyptian geologist will be there all arguing the orthodox side. On the un-orthodox side I, John West, Robert Bauval and Robert Shock will be busy putting out a lot. We hope a large of people from the 31st of January for the first week of February, 1999. This will be in Ghiza.

Now, this is part of an on-going dialogue which precisely concerns the need for responsible and honest and open work, which makes no false claims, to be carried out looking for possible chambers around the Sphinx and inside the Great Pyramid. It's very important that that work gets done. But, I believe that the only way for it to get carried forward is through a process of dialogue with the Egyptian authorities and an absolute respect for their code of conduct - their laws on these matters. Those laws are that no expedition may take place unless it's directly connected to a university.

I think that's healthy. Otherwise you would just have zillions of people swarming all over the place with all kinds of toys and that can't be good for a monument like the Sphinx.

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'The Chinese Roswell'

From: **John D. Chambers** <jdc@flinet.com>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 14:23:22 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 18:01:51 -0400
Subject: 'The Chinese Roswell'

Exciting news for those who want to know more about the Great White Pyramid of China!

Hartwig Hausdorf's 'Die Weisse Pyramide' (The White Pyramid) will be published by NEW PARADIGM BOOKS in July, 1998, in an English-language version under the title:

'The Chinese Roswell: UFO Encounters in the Far East from Ancient Times to the Present'

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Re: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon

From: Donnie W. Shevlin <dshevlin@primary.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 12:15:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 18:01:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon

> From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
> To: "UFO UpDates Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon by Clementine
> Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 21:10:25 -0500

> Hello Everyone :-)

> I received this message that is very important to all.

> -----

> Forwarding Message:

> Everyone,

> A HUGE MONOLITH has been discovered in CLEMENTINE data from an
> official NASA website! This MONOLITH is HUGE and looks like a huge
> "spike" sticking straight up from the lunar surface! In my opinion
> there is simply NO WAY that this HUGE object pointing up from the
> lunar surface could be any kind of natural formation. It MUST be
> artificial!

> It sure is not any crash dummy, weather balloon, flare, or
> atmospheric inversion!

<snip>

> Thanks for all of your help! Take care and God Bless all of you!

> Best Regards,
> William

> From: Mark - Alien Astronomer
> <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

William, EBK and list,

Alright, alright... Slow down now. A 'spike' it may be, but lets' not jump to conclusions until more data can be provided. Clementine is a very important tool for us (earthlings) to discover what potentials the moon may have. I am sure that the mapping tool it uses is quite similar to what a cruise missile uses to map unknown terrain. Now I'm not saying that this is the case, but that mapping equipment has been known to show ghost images before. So lets' stand back and wait. I'm sure that those more familiar with the equipment will be able to tell us more.

Donnie W. Shevlin :)

"We're a speck of dust floating in the vacuum bag of space."

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Re: Sturrock Panel

From: "Greg Sandow" <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 13:24:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 18:01:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

> Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 23:56:12 -0400
> From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
> Subject: Sturrock Panel
> To: UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>

> Jerry wrote:

>>The Sturrock panel report is the best thing that's happened in a long
>>time, and the wide and respectful attention it has received is indeed
>>gratifying.

> Jerry,

> Can a small group of scientists, in such a short period,
> evaluate so few cases as an overall perspective of some 50 years
> evidence for the possibility of any extraterrestrial contact?

> Would you disagree that hardly constitutes a thorough scientific
> study?

> As an unmitigated PR coup, I personally have no objections to
> that achievement. Many would agree with the 'Sturrock panel's'
> conclusion that there is some related evidence which challenges
> an obvious explanation. It is after all, the essence of the 'UFO
> phenomenon' and its myriad facets.

> However, didn't we know that already?

<etc, including a swipe at Jerry for possibly thinking that
scientists now should study crop circles or abductions.>

Jeez.

Suppose a group of Catholic theologians -- most of them not
identified as liberals within the church -- listens to
presentations on homosexuality.

Then they issue a report. The report says, in essence: "We have
not heard evidence suggesting that the church should sanction
homosexual marriage. We feel, however, that homosexual
relationships deserve further study. In the past, they have been
considered sinful, and that position was understandable, in its
social context. Now we raise the possibility that the Church
might wish to reexamine this issue."

Hardly anyone would say, "This was hardly a scientific study of
homosexuality."

Hardly anyone would say: "So what? Any sensible person came to
the same conclusions long ago."

Hardly anyone would say, "See? Homosexuality IS bad! Even these
theologians didn't endorse transvestites or the Gay Pride
parade."

Almost everyone would understand that this statement was a limited
but significant contribution to a complex and highly emotional
debate within the church, one in which there are strong vested
interests on both sides, and in which opinions don't easily

change. It would be clear to nearly everyone that the statement was nuanced, and deliberately cautious, but that even so it represented a small but tangible shift in the prevailing wind.

Same thing for the Sturrock panel, within the scientific world. Why raise extraneous issues?

Greg Sandow

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Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 13:04:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 18:01:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

>Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 22:24:02 -0300
>From: Carlos Barboza <cbarboza@adinet.com.uy>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

>>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 02:58:30 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Video of 'UFOs' Around MIR

>> Hola Carlos,

<snip>

>> If your friend is unable to do you the favor, just let me know.
>> I will be happy to convert any files into a moviegif. or other
>> format that will play well on the web for you. I'm sitting on
>> an industrial quality Macintosh audio/visual workstation
>> with all the bells and whistles. It is (I am) at your disposal
>> if you need help. (Si necesitas ayuda, avisame. Estoy a sus
>> ordenes.)

>> By the way, . . . no charge. <G>
>> (Hago el trabajo gratis.) <Sonrisa Grande>

>> Best of luck and thank you. (Suerte, y gracias.)

>> John Velez
=====

Carlos responds:

>Dear John (not Jhon, sorry for my mistake) :

Hey brother don't worry, I've been called -much worse!- <G>

>Thank you very much for all your offers and explanations in
>Spanish. My English is not very fluent for writing but I do
>understand it well, anyway I feel very comfortable when you put
>some words in Spanish, "ya llegara el dia en que todos hablemos
>un mismo idioma" (translation: "the day will come when we all
>speak the same language").

You are probably correct. I'm just one of those who loves
diversity and all of the things that make us unique and
individuals. I will be both happy and sad on that day. Happy
for the unity that it will bring and sad for the loss of diversity.

>I'd be pleased to send you a copy of the tape for you to convert
>it and upload it in your website if that could be possible, for
>my friend is going to be out of Montevideo for at least two
>months and it would take me some time to get someone else to do
>the work. Please feel free to e-mail me directly to my internet
>address if you want, so to know where and how to send the tape.

I don't want or need any credit. Send me the tape and I will
create a webpage for you with your video and sound track. It will
have your_name and contact address on it. If you ever wish to
transfer it over to your own server you are welcome to do so.

This work isn't about money or self promotion. I do it because I think that the information is vital and urgent in nature. It should be free and accessible by all. Happy to be able to help.

For you (to send the tape and the sound file) or anyone else who may wish to contact me by snail mail my address is:

John Velez
94-22 77th Street
Queens, New York, 11416

>I do also have an interesting audio file which I digitalized from
>the radio while a well-known (in my country) radio-speaker (right
>words?) was having a multiple sighting (avistamiento, is that
>right?) at night with many witnesses around him. I had the chance
>to talk to him and I went to the place where they had the
>sighting, talked to some witnesses and I could prove this was not
>a trick.

Send it along with the tape. I will make an announcement via the UFO UpDates list when the file is up on the web and ready for viewing and download.

No charge! <LOL>

>PS: Well, at the moment I have both copies done, so I will need your
>address where to send them.

You have it!

Peace,

John Velez, Webmaster IF-AIC

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Re: Sheffield Incident

From: David Clarke <dclarke14@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 14:34:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 18:01:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Sheffield Incident

Although I fear UFO Updates readings must be rapidly growing tired of hearing about this case, I feel now is the time for me to put on record what I believe to be the truth.

Max Burns reads much into one paragraph of journalese in my recent article for UFO Magazine, and claims I have reached no positive conclusions about the cause of the incident.

Not so, and even if I had not reached a conclusion, it doesn't follow that we have to immediately accept a fantastic and far-fetched explanation for something which can easily be explained in down-to-earth terms.

Max writes: "And as he has no conclusive proof of what actually occurred, it is an elementary rule of logic that you cannot prove a negative. Coupled with the lack of conclusive evidence he should not have precluded the possibility of extra terrestrial origin of the ufo sightings on the 24th March 1997."

I don't know what strange rule of logic Max's befuddled mind adheres to, but if we follow his reasoning that you cannot prove a negative, then I also cannot prove, for example, that the leprecauns, Bigfoot or even the Jolly Green Giant was not responsible for the sightings either. This line of argument takes us nowhere. Just because we cannot say for sure exactly happened, we should not have to immediately jump to the conclusion that an Alien Craft was responsible.

That is is not science - it's just plain crazy.

Read my lips Max: UFO means Unidentified Flying Object, NOT alien craft. I would have thought that was the first thing someone claiming to be a UFOlogist in this day and age would learn, but apparently not for the X-Files Generation.

This attitude just demonstrates how little time Max has been involved in active UFO investigation, and how little he knows about the history of this subject. He constantly confuses belief with evidence, and evidence with belief.

The first rule of UFOlogy should be you cannot trust what eyewitnesses tell you. How many "eyewitnesses" are qualified observers of the night sky? Not many, judging by the number of people who ring me up saying they have been watching a UFO for the last four hours as the clouds have moved across it, and are amazed when I look out of my window, see it too, and go back to tell them it is a star or the planet Venus (this happens on average once every other month).

Then there are those who see aircraft coming into land at Sheffield's new airport and are convinced they have seen giant triangular-shaped UFOs following their car. If they aren't aircraft then why are they always seen at 8pm at precisely the same time the KLM flight from Amsterdam comes in to land?

Just look at CUFOS' Allan Hendry's excellent UFO Handbook for many other examples of witnesses who have radically misperceived mundane objects and re-described them as UFOs, spaceships and aliens.

A few examples - drawn from actual eyewitness accounts - will suffice: "Never seen anything like it in all our lives" (Police officer's statement - object later confirmed by police to be a star)

"It made a whirring noise like on TV shows (bright star, seen for one hour) "It followed our car and hovered over our house. Didn't follow any other car, only ours..." (Planet Venus, watched every night for a week) "Made my hair stand on end..." (the Moon)

Given this evidence, how can we take at face-value and uncritically accept what Max says two or three witnesses say about a "triangular shaped object" in the sky? What's more we don't even know what these witnesses are really saying or claiming, because we only have Max's word for it, and he won't let anyone question them unless they believe in his version of The Truth. But back to what I believe caused the Sheffield incident..

First of all, forget all preconceived ideas about aliens, UFOs and crashed Tornados. What facts do we know about March 24, 1997?

FACT ONE. We know the RAF were involved in a secret military exercise over the Peak District, involving extremely low-flying jet aircraft, Tornado GR1s and maybe other aircraft too. The MOD received 13 complaints from the public about low-flying aircraft that one evening alone. These jets were certainly operating between 9 and 10pm, judging by the statements of those who saw them, shortly before the sonic booms were recorded.

I believe the presence of the military jets explains the sightings of "triangles". They were simply aircraft taking part in this exercise, misperceived by a small number of observers.

The MOD have not lied to Helen Jackson MP simply because they did not receive any UFO reports that night. The police did not pass any UFO reports to the MOD because they never regarded the incident as a "UFO incident", they regarded it as an incident of low-flying aircraft.

FACT TWO: Two sonic booms were recorded above the Peak/Pennine area at 9.52pm and 10.06pm that night, coincident with the later stages of the above exercise.

Senior seismologist Glenn Ford at Edinburgh University has gone on record and started (and I quote) "on the balance of probabilities [these booms] were definitely caused by an aircraft, in all probability a military aircraft."

Mr Ford and his colleagues record dozens of sonic booms and air blasts every year, and they know what they are talking about. Whatever the MOD or RAF may say, there is little doubt one of their jets caused these booms. Not an "ET triangle" or a UFO shooting down a jet, but a jet going supersonic over land during a low-flying exercise.

I have yet to see ANY conclusive contradictory evidence to change my opinion about the cause of these booms.

FACT THREE. We know for a fact there was an unidentified light aircraft flying on an east to west course across the northern suburbs of Sheffield coincident with the second boom at 10.06 pm. The Sheffield Police log records sightings of this aircraft, and very good eyewitness accounts of it are provided by special constable Marie-France Tattersfield and the farmer Mrs Morton, who saw it from the Bolsterstone area. It was their 999 distress calls which triggered the subsequent search and rescue operation, NOT the sightings of the triangles which Max emphasises - these were seen half an hour before, or hours later, miles away from the Bolsterstone area. Further proof that an unidentified light aircraft was involved is provided by the video footage taken by two teenagers, Leon Rockley and Alex Hardy, from their home in Parson Cross, Sheffield, that night, a copy of which I obtained after it was examined by detectives at Hammerton Road Police Station. The video clearly shows a light in the sky, which resolves into a "triangle" of lights as it nears the camera, with the clear drone of a light aircraft engine in the background.

Police were never able to identify the owner of this aircraft, or the identity of the pilot whose craft was seen at Bolsterstone, which led to speculation about the craft being part of a covert drugs drop.

So there we have it folks - a covert military operation, coupled with an as yet unidentified light aircraft, all coincidentally taking place on a clear, still night when lots of people were out on the moors watching the Hale-Bopp comet.

The Sheffield case is a microcosm of many other "UFO" cases, a mish-mash of human misperception and wishful thinking, which can rapidly turn into a great mystery when they are not investigated properly or fall into the hands of belief-driven or money-driven individuals out to make a fast buck. Why should we regard Max's claims with suspicion? Here's a few good reasons:

*Max has already admitted on UFO UpDates that he stood to make =A31,500 UK pounds out of selling his far-fetched version of events to a sleazy down-market tabloid newspaper. Hardly the actions of a principled, objective researcher whose only goal is the truth.

*Max has stated on numerous occasions in public that he is determined to make this case "Britain's answer to Roswell". The only way he can do that is by selling it to the USA, where no one is familiar with the true facts and have - until now - only Max's version of events to draw conclusions upon. The reason he has become so upset is because I have presented a different version of events, and a more sensible one, and "rattled his cage". *None of Max's claims about alleged "eyewitnesses" can be trusted to be reliable.

For example, his Website contains a statement by one witness he calls "Leicester Arkwright" who he says claims to have seen body-bags being retrieved from a reservoir and placed inside an RAF Sea King helicopter the morning after the Sheffield Incident.

All he can about this witness is that his statement has been "uncorroborated". What that means is Max has not spoken to him, doesn't know what he claims at all, and is relying upon hearsay evidence, which is good enough for him.

I have spoken to this man, whose name happens to be a Water Board worker, Lester Wainwright (but then Max even has trouble spelling my name, "Mr Clark").. Wainwright makes no claim about body bags, was not even present at the scene on March and tells me in a statement: "The RAF said it was Tornado low flying and fast which caused the flash and the bang, and I understand they admitted it to the police later. It makes me laugh to think someone is claiming I saw body bags when I wasn't even there. It annoys me that people exaggerate stories like this."

The important point about this statement is the FACT that I told Max I had spoken to Mr Wainwright, that he had denied seeing any body bags, and yet Max has gone ahead and placed this man's "testimony" on his Website without any regards to truth or honesty.

This statement alone should make any objective researcher question ANY "evidence" or "eyewitness" statements about this case which Max claims supports his Extraterrestrial theory. He is a proven manipulator and distorter of information to suit his own ends. He just ignores anything which supports a down-to-earth explanation and goes for the fantastic and unprovable every time.

This is not an unjustified attack - it is a fact which is borne out by checkable evidence which I have provided above. All my claims about this case are supported by independent and checkable statements of fact.

Here I quote from Max's original conclusions about this case, which he kindly supplied me with a copy of earlier this year:

"These Larger Triangled Craft are without doubt Extra Terrestrial in Origin.

"As well as that I will go so far as to say that these triangles

are being flown and controled by the beings Known as the Greys...It is without doubt that given the evidence and chain of events which occurred on the that I must conclude as the Triangle data seems to point to them often travelling in pairs and that the authorities seem to be lying about the events over the pennines..that if it was just a tornado gone down on a training exercise like so many have over the last 20yrs when they just normally announce throughout the news media that a plane has crashed like they have done on numerous ocassions in the last 20yrs I must conclude the followingpoints:

- "1. one of the tornado jets has shot down one of the triangles while being completely destroyed its self.
- "2. if that is the case was the later sighting of the triangle at 23.30-23.45pm a rescue triangle for the occupants of the first triangle.
- "3. there was only one triangle and it has completely destroyed the tornado jet and the pilot.
- "4. The Triangle has captured on of the tornado,s and the pilot."

Quite reasonable conclusions to arrive at based upon just three vague sightings of a triangular object, spaced out between 7.40pm and 11.45 pm one evening?

Or just plain crazy?

At the end of the day, it's up to the readers of UFO Updates and the great mass of public out there to decide which version of the Truth they buy. The paranoid, belief-driven believers in the ETH will no doubt feel Max is a hero and I'm an heretical skeptic out to spoil their fun.

But as Max has said himself, time will tell, and I predict that in ten years time he will be no nearer finding the answers to these three questions than he is today:

1. Who saw a UFO shoot down a Tornado jet on the night of March 24, 1997?
2. From which base did this Tornado jet fly?
3. What were the names of the pilot and co-pilot?

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Re: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon

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> From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
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> Subject: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon by Clementine
> Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 21:10:25 -0500

<snip>

> A HUGE MONOLITH has been discovered in CLEMENTINE data from an
> official NASA website! This MONOLITH is HUGE and looks like a huge
> "spike" sticking straight up from the lunar surface! In my opinion
> there is simply NO WAY that this HUGE object pointing up from the
> lunar surface could be any kind of natural formation. It MUST be
> artificial!

Mark, and others,

A couple days ago I was snorkeling on the reefs here in Sunny, I mean... Smokey Florida. After several hours under the water, looking at perhaps an 1/8th square mile of coral, I was suddenly stunned by a fully symmetrical face - outcropping from the surrounding naturally developed coral terrain. Had I had an underwater camera I would have snapped a shot. You see, the face was better developed in every way than the original mars face. Deep set eyes, sturdy nose bridge with flaring nostrils and a perfectly developed mouth - no computer recreation required - there was no missing features. A strong chin set on a well developed cranial structure assured me this was definitely an artificial structure, probably created during antiquity or left by aliens. I thought for a minute I was losing my mind - I approached it from different sides - even stood (well floated) back and looked at it with quick glances, then longer looks, just to see if it was my imagination. No, it was definitely artificial, well, almost.

You see after taking a closer look, it was nothing more than a naturally forming coral growth - the eyes and nose and mouth were vents where the current flowed from beneath, spiraling up and out from a deeper ridge in the coral bank leading to the shore. Please, let's wait for the appropriate set of data before jumping to conclusions.

Regards,

Bill Jacobs

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William Cooper Taking On Authorities

From: Don Ecker <decker@ufomag.com>
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Many of you that have been in the UFO field for along time will know who Milton Wm. "Bill" Cooper is. If this name is not familar to you as far as UFOs are concerned, 10 years ago Cooper was all the "rage" on the UFO circuit. In 1990 I completed a several part expose on Cooper in the pages of UFO Magazine. I will upload them here in future messages.

During the time frame of about 1988 until about 1991 and 1992 Cooper was still making the airwaves and lectures claiming that the U.S. Government was in league with evil aliens to enslave humanity, then it changed to the One World Government, then to the One World Government (with no aliens) would fool the world with a fake alien invasion. All the while screaming that the JFK assassination was carried out by JFK's Secret Service driver Bill Greer. You see, Cooper claimed that he had been on a U.S. Navy Briefing team in the Pacific Area of Operations, and was privy to these facts from either being present when the above items were discussed, or from reading the information from documents Cooper claimed he covertly stole and photocopied.

When Cooper burned all his bridges in the UFO areana, (if you ever disagreed with him or called him on his "facts" you were either called an agent of the secret government or perhaps assaulted by him physically or had your car tires slashed, or were subjected to a barrage of vile and abusive telephone calls. All of which are on various public records in a number of police departs.)

At anyrate, Cooper left UFOs and entered the wonderful world of armed civilian militia's. The following is the latest.

Over the next several days I will upload the Cooper files and you can take a fun-filled trip into the last 10 years of UFOs!

Don Ecker
UFO Magazine
www.ufomagazine.com

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Militiaman Taking On Authorities

By Jerry Kammer
The Arizona Republic
July 3, 1998

An eastern Arizona militiaman is vowing to defy an arrest warrant issued in Phoenix on Wednesday after he failed to appear in federal court on charges that he evaded income taxes and defrauded a bank.

William Cooper, 54, a media-savvy foe of the federal government who claims to belong to the "Second Continental Army of the Republic," posted a defiant message in big red letters Thursday on his Internet site:

"WARNING!! Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else

to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants... will be met with armed resistance."

Federal authorities in Phoenix are responding with calculated calm to Cooper, who warned a 1994 convention in Mesa of a coming battle against one-world government.

"Blood will be spilled in the streets of America -- it's inevitable," Cooper declared then, even as he stressed that he didn't endorse violence. He has broadcast the same message around the world in his daily short-wave radio program. He also publishes a newspaper.

The U.S. attorney for Arizona, Jose de Jesus Rivera, said federal agents would move carefully to arrest Cooper, who faces a four-count indictment on charges that he failed to pay taxes from 1992 to 1994 and submitted false information to a bank to obtain a loan.

"We are going to proceed with prudence and caution and handle the matter in due course," Rivera said, declining to comment further.

Apache County Sheriff Art Lee said he has advised federal authorities to move cautiously against Cooper, who lives in a hilltop house in Eagar.

After talking with Cooper, Lee said, he cautioned federal authorities that "it could deteriorate into an incident" if they moved in to arrest Cooper and his wife, Annie Mord-horst, who was indicted on the same charges.

"I felt like he meant what he said when he told me he would defend his property with everything at his disposal," Lee said.

The sheriff said Cooper owns weapons, but he did not know how many or what kind.

Lee said Cooper moved to Eagar two or three years ago from St. Johns, where he had once spoken of opening a library where residents could research the U.S. Constitution. Militia members believe that the federal government has flagrantly usurped the Constitution by asserting a range of powers, including the power to tax.

"He sent me a lot of literature when he lived in St. Johns," Lee said. "It was the regular right-wing stuff -- militia-type literature on the black, unmarked helicopters and the takeover of the United States by United Nations forces."

Asked whether Cooper had a broad following in the county, Lee said, "Not that I'm aware."

One sympathizer is Glenn Jacobs, publisher of a small weekly newspaper, who said he spoke to Cooper early this week.

"He told me he is not going to submit to arrest by the feds," Jacobs said. "He said if they're going to murder him, they're going to have to do it in the house, that this is where he has drawn his line in the sand, and he's not going to retreat from it. I think he is expecting to be murdered by the FBI."

Lee disputed Cooper's Web site report that "several ranking local law-enforcement personnel" had informed the FBI that they would "absolutely not allow another Ruby Ridge or Waco to occur in Apache County, Arizona."

Lee said, however, that both Cooper and Jacobs had spoken of Ruby Ridge and Waco, scenes of bloody confrontations that in the militia movement have become symbolic of federal government brutality and arbitrary power.

In Phoenix, Thomas Nixon of the U.S. Marshal's Office said authorities intend to act cautiously as they enforce the arrest warrant "because no federal agency wants any copies of Ruby Ridge or Waco."

But Nixon added, "Obviously, at some point, we'll effect the arrest."

Nixon said a federal marshal last month was unable to serve a

summons on Cooper. He said the marshal visited Cooper's home but was unable to establish that the man who met him there was Cooper.

Reached by phone Thursday, Cooper refused to answer questions, responding to a reporter's inquiry with a stream of obscenities before hanging up.

In his Web site, however, he calls summonses "unconstitutional" and "unlawful" because the federal government has no jurisdiction in Arizona "except over land that was ceded to the United States by the State Legislature."

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

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>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up

>>Say Bruce,

>>What if you were to allow for the following possibilities; would
>>a possible explanation then come to mind?

>>(a) Some UFO entities are able to cause a person to do something
>>involuntarily. Such as to look up for no apparent reason from
>>what they're doing and spot a UFO in a certain part of the sky.
>>.Some are reportedly able to affect equipment at a distance, such
>>as remotely clicking a camera's shutter. Causing equipment
>>malfunction could be related, especially when an automobile's
>>engine suddenly comes back on again, etc.

>>(b) UFOs are capable of nearly instantaneous accelerations within
>>our time frame, and at the same time very controlled motions and
>>displacements, such as the UFO that was once reportedly filmed to
>>make a tight circle around a speeding rocket, or UFOs that charge
>>towards autos or airplanes and at the last split second avoid
>>collision.

>>(c) UFO entities like to toy with us at times, often with an
>>apparent goal of leaving crumbs for skeptics to latch onto.>

>>Would these and related considerations cause you to rethink
>>making the assumption that the Mexican City UFO was moving
>>uniformly along a single trajectory? Or do such considerations
>>just bring to mind the attitude of: "If what you imply were the
>>case, what's the use of studying them?"

>I suppose if UFOs could do anything we couldn't rule out a video
>that shows a UFO with a line above it...since the UFO could have
>created the line within the electronics of the camera to fool us.

>In the Mex. Ciuty video..what really attracted Sainio's attention
>was the remarkable correlation between the motion of the camera
>and the motion of the UFO. That is, if the camera moved up, the
>UFO moved up, etc. This tracking was not perfect but very good
>implying that either (a) the UFO knew which way the camera was
>about to move and adjusted its position in the sky accordingly

[...]

This is the possibility I had in mind, Burce. Do you recall the
one UFO case where there was a flickering black spot on the
window pane which attracted attention to itself with a thumping
noise? This was during appearance of a UFO some 3/4 mile away.
The witness was able to take a photo or two of the UFO and the
nearby black dot. It seems that a minor variation on this theme
would be for the UFO to have attached the "black spot," or

similar device, to the edge of the cam-corder lens atop the building in Mexico City, and flicker the camera's vertical (or horizontal) angle of sight up and down at will, while coordinating the UFO's high-frequency vertical movements accordingly. Nothing to it! Each instant the camera lens tilts upwards by 0.2 degrees, say, the flying saucer jumps vertically some 7 feet in tandem.

A related phenomenon is the relative motion of the implant behind the ear of Whitley. It knew just when and how far to move to escape the scalpel, and its motion had to overcome the opposing force of friction, just as tiny imposed motions of the video camera would have had to overcome, or somehow negate, the camera's inertia.

This solution has the advantage of not ignoring the supportive witness testimony, and acknowledging the relevance of your study correlating the UFO's brightness with its distance.

Jim Deardorff

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CSICOP Responds to SSE UFO Report

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The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) Responds to the Recent UFO Report Sponsored by the Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE)

AMHERST, NEW YORK - In a statement issued today, members of the international Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) responded to recent recommendations on UFOs released on June 29, 1998 by the Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE.)

Background:

A panel of SSE-selected scientists, after reviewing evidence presented by SSE-selected UFO investigators, concluded that although none of the physical evidence "points to violation of known natural laws or the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence," it may "be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to science." The report recommends that institutional support be given to UFO investigation and research. Prompted by these findings, in the days following the release of the report, some in the UFO community have renewed calls for Congressional hearings on UFO phenomena.

Statements:

Paul Kurtz
CSICOP founder and chair, Professor Emeritus, SUNY at Buffalo.

"Why is this news? The observation that some things sighted in the sky are unknown and merit further investigation is not a new revelation. We are committed to an open-minded and inquiry into any responsible paranormal claims. CSICOP has encouraged UFO research for more than two decades, and has published the results of rigorous UFO investigations. Some cases do remain unexplained. But that we should now devote government resources to further research is questionable. In our view, the government should not divert funds and time from other more fruitful scientific projects. Given limited resources for scientific research, the evidence to date regarding UFOs does not merit such strong attention. The idea that we should devote the business of the United States Congress to hearings on UFOs borders on the ridiculous.

"The release of the report appears well-timed to gain publicity

for the SSE and their claims. It occurs a week after the release of the X-Files movie and during the week of Fourth of July when news is slow."

Philip J. Klass
CSICOP fellow, Senior Editor with Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine, leading UFO investigator and author.

The SSE recommends the creation of government funded UFO research projects like the one called GEPAN (Groupe D'Etudes des Phenomenes Aerospaciaux Non-identifies), created in 1977 by France which reported to the highly respected French space agency - CNES. In 1988, after more than a decade of UFO investigations, GEPAN's budget was drastically reduced, its mission was refocused to emphasize collecting reports of reentering satellite debris and meteorites, and its name was changed to SEPRA (Service d' Expertise des Phenomenes des Rentries Atmospheriques).

"During GEPAN's 11-year research effort, its most impressive UFO case involved a peasant living in Trans-en-Provence who claimed a strange craft hovered over his yard in broad daylight. GEPAN strongly endorsed the case based on its investigation into alleged UFO-caused effects on nearby plants, which GEPAN/SEPRA director Jean-Jacques Velasco described to the SSE's panel of experts. Velasco did not inform the SSE panel of scientists that a recent investigation by a pro-UFO French investigator - Eric Maillot - indicates that the Trans-en-Provence case is a hoax.

"It is unfortunate that the SSE did not assemble a more balanced roster of UFO investigators to present evidence to the panel of scientists. The whole evaluation process appears suspiciously weighted to one side of the UFO debate."

Kendrick Frazier
Editor of Skeptical Inquirer: The Magazine for Science and Reason and CSICOP fellow.

"There's really nothing new in the report. I have serious doubts there is any real scientific paydirt in the UFO question, not the kind that merits taxpayer money being spent. The JSE, while presented as neutral and objective, appears to hold a hidden agenda. They seem to be interested in promoting fringe topics as real mysteries and they tend to ignore most evidence to the contrary. They publish 'scholarly' articles promoting the reality of dowsing, neo-astrology, ESP, and psychokinesis. Most of the prominent and active members are strong believers in the reality of such phenomena. I have no objections to the scientific panel that reviewed the UFO testimony for the study. But the eight people who provided the testimony and evidence are all strong UFO proponents and believers. They have been promoting the UFO cause for decades. There are no skeptical researchers among them. This is very curious if one is to contend this is some kind of balanced assessment."

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CSICOP is an international, non-profit organization dedicated to the critical examination and investigation of claims of the paranormal and fringe science. Founded in 1976, CSICOP is always receptive to departures in thought, yet insists that they be tested before they are accepted. CSICOP maintains a network of distinguished scientists and academics that includes five Nobel laureates, Jill Tarter, Marvin Minsky, Stephen Jay Gould, and Richard Dawkins. The bi-monthly journal the Skeptical Inquirer: The Magazine for Science And Reason, is the main forum for publication of these inquiries. Both CSICOP and the Skeptical Inquirer are based at the Center for Inquiry, Amherst N.Y.

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>From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon by Clementine
>Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 21:10:25 -0500
>Also, it is very important that as many people as possible with VRML
>equipped browsers visit and inspect the MONOLITH at the NASA site
>before it gets YANKED or ALTERED. If you have a VRML equipped browser
>you can visit the following NASA site to see the MONOLITH from all
>angles and directions at the following URL:

>http://lunar.arc.nasa.gov/dataviz/vrml/clementine_8k.wrl

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Yeah, I got this and looked. Looks like data dropout to me.

Bob

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Re: UFO Crashes And Water/Lake Ontario Research

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 21:44:34 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 23:27:31 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Crashes And Water/Lake Ontario Research

>Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 12:21:38 -0400
>From: Jennifer Jarvis <fierycelt@full-moon.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>subject: UFO Crashes And Water/Lake Ontario Research

>Hi Errol and List.

>I have been reading a great many ufo "crash" reports in recent
>weeks. I have noticed that it has been assumed, in some reports,
>that because the craft has/have been seen to go into a body of
>water, they have crashed.

Dear Jennifer,

To prevent any misunderstandings in the future created by
applying possibly misleading misnomers to ufo/water related
activity, I propose we use the same phrase popularized by
airlines to comfort apprehensive passengers....."water
landing".

Greg

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Re: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 18:17:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 22:25:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon

> From: Bill Jacobs <billjaco@ix.netcom.com>
> Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 15:18:34 +0000
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon

> > From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
> > To: "UFO UpDates Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Subject: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon by Clementine
> > Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 21:10:25 -0500

> <snip>

> > A HUGE MONOLITH has been discovered in CLEMENTINE data from an
> > official NASA website! This MONOLITH is HUGE and looks like a huge
> > "spike" sticking strait up from the lunar surface! In my opinion
> > there is simply NO WAY that this HUGE object pointing up from the
> > lunar surface could be any kind of natural formation. It MUST be
> > artificial!

> Mark, and others,

<snip>

> You see after taking a closer look, it was nothing more than a
> naturally forming coral growth - the eyes and nose and mouth
> were vents where the current flowed from beneath, spiraling up
> and out from a deeper ridge in the coral bank leading to the
> shore. Please, let's wait for the appropriate set of data before
> jumping to conclusions.

> Regards,

> Bill Jacobs

Data from where, and sanctioned by who? Sneer at your peril Mr.
J., but I found this at (my good friend) -- Chuck Shramek's site.
I think the jury is a long way out even on our own moon. Check
out:

<http://www.NeoSoft.com/~cshramek/>

Under "Obelisks on the moon and pyramids on Mars," about 2/3 of
the way down the page. It seems to be what we see in VRML on
the NASA site -- are the coordinates the same? It is odd, no?
Apparently we've known about it since 1966, and later bought the
info from the Russians, when it was our space craft (Lunar
Orbiter II) that took the picture in the first place!!!

Data from where -- sanctioned by who, and whose fault is it I
can't believe a word that anybody says.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

Restore John Ford

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Explore the Alien View? <updated 5, July>

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: RobIrving@aol.com
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 20:48:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 22:25:34 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> Date: Mon, 06 Jul 98 09:21:57 PDT

Jerry,

Preceding points noted without argument.

> > I'd like to see these papers. From the way you talk of one might
> > assume that all his ideas have been refuted. I'm not convinced
> > of that. It seems a rather convenient way of avoiding revealing
> > insights. I can cite a number of instances within ufology which
> > mirror Festinger's ideas.
>
> How would you know whether Festinger has been refuted or not,
> when you admit you haven't read the papers in question?

I don't know, which is precisely why I said I'd like to see the papers.
You were telling me the theory had been refuted. Again I draw your
attention to my earlier question:

You wrote that Festinger's Theory of Cognitive Dissonance has been
"pretty well challenged" by sociologists of religion, etc... Considering
how little of it is directly related to religion that's a broad statement. Are
you talking about its derivative, re. disconfirmation & proselytism?

It's an important distinction, which I'd like to hear you explain before I
obsequiously accept such a sweeping dismissal.

Rob

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Re: Mexico City Fake

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 20:30:21 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 23:25:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexico City Fake

>Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 14:41:11 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexico City "Fake"

<snip>

>A related phenomenon is the relative motion of the implant behind
>the ear of Whitley. It knew just when and how far to move to
>escape the scalpel, and its motion had to overcome the opposing
>force of friction, just as tiny imposed motions of the video
>camera would have had to overcome, or somehow negate, the
>camera's inertia.

>This solution has the advantage of not ignoring the supportive
>witness testimony, and acknowledging the relevance of your study
>correlating the UFO's brightness with its distance.

>Jim Deardorff

Jim,

Your "solution" also has the advantage of being ad hoc, post facto, and totally gratuitous, not to mention mere wishful thinking. Just can't give up on a case, can you, even when the evidence for a hoax stares you in the face. Just more clever manipulation (or introduction of "confusion") by the ubiquitous, omniscient, omnipotent aliens. Next thing you know, they'll be photographing themselves on peoples' camcorders without the latter being turned on, maybe even without a cassette in the chamber -- just to confound the skeptics, I suppose. After all, they can do anything, right? Were they jumping up and down to a different beat for everyone else who might have been photographing them at the same time, or did they just dictate that they would be filmed by only one person in Mexico City (with a population of about 14 million or so) at a time?

You're a real piece of work, Jim. Ever thought about having yourself checked for an implant -- or a brain transplant?

Dark Cloud

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UFO*BC Quarterly - Summer 9

From: Dave Pengilly - UFO*BC <pengilly@axionet.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 19:33:48 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 23:49:44 -0400
Subject: UFO*BC Quarterly - Summer 9

The latest edition of our Quarterly Magazine has just been published. To view the cover page and index, go to <http://ufobc.org/summer98.htm>

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V3M 2P4

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Newstop(?), near A&B Sound and Skytrain station in Surrey

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at dave@ufobc.org

Dave Pengilly

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Re: From the FBI Web Page

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 22:16:51 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 23:44:28 -0400
Subject: Re: From the FBI Web Page

> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: From the FBI Web Page
> Date: Mon, 06 Jul 98 11:45:56 PDT

<snip>

> > What do you think the odds are that a couple of drunk barbers
> > shaved a monkey? <g>

> Pretty good. That is, in fact, what they did. Watters was
> responding to a \$10 bet about whether he could get his name into
> the newspapers. He bought and killed a monkey, shaved it and cut
> off its tail, and left the corpse on a rural highway. He and two
> friends waved down the first approaching car and claimed they had
> come upon a landed saucer and plowed into one of its crew.
> Watters confessed after the animal was identified as a monkey,
> and he was subsequently fined for littering a public highway with
> the body of an animal.

> One of saucerdom's cruelest and most contemptible hoaxes, in my
> judgment.

My god! Thanks, Jerry . . . I guess. Being an animal lover,
I'm disgusted. I gather this will make a rather gruesome
research effort to find the press clippings.

All that aside, the truly interesting part is the role played by
government agencies in this hoax. I mean, Johnnie Hoover
actually took the time from admiring his wardrobe and wrote the
Pentagon about it. Having occurred one year after the DC
overflight, I can understand their concern.

I guess we should all be grateful that the Condon Report saved
us so much money in investigative dollars. Declaring that there
was nothing to investigate really put a hiatus on the concern by
public authorities.

You probably read my diatribe on the list about insisting that
the Air Force investigate UFOs because they *are* UNIDENTIFIED.
I was quite adamant that they quit sitting on their duffs and do
their job of protecting the public and ensuring us that those
lights in the sky pose no threat today -- just like they posed
no threat in the '70s. We need continual reassurance that no
new species have invaded our space.

If nothing else, we can point to the findings of the Sturrock
Report to show that *some* scientists think there is a reason to
investigate UFOs. After all, some folks with really good
credentials say that all is not explained.

Terry

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P1947 - Re: CSICOP Responds to SSE UFO Reports

From: Wendy Connors <wendy.connors@MCI2000.COM>
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 20:12:05 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 00:45:44 -0400
Subject: P1947 - Re: CSICOP Responds to SSE UFO Reports

Dear CISCOP,

At the risk of stepping under or in a quagmire, I must respond to the CISCOP release of this date with some personal observations.

>AMHERST, NEW YORK - In a statement issued today, members of the
>international Committee for the Scientific Investigation of
>Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) responded to recent
>recommendations on UFOs released on June 29, 1998 by the Society
>for Scientific Exploration (SSE.)

My first thought is not how quickly CISCOP's response to the SSE release has come. The problem I am having with it is the simple fact that less than a week has passed and judgment is being made by CISCOP. I am a researcher of ufology and have been for forty plus years. I have read the SSE release on the internet, but haven't even had time to mail my money in to receive a hard copy in order to take the necessary time to digest, analyze and prepare my own position regarding the Sturrock Report. So, my first question is as follows: How can CISCOP respond so quickly with a rational and logical premise to even comment so "scholarly" on the Sturrock Report? If my students had commented so quickly on "War and Peace" I would have failed them for using Cliff Notes instead of taking the time necessary to do the in-depth look the book requires.

>Background:

>A panel of SSE-selected scientists, after reviewing evidence
>presented by SSE-selected UFO investigators, concluded that
>although none of the physical evidence "points to violation of
>known natural laws or the involvement of an extraterrestrial
>intelligence," it may "be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO
>reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently
>unknown to science." The report recommends that institutional
>support be given to UFO investigation and research. Prompted by
>these findings, in the days following the release of the report,
>some in the UFO community have renewed calls for Congressional
>hearings on UFO phenomena.

Is CISCOP telling me that they have not, nor do not, CISCOP-select their mouthpieces to relay their positions, etc? From the list below it is apparent that CISCOP has accused the SSE of the same thing they are presently doing in this release. I must admit that takes a lot of intestinal fortitude.

>Statements:

>Paul Kurtz
>CSICOP founder and chair, Professor Emeritus, SUNY at Buffalo.

>"Why is this news? The observation that some things sighted in
>the sky are unknown and merit further investigation is not a new
>revelation. We are committed to an open-minded and inquiry into
>any responsible paranormal claims. CSICOP has encouraged UFO
>research for more than two decades, and has published the
>results of rigorous UFO investigations. Some cases do remain
>unexplained. But that we should now devote government resources
>to further research is questionable. In our view, the government
>should not divert funds and time from other more fruitful

>scientific projects. Given limited resources for scientific
>research, the evidence to date regarding UFOs does not merit
>such strong attention. The idea that we should devote the
>business of the United States Congress to hearings on UFOs
>borders on the ridiculous.

On the contrary Mr. Kurtz, you speak of "open-mindedness" and yet by your own statement you show that your logic is close-ended (say one thing and mean another). I can take the same position within your statement regarding the diverting of funds from "fruitful government projects" and apply it to your own institution that receives a considerable amount of public taxpayer money for you to sit and be comfortable in the high towers of an educational institution and which the vast majority of your own income is derived. "Emeritus" to the working class Sir, means privileged.

>"The release of the report appears well-timed to gain publicity
>for the SSE and their claims. It occurs a week after the release
>of the X-Files movie and during the week of Fourth of July when
>news is slow."

Is this not also what CISCOP frequently does? If not, you could have fooled me (which is extremely difficult to do)

>Philip J. Klass
>CSICOP fellow, Senior Editor with Aviation Week and Space
>Technology magazine, leading UFO investigator and author.

First, to get the banalities out of the way. Mr. Klass is no more a "leading" UFO investigator than Tarzan. Mr. Klass, in my opinion, has not used any scientific methodology in his research into the unidentified anomolous object phenomenon other than to use the research, etc. from those in the field of Ufology and skewed his position to benefit his own ego. He has never, for example, compiled a database and interpreted the basis tenets of such. In order to be a "leading UFO investigator" a person must use both scientific methodology and initutive curiosity in order to seek the facts and truth. Mr. Klass does not use either one. As a matter of fact, a good scientist always approaches their work with the knowledge that probability and possibility are inherent in any endeavor. Mr. Klass does not display either of these attributes as well. Yes, I have read all of Mr. Klass's works regarding his position on the UFO phenomenon. His work is highly important in the scientific discipline of Ufology - they teach the beginning researcher how not to do research.

>The SSE recommends the creation of government funded UFO
>research projects like the one called GEPAN (Groupe D'Etudes des
>Phenomenes Aerspatiaux Non-identifies), created in 1977 by
>France which reported to the highly respected French space
>agency - CNES. In 1988, after more than a decade of UFO
>investigations, GEPAN's budget was drastically reduced, its
>mission was refocused to emphasize collecting reports of
>reentering satellite debris and meteorites, and its name was
>changed to SEPRA (Service d' Expertise desPhenomenes des
>Rentrees Atmospheriques).

Why not fund a government sponsored UFO research project? More money is wasted on other types of research that contributes nothing to the betterment of man and only to the betterment of the financial resources of those involved in the projects being funded. From a logical position the "government" has stated for over 50 years that UFOs do not warrant proper research and study, but have never provided anything to back that position up. I find that as strange as CISCOP's positions on many matters of curiosity. Please, don't mention the CONDON Report as I do not have fifty years left to give a list of reasons why it was a fisaco and about as scientific as drop of ice cream on the sidewalk.

>"During GEPAN's 11-year research effort, its most impressive UFO
>case involved a peasant living in Trans-en-Provence who claimed
>a strange craft hovered over his yard in broad daylight. GEPAN
>strongly endorsed the case based on its investigation into
>alleged UFO-caused effects on nearby plants, which GEPAN/SEPRA
>director Jean-Jacques Velasco described to the SSE's panel of
>experts. Velasco did not inform the SSE panel of scientists that
>a recent investigation by a pro-UFO French investigator - Eric
>Maillot - indicates that the Trans-en-Provence case is a hoax.

Oops. Here we have the comparing of apples to oranges. Real "scientific" Mr. Klass.

>"It is unfortunate that the SSE did not assemble a more balanced >roster of UFO investigators to present evidence to the panel of >scientists. The whole evaluation process appears suspiciously >weighted to one side of the UFO debate."

Again, here we have CISCOP saying that SSE was composed of an group that already "leans" toward UFO belief factors. Ahem, I repeat, CISCOP in this release does the same thing and continues to do so. Same song, second verse, could be better, but it's worse! CISCOP "leans," so does the rest of the scientific arena. Terrible argument again, Mr. Klass.

>Kendrick Frazier
>Editor of Skeptical Inquirer: The Magazine for Science and
>Reason and CSICOP fellow.

>"There's really nothing new in the report. I have serious doubts >there is any real scientific paydirt in the UFO question, not >the kind that merits taxpayer money being spent. The JSE, while >presented as neutral and objective, appears to hold a hidden >agenda. They seem to be interested in promoting fringe topics as >real mysteries and they tend to ignore most evidence to the >contrary. They publish 'scholarly' articles promoting the >reality of dowsing, neo-astrology, ESP, and psychokinesis. Most >of the prominent and active members are strong believers in the >reality of such phenomena. I have no objections to the >scientific panel that reviewed the UFO testimony for the study. >But the eight people who provided the testimony and evidence are >all strong UFO proponents and believers. They have been >promoting the UFO cause for decades. There are no skeptical >researchers among them. This is very curious if one is to >contend this is some kind of balanced assessment."

Are you telling me Mr. Frazier that CISCOP does not have 'hidden agendas?' How ignorant do you think people outside the CISCOP group really are, Mr. Frazier? You need to rub elbows with the commonality of Man. Goodness, I expected better logic and reasoning from CISCOP than this.

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>CSICOP is an international, non-profit organization dedicated to >the critical examination and investigation of claims of the >paranormal and fringe science. Founded in 1976, CSICOP is always >receptive to departures in thought, yet insists that they be tested >before they are accepted. CSICOP maintains a network of distinguished >scientists and academics that includes five Nobel laureates, >Jill Tarter, Marvin Minsky, Stephen Jay Gould, and Richard Dawkins. >The bi-monthly journal the Skeptical Inquirer: The Magazine for >Science And Reason, is the main forum for publication of these >inquiries. Both CSICOP and the Skeptical Inquirer are based at the >Center for Inquiry, Amherst N.Y.

CISCOP is not "dedicated to the critical examination" of anything. If it was it would not have produced this "release" so quickly, had spent at least five years in research looking at the basic tenents and then released its position based on empirical and circumstantial evidence (which we use in the law of the land) instead of the childish emotional reaction CISCOP accuses the UFO community of doing on a frequent basis. CISCOP's position remains the 'Pot calling the Kettle Black' and will always do so.

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Re: Believers' Say It's About Time

From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 21:47:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 00:57:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Believers' Say It's About Time

>From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 22:47:10 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Believers' Say It's About Time

>>From: Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Date: Wed, 1 Jul 1998 04:57:05 +0200
>>Subject: UFO Study: Believers Say It's About Time

>>From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. URL:

>>http://www.accessatlanta.com:80/news/1998/06/30/ufo_full.html

>>Dr. Terry Sandbek, a clinical psychologist in California who also
>>specializes in behavior, said the reason people believe in UFOs is
>>simple: "It's the same reason we enjoy fiction. It's fun."

Obviously, this clinical psychologist is both misinformed and is an embarrassment to others who work in the mental health community. For those who have studied this phenomenon with serious intent to learn and help those who have been detrimentally effected by what their clients know as "an unreal reality," these kinds of remarks only serve to discredit the profession as well as those to whom they are pledged to help and serve. I am embarrassed for him and for members of this list, that we should even consider debating such an irresponsibly made remark.

--Sue Strickland

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Re: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 23:40:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 00:55:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon

>Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 12:15:16 -0500
>From: Donnie W. Shevlin <dshevlin@primary.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon by Clementine

>> From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
>> To: "UFO UpDates Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>> Subject: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon by Clementine
>> Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 21:10:25 -0500

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>> A HUGE MONOLITH has been discovered in CLEMENTINE data from an
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>> "spike" sticking straight up from the lunar surface! In my opinion
>> there is simply NO WAY that this HUGE object pointing up from the
>> lunar surface could be any kind of natural formation. It MUST be
>> artificial!
>> It sure is not any crash dummy, weather balloon, flare, or
>> atmospheric inversion!

<snip>

>William, EBK and list,
>..... I am sure that the
>mapping tool it uses is quite similar to what a cruise missile
>uses to map unknown terrain. Now I'm not saying that this is the
>case, but that mapping equipment has been known to show ghost
>images before. So lets' stand back and wait. I'm sure that those
>more familiar with the equipment will be able to tell us more.

>Donnie W. Shevlin :)

Donnie and Friends,

Here is a post I sent to UpDates in March of this year.

>From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
>To: "'updates@globalserve.net'" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Weirdness This Morning
>Date: Wed, 11 Mar 1998 09:36:42 -0500

>Just in case anyone else reports something like this.....
>Around 5:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 1998:

>This morning I was woken up by the Moon. It was like
>someone turned the lights on. I looked through the binocs
>and it looked almost full and very bright. It was very clear.
>It was WNW. In about 20 minutes it had moved over by
>Erskine (Yonge&Eglinton) and was orange and the left side
>was shaded. But what got me was it looked like something
>was cutting off the right top side down to about 3 o'clock.
>I watched through the binocs and could see something
>almost white move from about 3 o'clock up along the
>edge to 12 o'clock. As the moon sank it looked like it
>was melting and I could see this structure sticking out
>at around 2 o'clock. It was very prominent. It was almost
>like the moon was turning as it sank and it really looked
>like it was melting.

>Yes, I am loosing it.

Or am I? Nick Balaskas could account for the melting effect but couldn't hazard a guess about the structure I saw sticking up from the Moon's surface.

Where was the location of Clementine's image on the Moon?

Anyone else want to hazard a guess as to what I saw?

Sue Kovios

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Re: Sturrock Panel

From: John White <mjawwhite@digitaldune.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 07:01:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 10:04:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

Dear List:

>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 23:56:12 -0400
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Sturrock Panel
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 11:01:29 PDT
>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET>
>>Subject: Re: Re. Sturrock Panel
>>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>[Taking the liberty of copying this to the UFO UpDates list]

>Jerry wrote:

>>The Sturrock panel report is the best thing that's happened in a long
>>time, and the wide and respectful attention it has received is indeed
>>gratifying.

>Jerry,

>Can a small group of scientists, in such a short period,
>evaluate so few cases as an overall perspective of some 50 years
>evidence for the possibility of any extraterrestrial contact?

>Would you disagree that hardly constitutes a thorough scientific
>study?

<snip>

>James.

James, Jerry, List, ebk, . . .

While our thoughts are stirred by having the Sturrock Panel examine accumulated evidence, the idea that UFOs account for that evidence will, at some point, have to rest on a rational basis. It is an ironic, but interesting thought, that we might learn as much about UFOs from a debate between the Sitchinistas and the panel over the anecdotal evidence from ancient writings as we would learn from the panel's examination of more current anecdotal "evidence."

Whether the UFO conclusion arises from revelation, authority or analogy (each of which has its own form of rationality - weak/robust depending on your particular mindset), or is on a more scientifically acceptable basis of inductive/deductive analysis of experience, backed up by repeatability of analysis, will be largely irrelevant to certainty, unless we can kick the tires and take a ride. . .And even this is problematic.

Thorough scientific studies of readily observable events, (carbon dating comes to mind), abound whose premises are found wanting, defective, and, in some cases, downright fraudulent, as support for a scientific conclusion. Can we expect more from the Sturrock panel, given the quantum and quality of the evidence it will have to examine?

Until relatively recently, as those things go, the best 'scientists' could prove that the sun moved around the earth based on then unassailable premises whose objective reality was 'certain'. Those who thought otherwise were brought before peer review committees (panels) who examined their evidence. Nowadays we chuckle at the blinders worn by the panelists. Except for flat earthers and other assorted cranks, we easily disregard the reasoning of those 'panelists'.

The problem with a scientific analysis of UFOs, however, is not one involving reasoning from objectively observable events such as the earth-sun system. The problem is that there is no analogous UFO system which can be subjected to any form of analysis or reasoning other than speculative hypothesizing from anecdotal or one-trick pony evidence of an observed event.

Each one of the observed events is unique to the observer. That doesn't mean it didn't happen. That doesn't mean that it is not similar to, or indeed the same as, other reports of observations. What it does mean is that the Sturrock panel is left to putting paid to a theory of UFOs based on unique observations forming a network of premises, without one of those premises having any testability beyond examining the observer's report of an observation.

Whether the 'observer' is a radar picture, or a circle in the wheat, or a person with a tale to tell, or an anomaly in background radiation, or a set of physical ailments and injuries not explicable based on the reported event, there is no 'observer' whose specific observations can be repeated as a support to even rudimentary analytic verification.

So, I suspect that the panel will be left to discussing the source of angels dancing on the head of a pin, there being no way to count their number, regardless of the strength and rationality of the wisdom of the idea that we are not alone in the universe.

John

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From: John Rimmer <j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk>
Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 13:33:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 09:56:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Report

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I'm also interested (but have been unable to respond) to the various threads on John Harney's "ETH Bulletin". He is being attacked as a hard-nosed skeptic who is just out to debunk any UFO case, so I wonder why no-one has picked up on his criticisms of Klass's attempts to debunk the Travis Walton case? Or is it that abductions are no longer politically-correct with the "hard evidence", radar/visual crew? Don't forget, there were more first-hand witnesses to this than most other cases. Just wondering.

Yours, John Rimmer Magonia (still just about On-Line)
www.magonia.demon.co.uk

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Re: William Cooper Taking On Authorities

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 02:13:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 09:57:04 -0400
Subject: Re: William Cooper Taking On Authorities

>Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 13:05:54 -0700
>From: Don Ecker <decker@ufomag.com>
>To: Errol Bruce-Knapp <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: William Cooper Taking On Authorities

>Many of you that have been in the UFO field for along time will
>know who Milton Wm. "Bill" Cooper is. If this name is not
>familiar to you as far as UFOs are concerned, 10 years ago Cooper
>was all the "rage" on the UFO circuit. In 1990 I completed a
>several part expose on Cooper in the pages of UFO Magazine. I
>will upload them here in future messages.

Hey Big Don!

Welcome back to UpDates man! I just wanted to jump in with
two quick comments. Both of which are true. One is from you
and one is from Cooper.

1. Re: When Cooper burned all his bridges in the UFO arena,

>(if you
>ever disagreed with him or called him on his "facts" you were
>either called an agent of the secret government or perhaps
>assaulted by him physically or had your car tires slashed, or
>were subjected to a barrage of vile and abusive telephone calls.
>All of which are on various public records in a number of police
>departs.)

I can verify Dons' statement above as being factual. A certain
"well known researcher" (who shall remain nameless) played
a series of telephone messages from Mr Cooper that consisted
solely of threats, raunchy insults, and profanity. Some of it
was really spooky to listen to. The guy sounded sinister, like
he really meant what he said. There was nothing 'funny' or
innocent (like a phone prank) in any of it.

Don "kids you not" with the above statements.

2. Re:

>Lee said, however, that both Cooper and Jacobs had spoken of
>Ruby Ridge and Waco, scenes of bloody confrontations that in the
>militia movement have become symbolic of federal government
>brutality and arbitrary power.

Don I agree that Coopers' rhetoric is nothing short of insane
paranoid rantings and ravings. I have six hours of this guys
lectures on tape (sent to me by someone who follows him) and you
don't have to have a degree in psychology from Harvard to 'grok'
that Cooper is one sick cowpoke. But like any other rant and rave
there is always a sprinkling of truth here and there. I agree
with his assessment of Waco and Ruby Ridge. It _was_ "symbolic of
federal government brutality and arbitrary power." And I'm not a
gun toting, whacked out, militia guy. I'm just an ordinary
American that was deeply pained and incensed at the careless
murder of women and children at the hands of Federal officials
that were armed with flame throwing tanks, loud (bad) music, very
little brains or sense, and combat assault weapons. Any way you
cut it it was overkill.

Some of those bastards that they hauled up before a congressional hearing should have been put over for prosecution. ATF especially should have been reamed for their methods and tactics. That hideous person Janet Reno is another one who literally got away with murder!

Yeah, Cooper rants and raves, but every once in a while he accidentally stumbles up on some truth. There are laws which prevent the use of military force and equipment on our own citizens. Yet that is precisely what happened at Waco! I agree that Bill Cooper should be dismissed for the looney that he is, but let's not throw out the baby with the bathwater, this particular 'rant' happens to be true. Americans shouldn't forget Waco and the babies that died there so that there is never a repeat performance.

I came here armed, but only with two cents worth of opinions!
<G>

Great to have you back on the list Don!

Tu amigo siempre,

John Velez

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Re: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

From: Skye Turell <tural33@west.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 07:08:35 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 10:16:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

> Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 23:02:29 -0700
> From: Robert Stirniman <robert@skylink.net>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

> > From: Moderator UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:38:27 -0400
> > Subject: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

> >The following segment is transcribed from the July 3rd 1998
> >edition of Jeff Rense's 'Sightings' radio show, in which Budd
> >Hopkins was interviewed, via phone, from Roswell, New Mexico.

> >The complete interview is available at:

> ><http://www.audionet.com/shows/endoftheline/archive.stm>

> <snip>

> > JR: If their protocols are breaking down Budd, what....we can
> > only speculate, but it brings to mind right away the concept
> > that maybe they have done most of what they need done, and the
> > big change is about to happen and things are getting lax.

> Or maybe --

> > If their protocols are breaking down....we can only speculate,
> > but it brings to mind right away the concept that they have
> > not done most of what they need done, and a change is due
> > to happen and things are getting desperate.

Somehow the phrase "sloppier like a fox," jumps quickly (and brown-ly <g>)to mind.

Budd himself has said that the Brooklyn Bridge event seemed almost staged for the audience. And having argued that, it's difficult for him to now argue the opposing view -- that the Greys are trying to keep this completely secret.

In my experience of the Greys, they don't tend to miss much. If more people are becoming witnesses, and if abductees are recalling more of their experiences, it's quite possible that WE are the ones who have changed. And equally possible that this turn of events comes as no surprise to the Greys.

Perhaps I've told this story here before, but it warrants the retelling.

I met a woman, an abductee, who's experiences always happened at night, and seemed rather dreamlike. During one of these experiences she asked the Greys if they would come visit in full physical reality, full waking consciousness, so she could tell if her experiences were really real.

They said they could do that, but that she might not like the consequences. That she would be harrassed by a human agency. They showed her an insignia representing this group of humans. The insignia didn't seem familiar to her, but she sketched it for her husband, a state trooper, the next day. He took one look at the insignia and said "NSA."

I know many abductees and contactees. From this sample, I'd say that those who have the most overt contacts, the ones that seem most fully physical, also have the standard harrassment experiences too. This is beyond coincidence. And frankly, I'd trust the Greys before I'd trust some of our own intell people any day.

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Re: Mexico City Fake

From: "Serge Salvaille" <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 11:30:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 13:19:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexico City Fake

>Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 23:01:40 -0400
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexcity fake?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

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>>From: "Serge Salvaille" <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Lindemann & Rense Tidy Up
>>Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 23:21:40 -0400

Dear Bruce,

>Please don't let your mind go blank. It's bad for your brain.
>(The synapses get lazy.)

My synapses usually go blank on overloading when the connections get so intense that some sort of electrical building gets on the way and I go: DZITT.

>When it became apparent two months or so ago that the video had
>problems I was at that time being promised by Kiviat that I
>would have a comparison fake "soon" that he had requested for
>comparison. I still haven't got it. If things had worked out as I
>expected, however, I would have gotten it well over a month ago
>and then published a paper. As it is, I did announce this at the
>Mid Atlantic MUFON Symposium on May 12. I figured that Kiviat's
>fakers wouldn't hear about it as a result of telling that
>relatively small audience (less than 100).

[...]

>I wanted to wait until I had the fake in hand before general
>publication because I didn't want the guaranteed fakers of
>Kiviat's video to know what we were looking for so we could see
>if they made the same mistakes. However, that fake video has been
>completed and so it no longer matters whether they know or not
>(they can't modify what is already incorporated into Kiviat's
>production.)

Isn't Bob Kiviat the guy from FOX that Friedman and Randle wouldn't touch with a ten foot pole? I hope you have a very long spoon when you go lunching with the guy.

>I will not state, as does Sainio, that I am, 100 % confident that
>the Mexcity video of Aug 6 is a fake, but as I have said before,
>it has serious problems that might only be explained, if at all,
>by having access to the cameraman and the original camera.

This looks like the Santilli syndrome: for debunkers, no evidence can ever be acceptable when it proves the reality of UFOs, but, for some ufologists, no evidence can ever be discarded even when its trash. Looks like the birth of another urban legend.

This is why I go DZITT:

For two months (geez!) highly significant evidence has been withheld to the interested people (e.g. the ones who have the right to know) because credible ufologists were making business with someone who applies to the Stacy Form. And since this is not enough, we will still be talking of the Mexico Fake as possible evidence in 10 years.

DZITT man, DZITT.

Serge Salvaille

The Stacy Form: please fill in the blanks

If he/she believes _____ claims, then God help us all.
Begging _____'s pardon, but there hasn't been a bigger liar
in the field since the days of _____.

Let's cut the crap. _____ is a goddam liar, pure and
simple. (And so is his co-confabulator, _____.)

You can send him my e-mail address, and you can send his attorney
my e-mail address.

I repeat: _____ is a goddam liar.

And anyone who believes him for more than a minute is a goddam
fool.

Have I made myself clear?

_____ is a goddam liar. _____ is merely a man after a
buck.

Any questions?

Signed: _____

PS: _____ is a goddam liar.

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Jul 98 09:23:03 PDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 13:15:24 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

>From: RobIrving@aol.com
>Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 20:48:07 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
>>Date: Mon, 06 Jul 98 09:21:57 PDT

>You wrote that Festinger's Theory of Cognitive Dissonance has
>been "pretty well challenged" by sociologists of religion,
>etc... Considering >how little of it is directly related to
>religion that's a broad statement. Are you talking about its
>derivative, re. disconfirmation & proselytism?

>It's an important distinction, which I'd like to hear you
>explain before I obsequiously accept such a sweeping dismissal.

Rob, I confess that I don't understand much of the above. I was simply pointing out that Festinger has been challenged and that key ideas expressed in 'When Prophecy Fails' have failed of replication. I also noted, and you have failed to refute, a huge historical error which unfortunately Festinger used to buttress a key argument. Aren't you the guy who keeps quoting people who say that you can't draw a sound conclusion from unsound premises? Or is that another Rob Irving? Or does that apply only to persons with whom Rob Irving disagrees?

(I might as well insert here, lest I sound as if I am discouraging anyone from reading it, that 'When Prophecy Fails' is a hugely entertaining book, its flawed theoretical premise notwithstanding. It is as close to a comic novel as a sociological tract gets.)

You were using Festinger, I couldn't help noticing, as some kind of all-knowing authority figure who proved his virtue by bashing people interested in UFOs, and you figured you could use him to accomplish yet more bashing. I got the clear impression, moreover, that you or he or both of you were not bothering to draw any distinction between, say, Dorothy Martin and James McDonald, Dorothy Martin and Walter Webb, or whatever. If that is the case, I find it pointless to discuss the matter, since the argument is flawed from the first and, may I add, dishonest. It seems to me you want to have it not only both ways but all ways. . Jerry Clark

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Ah, those PSHers. They just love to spin, don't they?

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>with!

Spin, spin, spin. Of course the panel was not there to decide whether UFOs are ET or not. How John interprets what Bruce, I, and others have written as claiming the panel's conclusions as an "endorsement of the ETH" is baffling; but then I find much PSH rhetoric baffling. Has John been off-line these past days?

Hey, John, listen up:

The panel was to look at a limited number of cases to see whether further investigation of the UFO phenomenon is warranted. Participants whom I've heard interviewed since then have not ruled out the ETH as a possible explanation at the other end of the scientific investigation that they say ought to happen. The panel's concern was with what it had in front of it, which was not enough to establish the correctness of ANY hypothesis about UFOs, beyond the consideration that the phenomenon has physical dimensions, conventional explanations have so far failed for the most puzzling cases, and further investigation is certainly warranted. Of course, knowing that these sorts of concerns could lead to a renewed scientific look at the ETH, New Scientist, New York Post, CSICOP, and other guardians of orthodoxy have waxed hysterical in the past few days. I am glad you are on our side on this one.

If you agree that further research on the physical aspects of the UFO phenomenon is a good idea, John, and can face up to the possibility that such research may lead to findings you won't like very much, then your quarrel isn't with me, Bruce, Greg, Mark, or anybody else who is more open-minded about the ETH than you are. Your quarrel is with CSICOP and the debunkers with whom Magonia has effected a de facto alliance in recent years. Direct

your complaints to the guys like Klass and other UFOphobes whose books and wisdom you can't praise enough in Magonia.

In the meantime, don't try to make extravagant and unwarranted claims about the panel's mandate. The PSH and the debunkers have taken it in the chops in the past few days, and if you're man enough to take it, you have my respect. I hope to see an editorial in the next Magonia sticking it not to me for a change (I can't be a subject of much interest to your readers, I should think) but to the Sturrock panel's enemies, who seem ironically to have a clearer-eyed understanding of its significance than you do.

Jerry Clark

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The Whistleblowers - Cooper Part I

From: Don Ecker <decker@ufomag.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 18:23:14 -0400
Subject: The Whistleblowers - Cooper Part I

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PART 1

As many of you know, UFO Magazine completed a story and investigation on Milton Wm. Cooper in Vol. 5, No. 4 and 5.

Cooper, a very controversial figure in the UFO field, had been making claims and pronouncements for the a number of years. We spoke to many that knew him, and for you folks that are new here at UPDATES, Cooper made his debut on ParaNet. At that time (in 1988) he was "made" as a fraud by the former Administrator Jim Speiser, and was removed from the system.

I had just received a copy of "NEW TIMES" NEXUS, a magazine that is published in Australia. The issue is Volume 2 Issue 1 dated October 1990. In this magazine is a story by Cooper with his "Operation Majority". Now during the UFO Magazine investigation, we found most of this information to be fabricated or information that Cooper plagiarized. However it is a fact of life that not everyone reads UFO, and Cooper was going public in every area he could attain to. Therefore here is the expose from UFO Magazine, Vol.5 Issues 4 and 5.

One other thing, I am also going to include a couple of things that did not reach publication, because of space, and also the fact that at the time we did not wish to "crucify" Cooper. However, to paraphrase George Knapp, News Director of KLAS TV in Las Vegas, "Cooper is like a cornered rat, desperate, vicious and vile." He has "smeared, lied, threatened, and libeled everyone that has disagreed with him. With that, here is "WHISTLEBLOWERS Part ONE.

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Who are the UFO whistleblowers? They come out of relative obscurity and burst into the center of ufological attention. Making incredible claims of alien activity on earth and the Government's deep but covert involvement. Without exception, the whistleblowers of recent times only furnish the most hazy evidence of their claims, if that.

Oftentimes they will also lay claim to having worked with or for the government, in high enough positions to wield security clearances and to have observed the most unequivocal documentation.

Because these individuals fail to furnish proof for their startling claims, and because many people have asked UFO Magazine for a readout on their credibility, we are beginning a series of investigative articles on certain individuals who fall

into the "whistleblower" category. Normally, UFO avoids focusing on personalities, preferring to concentrate on the phenomenon itself.

But these personalities force us to make an exception. Their material has appeal and sensation value. But is it legitimate? Who are the whistleblowers who are telling the truth? Who are the ruthless Pied Pipers forging a trail of lies and deception? Our series begins with Milton William Cooper.

COOPER

In the last several years, few have stirred the field of ufology like Milton William Cooper. Cooper, born May 6, 1943, is a balding 47-year-old man who has enthralled thousands with lurid tales of dangerous UFOs and secret government treaties allowing the alien menace to abduct and experiment on unwilling human victims in exchange for advanced alien technology.

Raining threats and pronouncements over the UFO field like a continuously firing shotgun, Cooper has recently leveled charges of government spookery against a number of prominent ufologists in the field, in many cases claiming to have seen their names on a government recruitment list back in 1972 and 1973 while he was purportedly serving in Naval Intelligence in CINCPACFLT (Commander-in Chief, Pacific Fleet).

Not above accusing former friends and associates, Cooper has charged various ufologists with illegal acts, moral turpitude and of purveying disinformation that permeates the field. Now with an agent to book speaking engagements at any and every UFO event possible, Cooper is very fond of stating to his audiences, "Don't take my word for it, go out and check the information yourself." UFO Magazine has, and the following is the result of our investigation.

Paranet debut

Who is M. Wm. "Bill" Cooper, and where did he come from? Cooper's first public appearance resulted when he uploaded a text on ParaNet, the international computer data service. The file alleges a fantastic UFO sighting while Cooper was a crew member of the U.S.S. TIRU, a United States Naval submarine, in 1966. According to Cooper, the sighting took place while he was on duty as port lookout.

Claiming that the sub's skipper immediately classified the incident, Cooper reported that when the submarine reached port, the witnesses were debriefed by Naval Security.

During this time frame of Cooper's initial appearance on the scene, John O. Lear, son of William "Bill" Lear of Lear Jet fame, had also been undergoing ParaNet scrutiny as a result of the release of his hypothesis concerning an alien threat. Lear's document, released in December of 1987, had created quite an uproar in its own right. Lear alleged that the U.S. government had entered into a relationship with a possible ET intelligence, and in exchange for super technology gave carte blanche to the ETs to conduct experiments and abductions on unsuspecting human beings.

Lear also claimed that the ETs, with our government's knowledge, were mutilating domestic animals such as cattle and sheep, and in some cases even human victims. Because much of Lear's information was hypothesis, and little checkable information was forthcoming, many ParaNet members and others in the UFO community were asking very hard questions. In a number of instances, Lear's credibility was attacked.

When he again visited the ParaNet system, Cooper allied himself with Lear, publicizing the claim that because of releasing his UFO information, he had just been terminated from his \$75,000 a year job as the executive director of a commercial business school.

In October of 1988, Cooper contacted this writer, requesting a favor. Telling me at that time that "this is dangerous if anyone finds out," he asked me to accept the electronic transfer of a

file into my computer, to be sent to Stanton Friedman with the information of who wanted Friedman to see it. The document included information about purported government UFO involvement under the terms MAJI, MJ-1, THE BLUE TEAM, GRUDGE, etc.-and, according to Cooper, various other alleged secret government projects dealing with the alien presence. I agreed to send the information to Friedman. (I never heard anymore about it until later, when Cooper was barred from ParaNet because of 'claims of feeding false and fraudulent information.)

I basically forgot about the file to Friedman until Cooper released additional files with the claim that they were the final release. But subsequently Cooper was to release several "final" releases.

In one, he claimed, "MJ-12 is the name of the secret control group... The Jason Society [was set up] to sift through all the evidence, technology, lies and deception..." But later, in another file, he stated, "MJ-12 cannot be used as a name for the control group as it would cause confusion in meaning, i.e., is it referring to MJ-12 the person or MJ-12 the group... ?" (Italics added) By this time, I and others were becoming confused with the various "final releases."

Project 'Luna'

In another public release, Cooper claimed that "Project Luna" was an alien base on the far side of the moon which had been observed by various astronauts, but changed the story in one more "Final release," stating that it was the code name for an underground base near Dulce, New Mexico.

In Cooper's later releases are a number of names that were never mentioned in earlier releases, names such as JOSHUA and O.H. KRLL or KRLLL, or CRLL, CRLLL, or even KRILL. When it comes to answering whether these claims will bear up under serious scrutiny, these names prove to be very important, as later information in this article will show.

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The Whistleblowers - Cooper Part II

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PART II

In part one of this series, UFO focused on the background of Milton Wm. Cooper. Cooper's information raises many questions, especially in light of its sensationalist nature and the potential harm it may cause to unsuspecting, gullible innocents.

During the latter part of 1988 and the very first part of 1989, Cooper's story varied widely from what he is presently disseminating. In early January 1989, Cooper was interviewed by a California researcher, Paul Shepherd. An excerpt of this interview follows. Cooper: "While serving in the United States Navy in 1972, I participated the intelligence briefing team of the Commander-in Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet... During this participation on the intelligence briefing team, I came across a document called the Grudge Bluebook Report Number 13, and a file called the Majesty File... classified Above Top Secret with a MAJIC classification, which means MAJI controlled; MAJIC is the Majestic Agency for Joint Intelligence. It is the organization that controls all the operations with UFOs and with an alien race that is present on the Earth." In later interviews, and especially after he began accusing researcher Bill Moore of being an agent of the secret government, Cooper began claiming that any file with the word "Majestic or forms thereof, are a fraud, a lie."

Attempting to check on Cooper's claim of belonging to a permanent intelligence briefing team while serving in the Navy between 1970 and 1973, which would have allowed him access to some classified documents, UFO called the United States Navy to determine how the Navy conducts its briefing teams. UFO spoke to Lt. Commander Ron Morse at the Office of Information-West. Lt. Commander Morse stated that the Navy did not have permanent briefing teams, but would form a temporary one on a need basis.

"Usually if a team is put together, it will last for no more than two weeks," Morse said.

Many of Cooper's claims have been disputed not only by John Lear and Bob Lazar, but also by Tony Pelham, former reporter for the Las Vegas Bulletin newspaper. All three men told UFO Magazine that Cooper admitted early on that he had never been on a briefing team, but had in fact "taken the documents, copied them and then returned them." "Cooper told me that while he worked on the graveyard shift, he would wait for the Lt. JG (Junior grade) to go on a coffee break, and then somehow get into the classified files," Pelham said. "I asked him if he broke into the files, but he never answered me. "Cooper then told would take a number of files, copy them, and then carry them out in his lunch pail. He said he did this until he got all the files he needed." Cooper called Pelham in early August. "He asked me why I had turned away from him. He is really upset about all the people

who are attacking him... he said that if I turned against him, he will crucify me next." Pelham also reports that when he asked Cooper about his claim that all his stolen government documents were lost in a garage fire, Cooper refused to give the date or location of the fire so Pelham could check the police or fire records, and would give no explanation for refusing to provide information that would validate his story.

Other unsubstantiated information from Cooper has apparently stimulated the fears and concerns of some people who have undergone the "abduction" experience. East coast researcher Marianne Shenefield, a nationally-known abductee who works with many abductees, called UFO on several occasions and expressed her own concern about what she heard while dealing with abduction victims. She told UFO, "When Bill Cooper's paper 'The Secret Government' came out, I had abductees all over the U.S. calling me. Cooper said in his paper, and was claiming in his lectures, that the government was going to round up abductees and put them in concentration camps.

"I knew it was going too far when two abductees whom I have worked with were talking about committing suicide. They were terrified that the Army was going to come into their homes and take them off to concentration camps." Cooper has stated that he doesn't care who his information hurts or who it helps, but that he will continue to put it out there because people "deserve the truth." In his paper "The Secret Government," Cooper falsely claimed that "Stanton Friedman has told me and many others that years ago he helped develop a nuclear reactor the size of a basketball, to power an aircraft. It was clean, turned out hydrogen, and worked like a dream". UFO called Friedman, a respected nuclear physicist and one of the top ufologists in the United States. "Cooper's claim is totally fraudulent," Friedman stated. "There is no truth to it at all." Friedman expressed bewilderment when asked why he thought Cooper would make that claim.

The 'Orange'

UFO Magazine was present in the fall of 1989 at a UFO conference hosted by the UFO Data Research and Intelligence Center, in Modesto, California. Bill Cooper was one of the speakers, and during the course of his lecture was asked by a member of the audience if he knew how many types of aliens were presently on earth. Cooper answered, "There are four types, and four only. . . one group (is) very human looking; as a matter of fact they are starring on television in "Alien Nation," the Orange....

According to the casting director of Alien Nation, Irene Kagan, these remarks of Cooper's are totally false. "I can assure you that all the 'alien' actors on the show are human," she said. "I hired them."

On a recent broadcast of the "Billy Goodman Happening" on KVEG from Las Vegas, researcher Lars Hansson (see article, p. 17) debated Cooper on the air and pointed out some of the inconsistencies that Cooper has espoused. Hansson brought up the fact that at one time Cooper himself gave Bob Lazar his "stamp of approval." Cooper vehemently denied ever having endorsed Lazar's authenticity,

UFO has been following the Lazar story since it broke upon the UFO scene. Cooper's claim that he never gave Lazar his support or claims of legitimacy is untrue. On November 21, 1989, Bob Lazar was a guest on the Billy Goodman Happening, and during the audience call-in phase of the show, Cooper phoned in and said the following over the air: "I'd like to clear up a couple of misunderstandings here. Number 1, I would really like to thank Bob Lazar for coming forward. I have been talking to him for the last year, along with John Lear, we have met in groups and privately. The man (Lazar) is a wealth of information. I am tickled pink that he has finally decided to come forward and use his real name, because it helps all of us... the reason he has gotten into this predicament is because he is a Patriot. He cares about this country and that is what made him do this..." Goodman then broke in, saying, "That's beautiful, Bill, an unsolicited testimonial, basically, that's what it comes down to. "

Then Cooper continued, "First, I'd like to say that I

personally, and also Tony Pelham and also the Channel 8 news staff - George Knapp and several other people, John Lear - we have all investigated this man's background thoroughly because we did not want to be sucked into a trap by the government. And I can tell you that he is who he says he is. He has worked at Los Alamos. He is a physicist, he is a theoretical physicist. He has worked at Area S4 in Groom Lake. We have verified all of this-not just me but several other people, and I have verified it by two different sources of mine who are in the government. One is at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories... We are always on the lookout for somebody trying to trap us and something that we can be discredited by. We have to do that (background research) to protect our own credibility." Cooper has subsequently attacked Lazar with claims that he knew all along that Lazar was fraudulent. In his CAJI Newsletter, he now presents a completely different tone than before, and writes of "Lazar, the so-called physicist who claims to have seen flying saucers.

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PART III

In his CAJI newsletter, Cooper stated that "No one likes to be a fool, but most ufologists are exactly that. I keep saying to do research, to investigate, but no one does it. They just sit around and call each other names." This reporter, representing UFO Magazine, attempted to contact Cooper to verify his claims by leaving a message on his computer service.

Cooper read the message and called about an hour later. When I answered the phone, Cooper growled, "What the hell do you want!?" When I attempted to explain that I was doing a story for UFO and wanted to verify his claims, he shot back, "What are you writing for your f***in' trashzine?" I then said that I had received a copy of the CAJI newsletter and he replied, "I would be very careful if I was you. That newsletter is copyrighted."

Cooper then stated, "I don't trust you or anyone you are associated with. " The only response I was able to get concerned the allegation that Bob Lazar ran a speed lab. "John Lear told me that out of his own mouth ... I got the information from a man named Cory and Geoff who are good friends of John Lear. "

Just at that moment the phone rang with the call waiting feature, and Cooper refused to hold 'till I could find out who was calling. He refused to speak any further and hung up. This seems out of character for a person who claims that his information is legitimate.

As UFO Magazine was going to press, and as we expected, Cooper's newest newsletter attacked this writer and the magazine. Cooper now claims that Cory Testa was intimidated by UFO regarding the claims that Bob Lazar is involved with drugs, and that UFO or myself or both are a part of Cooper's paranoiac "secret government."

The absurdity of this speaks for itself. But for the record, UFO will attempt to get Testa's version of this. Researching and accurately reporting facts are not Cooper's strongsuit.-D.E.

And UFO MAGAZINE CO-Publisher says...

There you have it. Don Ecker's article, documentary reports researched and produced by George Knapp of KLAS-TV and what Cooper has published in his CAJI newsletter are part of a growing information base which should demonstrate why we have chosen not to give space to the often false and specious claims that Cooper purveys.

It is not our intention to single out individuals and "pick on" them; it's simply very important that the truth or the closest

thing to it be established. A close reading of our whistleblowers series, as it progresses, will demonstrate that there are people in this field who have set themselves up for examination and whose claims of truth are, at best, cleverly-mouthed chunks of propaganda; some if not most will be found wanting. Milton William Cooper has threatened, lied about and attacked a number of people in the UFO field (I'm included, as is Don Ecker). Along with slander and lying, he has a clear history of contradicting himself, backtracking when caught in those contradictions and then attempting to patch up his story with a turnaround position based on sudden new claims that, true to style, cannot be checked out.

A Bill Cooper could not maintain a foothold in any other field. Such a bullying personality would have been "run out of town" long ago. But the fact that this man and others like him still can command some audience and are seen as having some veracity and authority denotes a sore lack of discrimination on the part of many in the UFO arena, if not outright foolishness.

But it should be likewise emphasized that this syndrome also testifies to our collective frustration with the lies and secret machinations of some powerful persons in the U.S. government, cultivating many people's willingness to listen and 'follow just about anyone who purports to be defending the Constitution and who vocally demands accountability from the very government officials in whom we should be able to place our trust.

It's so very important: Dedication to the absolute truth, to the finer points of democracy, when exercised without caution and discernment, plays right into the hands of those who would shortcircuit those very precious qualities we hold dear. "Users" of all political persuasions will exploit the emotional fervor of the crowd to further their own selfish and inhumane ends. (Some names to remember: Adolf Hitler, Joseph Goebbels, Joseph Stalin, Joe McCarthy.)

It's imperative that we and I include everyone who shares the vision of UFO Magazine-short-circuit such perniciousness at its very core, striking at the heart of demagoguery with persistent courage and honesty. Only personal commitment to humane and truthful ideals, and the willingness to expose the truth, can successfully overcome The Big Lie. UFO Magazine honors just such a commitment. -Vicki Cooper

IN DEFENSE OF THE FACTS

When I began to look at Cooper's UFO-related information, our purpose was to examine his claims and see how valid they were. This endeavor started with Cooper's CAJI newsletter, and his claims that people such as Bob Lazar, John Lear, Bill Moore and others were engaged in various illegal or unethical acts.

But back in April and May of 1990, Lazar, for instance, had NO criminal charges even pending. Apparently Lear was targeted by Cooper only because he appeared on the George Knapp special and exposed some of Cooper's bogus information over the air.

When UFO tried to contact Cooper, he immediately blew up. Sure enough, before too long he launched a smear campaign against the magazine and this writer. Cooper has even called the magazine and threatened to sue unless we print a complete retraction of Part One, published in UFO, Vol. 5, No. 4.

Never a word that parts of the story (in his opinion) are wrong, not a word that he wants his side told in these pages. Instead, in his latest newsletter, Cooper has resorted once more to smearing, innuendo and libel. He even engages in an incredibly sophomoric, juvenile display by making scatological parodies of my name, George Knapp's, and Vicki Cooper's.

I, for one, will not be intimidated. UFO Magazine will continue to report the truest facts available, and what is nice about reporting facts is . . . they can be shown to everyone at any time.

What is really sad about this story is the fact that I agree with much of what Cooper says when he is speaking about an erosion of Constitutional civil liberties. There are bizarre things afoot in the land, each day becomes more uncertain, and

the public is simply not being told the true facts. However, one thing about the First Amendment, that although it guarantees freedom of speech, it does not allow the screaming of fire (with no fire) in a crowded theater. Cooper has been screaming fire on rainy days, and the problem with that is ... What do you do when a real fire starts? Just like the kid who always cried wolf, no one came when the wolf finally showed up.

What it appears we are dealing with is demagoguery. Demagoguery in any form, with people following blindly, is always a dangerous development. Examine everyone's information, do not accept anything without checking it to the extent you are able, and then check it again from another angle, if possible.

UFO Magazine's opinion is that this field is fraught with enough dangers; tread carefully while walking down this path.

During this investigation UFO Magazine has found that much of Cooper's material is entirely fabricated, lifted from others' work, or facts he's selected and twisted to support his own story. Several times Cooper has told those who have disagreed with him or questioned his information, "I will crucify you..." At what point will someone allow a demagogue to intimidate him or her into silence? At what point will truth be the final casualty in a war of words with liars?

I will report the truth as long as we publish, and if necessary suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous slander. At some point the public will learn that each demagogue DOES have his 15 minutes in the sun, but then the public learns WHAT IS THE TRUTH. Don Ecker

Letters to the Editor:

Subj: BO GRITZ SAYS....

Editor: I've served most of my adult life as an intelligence operative (Intelligence Officer, Delta Force; Commander, Special Operations, VietNam; Commander Special Forces, Latin America; Principal Agent, NSC-ISA). Unlike William Cooper, I can prove this identity. I have been a Pilot for more than 30 years. My assignments have taken me all over the globe including Africa, Asia, Middle East, Latin America, et al.

Much of this time has been spent out in the open under the stars. I have never witnessed a UFO in the classic saucer sense, but I believe they exist nevertheless (Even Jimmy Carter says so). While in England, enroute to Bangladesh, I bought and read Above Top Secret, which strengthened my personal convictions.

This past month the Association of Former Intelligence Officers and National Intelligence Counter Intelligence Association included UFO reports (Belgian Air Force Colonel Wilfried de Brouwer) in their monthly INSUMS (Intelligence Summaries).

As a Chemical, Biological, Nuclear trained officer, I know that "the" government lied about gassing sheep in Montana with GB-Agent, infecting San Francisco with a virus, and the proposed use of underground nuclear demolitions to construct a new canal in Nicaragua. They denied Frank Powers U-2 over Russia, SR-71, and Stealth. Why wouldn't they cover-up UFOs (classic or otherwise)?

I obviously don't know much about flying saucers, even though I have more than a dozen friends, including pilots, who are eye witnesses to UFO sightings. I know a lot more about people and I certainly know the intelligence system. I have examined military records on Bill Cooper. I have spoken with him and listened to him on telephone recorded audio tape. I feel compelled to add my opinion to that of George Knapp, Ed De Mar and others. I am absolutely convinced that Cooper is a charlatan. There is no doubt that he has information concerning government cover-up, which is easily vacuumed from the presentations and publications of others.

When I returned from Burma's Golden Triangle with videotape of overlord Khun Sa accusing U.S. officials of being his best customers, Cooper started saying that drugs were funding the secret government UFO campaign.

Only God and Cooper know if he actually observed a UFO, but I

don't buy his story about being a part of Naval Intelligence. I have a Top Secret Crypto clearance with access to Special Intelligence, which is clearly imprinted on my records. None of the Cooper file shows him to have these basic intelligence clearances, without which he would be denied access to classified materials.

I also have been granted coded clearances which open doors when combined with a "need to know" to highly selected "compartments" of information. If Cooper were real, he would have long ago referenced the proper codes that deal with information he says was available to him. I believe Bill Cooper is a fraud. There is enough wrong with the government. Cooper types only hurt honest efforts to gain truth. His fare would be more accurately billed as "entertainment."

As Chief of Special Activities on the Army General Staff, I regularly briefed the U.S. Army Chief of Staff and the other generals. I know and have experience working with Admiral Isaac Kidd (former Commander in Chief, Atlantic) and his staff.

There were no enlisted men on the "briefing team." Field grade officers (Major and up) normally furnish information to these key decision makers. Classified information is carefully guarded, especially the compartmented information that Cooper refers to.

Without the proper coded access and a need to know, you don't get in!

I don't buy Bill's "testing" the government by mixing up code names (Majestic vis Majority). Every time someone produces information contradicting Cooper, he changes, adds to, or reveals yet another personal revelation he read in the cloaked documents way back when. St. John should have had such access. Cooper has more twists than a snake. He is also dangerous. I listened to a telephone answer tape wherein Cooper badgered, bribed, threatened, cried, and then later allegedly slashed the tires on a man's car.

Cooper talks and acts like a number of other fakes I know. They seem to want someone, anyone, to do anything that might threaten them since to be that important would enhance their own self-image. In the absence of real threats they conjure them up. I don't begrudge whatever popularity or success he may garner that is show biz. But I do feel he is hurting the credibility and honesty of sincere researchers at a time when we are facing a true peril from within. The secret government needs to be exposed and expunged before it turns us into economic slaves through King George's "New World Order." Cooperites dull our cutting edge of truth. I exhort William Cooper to stop his Bush-lip and focus his energy and resources on unmasking the real villains.

This is the first time I have written a letter to the editor. Strange that with all that is going on, it would be to a publication I haven't read, about a person I hope if there are ETs will soon be beamed up.

Please send me info on your magazine. It wasn't on our Pentagon reading list, but maybe it should be.

James "Bo" Gritz
Center for Action
Sandy Valley, NV

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The Rest of the Story.

Don Ecker

This information was not included into the Cooper story, and as promised, I will now relay it.

Cooper, during his initial exposure in the public, was on the Billy Goodman Happening in 1988 or 1989. One of the people that heard Cooper was a well known Hollywood entertainment figure, Michael Callan. Callan was fascinated by the information that Cooper was giving, and ended up contacting Cooper. Callan, and a close friend of his, Doug Deane, decided that they would use their entertainment contacts, and professionally "market" Cooper. Callan and Deane set up a business called "Need to Know Productions", and sunk money into setting up Cooper on the "lecture tour".

Callan and Deane videoed Coopers lectures, and gave him the benefit of their combined knowledge of Hollywood to go out and sell himself. Setting up Cooper at lectures, and finding an agent for him at "Spotlight Enterprises", Callan and Deane made a heavy investment. Cooper signed a contract with Deane and Callan, and when he saw how much money he "could" be making, tried to squeeze Callan and Deane out of their contract. Callan had had suspicions earlier when Cooper spoke to him about trying to squeeze Stan Barrington (Coopers business manager) out, but then Cooper found out that it would cost him \$15,000. Barrington stayed, but one night, Cooper indulging in his childish temper tantrums, and drinking heavily, made 10 (that is TEN) phone calls to both Callan and Deane, threatening them with public ruin, death, property damage, and slander if they did not give him the master copies of the tapes that they had videoed for him. Both men (Callan and Deane) ended up phoning the police, and they had Cooper placed on file. Later, Cooper went to Deanes home, was witnessed by Deanes gardener, and tried to force his way into Deanes house. Later, when Deane returned home, found all the tires on his car slashed. It is interesting to note, that one of Coopers threats to Deane, mentioned his car tires. The police investigated, but it ended up that no charges were filed. They found prints but the prints were so badly smudged they could not get a match.

Later both Callan and Deane made an audio tape called Cooper Exposes Cooper and sold it nationally. In this tape you get a true insight into Coopers personality. According to Deane, Cooper was drinking very heavily then, and on the night in question he was roaring drunk when he called. This tape is available in Real Audio on the UFO Magazine website. However it is not for children's ears or someone with refined tastes.

Prior to the above events, one of Coopers invitations to speak were from a German UFO group. Cooper was invited by Michael Hesseman, a German "New Age UFOlogists" to appear in Germany. Cooper had accepted, and demanded 5000 Duetch Marks (\$3000 US) plus his plane ticket, room, board, and the other things that Hesseman had promised. Hesseman sent Cooper all of the above,

but because of a German Postal Strike, word of the event was late in getting out in Europe. Cooper had planned, according to Hesseman, in making money in "workshops" while the UFO event was going on, and because the event would not be so well attended, became upset. Hesseman offered to reschedule the event, or set it up later, but Cooper refused, and then told Hesseman that if he wanted him to come, he needed another 5000 Duetch marks, or he refused. Hesseman did not have the money, so Cooper informed Hesseman that he would not fly over, and then refused to refund Hesseman's cash.

And another event with Mr. Cooper which shows his pathological side happened on my own radio show. I had on as a guest Carl Pflock, a name you may be familiar with. Pflock was a former Asst. Sec. Of Defense under the Reagan Administration and was a former officer in the CIA. We were discussing a number of items and I was taking telephone calls. I put "John" from Atlanta on the air and he suddenly started attempting to embarrass Pflock and myself. The call screener flashed me a note from another caller (all in about 20 seconds) alerting me that "JOHN" was really Bill Cooper. Then I recognized his voice! Well the upshot was I got into trouble with station management when I called Cooper an Ass Hole on the air.

But you may not know how pathological Cooper really is. After my Expose he subjected us to years of abuse. One example was his call to an abductee back in 1990 that had been working with a guy by the name of Martin Cannon. Cannon, you may know, wrote a tract called "The Controllors" where he hypothesized that many abductees may in fact be government mind control experiments. Cannon and I had gotten off to a very bad start back in 1988. Martin was very left wing and knew I was a Viet Nam veteran. Just let me say he and I were not on the best of terms. At any rate Cooper knew that and called this abductee, claiming to be me (she taped it, Coopers voice was unmistakable and he was drunk) and said words to the effect that "Cannon better watch himself when he spoke about UFO Magazine" or "I'll come to get your KNEE'S!!!" Cooper loves to mention "coming to get your knee's". He made the same kind of threats to Michael Callan and Doug Deane.

Another example of Coopers un-wired mind was to try to smear Vicki Cooper Ecker, Editor of UFO Magazine, by claiming she was a secret government agent. His biggest proof? Vicki's uncle was Grant Cooper, a very prominent Los Angeles Criminal attorney, was one of the lead attorneys defending Sirhan Sirhan, the assassin of Robert Kennedy. He had also defended a number of high profile mob figures. Cooper claimed that Vicki was recruited by the secret government at this time of the assassination. He failed to mention that in 1968 she was a brand new mother with an infant.

Then Cooper tried to pull the biggest con, he claimed that Vicki was the former book-keeper for Sydney Biddle Barrows, the Mayflower Madam, from Washington DC. After Barrows was arrested the CIA sent Vicki to Los Angeles to set up UFO as a CIA front. How could he get away with this kind of crap? Well he must have read Joseph Goebbels and Adolph Hitler, the bigger the lie, the more likely it is that they will believe it. However his motto was: "The Only Way To Defeat The Enemy Is To Attack..Attack.. Attack.. And Attack Again! And If You First Don't Succeed, Attack Them Again Until You Do Succeed!"

He launched a campaign against me personally claiming I was not in Viet Nam, never a police officer, and would often call the office leaving abusive messages on the phone. We sought several attorneys who were willing to sue Cooper but wanted anywhere between \$5,000.00 -to \$10,000.00 to begin the suit. It was not worth it. The people that Cooper catered to were for the most part as disaffected as he was.

Now that there are federal warrants out for Cooper, I have heard a number of people worry that another Ruby Ridge or Waco was in the offing. Just allow me to say this. I do not believe for one second that it will come to that. I wouldn't want it to happen (Ruby Ridge or Waco) to anyone...not even a Bill Cooper. My biggest reason? Having known Cooper in the past, it won't happen because at the core of Cooper is simply a bully and a coward. Somehow this will be resolved and Cooper will end up being tried for fraud and tax evasion. The end of this story?? Who knows....

Don Ecker
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The End ...for now.

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Re: Filer's Files #26

From: George Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 17:16:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 19:41:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #26

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Date: Fri, 03 Jul 1998 17:47:57 -0700
>From: Jeff Westover <jeff.westover@mailexcite.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Filer's Files #26

>>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Jul 1998 16:54:02 EDT
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Filer's Files #26

>>Port Washington Bob Mueller reports that saw black helicopters
>>fly over his house on Saturday, June 13, 1998, and then again on
>>Sunday. On both days, five helicopters flew north and then came
>>back a few hours later heading south. They looked like UH-60
>>Blackhawks gunships with a capacity for about a dozen troops
>>apiece. There were no markings, but those low-visibility paint
>>sc hemes make it tough to see. Sunday night, at about 11:00 PM,
>>I went out to my car to get something, and I saw a moving,
>>flashing orange light very high in the sky directly overhead.
>>When it flashed, it was very bright (so much so, it's reflection
>>off my car/glasses caught my attention enough to cause me look
>>DIRECTLY up). It appeared to be moving in straight line. The UFO
>>was heading due North - the same heading (and along virtually
>>the same path) as the helicopters. I watched it for about 10
>>seconds, then ran inside to get my wife Michele. We came out
>>maybe 30 seconds later, but by then it was gone. Was a satellite
>>catching the sun? I wonder. Thanks for the E-mail submission
>>from Bob Mueller.

>I believe this report to actually be from Port Washington,
>Wisconsin (north of Milwaukee and sitting on Lake MICHIGAN).

Yes, the post should read UFO near Lake Michigan, in the state of Wisconsin.

Regards,

George Filer

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Re: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

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Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 16:24:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 19:55:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

>Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 07:08:35 -0700
>From: Skye Turell <tured33@west.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

>> Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 23:02:29 -0700
>> From: Robert Stirniman <robert@skylink.net>
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> Subject: Re: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

>> > From: Moderator UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>
>> > Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 13:38:27 -0400
>> > Subject: Aliens "Sloppier"? - Transcript of Hopkins

>> >The following segment is transcribed from the July 3rd 1998
>> >edition of Jeff Rense's 'Sightings' radio show, in which Budd
>> >Hopkins was interviewd, via phone, from Roswell, New Mexico.

>> >The complete interview is available at:

>> ><http://www.audionet.com/shows/endofteline/archive.stm>

>> <snip>

>> > JR: If their protocols are breaking down Budd, what....we can
>> > only speculate, but it brings to mind right away the concept
>> > that maybe they have done most of what they need done, and the
>> > big change is about to happen and things are getting lax.

>> Or maybe --

>> If their protocols are breaking down....we can only speculate,
>> but it brings to mind right away the concept that they have
>> not done most of what they need done, and a change is due
>> to happen and things are getting desperate.

>Somehow the phrase "sloppier like a fox," jumps quickly (and
>brown-ly <g>)to mind.

>Budd himself has said that the Brooklyn Bridge event seemed
>almost staged for the audience. And having argued that, it's
>difficult for him to now argue the opposing view -- that the
>Greys are trying to keep this completely secret.

Hi Skye,

Not to be picky, but Hopkins did say;

>BH: I wanted to talk about some recent cases that I've
>I've just begun to look into and these have been investigated
>very thoroughly. What they would indicate is that the UFO
>occupants have been getting even a little sloppier. Unless
>they're deliberately wanting us to see things.

At the beginning of the portion Errol recorded, Hopkins also said
something to the effect that he (Hopkins) wished that in
interview shows such as Rense's, it was an alien rather than
himself who was answering questions about alien intent. Hopkins
made it clear that he was uncomfortable in discussing an "alien

agenda," and it was within that context that he made the above statement. Even so, Hopkins says nothing to contradict his suggestions in "Witnessed."

Sincerely,

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Roswell Draws 10,000 Visitors For 'UFO Encounter'

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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 08:11:46 -0400
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From: The Amarillo Globe.

http://www.amarillonet.com/stories/070798/new_LG3165.001.shtml

Stig

Web posted Tuesday, July 7, 1998 5:41 a.m. CT

Roswell draws 10,000 visitors for UFO Encounter

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) - Some 10,000 visitors filled Roswell motel rooms through the weekend for the '98 edition of the city's UFO Encounter, commemorating the purported crash of a flying saucer.

"I consider it a success," said Johnny Johnson, director of the Roswell Convention and Civic Center. "We had 90 percent of the motel rooms filled up in the last four days."

Back in July 1947, so the story goes, the government recovered a UFO and alien bodies from an isolated Roswell-area ranch, then covered up the whole thing.

Last year's 50th anniversary celebration brought in 48,000 people, according to the state Department of Tourism, although Johnson believes that number might be inflated. The anniversary also prompted more than 1,000 articles from March through December 1997, reaching 46.1 million people.

Johnson said this year's celebration, which ended Sunday, can't be compared to last year's.

"This is not the 50th anniversary," he said. "You can't expect the same amount of people. The media didn't cover the event like they did last year."

The 30-plus vendors at the UFO Expo and Trade Show were about evenly divided between those who reported financial success and failure, he said.

But for future events to succeed, there's got to be more than UFO souvenirs because merchandising doesn't bring in visitors, Johnson said. He'd like to see speakers, exhibits and presentations based on mankind's space travel experiences.

"We need to mix science fiction with science. . . . We need to offer attractions that are educational and show that reality is just as wild as the imagination is," he said.

We'd love to hear your feedback.
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My SETI Post

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 22:01:11 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 07:59:11 -0400
Subject: My SETI Post

Dear list,

I received the following two messages from SETI in response to one I wrote, and was asked to post the responses here (fair enough). I have deleted a whole bunch of "forwards" and "CCs" and the like, because their quantity was beginning to frighten me.

>Animosity and/or envy are, IMO, justifiable in the case of
>SETI. That project has been the proud recipient of millions
>dollars in funding, and has, to my knowledge, never had to
>produce results to maintain that funding.

>Greg

Greg,

Perhaps your knowledge of the status of Government-supported SETI is not current. Congress terminated the NASA HRMS (High Resolution Microwave Survey) program in 1993. For the past five years, SETI has received no public funding whatever. The SETI League is a self-supporting, grass-roots nonprofit effort involving over 800 members in 45 countries on five continents. Our members pay for their own equipment, conduct a credible scientific search, have already had results (albeit not necessarily the ones they had sought initially), and are not asking you or anyone else for a dime. Please respect our freedom to waste our own time and money any way we wish, and refrain from accusing us of being "the proud recipient of millions dollars in funding." In invite you to visit our website, <<http://www.setileague.org/>>, to learn more about the true status of SETI. I would greatly appreciate it if you'd post my comments to the lists on which yours were posted. Thank you.

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"We Know We're Not Alone!"

>Besides, what do you do with a ten thousand year old signal
>anyway.. respond to it?

>Greg

How about be utterly thrilled to learn for certain that there is

at least one other intelligent civilization in the Universe, for starters? Then we can analyze the signal to try and learn more about it, who sent it, etc.

Responding -- at least if one is hoping for a quick reply -- may be out of the question in this case, but it is not the most important thing to do,

as is sometimes thought.

Larry Klaes <lklaes@zoomtel.com>

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Re: Sturrock Report

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 19:12:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 07:48:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Report

> Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 13:33:05 +0100
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> From: John Rimmer <j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk>
> Subject: Sturrock Report

> The P.L.A.Driftwood International Conspiracy in Exile is
> operating on a borrowed computer at the moment, so I am unable
> to quote extracts from previous postings. My apologies.

> I am puzzled and not a little irritated by the increasingly
> triumphalist attitudes of the ETH proponents to the muted and
> entirely reasonable conclusions of the Sturrock Panel. As far as
> I can see the only difference between their conclusions and the
> Condon Report is that, unlike Condon, Sturrock feels that
> science *would* be advanced by further study of the UFO
> phenomenon. So do I.

> Why Jerry, Bruce Maccabee and the others feel that this is any
> sort of endorsement of the ETH is baffling. They say they found
> NO EVIDENCE of any extraterrestrial involvement in the cases
> they found puzzling. You really cannot be much clearer than
> this. Perhaps the real achievement of Sturrock is to come up with
> a statement that both Jerry Clark, CSICOP and Magonia can agree
> with!

Stop me before I kill again, but....did Jerry, Bruce, or for
that matter anyone at all think the Sturrock crowd endorsed the
ETH?

Not that I noticed.

This debate is growing truly bizarre.

As for the difference between Condon and this, the reaction of
the world at large tells the whole story. The reaction to Condon
was "Scientists say UFOs are nonsense." The reaction to Sturrock
was "Scientists say UFOs aren't nonsense." You can split hairs
all you want about similarities in details, but the overall
impact -- and the tone of voice -- was dramatically different.

Greg Sandow

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Researcher Seeks Answers To Report Of UFO Crash In

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From: The Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau's only daily, via two emails which Larry Clark posted to NY MUFON's mailing list on July 7. To subscribe go to

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Local UFO probe Researcher seeks answers to report of crash in 1941.

By Peggy O'Farrel
Southeast Missourian

A Virginia man is investigating the possibility that a UFO crashed near Cape Girardeau in 1941. "That would be six years before Roswell," said James Westwood of Centreville, Va., referring to the 1947 incident in which the government allegedly recovered and then covered up a UFO crash in New Mexico. "That would put Cape Girardeau County on the UFO map," he said.

Southeast Missouri already is known for UFO activity. Dr. Harley Rutledge, a former chairman of the physics department at Southeast Missouri State University who is now retired, has investigated reports of strange sights seen flying through the

skies near Piedmont and other UFO reports.

"Project Identification: The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena" outlines Rutledge's research.

Westwood said Rutledge told him he has not heard of the 1941 incident. Westwood, a retired Navy man and engineer, is looking for people who may remember an incident from 1941 when some type of aircraft reportedly crashed approximately 3 to 15 miles outside Cape Girardeau.

Westwood bases his investigation on an account by Charlotte Mann, a Texas woman whose grandfather, the Rev. William Huffman, was the pastor of Red Star Baptist Church from 1941 to 1944.

Leonard H. Stringfield, a renowned UFO investigator, recounted Mann's story in the July 1991 issue of his "Status Report," a monthly publication on UFO activities and investigations.

Mann told Stringfield her grandfather got a call one spring night from police asking him to accompany them to the site of an airplane crash outside town in case the victims needed a clergyman.

"A car was sent to get him, but grandmother said it wasn't a police car," Mann said in Stringfield's recounting of the story. When Huffman got to the crash scene, Mann said, he noticed one piece of the wreckage that appeared to have a rounded shape with no edges or seams," and a "very shiny metallic finish."

"Police officers, "plainclothes men" and "military officers" were already at the scene sifting through the wreckage, Mann said. Laid to one side of the scene were "three bodies, not human," she recounted. "It was hard for him to tell if they had on suits or if it was their skin, but they were covered head to foot in what looked like wrinkled aluminum foil," Mann said. "He could see no hair on their bodies and they had no ears. They were small framed like a child, about 4 feet tall, but had larger heads and longer arms." Their faces had "large, oval-shaped eyes, no noses, just holes and no lips, just small slits for mouths," Mann said.

Huffman was told by one of the military officers at the scene not to tell anyone what he had witnessed for security reasons, Mann told Stringfield. Huffman told his wife, Floy, and their two sons what he had seen when he returned home from the crash site but never spoke of it again, said Mann.

Huffman died in 1959. His wife, who died in 1984, told Mann the story. A few weeks after the crash, Huffman was apparently given a photo of two men holding one of the corpses found at the scene. Mann father (sic!) loaned the photo to a friend but never saw it again.

Now Westwood, who read Mann's account in Stringfield's publication, is looking for others who may remember hearing about the crash. "What you need here is another source, at least one other person who says, I sort of remember this," Westwood said. "Even if it's second-hand account, you've at least got another source.

"Mann's account says the crash happened in the spring (sic!). Westwood speculates it may actually have happened in the fall because of the mention of a field fire caused by the crash. In the spring, he reasons, vegetation would have been too wet to burn easily. "But in the fall, it's very dry," he said.

He also speculates the military officers on the scene may have been called in from an Army Air Corps base in Sikeston at the time. If the crash happened, the military and police wouldn't have known what they were looking at, Westwood said, because Roswell and the other early UFO sightings hadn't happened. And the incident may have been covered up for military security reasons since the U.S. was gearing up for World War II, he said. "It wouldn't be implausible" for the incident to have been reported as an airplane crash," Westwood said.

Westwood began researching Mann's story at the beginning of the year. He has been in Cape Girardeau for the last week reviewing local records and looking for potential sources. He hasn't had much luck. So far; no one he has talked to has admitted to

knowing anything.

"There isn't anything that I would consider even close," Westwood said. He found a report of a student pilot's airplane crash near Morley in Scott County in May 1941, and a local pilot told him about another crash near Oak Ridge that happened in spring 1941.

The other problem is the Huffmans left the area not long after the alleged crash. The Cape Girardeau city directory lists the Huffmans from 1942 to 1944, but they aren't listed in the 1945 directory. Records from the Southeast Missourian say Huffman became the pastor of the church in September 1941.

And Stringfield, who investigated hundreds of reports of UFO crashes and retrievals, died in 1994. His family has refused to release his files to other researchers.

Westwood says he has never seen a UFO or been in contact with extraterrestrials. "There's no doubt in my mind that UFOs are real flying objects from outer space," he said. He points to similarities in thousands of sightings and reports from people who have reported having contact with extraterrestrials as evidence that something is out there. But what he calls the "cultism" surrounding the study of UFOs and false reports by attention-seeking hysterics detracts from evidence given by witnesses or people who claim contact, Westwood says, "aren't any crazier than anybody else." (sic!)

Tracing UFO reports is "an interesting kind of detective story," Westwood said. "It's a Sherlock Holmes kind of thing in which you have to sort through a lot of BS looking for those nuggets. In the end, some of the things fit, and some things don't."

The Roswell crash and recovery isn't the only UFO crash in the annals of the study of UFOs, Westwood said. "It's just the best known," he said.

Anyone with information about a 1941 crash may contact James Westwood at

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Mars Life? Rock Hardens The Debate

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Stig

July 7, 1998

Mars life? Rocks harden the debate

By Faye Flam
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Two years after NASA scientists announced finding what they thought was evidence of life on Mars -- fossilized remains in a Martian rock -- experts are dug into two camps -- "no-life" and "pro-life."

At stake in the debate is what could be one of the greatest scientific discoveries ever made. An example of life beyond Earth would hint that life permeates the universe.

Also at stake is the chance to inject a new sense of purpose -- the search for life -- into NASA's multibillion-dollar plan to send an armada of 13 spacecraft to Mars in the coming decade. The renewed hope that Mars once harbored life boosted the excitement over last July's landing of the Pathfinder spacecraft.

Though Pathfinder and its successor, Mars Global Surveyor, are considered success stories, many of the missions planned to follow are back on the drawing board due to cost overruns. Scientists are questioning whether NASA's plan can really determine whether there was life on Mars.

The rock that sparked so much hope in 1996 left Mars 16 million years ago, probably ejected by an asteroid. It wandered through space until 13,000 years ago, when it smacked into Antarctica. Since it was found in 1984 in a region called Allan Hills, it has become known to scientists as ALH84001, or ALH.

At the time the life claim came out, presented by teams from NASA and Stanford University, much of ALH had been broken into about 65 pebbles and chips that were distributed to different laboratories. Since then, many more pieces have been broken off and studied.

Derek Sears falls into the no-life camp. The meteorite specialist from the University of Arkansas arrived at a scientific meeting in Houston last spring with highly magnified pictures of moon rocks that appeared to be crawling with the same sorts of wormlike mini-microbes found in ALH.

"See, there's life on the moon," he announced. Then, to be sure the sarcasm wasn't lost, he explained that these look-alike lifeforms were really blobs of a metallic coating. It was the same type of coating that NASA scientists had applied to pieces of ALH to render it visible under high-powered electron

microscopes.

Facing down such attacks has become routine for the pro-life side. They say that Sears' fake moon bugs are smaller than most of their Mars bugs. Blobs of coating may have formed, they confess, but at least some of the Mars bugs are real.

One reason many scientists say they didn't immediately dismiss the life-on-Mars finding as some sort of wacky UFO-related claim was the involvement of Richard Zare, the only member of the team considered famous. The Stanford University chemist made a name for himself by pioneering a technique for detecting minute traces of chemicals using a series of laser pulses.

He got involved in Mars completely by accident in 1995, when NASA sent his lab two mysterious rock samples, dubbed "Mickey" and "Minnie." "We didn't want to work with them," said Zare, "but, you know, you do people a favor."

His lab had been working with NASA on analyzing some dust particles from space, he says, and NASA was impressed with his scientists' ability to precisely measure small quantities of things.

Zare's laser-based analytical contraption detected, among other things, chemicals called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, abbreviated PAHs. Sometimes found in charred food and smog, PAHs are associated with living material, but they can also exist independently.

"They got very excited," said Zare of his NASA collaborators, who then proceeded to send him "Goofy."

That's when Zare demanded to know what was going on. He was told he had samples of a meteorite from Mars, and that there were some hints that it may have been the home of Martian microbes.

Zare's PAHs didn't stand up as sufficient evidence for life, but the NASA side of the team, based at Johnson Space Center in Houston, had found some other lines of evidence, including tiny microscopic forms that looked like a colony of worms and oval bacteria.

After a few months of double checking, NASA held a press conference Aug. 7, 1996, rushed because the news was starting to leak. "It's an unbelievable day," NASA head Daniel Goldin announced. "Words cannot describe it."

Zare said he never intended to give the impression that his lab's evidence for Martian bugs was conclusive. "It was a hypothesis," he said.

But the announcement didn't quite come out that way.

"I was floored, and fascinated," said Hap McSween of the University of Tennessee, who earlier that summer had published a scientific paper arguing that those parts of the rock NASA claimed harbored the fossil life were formed at blast-furnace temperatures. His assertion, if right, would rule out the idea of life.

McSween felt a special attachment to the 12 known Mars-borne meteorites because he was one of the first people to suggest some of the rocks had come from Mars.

"I got these funny looks," he said, describing when he first floated the idea in 1979, but then tests showed that the composition of tiny gas bubbles trapped inside the rocks matched that of the Martian atmosphere as measured by the 1976 Viking missions.

His fascination with the life claim gave way to skepticism, and he has become one of the most formidable members of the no-life camp.

To him the best explanation for the data is that the rock contains a combination of wormlike byproducts from the coating process plus larger wormlike crystals of magnetite, and that it was contaminated with Earth life during the 13,000 years it sat on the Antarctic ice.

To the scientific community, the most credible evidence that the rock was contaminated came from chemist Timothy Jull at the University of Colorado.

Jull used a common technique for fingerprinting carbon-containing materials -- comparing different forms, or isotopes, of carbon. The relative abundance of the radioactive form of carbon, C-14, for example, can yield approximate ages.

Jull's isotope work showed that at least 80 percent of the "organic" material thought to be left from Martian life actually got there after ALH landed on Earth.

Jull said the other 20 percent of organic material may have originated on Mars, but he still doesn't buy the NASA claim. "The litmus test in science is when someone else comes along and gets the same result," he says. "No one has come along and verified the whole thing."

Sears, of the University of Arkansas, is less diplomatic.

"The paper is rubbish," he says of the life claim. "It was known to be rubbish at the time it was published, but it was jumped on by the NASA administrator."

As part of a scientific team that prepares meteorites found in Antarctica for study, Sears says, he knows that "they are not just a little contaminated, they are absolutely filthy -- filthy with every possible sort of organic crap."

The scientific community would have shot down the life-on-Mars idea earlier, argues Sears, had so many people not benefited from publicity surrounding the claim. It helped inject glamour and money into planetary science and meteorite studies. NASA funded a new "astrobiology" program to investigate life in the universe, and gave out grants to further study ALH.

One grant went to John Bradley, a materials scientist at Georgia-based consulting company MVA Inc., who became the first to report that the coating process used by NASA creates the illusion of worms and bugs.

Many scientists have said they won't know whether Mars had life until a mission goes there and brings back samples, as NASA plans to do, using robots, in 2005. Bradley warns that this exercise could result in the same vexing inconclusiveness seen with ALH. "We have 12 Mars rocks already," he says, "and none of them show any signs of life."

But the rocks collected from Mars are not likely to be similar to ALH. Its age of 4.5 billion years far exceeds that of the vast majority of rocks on Mars. "It's a really unique rock," says Ralph Harvey, a planetary scientist from Case Western Reserve University. "It's one of the oldest rocks, it came from the deeper part of the Martian crust."

The rock tells a story of the history of Mars, but the way Harvey reads it, there was no chapter with life.

NASA's David McKay, who headed the team making the life claim, stands his ground. When Bradley presented his paper suggesting McKay had inadvertently produced the Mars bugs with the coating process, "we got a little anxious," McKay said. But when they figured out how to look at pieces of the rock without using the coating technique, they still saw some forms that appear to be real.

Zare is still on the pro-life side, but he sometimes worries about new evidence that the Antarctic snow where the rock was found is not as sterile as long thought. "Could Antarctic microbes have crawled into this rock?" he asks.

The wormy structures and other parts of the life arguments made by NASA scientists lie outside his expertise. On those things, Zare says, "I have to trust them."

"There are times I rue the day they sent us those rocks," he says, though he does see a bright side. The rock turned attention to space as a place to do science, he says, rather than simply to "put man into space or beat someone else or demonstrate engineering prowess."

Even McSween, who worked on the Pathfinder project, sees an upside.

"Their paper turned out to be important for the space program," he says, and the Mars program in particular. "It could be said to the public that now there's a reason to go."

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Chat with Mike Coyle

From: **Angela Shilling** <ashill@skipnet.com>
Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 20:16:58 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 08:32:11 -0400
Subject: Chat with Mike Coyle

Mike Coyle has agreed to a meeting on #Visitations and will be available to answer your questions.

Saturday, July 11th
7pm Pacific / 9pm Central / 10 pm Eastern / 3am GMT

Where: #Visitations on the Undernet

How to Get to IRC: <http://www.skipnet.com/~visitations/>

MindNet Journal: http://www.mk.net/~mcf/mind_net/mnindex.htm

Mike Coyle, San Francisco Bay Area resident and former editor/publisher of the MindNet Journal, has been researching mind-control history, methods and technology since the 1980's. He has worked with many of the most prominent authors in the field including

Walter Bowart (Operation Mind Control)
Martin Cannon (The Controllers)
Julianne McKinney (Microwave Harassment and Mind-Control Experimentation)
Alex Constantine (Psychic Dictatorship in the USA).

While developing firsthand military and intelligence sources, as well as examining numerous personal claims of mind-control activities, he has interviewed many experts in related scientific fields such as Dr. Michael Persinger, Dr. Cory Hammond, Dr. Elizabeth Rauscher, William van Bise, Dr. Bennett Braun and Dr. Colin Ross, among others.

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: RobIrving@aol.com
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 23:01:58 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 08:29:43 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> Date: Tue, 07 Jul 98 09:23:03 PDT

Jerry,

>Rob, I confess that I don't understand much of the above.

Let me explain. Earlier you informed us that "Festinger's ideas about cognitive dissonance have been pretty well challenged in the sociology of religion literature". I assumed from this that you were familiar with his ideas on cognitive dissonance. It's a fair assumption, I feel, because you were responding to my reference to Festinger's Theory of Cognitive Dissonance.

Evidently you are not familiar with it at all, and seem to believe that his earlier co-authored study 'When Prophecy Fails' is the theory. In fact it was merely a derivative of it, relating to what happens when those investing in prophecy are confronted by its disconfirmation, and whether proselytism can be expected to increase as a direct result. This has precisely nothing to do with my original point.

Before everyone accepted your claim that Festinger's theory - which I believe in the main is quite relevant to this discussion, and to ufology in general - had been successfully challenged, and therefore easily dismissed, I thought that it was important to establish that you were misinforming us.

As I told you, it would be strange were sociologists of religion to challenge the theory as so little of it has to do with religion - rather like an ETHER issuing forth on BVM sightings.

You with me? Do you understand why I needed to clarify that before I answered your question? You challenged me to look for an error that you say undermines a theory you are clearly unfamiliar with.

>I was simply pointing out that Festinger has been challenged
>and that key ideas expressed in 'When Prophecy Fails' have
>failed of replication.

And I reiterate that I would like to see the papers to that effect. I've emailed you my 'snail' address for you to send them to me.

Aside from all this I'm wary of your dismissal anyway. Popper has been "pretty well challenged" by sociologists of science, as have all other philosophers of science at some time... So? Your dismissal suggests there is no value to be found in WPF.

Debunkers are often accused of 'throwing the baby out with the bathwater' but aren't you doing just that? Just as parallels can be found in ufology to Festinger's theory of CD, they can be found to WPF. Jim Deardoff's reaction to Bruce Macabee's latest comments on the Mexico City come to mind, no? Or the reaction of die-hards to NASA's 'disconfirmation' of the 'Face on Mars'. I've noticed increased proselytising on their part. If we are to believe all we currently read, fresh structures are popping up

all over the place.

>I also noted, and you have failed to refute, a huge historical
>error, which unfortunately Festinger used to buttress a key
>argument.

Jeez, Jerry... I told you I needed to read the book again, and I
have been. And you didn't ask me to refute the error, but just
identify it. Obviously if I didn't agree it was an error I
wouldn't be able to identify it.

I've re-read the first section which discusses earlier examples,
and I'm assuming the error lies there - if it's further on, into
their observations on the Martin/Keech group, you're right, I
wouldn't know what to look for, not having studied them. So, if
this error lies beyond page 32 I'm screwed.

Nor am I an expert on any secret histories of the Sabbatai or
the Millerite movement. My best guess is that you're referring
to the authors' inclusion of immediate events post-Crucifixion.
I admit I can't quite see the point of this, as it doesn't have
much bearing on the five conditions "under which (the authors)
would expect to observe increased fervour following the
disconfirmation of a belief". From what I remember of Sunday
school Christ's troupe were pretty pissed off about it, and even
(doubting Thomas, my favourite) rather sceptical. I personally
have my doubts that the ancient prophesies precluded suffering
on their Messiah's part, but then I'm no Biblical scholar
either.

On the other hand, Festinger, et al., discuss all this openly, so I
have the feeling I'm about to be proved wrong. Funny, I had the
feeling all along whatever my answer. I'm excitedly anticipating
your enlightenment.

>You were using Festinger, I couldn't help noticing, as some
kind >of all-knowing authority figure who proved his virtue by
bashing >people interested in UFOs, and you figured you could
use him to >accomplish yet more bashing.

That's a pretty simplistic, overly-defensive view. As I said,
these ideas are peculiarly relevant to ufology. Other than an
erroneous, out-of-hand dismissal you haven't told us why you
disagree with my original point.

>I got the clear impression,
>moreover, that you or he or both of you were not bothering to
>draw any distinction between, say, Dorothy Martin and James
>McDonald, Dorothy Martin and Walter Webb, or whatever. If that
>is the case, I find it pointless to discuss the matter, since the
>argument is flawed from the first and, may I add, dishonest.

It's a mistaken impression Jerry. No-one is suggesting that
sensible ufologists channel _all_ their information from the
planet Clarion.

Rob

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Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

From: RobIrving@aol.com
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 23:32:13 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 08:34:41 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles

>From: "Leanne Martin" <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Eliptical' Crop Circles
>Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 16:51:38 PDT

Hi Leanne,

>Thanx for the reply. Unfortunately no, I have no idea as to
>where Filer's File refers.

More Chinese whispers.

>I'm surprised by the lack of general interest on this issue
>given the downstream implications (political & military) if my
>thoughts on this particular use of orbiting technology pan out.
>If such beams can be very finely targeted and made to track
>mobile targets, and without too much atmospheric attenuation,
>the implications are enormous.

It's certainly an intriguing theory. In my opinion, the best overview (in article form) of the subject is Monty Keen's in The Anomalist 3, later revised in Brookesmith & Devereux's 'UFOs and Ufology'.

Unfortunately there's no mention of orbiting etch-a-sketches tho'.

I know Jacques Vallee was postulating similar ideas at one point, about four years ago as I recall.

Rob

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Re: Mexico City Fake

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 02:43:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 09:10:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexico City Fake

>Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 20:30:21 -0500 (CDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexico City Fake

>>Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 14:41:11 -0700 (PDT)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexico City "Fake"

><snip>

>>A related phenomenon is the relative motion of the implant behind
>>the ear of Whitley. It knew just when and how far to move to
>>escape the scalpel, and its motion had to overcome the opposing
>>force of friction, just as tiny imposed motions of the video
>>camera would have had to overcome, or somehow negate, the
>>camera's inertia.

>>This solution has the advantage of not ignoring the supportive
>>witness testimony, and acknowledging the relevance of your study
>>correlating the UFO's brightness with its distance.

>>Jim Deardorff

Dennis writes:

>Jim,

>Your "solution" also has the advantage of being ad hoc, post
>facto, and totally gratuitous, not to mention mere wishful
>thinking. Just can't give up on a case, can you, even when the
>evidence for a hoax stares you in the face.

Geez Dennis, if I can pull your fangs and talons out of Jim's
throat for a moment, what "evidence" for a hoax are you talking
about?

All Bruce or Jeff have said is that Sanio has found what he
'thinks' is evidence of a hoax. I never got the impression from
-anything- that has been presented that anything -conclusive-
has been proffered! There may be -strong indications- or 'reason
to suspect, but nothing -conclusive.-

>Just more clever
>manipulation (or introduction of "confusion") by the ubiquitous,
>omniscient, omnipotent aliens. Next thing you know, they'll be
>photographing themselves on peoples' camcorders without the
>latter being turned on, maybe even without a cassette in the
>chamber -- just to confound the skeptics, I suppose. After all,
>they can do anything, right? Were they jumping up and down to a
>different beat for everyone else who might have been
>photographing them at the same time, or did they just dictate
>that they would be filmed by only one person in Mexico City (with
>a population of about 14 million or so) at a time?

Ya know, I was gonna include in my original post the possibility
that the propulsion system of the craft (if it is a powerful
'magnetic field generating' system of some kind) might account

for differences in the appearance of the immediate edges of the object as opposed to other objects in the cameras field of view that were not generating such intense magnetic fields. I left it out because there's just no way to know what kind of propulsion system is being used and I felt it was a purely speculative point and one which could never be answered authoritatively unless we capture a UFO and reverse engineer the thing! I opted to keep my questions to Bruce centered around evidence of tampering and the possibility that the optics themselves may have been responsible for what Jeff was seeing.

Jim's only 'crime' was in asking questions that took into account the ETs themselves. No reason to drag the guy over broken glass for it. Your argument would be stronger if you addressed Jims' points with logical and well thought out answers rather than simply letting him have it with both barrels!

>You're a real piece of work, Jim. Ever thought about having
>yourself checked for an implant -- or a brain transplant?

No Sasquatch, you're a real piece of work! Jim is just an honest guy asking (what he believes to be) honest questions. I've never seen him comport himself in a manner that would warrant the kind of attack that you have launched. If it was me you were chewing on however..... well that's a different story. I've been a bad boy! <EG> Not Jim though, he just doesn't deserve it.

>Dark Cloud

Yeah! Lately for some reason. I hope all is well with you and your's Sasquatch. Your posts have been sounding a little ragged around the edges lately. Not up to your usual standards!

Peace,

John Velez

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Re: CSICOP Responds to SSE UFO Report

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 00:03:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 08:40:23 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP Responds to SSE UFO Report

>Date: Mon, 6 Jul 1998 17:04:01 -0500 (CDT)
>From: Geoff G. Dittman <umdittm0@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: CCSICOP Responds to SSE UFO Report

>"Why is this news? The observation that some things sighted in
>the sky are unknown and merit further investigation is not a new
>revelation. We are committed to an open-minded and inquiry into
>any responsible paranormal claims. CSICOP has encouraged UFO
>research for more than two decades, and has published the
>results of rigorous UFO investigations. Some cases do remain
>unexplained. But that we should now devote government resources
>to further research is questionable. In our view, the government
>should not divert funds and time from other more fruitful
>scientific projects. Given limited resources for scientific
>research, the evidence to date regarding UFOs does not merit
>such strong attention. The idea that we should devote the
>business of the United States Congress to hearings on UFOs
>borders on the ridiculous.>

>"The release of the report appears well-timed to gain publicity
>for the SSE and their claims. It occurs a week after the
release >of the X-Files movie and during the week of Fourth of
July when >news is slow."

WAY TO GO CSICOP.....but don't worry guys, there won't be any
wasted government money. AND occurring a week after the X files
movie is poor timing. They should have released the SSE report
ust before the X-files movie. And, of course, the CSICOP
response comes the week after July 4, when there isn't much
news..

>Philip J. Klass
>CSICOP fellow, Senior Editor with Aviation Week and Space
>Technology magazine, leading UFO investigator and author.>

>The SSE recommends the creation of government funded UFO
>research projects like the one called GEPAN (Groupe D'Etudes des
>Phenomenes Aerospaciaux Non-identifies), created in 1977 by
>France which reported to the highly respected French space
>agency - CNES. In 1988, after more than a decade of UFO
>investigations, GEPAN's budget was drastically reduced, its
>mission was refocused to emphasize collecting reports of
>reentering satellite debris and meteorites, and its name was
>changed to SEPRA (Service d' Expertise desPhenomenes des
>Rentrees Atmospheriques).

>"During GEPAN's 11-year research effort, its most impressive UFO
>.case involved a peasant living in Trans-en-Provence who claimed
>a strange craft hovered over his yard in broad daylight. GEPAN
>strongly endorsed the case based on its investigation into
>alleged UFO-caused effects on nearby plants, which GEPAN/SEPRA
>director Jean-Jacques Velasco described to the SSE's panel of
>experts. Velasco did not inform the SSE panel of scientists that
>a recent investigation by a pro-UFO French investigator - Eric
>Maillot - indicates that the Trans-en-Provence case is a hoax.

>"It is unfortunate that the SSE did not assemble a more balanced
>roster of UFO investigators to present evidence to the panel of

>scientists. The whole evaluation process appears suspiciously
>weighted to one side of the UFO debate."

WAY TO GO PHIL. I'm sure CSICOP can hold their own panel and
provide a more unbiased balance. And I wonder, just what was
proven about the Tans-en-Provence "hoax,"

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Beckjord on Sturrock & Von Eschleman

From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 98 01:23:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 09:06:58 -0400
Subject: Beckjord on Sturrock & Von Eschleman

Subject: High Strangeness with the SSE UFO Report
Sent: 7/7/98 9:57 PM
From: Curator, ufobfmuseum@value.net
To: ufobfmuseum@value.net

To the UFO INSIDERS:

I had a very weird experience - I called Dr. Von Eschleman, who wrote many of the sections of the SSE UFO Report (SUR) and invited him to consider other evidence not presented for a future follow up.

He was astounded to hear about Pat Parinello, the implants, and even more to find that I had seen the implants being removed from a hair's length away (as cameraman). He was disturbed to learn that the "dome" on the Vancouver Island UFO was actually the head of an alien pilot (Trupilot of a Trufo) even though Dr. Haines does not like to deal with it. (The VIUFO was in the SUR). I tried to get him turned on to go further, with a new report, but he started to get uncomfortable, mentioning other research to do, (he's retired) and when I told him of the hundreds, even thousands of witnesses and photographers, even abductees and implantees out there (I offered to have him call Pat) and mentioned my own sightings, he started to withdraw, crablike, and started debating the terminology in the words "UFO".

I gradually learned that he was not even convinced by his own report!

This guy wants a dead saucer placed in his own front yard. Ultimately, faced with new info, he just faded away, and hung up.....

High strangeness.....In Palo-Alto-land.....

Whew!

Erik Beckjord

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Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 00:03:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 08:50:25 -0400
Subject: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

>Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 13:05:54 -0700
>From: Don Ecker <decker@ufomag.com>
>To: Errol Bruce-Knapp <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: William Cooper Taking On Authorities

>Many of you that have been in the UFO field for along time will
>know who Milton Wm. "Bill" Cooper is. If this name is not
>familiar to you as far as UFOs are concerned, 10 years ago Cooper
>was all the "rage" on the UFO circuit. In 1990 I completed a
>several part expose on Cooper in the pages of UFO Magazine. I
>will upload them here in future messages..

>During the time frame of about 1988 until about 1991 and 1992
>Cooper was still making the airwaves and lectures claiming that
>the U.S. Government was in league with evil aliens to enslave
>humanity, then it changed to the One World Government, then to
>the One World Government (with no aliens) would fool the world
>with a fake alien invasion. All the while screaming that the JFK
>assassination was carried out by JFK's Secret Service driver
>Bill Greer. You see, Cooper claimed that he had been on a U.S.
>Navy Briefing team in the Pacific Area of Operations, and was
>privy to these facts from either being present when the above
>items were discussed, or from reading the information from
>documents Cooper claimed he covertly stole and photocopied.>.

>When Cooper burned all his bridges in the UFO areana, (if you
>ever disagreed with him or called him on his "facts" you were
>either called an agent of the secret government or perhaps
>assaulted by him physically or had your car tires slashed, or
>were subjected to a barrage of vile and abusive telephone calls.
>All of which are on various public records in a number of police
>departs.)>

>At anyrate, Cooper left UFOs and entered the wonderful world of
>armed civilian militia's. The following is the latest..

>Over the next several days I will upload the Cooper files and
>you can take a fun-filled trip into the last 10 years of UFOs!..

(The following written from memory without taking the time to
look up notes)

I investigated Cooper for a short (that was all I needed!) time
in early 1988 after he had posted stuff on the Internet and was
becoming known in UFO circles. I talked to him on the phone and
got his basic story of being in the Navy and (somehow) having
been selected to be on the briefing team for CINCPAC (Commander
In Chief of the Pacific Fleet). Yeah, right! was my response.

But let m back up. Cooper claimed a UFO sighting while on a
submarine (surfaced!) on a trip from Honolulu to San Francisco.
He gave the name of the submarine, but he could recall only one
person on it, a guy by the name of Ball, who was another on-deck
witness, as I recall. Strange that he couldn't recall the
commanding officer. Anyway, I looked up the submarine and, sure
enough, there it was, on a trip between Honolulu and San
Francisco at the time Cooper said. There was not a complete
list of the crew, but one of the officers was a guy named Ball!

So it checked out partly.

Anyway, some time (year?) after that trip was when Cooper was on this supposed briefing team for CINCPAC and one day was asked to brief the Chief on material found in a big report on UFOs. He prepared his briefing and copied the report which, of course, was Top Secret. He told his roommate or a friend (to whom I also talked; can't recall his name now). Cooper kept his copy at his house. Subsequently his house burned down and the report burned with it. Nevertheless, roughly 10 years later Cooper was able to publish on the Internet the exact wording of many sections of that report. I asked him how he was able to do this. He said that he had memorized the report before it had burned and that periodically he would write out the report word for word. By that means he had succeeded in remembering it perfectly.

Now a little history: in the spring of 1987 the MJ-12 documents were dumped on an unsuspecting public by Timothy Goode in England and then Bill Moore and Jaime Shandara in the United States. There was the Eisenhower Briefing Document and the Aquarius document and several others as I recall. These circulated around the UO community as people wondered whether or not they were real and various people (myself included) tried to check up on them.

Now back to Cooper.

He had posted on the Internet a collection of documents which were.... get this... identical, word for word with what Moore had been circulating. And then, to top it off, Cooper had the guts/stupidity to claim vociferously that Moore's documents were fake while his were real.

Yeah, I was stunned. Here I was reading Cooper's version of the document I just got off the Internet and it is word for word what Moore had circulated 8 months before, and I'm listening to Cooper swear that Moore's documents were fake!

Well, as you can imagine, I have merely watched Cooper's activities from afar, with some amusement and some dismay.

Oh, yes, I might point out the 'Behold A Pale Horse' (which should be titled 'Behind A Pale Horse' or some such) is Cooper's "Mein Kampf". And I'm in there, along with most other ufologists, as a nasty government agent out to screw Cooper and freedom loving people all over the world. Cooper's motto...

'If you aren't for me, you're against me, and if you don't agree 100% with everything I say, you aren't for me. And since ya don't 'gree witfrom what I c'n see, ya ain't fur me!'

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Re: Sturrock Report

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 00:02:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 08:37:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Report

>Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 13:33:05 +0100
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: John Rimmer <j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk>
>Subject: Sturrock Report

>I am puzzled and not a little irritated by the increasingly
>triumphalist attitudes of the ETH proponents to the muted and
>entirely reasonable conclusions of the Sturrock Panel. As far as
>I can see the only difference between their conclusions and the
>Condon Report is that, unlike Condon, Sturrock feels that
>science *would* be advanced by further study of the UFO
>phenomenon. So do I.

>Why Jerry, Bruce Maccabee and the others feel that this is any
>sort of endorsement of the ETH is baffling. They say they found
>NO EVIDENCE of any extraterrestrial involvement in the cases
>they found puzzling. You really cannot be much clearer than
>this. Perhaps the real achievement of Sturrock is to come up with
>a statement that both Jerry Clark, CSICOP and Magonia can agree
>with!

I don't recall saying or implying that the SSE panel result was an "endorsement" of the ETH. I have said that my initial response ranged from surprise/shock to anger to disappointment to learn from the complete report in JSE that we haven't learned anything since the Condon study. In particular, we haven't accumulated enough data or analysis to convince a panel of scientists that any UFO case is related to something unknown, to say nothing of being evidence of ETH. I found myself asking "could I have done better." After reading the report I concluded I probably couldn't have done better in the face of such skepticism. I was ready to write a very "depressed" letter to JSE. Then the media reaction set. The media picked up on the idea that a scientific panel said UFOs were worthy of study. This is a "nuance" that is indeed opposite to what Condon wrote. From that point of view, then, the SSE report is a "media coup" and it has forced CSICOP to come forward with its wet blanket approach.

But, anyway, in relation to Rimmer's message, it is obvious that the ETH profits by this only by virtue of the fact that the panel said..."hey, go ahead and study with our blessing." From that point of view the PSH also benefited from the panel.

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Re: Sturrock Panel/skeptics

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 00:03:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 08:53:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel/skeptics

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel/skeptics
>Date: Mon, 06 Jul 98 10:20:24 PDT

>The shape of the debunker response to the Sturrock panel is
>already becoming clear. Like the New York Post, a nearly
>hysterical editorial in the current issue of New Scientist links
>the SSE with all sorts of other heresies and condemns UFOs as
>evidence of mass ... well, fill in your nasty noun here.
>Basically, the thought police are determined that nobody, least
>of all a scientist, is going to get by with acknowledging the
>obvious: that the best UFO reports continue to resist explanation
>and maybe, just maybe, deserve scientific attention. Such is the
>heresy that menaces civilization.

Ad hominem attack..... without giving names in the article (so
people who read the paper version won't know) they refer to
members of SSE such as a "perptual motion machine" guy and to a
guy who moves things mentally.

(Web readers will find a link to Harold Puthoff's web site
and another link to the Robert Jahn at the Princeton Engineering
Anomalies Research (PEAR) site.).

If you can't attack the message attack the messenger(s).

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Re: Why Did The Ufologist Cross The Road?

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 21:19:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 17:33:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Did The Ufologist Cross The Road?

-Originally posted by Joel Carpenter on the Project 1947 list.
Impossible to resist reposting it here!-

Q: Why did the ufologist cross the road?

A: It's abundantly clear that you didn't read my previous post.
If you had, you would have read the following:

> I wasn't implying that you had crossed the road, or that you
were advocating that anyone else should cross the road. I was
simply asking why some people are so anxious to encourage the
crossing of the road in the first place.

Please do not attribute false motives to me. And it wasn't a
road anyway.

I must question why this whole topic of road-crossing generates
such heated emotions. Could it perhaps be because it threatens
certain of your deeply-felt beliefs concerning your actual
location? Are you perhaps worried that if someone else crossed
the road first that your position would be more exposed?

And what about this statement?

>> I even question the sincerity of those who believe that the
road is crossable.

Don't be so jejune. If you were half as familiar with the
literature of road-crossing as you claim to be, you wouldn't
make statements like that. Many researchers who have been in
this field for decades have compiled abundant evidence that the
road has been crossed over and over again. Or are you possibly
ready to turn the whole affair over to the skeptics who say that
there is no road to cross? Like Bob Todd, perhaps?

b-aaaaaakk-baak-baak. cluck.

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New Book - 'Managing Martians'

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 10:04:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 17:36:40 -0400
Subject: New Book - 'Managing Martians'

CNN Morning News, Wednesday, July 8, 1998

Author Donna Shirley has written a book called 'Managing Martians' with respect to the JPL Mars Exploration Program, Sojourner, Pathfinder, etc.....

She stated on CNN this morning that by late 1999 there will be 4 Missions to Mars, including Japan.

In 2005 a mission will have sophisticated equipment that will selectively pick samples to bring back to Earth. Unfortunately we won't have samples back until 2008, three years after they're picked up for delivery to Earth.

She also stated the book is also written for young women to encourage them to get involved in the study of Space.

Sue

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: "Greg Sandow" <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 21:48:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 17:34:36 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> From: RobIrving@aol.com
> Date: Sun, 5 Jul 1998 16:04:00 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> I would be alarmed if no-one were looking at whatever evidence
> exists with an eye to ET as a possible cause. In that sense, I
> see the ETH as viable, just as I see the PSH as viable. My
> recoil from the ETH stems from over-exposure to those who pay
> lip-service to the word 'hypothesis' while spouting off in terms
> that proof, or *hard* evidence is an accepted given, or even
> invoking Occam's Razor in a vain 'scientific' attempt to justify
> it.

Earlier, in the midst of another exchange, Rob made the same charge about the use of Occam's Razor, but with my name attached. I ignored it. What, I asked myself, is the point of arguing with anyone who doesn't even know what you've said?

But now that he's made the same damn point again, let me briefly reply. After all, I was the one who wrote the original Occam's post. I never said that Occam's Razor could be used to justify the ETH. That would have been ridiculous. My post was about skeptics using it to justify their beliefs, which some of them do, and which in my view is equally ridiculous.

I'd be curious to know if there's even one other person here -- preferably someone who hasn't taken part in this debate -- who thinks I said what Rob thinks I said. And if there is, would he or she support that belief with a quote from something I wrote?

Greg Sandow

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Alfred's Odd Ode #254

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 09:18:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 17:39:15 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #254

Apology to MW #254 (For July 8, 1998)

The conundrum that we face is like a boil, or a pustule, and the cause of it's neglect we should decry. Those that push away the truth to prove their profit motive we should vilify -- respectfully, despise.

The pustule skin is very near to breaking -- don't you think? The skin of it is hot and tight and dry. Any little touch could have it blow up in our face, but I'd like to clean it out -- at least, I'd think that we should try. . .

I stood alone with many, there were twenty five or so -- on a Sunday evening flying model planes. Some were gas, but few were flying, and were muffled when they were, it was rubber models folks would fly, for time.

Pastoral was the evening -- no alcohol or drugs, a simple breeze was blowing; and was silent as a slug. The ladies fixed the finger food while the old men flew their dreams; the sky a blue and crystal clear so sharp it leaps and gleams.

I see it 'cause I'm looking, but I do not jump or shout -- I nudge my nephew Mason, "Hey there, Mace . . . what's that about"? He looks, his mouth falls open, and he nudges at his Mom, who gets right up, and takes a step, to see it closer, Tom <g>.

It's flying slow, too slow my guess, to be a jet or plane. It floats along, majestically, bewitching watching brains. Like a BB held at arms length, but make it flat -- bright white. It coasted by cigar like, and then drifted out of sight!

There was general amazement. There was "what the hell was that"? No one mentioned UFOs, and I was silent as a cat. Someone filled in -- "Aircraft"! Other's offered "Blimp." I soto-voiced to Mason, "That's facetious, scared, and limp."

The **thing** flew by again, my friend, for the second time of FIVE, and fewer people watched it -- it is that I now confide. The third time fewer still looked up to wonder what it was; the forth was even less than that -- the fifth, just me, because <g>.

Call them up and ask opinions of the ones that would not look. I doubt that they'd remember, for their peace of mind it took. It reminded them that models are contrived to paint our sky with **things** WE built to fly up there -- not the ET's I surmise. The craft that flew that fateful day they did not glue together. They didn't sand the fuselage, or build it, strong as leather. They did not spin the prop they'd bought with what they could control; they could not point out proudly their invention they'd extol.

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June 28, 18:00 on a sanctioned model airplane flying field outside of Anderson, California. A collection of professional people, and a few scientists <g>, put wonder behind them, and fixed their attentions on their own comforting, and familiar

contrivances. They had forgotten that the simple model planes they held in their trembling hands would be perceived as a similar magic not all that far into their own recent past.

Maybe Tommy Lee Jones was dead on right. In conversation to Will Smith, an aside to one another in MIB, he said, "They don't want to know." Even if "K" crapped out to traditional sensibility. Zed and Jay didn't mind knowing -- WANTED to know! I want to know. I know of others who say they want to know . . . finally, YOU will want to know.

Restore John Ford!

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Explore the Alien View? <Updated 6 July>

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Rantings from the Edge - Bill Cooper

From: Don Ecker <decker@ufomag.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 19:23:38 -0400
Subject: Rantings from the Edge - Bill Cooper

This little Op Ed piece was written by me one evening after reading a piece from the Omega New Age Directory.

MICHAEL and AURORA El-Legion wrote columns for the Omega New Age Directory. The timeframe is about March, 1991. The El-Legions were a couple of New Age flim flam artists out of Sedona, Az. This was about the height of the Bill Cooper hysteria.

Anyhow....I put on my sardonic face, with tongue planted firmly in cheek...and let go.....

Don Ecker
UFO Magazine
www.ufomagazine.com

From 1991

Rantings From the Edge;

Don Ecker

I am a child of the '60s. I remember very well the day Jack Kennedy was shot, saw both Bob Kennedy and Martin Luther King in Arlington Cemetery in 1965. I can remember seeing the Beatles on Ed Sullivan when they first came to the states in 1964. I liked the 'Doors', Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, and even Harry Chapin. I survived the dawning of the 'Age of Aquarius', went to Viet Nam, came home and waited for the Nam to wear off.

I never experimented with psychedelics--I never dropped acid, and if I felt the need to take a trip, I found a willing girl of like mind, ingested a quart of tequila, and tripped. After Nam I doubted the reality of God, then I heard about Watergate and doubted the reality of my government. When the channeling craze started, I looked at it and figured that it was just a re-hash of the spiritualism from the last century, and decided that if someone wanted me to channel, I would buy cable, it was probably cheaper. I do not eat curds, bark at the moon or listen to much that comes from Sedona, Arizona. However

In the UFO field, some trash, similar to something - oh, say like herpes--ends up being the gift that keeps on giving. Several issues of UFO ago, I started the 'Whistleblower' series, and examined Milton "Bill" Cooper. Unlike many folks who Cooper has dazzled, I and a few other old timers from ParaNet 'knew' Cooper since he first hit the 'airwaves' here on ParaNet back in 1988. Cooper's story kept changing like the weather in Denver, and after a not too-long period of time, the old Administrator, Jim Speiser, had enough of Milty and gave him the boot.

Cooper's brand of paranoia encompasses the 'dark side' of ufology, claiming to have seen documents way back when. . . . ol' Milt was in Navy Intelligence. Seems like, according to Milty, the little grey critters, (or was it green?) were responsible for everything from drugs in the USA, to high oil prices, the murder of a president, Bill Moore, the CIA, and I guess by extension, maybe even me and UFO Magazine. You see, even though Cooper had not one

shred of any type of evidence whatsoever for anything he raved about, you either had to take him at his word, or like me, were an agent of the imperial government, the CIA, or were just flat-out a Communist!!

Now, on to New Age. If there was ever a contradiction in ideas, Cooper's brand of UFOlogy had meant the New Age * * * and they loved him in Sedona. Now I always figured that the New Agers were into peace, love, light, brussel sprouts, chanting things like "Free Huey", singing old Dylan songs, and listening to what Baba Ram had to say. Space Brothers were here to save us from us, and crystals are good. Well

A couple of Sedona gurus named Michael and Aurora El-Legion, who are into the Ashtray Command, Semi and Full-ase (from the Pleiades) Crystal Power Demonstrations, New Age Diets, and Intergalactic Tours, (all out of Sedona, by the way) discovered Cooper and really got p.o.ed by the two-part Cooper expose. As it happens, they also do a column for the Omega New Age Directory. The content of their column for February was inflammatory, to say the least. The editor of this paper called UFO and interviewed editor Vicki Cooper for their 2/91 issue. that follows this little ranting. What is really interesting, however, is how they arrive at the conclusion that UFO Mag is a CIA front, (according to the El- Legions "they have their reasons," but none are offered) and that Milt Cooper is honest, upright, red-blooded and all-American. They are also shocked that James Bo Gritz, the former Green Beret Lt. Col. sent a letter to UFO complaining about Milt Cooper, and assume he must have been pressured by the CIA to make these unfounded accusations. At any rate.

Maybe they should stick to 'Telepathic Channeled messages for the audience', or 'Channeled Readings for the Star People'--all paid-for advertising blurbs, by the way, for the El-Legions out of the Omega New Age Directory--and leave the UFO investigations to other people more qualified.

For your reading enjoyment....

El-Legions take sides in UFO ROW

In their column UFO Updatethis month, Michael and Aurora El-Legion bring up the controversy that exists between UFO researcher William Cooper and UFO Magazine.

Cooper has brought tonational attention a number of formerly Top Secret documents that indicate that the government is involved in some sort of cover-up concerning UFOs and Aliens.

UFO Magazine is a nationally recognized UFO publication that has always been seen by other publishers as moderate and objective in its reporting.

Recently, Cooper has taken objection to some of the reports appearing in the magazine concerning him. He has made statements accusing it of being a tool of the CIA.

In their column the El-Legions have expressed Cooper's views about UFO Magazine, that it was "set up by the CIA to keep tabs on what is going on in the UFO movement and to create confusion through misinformation"

Vickie Cooper (no relation) editor of UFO Magazine, was contacted by the Omega New Age Directory. She agrees that disinformation is a tactic used by intelligence agencies to discredit the UFO movement, but says that is William Cooper who is causing the harm.

"Anyonewho pays close attention to the information issuing from individuals such as WilliamCooper." says Vickie Cooper, "will see clearly that he is doing what he accuses UFO Magazine of doing, which is to mix pertinent information with complete, unabashed lies.

"What that does is effectively dilute not only the information people should be paying attention to, but effectively discounts all of UFOlogy and the UFO subject in the eyes of the general public. This is an effective tactic of disinformation that has

been used by a number of paid experts in the intelligence and counter-intel- ligence Community according to many fine journalists who have tried to expose the secret government."

In their column, the El-Legions also address a letter written to UFO Magazine by Bo Gritz.Criticizing William Cooper. They find it surprising and wonder if Gritz was pressured into writing it.

Vickie Cooper agrees with Gritz's criticism when he said of William Cooper, "He's hurting the credibility' and honestly of sincere researchers at a time when we are facing a true peril from within."

Further, says Ms. Cooper, "If Michael and Aurora El-Legion and others who claim to do good work in theUFO field cannot see and act on the truth of that, they are only adding to the problem."

I wouldn't expect Vickie Cooper to say anything else," commented Aurora El-Legion. "Of course, she supports the position of her magazine."'

The El-Legions steadfastly maintain that, despite reports and rumors undermining either side in this issue, they remain among the many who supportWilliam Cooper, "I think Cooper is honest and for real, a man of high integrity," says Aurora El-Legion. "If I ever see anything that proves otherwise, I will change my opinion."

The El-Legions feel that Ms. Cooper is not competent to speak on the subject ofUFOs because she had no background in UFO research before she began publishing UFO Magazine.

Supporters of UFO Magazine claim that because she had no background in research, she was not committed to one position or another, and is thus a very impartial publisher.

-The End-

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'True Abduction' - Abduction Experience Told

From: Ben Field <ben@abcfield.force9.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 00:27:15 -0400
Subject: 'True Abduction' - Abduction Experience Told

True Abductions
<http://www.abcfield.force9.co.uk/abduction/index.html>

I was contacted by an abductee and I found her story so fascinating that I asked if she would write BUFOD an exclusive report on her experience, she obliged and wrote a 9 page report telling her story.

This is the first time she has ever spoke out and I thank her for letting BUFOD report her story.

All the best

Ben Field
BUFOD

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Re: Beckjord on Sturrock & Von Eschleman

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 13:23:51 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 00:29:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Beckjord on Sturrock & Von Eschleman

> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: High Strangeness: Indeed!
> Date: Wed, 8 Jul 98 01:23:50 -0500
> From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>

<big snip>

> This guy wants a dead saucer placed in his own front yard.
> Ultimately, faced with new info, he just faded away, and hung
> up.....

<snip>

> Erik Beckjord

<snip>

Hi Pat, Erik and UFO UpDates list members,

Unfortunately, even a saucer on the ground beside one's house which stays around for a couple of days will not convince some scientists to the reality of the UFO phenomena. This was in fact the case with a fellow climatologist I met while working for the Federal Government (he was also a part-time professor at York University where I now work). This scientist and his wife even examined this object from very close range and although his wife was thrilled at having a UFO land on their property, the scientist insisted she was mistaken since "there is no such thing as UFOs". He never figured out what it was and although he examined this strange object over two days, he still does not believe in UFOs. It is futile to try and convince some people, including scientists, when they strongly believe otherwise.

Peter Sturrock will finally be making a report available on his findings with the 1957 Ubatuba, Brazil UFO explosion fragment later this summer. Peter did mention to me (before the latest UFO study was released) that the Magnesium present in his sample does have different isotope ratios, something all scientists accept would be the case if it originated from another solar system. Of course there can be other possible explanations but I am interested in seeing how the Mg isotope ratios for Peter's sample compare to the Mg isotope ratios for other very different alleged UFO samples (locations and dates) which are currently being tested here.

One cannot rush research studies, especially when there is so many observations and much information to consider. It is up to us, ufologists and UFO enthusiasts, to make sure that all important UFO observations and facts are made available to the researchers, even if they do seem shocked and are overwhelmed by the large quantity and high quality of the data that already exists. We in the UFO field continue to be amazed almost daily, so it should be no surprise when scientists are astounded too.

Nick Balaskas

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UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

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Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 01:03:39 -0400
Subject: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

>From the Vancouver Sun.

Stig

Last updated: Wednesday 8 July 1998

NATIONAL NEWS

UFO enthusiasts set to converge on Alberta town

ST. PAUL, Alta. (CP) - The truth is out there and John Trefanenکو hopes UFO buffs, crop circle theorists and cattle mutilation investigators look for it in St. Paul.

Trefanenکو, mayor of the northern Alberta town of 5,000, believes a conference this weekend dedicated to aliens will draw plenty of earthly visitors.

"We feel this annual conference, besides having a bit of a tourist-economic spinoff . . . will probably give us some answers as well," said Trefanenکو.

Stanton Friedman - a nuclear physicist who investigated the purported crash of a spaceship near Roswell, N.M., in 1947 - is the keynote speaker for the two-day conference starting Friday.

"I don't expect any UFO to show up for my lectures," Friedman said at a Wednesday news conference in Edmonton. "It would be great - that would be real news."

Friedman expects the conference will draw the curious rather than the kooky.

"I guess the kooks have their conferences, too, but I have been to a lot of conferences in the last several years, partly because of Roswell, and what it is mostly is the healthy agnostics," said Friedman, an American who now lives in Fredericton.

"I'm not trying to reach the UFO buffs; that's preaching to the converted. I want to reach the world, the general public.

"You're never going to get 100 per cent of the people to agree with you. Five per cent of the American public doesn't believe we've been to the moon."

Other conference highlights include a controversial film of an alleged alien autopsy, a psychologist's session with an alien abduction victim and a local cattle mutilation investigator who is bringing his slide show.

"I'm quite positive it is not the coyotes and the wolves doing this," said Fern Belzil, who sells purebred cattle in St. Paul and has investigated three recent deaths in the area. "Some people think it is predators, others think it is satanic cults, but there are a few

ranchers convinced it is aliens doing this."

St. Paul, about 200 kilometres northeast of Edmonton, already has an affection for extraterrestrials. The town built a circular UFO landing pad as a centennial project in 1967 and made headlines in 1995 by starting a toll-free hotline (1-888-SEE-UFOS) to record sightings of alien craft.

"It was started as a publicity stunt, we make no bones by that," conference organizer Paul Pelletier said of the hotline, which is bankrolled by an anonymous patron in Las Vegas.

"At the same time, we almost immediately started getting a tremendous amount of calls, serious UFO reports, which kind of took us off-guard a little.

"We quickly adapted and realized very early in the game that we were providing a very necessary service. It was a safe place for people to call without fear of ridicule."

About 500 earthlings are expected this weekend. The town, Pelletier says, is ready to greet them - and believe them.

"The general public in St. Paul, as a whole, is very supportive of the UFO conference and really feel that this is something St. Paul was destined to do."

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Tunisia and UFOs

From: Sean Jones <Tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 20:31:25 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 00:55:13 -0400
Subject: Tunisia and UFOs

Hi Errol, Hi All

Well for those that are interested, (few that they may be :-)) I had a wonderful time in lovely Tunisia. But this post is not to brag about my good fortune (bout bloody time I can tell ya :-)) But I recall Tunisia being one of the countries mentioned a little while ago in another post about western influence corrupting UFO reports.

At our hotel we had an entertainment chappie who spoke and understood English very well, so when I had the chance I nailed him down for a quick chat.

I asked him if Tunisian's see things in the skies that arn't planes or the moon and etc. He replied "what you mean like lights bigger than the size of planets but thy move to fast to be even a comet?" Yeah that sort of thing, I responded. "Yeah we see loads of them".

It transpires that this particular chap, name of Ashref (could'nt pronounce his last name) was doing his national service (something all the twenty year old Tunisian men do for a year) when there was a lot of sightings of lights and similer sort of things around a new military installation that he was stationed at.

His base commander had him call up a place in Tunis (the capital) to ask about comets and sundry, the answer was that there was no comets about but one of the planets might be visible, he could'nt remember which one. Well there was no way these lights was planet because they was moving. Nothing was ever done about it as far as he was aware, apparently his base commander was of the opinion if they dont bother us we wont bother them.

Ashref was not in any way a UFO buff, he did'nt even know the term UFO! I asked him more questions about was there any kind of secrecy about these lights and etc and he replied that he don't see how there could be as all Tunisians like to talk, (because they don't have much else to do probably? Nearly every evening I saw many a Tunsian just sitting in a coffee shop just chatting)

Ashref was sure that the Berbers (sp?) a nomadic tribal people counted things as these lights as signs or portents but could'nt say just how often they was seen in the desert.

Also Ashref did not know of any people seeing craft landed, he did mention that a lot of things could go unseen because Tunisia is a fairly empty desert scrubland and if any such thing was seen it would almost certainly be ascribed to a "foreign power invadeing our country". (The middle east is still not a "quiet" area)

I thanked Ashref for his time and I did'nt ask him any more questions because 1, he was a busy man and 2 because he really was'nt all that interested. Besides which I was on holiday :-)

btw I took Stan's Top Secret/Majic with me.

In an infinite universe inifinitely anything is posible.

Sean Jones

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UFO*BC - Yukon Sightings

From: **Bill Oliver** <boliver@direct.ca>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 20:45:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 08:52:27 -0400
Subject: UFO*BC - Yukon Sightings

Come and have a look at UFO reports from the land of the midnight sun! Latest Yukon Reports at:

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UFO TV Show - Thursday, July 9

From: David Pengilly - UFO*BC <pengilly@axionet.com>

Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 17:34:37 -0700 (PDT)

Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 08:48:20 -0400

Subject: UFO TV Show - Thursday, July 9

A&E is airing an episode of "Unexplained" on Thursday, July 9.
Locally (PDT) the show is on at 6 PM and 10 PM.

The episode is called "Saucer Seekers" and includes segments on:

- The Cash/Landrum UFO Incident
- The Phoenix Lights
- Area 51
- Robert and Cecilia Dean

Enjoy!

Dave Pengilly,
UFO*BC

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Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 12:50:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 09:03:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

> Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 00:03:50 -0400
> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: William Cooper Taking On Authorities
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

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My own experience with Cooper is very brief. I saw him give a talk in Los Angeles in 1988 or 1989. When he said the aliens were responsible for gun control, the crowd burst into cheers, and I had the distinct feeling that I'd come to the wrong place.

What was most ludicrous, however, was his notion of history. He said that the aliens had caused the US to intervene on the side of the communists during the Russian revolution. This is problematic on two counts. First, the US did send a small number of troops to Russia during the revolution, but sent them to help the anti-communists.

Second, and much funnier, Cooper also said in the same talk that the aliens came to earth in 1947, some thirty years after the Russian revolution. Though of course maybe they had time machines, and he forgot to tell us that!

Greg Sandow

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Re: Space Dust May Be Another Solar System Similar

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 02:13:21 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 08:45:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Space Dust May Be Another Solar System Similar

AP via USA TODAY. URL:

<http://www.usatoday.com/life/science/space/lss238.htm>

Stig

07/08/98- Updated 03:26 PM ET

The Nation's Homepage

Space dust may be another solar system

LOS ANGELES - A ring of dust particles circling a nearby star looks remarkably like the belt of comets outside Pluto and Neptune, and researchers think it could mean there are other solar systems similar to ours.

Although there's no direct evidence yet of any planets in the system, astronomers using a telescope in Hawaii found a bright spot in the dusty ring around Epsilon Eridani, among the 10 closest stars to Earth.

The spot could be dust sucked into the gravitational field of a young planet, said lead researcher Jane Greaves, project scientist for the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope operated by Great Britain's Joint Astronomy Centre in Hilo, Hawaii.

Another reason the dusty ring is so intriguing is that it's located at approximately the same distance from the star as the Kuiper Belt is from our sun. The Kuiper Belt contains about 70,000 large comets and millions of smaller ones.

Because there are so many parallels between the star system and our solar system, the findings may be opening a window on the early history of our sun and planets.

"It's almost like having a time machine and seeing the solar system form," Greaves said.

Benjamin Zuckerman, a University of California, Los Angeles, professor of physics and astronomy, described the image as "a snapshot of what our solar system might have looked like 4 billion years ago."

Zuckerman, another member of the research team, said astronomers have found other systems that have planets, "but they don't look like our solar system."

Greaves is scheduled to present the results Wednesday at the Protostar and Planets conference in Santa Barbara, Calif. She submitted them last week for publication in *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

The system appears to be about where our 4.5 billion-year-old solar system was 600 million years into its existence, when it was heavily bombarded by comets and other debris, but life hadn't yet gained a foothold.

At an estimated age of 500 million to 1 billion years, the system around Epsilon Eridani is probably too young for even primitive life to have developed, the researchers and outside experts agreed.

"But given a few billion years, who knows what could evolve?" said Martin J. Duncan, an astrophysicist at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, who was not involved in the research.

He said the results also suggest "the possibility that planetary systems might be quite common in the galaxy."

In April, the same research team reported similar dusty disks around three very hot stars - Fomalhaut, Vega and Beta Pictoris - indicating planets were forming around them. As planets form, they suck up nearby dust and gas like vacuum cleaners and can partially clean out some regions, leaving behind celestial doughnut holes.

Epsilon Eridani, which is a relatively close star at a distance of 10 light years (each light-year is 5.9 trillion miles) is much more sunlike than the three stars thought to be the centers of other planetary systems. Nearly as large as the sun, it can be spotted with the naked eye in the constellation Eridanus.

By The Associated Press

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Re: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 03:03:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 09:37:52 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

>From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 02:38:02 +0200
>Subject: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

>>From the Vancouver Sun.

>Stig

>*****

>Last updated: Wednesday 8 July 1998

>NATIONAL NEWS

>UFO enthusiasts set to converge on Alberta town

<snip>

>The town built a circular UFO landing
>pad as a centennial project in 1967 and made headlines in 1995 by
>starting a toll-free hotline (1-888-SEE-UFOS) to record sightings of
>alien craft.

>"It was started as a publicity stunt, we make no bones by that,"
>conference organizer Paul Pelletier said of the hotline, which is
>bankrolled by an anonymous patron in Las Vegas.

BIGELOW! Damn, that guy has a long reach! Money talks, BS walks!
My only problem with it is that anything that Bigelow gathers in
terms of information is never recirculated back to the public.
Lord only knows how much valuable data and information has
gone down that 'black hole' never to be seen again.

Peace,

John Velez

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Re: Sturrock Report

From: John Rimmer <j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk>
Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 11:16:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 09:31:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Report

As Jerry comments, yes I am temporarily off-line and I am having to keep up with UpDates via the 'Hundred Last Messages' service on a borrowed computer, so my responses are not as fast or frequent as I (if no one else) would like!

I'm sorry if I thought that Jerry et. al. welcomed the Sturrock Report as an 'endorsement' of the ETH. However its findings were welcomed with whoops of joy by Jerry and the ETHers and with the clear implication that it was bad news for the PSH gang - "taken it in the chops" in Mr Clark's elegant phrase.

It now seems, at least on UpDates, that everyone is agreed that Sturrock does *not* promote the ETH, does *not* discredit the PSH and quite rightly concludes that science, in the widest sense, may be advanced by serious study of puzzling UFO reports. We all appear to be in total agreement about this, so everyone have a nice day!

BTW, I checked out the "hysterical" editorial about Sturrock in New Scientist. Two paras tucked away at the end of the page. I thought it was snide but basically accurate, and certainly not hysterical.

Also BTW, still no response to Harney's attack on Klass's dismissal of the Travis Walton abduction. Come on you guys, give the chap a hand!

John Rimmer
Magonia Online
"The flagship of Psycho-Social ufology" - Jerome Clark

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Re: Why Did The Ufologist Cross The Road?

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 22:26:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 08:51:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Did The Ufologist Cross The Road?

>I wasn't implying that you had crossed the road, or that you
>were advocating that anyone else should cross the road. I was
>simply asking why some people are so anxious to encourage the
>crossing of the road in the first place.

>Don't be so jejune. If you were half as familiar with the
>literature of road-crossing as you claim to be, you wouldn't
>make statements like that. Many researchers who have been in
>this field for decades have compiled abundant evidence that the
>road has been crossed over and over again.

Enough UFO road crossing... Who's up for some ufological
cross-dressing?

-Scott C. Carr
Editor, The Flying Saucer Gazette
<http://www.erols.com/sardonica>

Producer, "UFO Desk"
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'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

From: frances emma barwood <fbarwood@primenet.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 21:57:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 09:13:11 -0400
Subject: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

This Thursday on A&E channel there will be a show called "The Unexplained". It is supposed to be about the Phoenix Lights and the producer called me this evening to let me know so that I would watch it. He said that I am in it. Hope it is good.

Let me know what you thought of it after you watch.

Thanks, Frances

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P1947 - Jan Aldrich's Roswell Trip

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 00:50:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 10:40:06 -0400
Subject: P1947 - Jan Aldrich's Roswell Trip

Greetings List,

Just returned from a trip to New Mexico to check out George Fawcett's donation to the International Roswell UFO Museum. It was pleasant to meet with Wendy Connors and Loren Gross.

It was interesting to see some of the things in George's collection which threw some light on other things that we had from other sources. George's collection is a hodge podge of all types on ufo related material. George was never too critical in what he accepted, but he was an enthusiastic collector of anything related to UFOs.

There are hundreds of leads to interesting material. Greenwood and I are already working on some of these items. There are also a large amount of "mystery" newspaper clippings (ie clippings with not identification).

Old hands from the New England UFO Study Group will be happy to know that not all the material and sighting investigations were destroyed by Steve Putnam's wife. Besides the material that Joe Nyman, Barry Greenwood, and Ed Fogg had retained, George had significant material from the group in his files--in some cases duplicates of material that Putnam had.

I did not finish with George's material. Also, I was unable to get to Fort Bliss and El Paso to do some research there. Likewise I was unable to check with the New Mexico Newspaper Project to see what new material had been added to the conservation efforts.

Most of the material now on hand at the Roswell Museum comes from George Fawcett. Two other people donated collections to George years ago and their material is intergrated into his collection.

Robert Sabo's collection consisted mainly of books, journals, magazine articles and pamphlets. There were few cases files or other similar material. Most of what does exist involves the Brooksville, Florida CE3 incident.

George has retained about 400-600 cases from the Carolinas and Florida for a book he is writing. He also retains certain of the better case files.

BEst regards,

Jan

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Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

From: **Andy Denne** <aura@telekabel2.nl>
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 1997 16:26:02 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 12:58:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

> From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story
> Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 12:50:32 -0400

> > Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 00:03:50 -0400
> > From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> > Subject: UFO UpDate: William Cooper Taking On Authorities
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

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> Jewish document detailing plans for various atrocities.

That's what I thought! And I wonder how one can read Cooper
without noticing the right-winged, (sometimes downright fascistic)
ideology he's so full off.

I must say that as an european, I'm quiet surprised of
Dr. Maccabee's reaction...didn't he speak about "left pinkies"
in one of his recent postings?

What's going on here???

Andy Denne
(A.U.R.A.)
The Netherlands

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Re: Correction and Apology From Jerry Black

From: Beverly B. Pilcher <Lanasidhe@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 11:02:05 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 13:09:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Correction and Apology From Jerry Black

>Date: Sun, 05 Jul 1998 18:30:10 -0500
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Glenn Joyner <infohead@airmail.net>
>Subject: Correction and Apology From Jerry Black

Well, I was there at Gulf Breeze when the video was taken and Mr Black also has some of his "facts" wrong.

The young couple who took the video were merely in a parking lot away from the hotel in which the GB conference was being held at the time.

Not 40 miles away as stated in the letter.

The actual conference was held in a hotel right across the bridge from Gulf Breeze on the beach rather than in the city proper.

And just another note of interest. Perhaps Ed Walters picture taken over the road with the craft reflecting off of the road is fake.

Then what is to account for the dozens of pictures taken of the same craft by many other people other than Ed Walters in the same area? Many of whom I have personally spoken to.

Come to Gulf Breeze if you want to call yourself a researcher.

I have been a researcher for over 35 years, and would welcome the chance to speak with you.

If all of this was a hoax, then I am sure the people who sit there on the beach every night and have for over ten years, would like to be told this so they can go home to their families at night.

Sincerely.

Beverly B. Pilcher
168 Morgan Ave
Mobile, Ala 36606

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Curious Sighting

From: **Marty Garza** <laquinta@rgv.net>
Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 11:47:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 13:11:03 -0400
Subject: Curious Sighting

Date: July 8, 1998

Time: 9:09 P.M.

Duration: 1 1/2 - 2 min.

Location: McAllen, TX

No. Witnesses: 2

No. Objects: 2

Object
Description: Star/Satellite like

Sighting Description:

Although not a terribly exciting event, there were aspects which set this apart from the mundane.

While outside our home in south Texas I observed what at first appeared to be 2 satellites traveling parallel to each other in an east-south-east direction. The objects were approximately 45 degrees off the southern horizon and separated by about 2-3 degrees. They exhibited a luminance similar to that of a satellite and assuming them to be just that, I pointed them out to my wife. About this time I noticed that the object highest off the horizon appeared to start pulling away from the other and arc to the south until it was directly ahead of the other. I thought to myself these must be two satellites on slightly different orbits which just happened to cross paths at that point. However once ahead of the other the objects maintained their relative positions for approximately 1 minute until they were lost passing just to the right of the full moon which was approximately 35-40 degrees off the east-south-east horizon.

These were clearly not (conventional) aircraft. But, if viewed as a single object would certainly have been attributed to a satellite. It is only their interaction which makes this a curious sighting.

I considered possible optical illusion which could account for such perception but this would not appear to be the case. Is there anything else in orbit at this time (Mir, Shuttle, Etc.) which might account for this observation?

Marty G.

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Re: Mexico City Fake

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 10:19:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 13:33:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexico City Fake

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: "Serge Salvaille" <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mexico City Fake
>Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 11:30:13 -0400

>Isn't Bob Kiviat the guy from FOX that Friedman and Randle
>wouldn't touch with a ten foot pole? I hope you have a very long
>spoon when you go lunching with the guy.

Kiviat worked for Unsolved Mysteries some years ago and then set
up his own company in 1995 and produced the Alien Autopsy TV
show. He did the "Best Video Evidence" last summer and is coming
out with another which will "surprise" all the believers, I am
told. (I have not seen his latest effort.)

>>I will not state, as does Sainio, that I am, 100 % confident that
>>the Mexcity video of Aug 6 is a fake, but as I have said before,
>>it has serious problems that might only be explained, if at all,
>>by having access to the cameraman and the original camera.

>This looks like the Santilli syndrome: for debunkers, no
>evidence can ever be acceptable when it proves the reality of
>UFOs, but, for some ufologists, no evidence can ever be
>discarded even when its trash. Looks like the birth of another
>urban legend.

Yes, sad but true. The proper response is that of Stanton
Friedman: have a large "grey basket" in which you store
sightings or information for which there is..... (to borrow a
phrase from Special Report #14)... "Insufficient Evidence" to
conclude one way or another.

>For two months (geez!) highly significant evidence has been
>withheld to the interested people (e.g. the ones who have the
>right to know) because credible ufologists were making business

Don't know what you mean by "making business". This analysis
is not associated with any money for me or Sainio. All the \$\$
eventually went through the Elders to Maussan, so far as I can
tell.

>with someone who applies to the Stacy Form. And since this is
>not enough, we will still be talking of the Mexico Fake as
>possible evidence in 10 years.

>The Stacy Form: please fill in the blanks

>If he/she believes _____ claims, then God help us all.
>Begging _____'s pardon, but there hasn't been a bigger liar
>in the field since the days of _____.

>Let's cut the crap. _____ is a goddam liar, pure and
>simple. (And so is his co-confabulator, _____.)

>You can send him my e-mail address, and you can send his attorney
>my e-mail address.

>I repeat: _____ is a goddam liar.

>And anyone who believes him for more than a minute is a goddam
>fool.

>Have I made myself clear?

>_____ is a goddam liar. _____ is merely a man after a
>buck.

>Any questions?

>. Signed: _____

>PS: _____ is a goddam liar.

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HA HA HA. This form certainly has a familiar sort of "ring" to
it.

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Re: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

From: **Geoff G. Dittman** <umdittm0@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 13:16:24 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 21:27:54 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

>Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 03:03:43 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

<snip>

> >"It was started as a publicity stunt, we make no bones by that,"
> >conference organizer Paul Pelletier said of the hotline, which is
> >bankrolled by an anonymous patron in Las Vegas.

> BIGELOW! Damn, that guy has a long reach! Money talks, BS walks!
> My only problem with it is that anything that Bigelow gathers in
> terms of information is never recirculated back to the public.

<snip>

While he does like to hoard info, the reports called in to the hotline however are made available to the public. The annual Cdn. UFO Survey includes several dozen a year that were received from St. Paul.

Geoff Dittman
Cdn UFO Survey <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Rampart/2653>

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Re: Sturrock Report

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 15:31:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 21:35:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Report

>Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 11:16:13 +0100
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: John Rimmer <j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk>
>Subject: Sturrock Report

> Also BTW, still no response to Harney's attack on Klass's
> dismissal of the
> Travis Walton abduction. Come on you guys, give the chap a hand!

John,

You seem to think that this is about taking sides. "Our" side, you seem to think, should be glad that someone on "your" side acknowledges one of "our" points.

But that's not the issue. I hope my praise of Peter Brooksmith's Occam's Razor post some time ago shows how eagerly I welcome serious thinking by those I disagree with.

Harney's piece, however, wasn't serious, because he hadn't done his research. That was the problem with it. That's why Jerry Clark and others objected so much.

Harney clearly had little idea of who Jerry is or what he's written. He uncritically accepted Phil Klass's very old analysis of the RB-47 case, which is, very simply, bad journalism. Klass's analysis appears in a book published in 1974, for God's sake. Before Harney publishes anything that accepts Klass as gospel, it's his responsibility to ask if any new information or analysis has surfaced in the past 24 years. I could get fired from some of my professional journalistic jobs for not doing something like that.

So when Harney says Phil's debunking of the Walton case is mistaken, I'm not impressed. What's his source for that? Maybe he has no more idea of what he's talking about here than he does when he goes on about Jerry or about the RB-47 case.

Let me repeat. I'm not keeping track of which side scores more points, and I'm not impressed with ignorant or unintelligent writing, no matter whose side it takes.

Greg Sandow

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The Case For Humanoids

From: Mark Pilkington <m.pilkington@virgin.net>
Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 22:59:19 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 21:44:33 -0400
Subject: The Case For Humanoids

The P.L.A. Driftwood International Conspiracy Cartel's computer is temporarily out of action, so Mark Pilkington has kindly agreed to post this on our behalf.

John Rimmer writes:

In recent postings on this list, Jerry Clark has made a great deal of noise about the work of Michael Swords. Swords argument is that any extraterrestrial intelligences which are likely to visit earth will be generally humanoid in shape and have similar social motivations as humans. For some reason Jerry seems to think that this theory is supportive of ETH speculations about UFO origins. Dennis Stacy describes being at the 1991 MUFON symposium when Swords gave one of his first public expositions of his exobiological speculations.

It is puzzling that Jerry should think that Swords' work is either groundbreaking or supportive of the ETH. I attach an extract from a short article, "The Case for Humanoids" by psycho-social bogeyman John Harney, which was published in MUFON (the earlier name of Magonia) new series no.6, Spring 1977. Jerry did receive this magazine at the time, but no doubt it is filed away beneath the wealth of other publications which he is constantly urging us to read.

THE CASE FOR HUMANOIDS

John Harney

Is it likely that there are intelligent beings on other planets? Would they resemble us, or would they be totally different in appearance and behaviour?

Many scientists today believe that life will eventually evolve where it is physically possible for it to do so, and given sufficient time and favourable conditions, intelligent being will eventually emerge. New discoveries in biology are taking place almost daily but the question of the origin of life is still controversial. Some experts believe that the origin of life of Earth was a singular event, the result of an extremely unlikely chain of chemical reactions, an event so improbable as to be unlikely to be repeated anywhere else in the universe at any time. According to Jacques Monod:

"...the biosphere does not contain a predictable class of objects or events but is a particular event, certainly compatible indeed with first principles, but not *deducible* from those principles, and therefore unpredictable." (1)

However, many scientists would argue that it would be possible to predict the occurrence of life, if only we knew enough about biology. Those who believe that life is quite common in the universe often say that it is unlikely to be much like life on Earth:

"Some scientists have been especially impressed by the number of individually unlikely events which are together responsible for the development of man and human intelligence. They have emphasised that even if the Earth were starting out again from

scratch, and only random factors allowed to operate, the development of anything like a human being would be highly unlikely." (2)

Such opinions seem very plausible, but they fail to take into account the various constraints imposed by the laws of nature. For example: "...silicon compounds might replace carbon molecules as structural biochemicals". (3) The notion that there could be forms of life based on silicon rather than carbon crops up again and again in the literature. It should not be taken seriously, as such an idea betrays an ignorance of elementary chemistry. Some writers assume that because silicon is the nearest neighbour to carbon in the periodic table and also has a valency of four, then it can form bonds with hydrogen, oxygen, etc., to produce compounds analogous to compounds based on carbon and having similar properties. This is not true. The bond energies involved in the links between silicon and other elements, and carbon and other elements, have different values. The Si-Si bond is weaker than the C-C bond, but the Si-O bond is stronger than the C-O bond. To see what this means in practice we can compare the gas that bubbles out of fizzy drinks, carbon dioxide, with a lump of quartz, silicon dioxide. I maintain that anyone who takes the trouble to consult the appropriate chemistry text-books will be readily convinced that a biochemistry based on silicon is impossible.

So here we have a basic constraint on the nature of any living creature, imposed by the laws of chemistry. Observational evidence indicates that these laws are the same throughout the observable universe, so there would seem to be no way of avoiding this conclusion.

Assuming that intelligent beings have evolved on other planets, what would they look like? It is tempting to speculate that they would look like 'nothing on Earth', but we must not let our imaginations run wild. The laws of nature impose many constraints on the size and shape of living organisms, and even on the social behavior of intelligent creatures.

If we wish to design a hypothetical intelligent being, where do we start? Well, it would need a brain, and a very elaborate one at that. Thus it will need to be big enough to support a large brain, and this delicate organ will need some sort of protection. How about a skull? The brain will also need sensory inputs to tell it what is happening in the outside world. It will need eyes, not only to avoid such disasters as falling off cliffs or walking under buses. Yes, but would those eyes necessarily see the same wavelengths as our eyes? Undoubtedly so, because planetary atmospheres are most transparent to those wavelengths which we detect as visible light. What about 'seeing' with radio waves? Well, with radio waves:

"In order to have any useful resolution - that is, detection of fine visual detail - the effective collecting area must be enormous. To have the same resolving power at 5cm wavelengths that they eye has at 5000A. wavelength, an extraterrestrial microwave 'eyeball' would have to be roughly half a mile in diameter." (4)

We could go on to fill a full-length book with similar arguments, but the whole question is neatly summed up in the words of Professor M R House:

"Typical gross form associated with ecological habit for a given animal size and mode of life, suggests that there is a 'paradigm' or theoretically appropriate form for given circumstances, and that selection pressures tend to work towards this by eliminating those organisms least approximating to it". (5)

House points to various examples of evolutionary convergence such as gross similarities between swimming reptiles, mammals and fish, and the fact that "sabre-tooth tigers of the Tertiary, of South Africa were marsupial mammals, whilst the present-day tigers are placental mammals".

In other words, where there is an ecological niche it will eventually be filled, by the processes of evolution, with the appropriate animal or plant. Because of the natural constraints imposed by the laws of physics and chemistry, ecological niches on other planets must bear some resemblance to those with which we are familiar on Earth . . .

Harney continues with speculation that extraterrestrial intelligences would also tend to similarities in aspects of social organization and behaviour, concluding that "they would undoubtedly have to face and find answers to similar problems to ours - technical, economic, political and philosophical".

1. Jacques Monod, 'Chance and Necessity', translated by Austryn Wainhouse, Collins, London 1972
2. I.S.Shklovskii and Carl Sagan, 'Intelligent Life in the Universe', Dell, NY, 1968
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid.
5. M.R.House, 'Evolution and the Fossil Record', in 'Understanding the Earth', Artemis Press/OU Press, 2nd. ed., 1974.

It seems to me that much of Swords' speculation can be accepted almost as a given by both ETH advocates and PSH proponents. It has little to do with the reality of whether any potential ET craft has ever visited this planet. For that we are inevitably brought back to the investigation of individual cases, which really is where we came in, with the ten or fifty, (or even one) best cases.

John Rimmer
Magonia (still On-Line) at www.magonia.demon.co.uk
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Re: Elaine Douglas on John Ford

From: **Elaine M Douglass** <elaine26@juno.com>
Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 18:48:15 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 22:37:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Elaine Douglas on John Ford

>Date: Tue, 23 Jun 1998 16:10:27 -0500 (CDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Elaine M Douglass on John Ford

>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Elaine Douglas on John Ford [was: Ford
>Fund?]
>>From: Elaine M Douglass <elaine26@juno.com>
>>Date: Tue, 23 Jun 1998 02:10:27 EDT

>>My Dear Dennis:

><snip>

>>I can see, though, why you liked Mr. "Hepcat's" article, Dennis.
>>Both you and he could vie for "intemperate of the year" honors in
>>anybody's book.

>>Elaine Douglass

>My Dear Elaine:

>And you are the "ingrate of the year." I'll repeat some of your
>original remarks which began this exchange:

>>>>His lawyer deserted me, and Dennis Stacy was eager to print
>>>>incriminating information on John and did, and John himself did
>>>>not or could not defend himself.

>Why am I the one named here, and not the lawyer who deserted you
>and presumably his client? Why are you trying to make me a major
>villain in the John Ford saga?

Dear Dennis:

I would have answered this message sooner, but I was away for about 10
days.

Dennis, I'm really sorry we got into this discussion of John Ford, and
you are right--none of what happened was your fault. When I wrote that
message I didn't mean to single you out. When the communique came in
about John Ford I was shocked and I just rattled off whatever came into
my mind quickly. Now I don't agree with everything you've said below, and
I don't think you're a cream puff. You're a tough individual, but that's
the way you are and you were doing a journalists' job at that time.

>And since when were you granted
>the ability to read minds, so that you know when I'm "eager" to
>print something or not? If I was so eager to publish
>incriminating information, then why would I have published your
>article first (or, for that matter, at all)?

>After I did, though, it quickly became apparent to me, if not
>you, that there were no relevant, related UFO issues as far as
>John Ford's own unfortunate personal circumstances were
>concerned. There was no concerted effort on the part of local
>authorities or anyone else to cover up the ridiculous Long Island
>crash or otherwise squelch John Ford's continuing
>"investigations."

Dennis, you can't say what you've said in the above paragraph, because the fact is we don't know what happened to John Ford. We could though narrow it down to 2 hypothesis. First would be that the police came down on John ONLY because one of his "friends" tried to illegally sell one of John's legally registered firearms, an informant got wind of it, and the police moved in only for that reason. John liked to talk big and the police taped him doing that--"we're gonna put radium in so and so's toothpaste." John had bunches of people he didn't like--so do you Dennis, and so do I. And haven't you been known to make remarks like, 'the next time I see so and so, I'm going to push him in front of a fast moving car'? I've said tons of things like that in my life. It's called hyperbole. The reason John had radium--in a very small quantity--was for the purpose of calibrating his 2 geiger counters.

Now Dennis, I was at the MUFON conf last week, and MUFON official John Schussler told everybody they might consider purchasing a geiger counter, and other technical equipment, to use in investigations. John had geiger counters; radium is a source of a known quantity of radioactivity and you use it to calibrate a geiger counter when the counter gets out of wack. So the police recorded John saying that and technically he committed a crime by saying it, and so if you just suppose John was massively unlucky, and you can suppose the DA wanted publicity to show the people of Long Island how tough he was on crime--massively unlucky, and a guy with no criminal record and who used to be a law enforcement officer himself, and it leads to all the bad things that happened to John. Prohibitive bail of \$350,000. He sits in jail for a year and he deteriorates. I KNEW JOHN FORD, DENNIS, I KNEW HIM WELL, AND ALL THE TIMES I SPENT WITH HIM HE DID NOT DO ANYTHING CRAZY AROUND ME. The "craziest" thing I saw John do was he got a video which I swear had nothing on it and he swore there were "aliens" on it, and I said John, stop this nonsense and he went on and on with it. But, Dennis, that is not crazy--crazy means psychotic; only psychotic justifies putting someone in a mental hospital or drugging them in jail--the behavior I describe was neurotic, not psychotic, and, Dennis, we are ALL neurotic. You know it's interesting Dennis, but one of the tales John told me, allegedly related by some source or other, was of an alien craft landing on a farm, the farmer alerting authorities, the farm is secured and everything removed and then the farmer is given a drug, by the authorities, which precipitates a temporary psychotic episode, the farmer is temporarily hospitalized, and thereafter no one would believe him about the UFO which landed on his farm.

Do you put such tactics beyond our govt? The other alternative would be to off the farmer. We wouldn't prefer that, would we? So the govt benevolently administers this drug.

I don't have personal knowledge of that story; I didn't interview that alleged informant. I did personally interview a former military who told me his job in the military was to be a member of one of those fast response units, which would go in anywhere and do whatever needed to be done--and he told me he and his colleagues were quite aware of the alien reality.

Back to John Ford. Just massively unlucky. That's all there was to it. Could be!

Other alternative is, as I said in my article, is that there were UFO events on Long Island which John was made aware of and, however garbled his rendition of these events may--or may not--have been, that deeper authorities wanted to get rid of John and did.

>In short, it was clear that John Ford had gone off the deep end, >and you wanted us all to follow him. If you'd had your way, the >Journal would have been turned into the John Ford Update.

That (above) is not a fair statement Dennis. I gave you one, well-written article and did not attempt to have further insertions, other than a rebuttal.

>You're right that I should have edited out Hepcat's most >egregious remark. A belated apology on my part. You're wrong if >you think, in the wake of your own article, that I didn't get >several articles complaining about why we were giving space to >this non-case in the first place.

Of course, Dennis, and when didn't you get letters complaining about "why are you giving space to this or that non-case?" That was what it was like being editor of the mufon journal.

>So I repeat: I am not the villain here. Nothing I did had
>anything to do with Ford's own actions or contributed in any way
>whatsoever to his present situation. I regret the latter, but I
>had nothing to do with it. You might as well insinuate that I had
>something to do with Richard Boylan and Edith Fiore losing their
>licenses to practice.

You are absolutely correct Dennis. What happened to John took place in the DA's office on Long Island, and they weren't reading the mufon journal. Again, I am sorry I used your name and implied anything like that.

>Two final thoughts to consider: some already discombobulated
>people inevitably drift into this field. Other borderline cases
>drift into the field and then become discombobulated. This stuff
>is not for the faint of heart.

>But take heart, nonetheless. As you well know, I no longer edit
>the MUFON Journal, which means you won't now have to go over my
>head to promote your own personal vision of the UFO phenomenon. I
>didn't buy the latter, and I make no apology for it. Just as I
>didn't buy the Ford, Boylan, Fiore or Corso version, either.

Not fair, Dennis. I went over your head to publish a 1/3 column rebuttal to a nasty letter, not to promote my "personal vision." Unless you're calling "personal vision" my insistence that John Ford should not be in jail--because he is not a threat to any person's safety. The one who wrote that nasty letter was confused. He seemed to think that because he didn't like John Ford, therefore John Ford should be in jail. In my article I never held I knew for sure what was behind John's arrest, only certainty was he should not be in jail because because he is not a threat to anyone. I wish you would have respected me a little more for my position and been a little nicer to me. Nonetheless, I again apologize for dragging your name into this mess. I have no wish to do you harm.

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Re: Why Did The Ufologist Cross The Road?

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 18:58:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 21:55:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Did The Ufologist Cross The Road?

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Why Did The Ufologist Cross The Road?
>Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 22:26:42 -0400

>>I wasn't implying that you had crossed the road, or that you
>>were advocating that anyone else should cross the road. I was
>>simply asking why some people are so anxious to encourage the
>>crossing of the road in the first place.

>>Don't be so jejune. If you were half as familiar with the
>>literature of road-crossing as you claim to be, you wouldn't
>>make statements like that. Many researchers who have been in
>>this field for decades have compiled abundant evidence that the
>>road has been crossed over and over again.

>Enough UFO road crossing... Who's up for some ufological
>cross-dressing?

You better knock it off Scott, you're going to scare away
all the 'straights!' <LMAO>

John Velez

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Filer's Files #27

From: **George A. Filer** <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 18:26:28 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 21:52:49 -0400
Subject: Filer's Files #27

Filer's Files #27-1998 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, MUFON Eastern Director,
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The Zulu African Spiritual Leader speaking about Extraterrestrial Beings visiting our Earth states, "The universe is a gigantic chamber of possibility where everything has the chance and the right to happen, and so we must not have cut-and-dry theories regarding just how life should look." From Vusamazula Mutwa's book, Song of the Stars. Page 143. Thanks to Irene McDonald.

NEW JERSEY

Brick, NJ. Jason Blalalck states: "On the morning of July 4th at 2:45 a.m. I witnessed a bright pulsing light while fishing at Lake Riviera. The light hovered in the western sky for approximately thirty minutes above Lakehurst, NJ. While hovering, the light would glow a blue-green and then move slightly at 90 degree angles at which time it would glow white. This continued until the light began moving south for what appeared to be 3 to 4 miles. It was about the size of 1/4 of a dime held at arm's length. The light hovered again for about ten minutes glowed very brightly, blinked on and off a couple of times, and then shot off towards the north at an extremely high rate of speed. Thanks to Jason Blalalck E-mail: rblalack@monmouth.com.

Vineland, NJ. On May 21, 1998, Lori and her friend visited open air shopping market near Vineland. The shopping area was partly covered and they went inside. Her friend was looking for pot holders and she was looking with her. When all of a sudden, they found themselves in a field. They looked at their watches and it was 2:35 PM. They realized that two hours had passed in a moment. Lori said, "They just woke up in this field, there were no vendors in this area, there was no parking area or shopping area where they were. The two women were in a field way behind the shopping mart! When they gained consciousness they both said at the same time, "How did we get out here, what's going on?" They both were very upset about the whole incident. Lori's friend kept saying, "Maybe we passed out in the place?" Lori answered, "If we had fainted, they would have called an ambulance." Lori asked the woman if she would like to talk to a MUFON investigator? She said no and that she didn't even want Lori to mention her name. The woman was very frightened and has strange new scars on her body. Thanks to Evelyn Galson. (Names with held by request)

McGuire Air Force Base, NJ. July 8, 1998. Peter Chesky reports he was driving down the back roads behind the base with his mother in the car. "We looked up into the sky ahead of us and saw a glowing round ball. It was pretty far away so I could not really see what it was. It came towards the earth slowly." The military conduct training in this area, but it did not seem to be a flare or something caused by them. I wanted to go closer, but my mother insisted we go home. Later, I went back to the area with her husband, but the object was no longer visible." Thanks to Peter Chesky
pcrc@impop.bellatlantic.net. Phone 215-673-0124,
<http://www.quantumconnections.com/>

PENNSYLVANIA

Stan Gordon reports a strange object with long appendages was sighted in Ross Township near Pittsburgh on July 7, 1998. The sighting occurred at 8:42 PM, and Stan received the report only twenty minutes later. A couple was admiring the beautiful sunset and noticed a black object just above the top of some clouds that appeared to be motionless. The National Weather Service indicates the clouds' tops were at 10,000 feet with generally clear skies. The black

object looked like the fuselage of a large aircraft, but without wings or rotor blades. As they watched, the object appeared to slowly rise in altitude. Curious the man obtained his WWII Navy issue binoculars to take a better look. Through the binoculars, the object looked like a black helicopter fuselage without rotor blades or lights. On the top of the object was two long projections that looked like two giant lollipops or "big antennas." They were long and solid looking with a round object on the end. The object began turning from side to side with a fishtail movement showing 6 to 10 long appendages around the top, underneath and sides. After ten minutes the object moved north picking up speed and disappeared behind a tree. There have been numerous UFO sightings reported around the Pittsburgh area since early May. Thanks to Stan Gordon PAUFO@WESTOL.COM.

MARYLAND

On July 1, 1998, at 8:53 PM, a witness sighted a UFO near his home in Bowie, a suburban community located 20 miles northeast of Washington, D.C. "I observed a bright white point of light which appeared about 1.5 degrees north of the half moon. It moved extremely slowly to the northwest," he reported. "I estimated the light to be about magnitude zero and briefly mistook it for Jupiter, which I quickly realized should not have been there. After about three to four minutes of observation with binoculars, it rested at about 0.5 to 1.0 degrees northwest of what I believe was the star Porrima (Gamma Virginis) or about three degrees northwest of the moon. The steady brightness and very slow movement suggest to me that the light was not an aircraft. The light then flashed for several seconds to maybe magnitude 5 or 6, then disappeared. I saw a faint 'puff' of white smoke or vapor, not a trail, where the object had been seconds before. (Thanks to Jim Hickman of Skywatch for forwarding this report.)

GEORGIA

Stone Mountain: David Howell McCarty reports that on June 20, 1998, I was walking to get my morning paper around 8 AM. I looked over my left shoulder and saw the faint image of a flying object in the distance. As I proceeded towards my home the object continued closer as if coming towards me. It seemed to stop right above me and signaled to me with lights. The UFO then flew off and I lost eye contact about five minutes later. Thanks to ISUR and David McCarty (404)-252-6049 at 5901 Musket Lane, Stone Mountain, GA. 30087, mccartydh@aol.com

Rome, GA: On July 5, 1998, Regina Sanford-Garrett reports a bright light bouncing in the southeast about 1,000 feet in the air at 1:19AM. The UFO made swift movements up and down and to the left and right. These erratic movements continued for over an hour. At 2:34 AM the UFO was still hovering, but the location changed slightly. Thanks to ISUR and Regina Sanford-Garrett 706-802-0883, 634 Eden Valley Road S.E. Rome, GA. 30161 UBDZ31A@PRODIGY

MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo/Plainwell. On July 2, 1998, the witness reports I had been online until 1:15 AM chatting with a friend. I decided to go outside to chain up my dog in the back of our yard, and noticed a bright light just over our trees. I stared at it for about three minutes. At first I thought it was the moon. The shape and color were very odd. The bottom half of it was blocked by the trees, but the top half looked cone shape, bright orange glowing with a haze around it. I was so taken by it that I got my husband so he could see it. Not a minute later it was gone. Also, a few months ago, I was awoken by this "woosh, woosh" noise. It sounded as if it was over our house. I went to investigate and could find nothing. Could you please let me know if there have been other reports of this orange light in the sky? I am from the Cooper Township area in Michigan. This event took place at 1:30 AM. Thanks to Bagooz@aol.com.
Editors note: UFOs are being observed on both sides of Lake Michigan in recent weeks.

UFO OVER PORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN

Correction, Port Washington is located on the western shore of Lake Michigan 25 miles north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and not in Michigan as I reported last week. Bob Mueller reported that he "saw five black helicopters fly over his house on Saturday, and again on Sunday, June 14, 1998. Then at 11 PM, "I went out to my car saw a moving, flashing orange light very high in the sky. When it flashed, it was very bright and reflected off my car and glasses. The UFO was heading in a straight line due north along the same path as the helicopters." Thanks to Bob Mueller.

TEXAS

Arlington, Texas: On June 26, 1998, while attending a family outing I noticed an unusual pulsating red object in the night sky at 9:15 PM. I noticed an

object that did not match the "norm" for aircraft in this area. I was five miles from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport where I often watch aircraft make their approaches. I saw several aircraft fly by with their standard aircraft lighting of red, white landing lights and white strobes.? The unknown object was flying in the same area of sky as the previous known aircraft had been flying. This unknown object was displaying only a single red light. No landing lights or strobes were visible during the entire sighting. Only this single very large red light that pulsated from its brightest down to a dim glow and back to bright again was visible. It moved across the sky at twice the speed of the other aircraft about 33 degrees above the horizon. I calculated the frequency from peak brightness to dimly lit and back to full brightness as being one second peak to peak. The transition throughout the cycle was a very smooth gradual brightening from dim to brightest. The size of the red light appeared to be a similar size as a standard aircraft landing light and about as bright. It flew at a steady speed and continued the cycling of the light until it moved out of sight behind some trees. I would estimate it to have been approximately two miles from my location. If anyone has a clue to the identity, please e-mail me at the below address. Thanks to Mike Harman at Mike_Harman@rocketmail.com

NEW MEXICO

R. Jones reports she had a siting on July 1, 1997, near Roswell, NM of a silvery disk shaped UFO. It was around 6:30 PM when they noticed a stationary craft starting to move back and forth horizontally. Later, it was motionless again, and then all of a sudden it was gone. This was the first time I had ever seen a daylight UFO sighting. It lasted for quite a while too. There was some kind of energy field around the craft. Actually, it was very beautiful sight. Thanks to RJones3887@aol.com. (Chat Interview)

ARIZONA CATTLE MUTILATIONS

On July 6, 1998, Terry W. Colvin reports: "Something is killing and mutilating cattle, horses, and other animals in the Southeast Arizona counties of Cochise, Pima, and Santa Cruz. This area is about 2,500 square miles of small towns, ranches, farms, orchards, vineyards, and the Army's Fort Huachuca. Robert Marsett, a cowhand with the Sands Ranch, tells of a recent kill and mutilation. The carcass appeared where only live cattle were seen the day before, although the dead cow smelled as though it had been dead for several days. Marsett says coyotes and vultures did not approach the carcass. Nearby cows failed to nuzzle the carcass, as normally happens. Some blood was drained, organs were missing, and some samples were taken in the genital and rectal area. He states, the cowhands are now "packing iron" as "flakes" are suspected. Thanks to Peter Gersten CAUS and Terry W. Colvin" fortean@primenet.com.

NEVADA

ISUR's received this report from Kat stating, "On July 4, 1998, hundreds of fireworks spectators were treated with an even more rare and interesting sight when they left the fireworks at Incline Village. Hovering in the sky, about the size of a car tire was an oval, red and white lighted object that changed directions rapidly and had other strange movements. Everyone was joking and saying the movie "Independence Day has arrived" but I've never seen anything so strange. Although, I've never seen any other UFOs, what else could it have been with such strange movements? Thanks to ISUR John Thompson and kat (arrow-dl4.sierra.net

CHILE

A very large dark disc-shaped UFO visited the huge hydroelectric dam at Lago (Lake) de Colbun in southern Chile on May 16, 1998. The UFO was witnessed by over 30 people. They described it as a gigantic dark disc with a big orange light in the bottom center. Small lights moved around on the outer rim of the object. Lago de Colbun is Chile's biggest hydroelectric dam is located 120 miles south of Santiago de Chile. The UFO hovered at 1,000 meters (3,300 feet) above the ground and remained in view for 20 minutes before flying across the lake and into the Andes. Witnesses described the object as "so big that it seemed to cover the whole valley." Ufologist Luis Sanchez Perry says many UFOs have been seen in recent months. "They call the UFOs robones (thieves) because that they say they steal electricity. Before they had the high-tech plant, they only had one or two blackouts in a month, but now they have three in a week. UFOs are seen coming out of Lake Colbun near the high tension wires, absorbing electricity, and taking water. Some UFOs fly at high speed through the valley towards the hydroelectric plant," coming within a few hundred meters of the dam before disappearing." Thanks UFO Roundup Joe Trainor editor for this report

NEW AIRCRAFT LIGHTING SYSTEM

Joel Carpenter reports seeing a very unusual aircraft lighting pattern on a

Gulfstream IV corporate jet landing at Philadelphia Airport. The lights were bright white like normal landing lights, but I noticed that they were dimming and brightening in a strange pattern - not a regular interval like a strobe, but almost randomly. It almost looked like someone waving a flashlight. The landing lights were blinking randomly, side to side - almost like the headlights on an ambulance or police car. It also had the regular white strobe and red fuselage lights, but these blinking landing lights looked weird. Ufologist and commercial pilot Bob Durant reports. "What Joel saw is a fairly new lighting system that is an option for buyers of the latest generation of business jets. These are white lights, one on each side of the fuselage, at about the wing root, and these turn on and off about one second per on, one second off, and in such a way that when one side is on, the other side is off. The appearance is quite strange, especially the first time you see one in action. But it is also a very good way to attract attention, which is why these things were invented. In addition to the "running" lights, green on the right wing tip and red on the left wing tip, which are on steady, there is always a rotating or flashing red light. Newer ones are strobes, the older ones literally rotate. The addition of the lighting system described by Joel is a substantial advance, in my opinion. But it is also probably expensive to retrofit, so it will remain rare.

THREE UFOs VISIT NORTHERN IRELAND

On June 17, 1998, several people in Galliach, near Derry, Northern Ireland reported sighting three silver spheres flying and hovering over their homes around 11 AM. According to the Derry Journal of June 19, there were several reports of UFOs in the sky around the Galliach 120 kilometers northeast of Belfast. One witness said, "It was spinning, and you could see the sun reflected from it. But the strange thing was there was no sound. Then two other objects and that strange light could be seen spinning high in the sky." "The objects flew across the sky and two disappeared by flying straight up into the atmosphere. The other reportedly disappeared after flying across the sky." Galliach is about Many thanks to #3-27 UFO Roundup 7/6/98 Joe Trainor Editor and Daev Walsh for this report.

ROSWELL PHOTOGRAPHS

Bruce Maccabee comments on Marilyn Ruben's letter in Filer's Files #26. She states: <The beam is not wrinkled except along the edges, which as noted previously, was caused by the crash impact. I am sure the English Professionals has already seen this as well. The magnification does not lie. It shows what the human eye can't see.>

Macabee responds, "Marilyn says, the magnification does not lie. However, great magnification does not guarantee proper interpretation by the viewer. After all, what is a picture other than light and dark areas (some times with color)? It is a Rorschach test to discern some features from a highly magnified picture. Just because Marilyn sees brightness variations which seem to form a recognizable shape or shapes does not mean that the actual object photographed had those shapes. There always is a danger of "over interpretation" or "seeing what you want to see" in magnified pictures. Thanks to Bruce Macabee MUFON Maryland State Director.

PLASMA

Jeff Sainio writes regarding last weeks Filer's Files. I find the reports of UFOs as plasma amusing, since the minimum temperature to generate a plasma is several thousand degrees. As any 5th grader knows, "heat rises," so any airborne plasma would rise quickly. As this contradicts the evidence, plasmas are eliminated as a possibility. My previous comments about plasma refer to a natural plasma source such as lighting; an artificial object, such as a metal device generating a plasma around it, would be a different situation. Thanks to JSAINIO@qgraph.com. Editors Note. We are seeing plasmas dive, rise, fly in all directions, go through walls without scorching them, etc. They appear similar to ball lightning and may surround an artificial structure. Perhaps we need a new name to avoid confusion.

UFO DATABASE

Larry Hatch writes that his *U* Database *U* now has over 17,160 sightings. Each listing has a matrix of 64 "attributes" as I call them, one-bit (yes/no) fields, among which are several for different types of craft by general shape. Among these are SCR for saucers, disks, spheres having some visible size, as opposed to a "round" point of light. Then there is CIG for Cigar, cigarette, cylinder, or fuselage type craft. DLT is for Delta, triangular, boomerang craft. The odd rectangle, square and pentagon get dumped here as well. Hexagons and higher regular polygons become "disks." The criteria is sharp corners and linear edges. SUB is for submersibles.. Anything entering or leaving bodies of water regardless of shape. Where shape is given, that field is activated also, since these fields are not mutually exclusive. Here are total counts for all years, and broken down by decades:

DATES	SCR/DISKS	CIGAR	DELTA	SUBS	(total
events)					
BC to 1939	178		176	33	
19	(431)				
1940 - 1949	680		155	35	
8	(939)				
1950 - 1959	3,079		690	161	
44	(4,066)				
1960 - 1969	2,160		357	184	
80	(2,997)				
1970 - 1979	3,002		550	399	
83	(4,273)				
1980 - 1989	1,020		270	404	
18	(1,752)				
1990 - 1998	1,393		366	727	
25	(2,707)				
ALL Years:	11,512	2,564		1,943	277
(17,166)					

Notes: The high proportion of CIGARs prior to the 1940s are mainly due to the "great airship" waves of 1896 - 1910, mainly in the USA, Britain and New Zealand. Deltoids caught on in the late 1970s and have figured prominently since. The 1980s were the virtual doldrums in terms of numbers. I have found no new data to refute this. While the 1990s are "busier", they are not much busier. Due to "overlap" where multiple shapes were reported, figures will not add up from left to right. You can easily download the DEMO version of *U* which I call *UDEM0* at <http://www.flash.net/~joerit/ufo.html>. Thanks to Larry Hatch.

Please send your sightings and letters to George A. Filer at Majorstar@aol.com.

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Re: Curious Sighting

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 19:10:28 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 07:06:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Curious Sighting

> Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 11:47:41 -0500
> From: Marty Garza <laquinta@rgv.net>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Curious Sighting

> Date: July 8, 1998
> Time: 9:09 P.M.
> Duration: 1 1/2 - 2 min.
> Location: McAllen, TX

> No. Witnesses: 2
> No. Objects: 2

> Object
> Description: Star/Satellite like

> Sighting Description:

<snip>

> While outside our home in south Texas I observed what at first
> appeared to be 2 satellites traveling parallel to each other in
> an east-south-east direction. The objects were approximately 45
> degrees off the southern horizon and separated by about 2-3

<snip>

Hi Marty,

You are a very good observer.

I checked for satellites passing over you in McAllen, Texas at 9:09 p.m. (21:09 Central Time) on July 8 and I found that what you saw were the Hubble Space Telescope and the Gamma Ray Observatory. Both were as bright as stars (magnitudes 3.5 and 3.2 respectively), both had a maximum elevation of about 50 degrees above the southern horizon and were within a few degrees of each other (at about 21:07) and both set in the SE. Since the Hubble Space Telescope is about 100 km. higher than the Gamma Ray Observatory, HST would move slower than the GRO which would overtake it.

Nick Balaskas
Physics and Astronomy
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Re: Curious Sighting

From: "Serge Salvaille" <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 20:40:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 07:09:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Curious Sighting

>Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 11:47:41 -0500
>From: Marty Garza <laquinta@rgv.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
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>Although not a terribly exciting event, there were aspects which
>set this apart from the mundane.

>While outside our home in south Texas I observed what at first
>appeared to be 2 satellites traveling parallel to each other in
>an east-south-east direction.

<snip>

Marty,

Saw the same here, 40 miles W. of Montreal on Friday June 12, around
11:00 PM. First time we (my brother and I) ever saw that.

The day after, at approximately the same time, the two satellites
showed up but a bit closer to each other.

Serge Salvaille

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Re: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 01:59:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 07:48:08 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

>Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 13:16:24 -0500 (CDT)
>From: Geoff G. Dittman <umdittm0@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

>>Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 03:03:43 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFO Enthusiasts Set To Converge On Alberta Town

><snip>

>> >"It was started as a publicity stunt, we make no bones by that,"
>> >conference organizer Paul Pelletier said of the hotline, which is
>> >bankrolled by an anonymous patron in Las Vegas.

>> BIGELOW! Damn, that guy has a long reach! Money talks, BS walks!
>> My only problem with it is that anything that Bigelow gathers in
>> terms of information is never recirculated back to the public.

><snip>

>While he does like to hoard info, the reports called in to the
>hotline however are made available to the public. The annual Cdn.
>UFO Survey includes several dozen a year that were received from
>St. Paul.

>Geoff Dittman
>Cdn UFO Survey <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Rampart/2653>

Hi Geoff,

It's heartwarming to know that some of the projects
that he funds are publishing the information in a public
forum. It's my one and only complaint about Mr B.
Well, that and the fact that he backs Sims & Lier! <EG>

Thanx for the response and the info.

Peace,

John Velez, Junkyard watchdog, not too many teeth left
but bark still works and I can still bite! <G>

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Triangle Spotted In New Hampshire

From: archem98@bit-net.com, [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 04:05:52 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 07:32:41 -0400
Subject: Triangle Spotted In New Hampshire

Received via "alt.paranet.ufo" July 9.

Stig

Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 08:05:48 GMT
From: archem98@bit-net.com (Ready2Run)
Subject: tringle ufo spotted in New Hampshire

Last week over 200 people reported seeing a triangular craft of enormous proportion.. including the Exeter NH chief of police. When asked if it could have been a stealth bomber, he said, "Sure, one the size of New Jersey. This has been big news out this way."

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Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

From: **bruce maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 01:39:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 07:45:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 1997 16:26:02 +0200
>From: Andy Denne <aura@telekabel2.nl>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

<snip>

>I must say that as an european, I'm quiet surprised of
>Dr. Maccabee's reaction...didn't he speak about "left pinkies"
>in one of his recent postings?

>What's going on here???

My comment came in a post regard SDI and beam weapons in space
(of which there are none) was

> Reagan, being the
>reactionary throwback that all the liberal pinko's believed him
>to be, thought that just maybe the Soviets might lose total

The lady who first responded to my mention of "liberal pinkos"
managed to overlook my reference to readan as a "reactionary
throwback", which is a nice erudite version of what the "liberal
pinkos" called President Ray Gun. My little comment had
something disparaging for everybody.... but you (and she) only
picked up on one side of it.

Europeans may not have been aware of the extreme skepticism and
outright derision that was levelled at Reagan's idea to attempt
to build a defense against ballistic missiles. The "liberal
newsmedia" made it into a joke (Star Wars). However, I think it
is now generally agreed that the SDI program as it was carried
out created pressure on the Soviets (fear that their ballistic
missiles might no longer be a threat; realization that they
couldn't keep up with the high level of US investment in
military defensive and offensive system) and was one of the
factors, probably an important one, in the decision by Gorbachev
and others to back off from the Soviet system of government.

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Whitley Streiber Responds to Jerry Black

From: Kathleen Andersons <KAnder6444@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 21:39:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 07:29:28 -0400
Subject: Whitley Streiber Responds to Jerry Black

>From: Black's Hole
>Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 09:57:31 -0400
>Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 09:57:31 -0400
>Subject: An Open Message To Whitley Strieber - Jerry Black

><http://members.xoom.com/ufobarb/jb04.html>

Response from Whitley to Mr. Black

>From Whitley Strieber

First, the UFO video that I was referring to still seems perfectly authentic to me. If the fact that it was shot 40 miles from Gulf Breeze somehow turns it into a hoax, I would be fascinated to know why.

Second, I have had one telephone conversation with Ed Walters in ten years. I have never met him personally, to my knowledge. However, I do believe that his pictures were authentic because I know another witness, a retired Marine fighter pilot whom I would trust with my life, who saw the object a couple of days before Walters first observed it.

Third, I am sick of people challenging me in stupid ways. The two lie detector tests that I had control over are fully disclosed in my earlier books, and have been discussed by Ed Conroy in his book Report on Communion. The other two were administered on behalf of media organizations. One, administered on behalf of the BBC, was the reason that I was allowed to discuss Communion on BBC programming in 1988. Had I failed it, they did not plan to allow me on. The second was a voice-stress test administered without my knowledge and discussed on a television program called Contact.

All of this information is readily accessible to any competent researcher. The fact that Mr. Black appears to know none of it, I believe, speaks for itself.

Whitley Strieber

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Obituary For Leader In Search For ET Life

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 04:34:18 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 07:36:33 -0400
Subject: Obituary For Leader In Search For ET Life

>From the Boston Globe via the Miami Herald. URL:

<http://www.herald.com:80/florida/digdocs/019017.htm>

Stig

Published Thursday, July 9, 1998, in the Miami Herald

Michael Papagiannis, astronomer, author

The Boston Globe

Michael D. Papagiannis led an international effort to find intelligent extraterrestrial life. He has died of complications from Alzheimer's disease in Naples, before that effort bore fruit. He was 65.

Papagiannis was the former director of the International Astronomical Union's commission on the search for extraterrestrial life, a search conducted primarily by radio, listening for transmissions from outside our solar system.

In a story published in the January 1983 issue of Boston magazine, he discussed the difficulty of the task.

"The problem is colossal," he said. "There are millions of stars to aim at, and we have no idea at what frequency someone might be sending us signals. Imagine driving your car in another state and trying to tune in to a radio station you like, and then multiply this by a factor of a billion or more and you'll have an idea of what we're up against."

He was born in Athens, where he graduated from the National Polytechnic University. He earned a master's degree in physics at the University of Virginia and a doctorate in physics and astronomy at Harvard University.

He wrote several books, including Space Physics and Space Astronomy=BF and Strategies for the Search for Life in the Universe, and was editor of Search for Extraterrestrial Life: Recent Developments.

He taught at Boston University from 1964 until his retirement in 1994 and was chairman of its astronomy department from 1969 to 1982. When he retired, the astronomy library at the school was named in his honor.

He leaves his wife, Elizabeth Haines-Papagiannis; his first wife, Mary Hutton; a son, Dimitrios, of Pasadena, Calif.; and a daughter, Christina McCauley of Weymouth, Mass.

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Impact Zone Of Greenland Meteorite Confirmed

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)
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Subject: Impact Zone Of Greenland Meteorite Confirmed

>From DR Online (Radio Denmark Online) via CNN, July 8. URL:

<http://cnn.com/TECH/space/9807/08/meteorite.dust/index.html>

Stig

Impact zone of giant meteorite confirmed

(DR Online) -- Following microscopic analysis of snow-samples taken last week, the impact zone of the giant meteorite that hit southern Greenland last December has been located.

Last week, astronomer Holger Pedersen and geophysicist Torben Risbo of the University of Copenhagen conducted a preliminary field investigation on the southwestern Greenland ice cap.

Collecting snow samples by helicopter, they hoped to find traces of meteorite dust left in the snow covering the glaciers. Some 40 samples were taken along 3 different lines giving a very preliminary profile of the snow-masses covering the glacier, where they scientists hope to find the meteorite -- If it did not evaporate during entry into the.

The samples were taken to the Laboratory of the Arctic Station at Qeqertarsuaq, Greenland, for microscopic analysis by Risbo and revealed definite signs of meteoritic substance. Sub-millimeter size particles that look like round brown glass, with little tails of glass trailing behind them, were found. Other particles seem to give clues as to the crystal-structure of the meteorite, but this can't be confirmed until analysis has been conducted with an electron microscope.

A major field expedition on foot and by helicopter into the impact zone planned for the end of this month may have to be pushed forward. It now seems important to collect a much bigger amount of snow samples in order to narrow down the area to be investigated. Also it can't be ruled out that the meteorite, big as it was, completely evaporated during entry, and therefore the only traces will be just dust.

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Chat with Max Burns

From: #ufo/esp channel <pjb@staffs.softnet.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 07:51:50 -0400
Subject: Chat with Max Burns

Max Burns has investigated reports of a Flying Triangle near Sheffield in the UK. His conclusions have become a matter of heated debate in mailing lists. He will be our guest on IRC Undernet channel #ufo/esp on Sunday 12th July at 11pm UK time (6pm US Eastern Time, 3pm US Pacific Time) to answer your questions.

You are welcome to join us.

Max's report on the incident is available at

<http://www.soft.net.uk/staffs/ufoesp/maxreport.html>

For those unfamiliar with IRC, there is information on how to access #ufo/esp on the channel home page at

<http://www.soft.net.uk/staffs/ufoesp/>

Best,
peterre (temporary #ufo/esp channel manager)

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Info Request

From: Lydia <zuzu@highway.com.br>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 09:38:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 09:05:42 -0400
Subject: Info Request

Dear friends,

I am Brazilian. I love this list and I've learned much in it. Now, I am engaged in a study about UFOs lenticular-shaped, white, opaque ou transparent, huge, as the same of the Valentim Akuratov's case that happened on Groenland but I don't know when it happened.

I am particularly interested on this Valentim's case. Is anyone here that could help me?

Many thanks,

Lydia

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Re: Sturrock Report

From: John Rimmer <j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 13:56:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 09:14:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Report

Again, my apologies for not being able to quote directly from previous posts.

[quotes inserted by Moderator --ebk]

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Report
>Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 15:31:23 -0400

>>Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 11:16:13 +0100
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: John Rimmer <j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk>
>>Subject: Sturrock Report

>> Also BTW, still no response to Harney's attack on Klass's
>> dismissal of the
>> Travis Walton abduction. Come on you guys, give the chap a hand!

>John,

>You seem to think that this is about taking sides. "Our" side,
>you seem to think, should be glad that someone on "your" side
>acknowledges one of "our" points.

>But that's not the issue. I hope my praise of Peter Brooksmith's
>Occam's Razor post some time ago shows how eagerly I welcome
>serious thinking by those I disagree with.

>Harney's piece, however, wasn't serious, because he hadn't done
>his research. That was the problem with it. That's why Jerry
>Clark and others objected so much.

>Harney clearly had little idea of who Jerry is or what he's
>written. He uncritically accepted Phil Klass's very old analysis
>of the RB-47 case, which is, very simply, bad journalism.
>Klass's analysis appears in a book published in 1974, for God's
>sake. Before Harney publishes anything that accepts Klass as
>gospel, it's his responsibility to ask if any new information or
>analysis has surfaced in the past 24 years. I could get fired
>from some of my professional journalistic jobs for not doing
>something like that.

>So when Harney says Phil's debunking of the Walton case is
>mistaken, I'm not impressed. What's his source for that? Maybe
>he has no more idea of what he's talking about here than he does
>when he goes on about Jerry or about the RB-47 case.

>Let me repeat. I'm not keeping track of which side scores more
>points, and I'm not impressed with ignorant or unintelligent
>writing, no matter whose side it takes.

>Greg Sandow

I agree entirely with Greg Sandow that discussion of Sturrock should not be a question of taking sides, especially since, behind the rhetoric, we all seem to be more or less agreed on its conclusions. It is certainly a more "media friendly" document than other UFO related reports in the past. There is certainly no need for comments such as PSH proponents "taking it

in the chops"!

It is unfortunate that the more recent investigation of the RB-47 case does not seem to be available in the UK yet. Perhaps Jerry could send a copy to us?

As far as Harney's rebuttal of Klass on Walton, I am not putting it forward as a point scoring exercise, but simply as a request for comment and information. One of the problems for the 'ETH as an Option' (I will no longer call them ETH-proponents) faction is that the abduction scenario has made part of their argument rather embarrassing. I note that in the ten cases which Greg did, bravely, put forward on this list, there was (I think, I don't have back listings easily accessible at the moment) not one abduction case. I fully understand why, but the problem is that the general public, and for this purpose editors of popular science journals such as New Scientist are no better informed than the general public, do see the abduction stories as being a major part of the ETH 'evidence'.

So when even a hard-bitten PSHer like John Harney finds an abduction case puzzling, and is prepared to enter into a heated correspondence with PJK about it, surely it is not unreasonable to ask for a bit of back-up from his ufological coevals? Please re-read the piece in Magonia ETH Bulletin and let's have your comments.

Despite Jerry's continued declarations that PSH ufology is simply debunking with a smiley-mask, they are quite different things. I feel however that I have tested your patience quite enough for the moment, but it is a question I may (EBK willing) return to in the future when I am back on line in my own right and can reply more immediately.

Yours for Liberty

John Rimmer
Magonia (still just about) On-Line
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"The flagship of psycho-social ufology" - Jerome Clark

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Sheffield and Flying Triangles

From: Max Burns <AlienHypel@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 09:13:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 09:33:39 -0400
Subject: Sheffield and Flying Triangles

I think the focus seems to have been shifted by some onto the Tornado jet aspect of this incident..Let us not forget that there are five very clear witnesses to the flying triangle. which was there and was sighted by a number of people who are not my friends, and only know me because of my investigation into this incident.

I feel that these questions need an answer.

A) Why would they be test flown, low, over heavily built up areas of the U.K? Such an aircraft would be designated 'Top Secret' and normally flown from establishments such as Boscombe Down.

B) If they are Stealth aircraft, why would they fly around at night, illuminated like "Christmas Trees" or alternatively, why would they fly close to airports, without any navigation or strobe lights?

C) If they were undertaking a normal night flying test program, why would they undertake such irresponsible behavior as to silently hover near an isolated witness or car full of witnesses, far from any airfield?

D) It has been said that a triangle is an excellent design for flight and this could explain their design, but what could explain the FT's 'broad side first' movement, seen by numerous witnesses?

E) If they are under Air Traffic Control in the U.K, why have they been observed frequently flying over Nuclear Power Stations, a restricted 'no flying' area?

F) Could the UK afford to develop such a Stealth aircraft as the 'Flying Triangle', when the British Aircraft industry currently has to co-operate with several other countries to develop the 'Eurofighter'. Without this co-operation the UK couldn't afford to proceed alone.

G) It is claimed that the 'Flying Triangle' is a product of the British Aerospace Establishment at Warton, Lancs. If this is the case, why was Simon Lewis of the North Lancashire UFO Investigation Group, invited to address a meeting of British Aerospace engineers at Warton to explain what the 'Flying Triangle' thing is all about. They had heard of the huge FT craft and exclaimed "Its not ours!" However this does not preclude the possibility that a smaller 'Stealth' triangular craft may be undertaking flying trials over the UK

H) If the FT was due to exercise in Belgium air space during the period 1989/90, why did the Belgium Air Force have no knowledge of the FT flight plan? Why was it necessary for the Belgium Air Force to 'scramble' a group of F16's to intercept the 'Flying Triangles'?

I) We have had reports of FT's dating back to the mid-50's, why hasn't the technology been revealed by now? The American authorities wasted no time in disclosing the use of Stealth aircraft in the recent Gulf War.

J) If the FT is British (or American) what is it doing flying around Japan, Guatemala, Belgium, Spain, Canada, Brazil etc.?

K) Are we being confronted with both a huge extra-terrestrial craft and a smaller military Stealth development

With regard to the Sheffield incident

As to whether this triangle was ET or Terrestrial in nature I can only call it on how I see it, whether it ET or Terrestrial or the jury is still out..

Comments please

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Max Burns

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'Alien Interview'

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 05:34:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 12:58:36 -0400
Subject: 'Alien Interview'

Dear UpDates,

Excuse my temporary ignorance but what is the situation regarding the 'Alien Interview' video now available in the shops? Several members of our Society are getting excited about it but it looks typically questionable.

The video itself is over-dramatic and replete with all the expected 'expert opinion' and fake emotion.

DNI? I thought it was ONI - Office of Naval Intelligence.

Tim Matthews - Lancashire UFO Society.

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Flying Triangles - Unanswered Questions

From: Roy Hale <roy_hale@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 09:41:15 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 13:04:51 -0400
Subject: Flying Triangles - Unanswered Questions

>From: Max Burns <AlienHypel@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 09:13:54 EDT
>To: Updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Sheffield and Flying Triangles

I firmly agree with Max Burns' latest posting.

In mid July 1996 I had the chance to view, the F.T. at very close quarters. I will give you a brief summary, of the event but you can read my full sighting, in the latest edition of our group Magazine, 'Down To Earth' all enquiries to the above e-mail address.

I was on my way to pay a visit to my brother, who lives in Cambridgeshire, it was a clear summers evening just turning dark, about 5.-5.10pm. I noticed from the corner of my eye, a huge red rectangular shaped light. I mean huge. The thing was, I was not the only car on the road, at the time, it was quite busy for a country road.

No one else seemed to notice the Craft, as it sat hovering over the field to my right. It began to turn very slowly, so that I could see more of its shape.

It was enormous in size and left me with the feeling, that this was nothing we could own. Remember I am an investigator on UFOs, and this really sent a chill up my spine.

There were two scaffold tube like poles attached, on either side with a white light in the middle of the craft. The poles were covered in a grid-mesh type design, (A Full Artist Impression Of This F.T. Can be seen in this issue)there was a kind of protrubence, on the top with the huge red rectangular light on the back.

This light would pulse on about, every 5 to 10 seconds. there was no sound from the craft, as it silently began to drift away from me, over the fields. It was about 150 to 200ft in the air, totally black, apart from the mentioned lights.

After a few minutes of me viewing the object,it then began to slowly move away, over the fields, before dissapearing out of sight.

(Q): If this was a military craft, why was it flying so low over the roads, which were quite busy at the time?.

(Q):Why did no one else notice this enormous craft?.

(Q):This craft has been seen over the local reservoirs, and local Town centers, for some years, what would the Military be doing, taking this kind of action?.

(Q): Are we niaeve enough to think that the Authorities, are going to admit of any action that these unknown craft may be carrying out?.

(Q): There has been a world-wide cover of the UFO facts for over half a Century, do we really believe our governments to now come

clean and admit, the full story?. (I dont think so)..

Our kind people at the MOD here in the UK are well versed in the line of Fobbing ufologists off, try dropping them a line, and then receive the usual pre-typed denial.

What i saw on that day was spectacular, and I am not convinced this is Military at all.

For more details on this sighting, catch me on the above number.

Regards
Roy

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 98 11:56:02 PDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 13:54:41 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> From: RobIrving@aol.com
> Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 23:01:58 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> > To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> > From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> > Date: Tue, 07 Jul 98 09:23:03 PDT

> Jerry,

> > Rob, I confess that I don't understand much of the above.

> Let me explain. Earlier you informed us that "Festinger's ideas
> about cognitive dissonance have been pretty well challenged in
> the sociology of religion literature". I assumed from this that
> you were familiar with his ideas on cognitive dissonance. It's a
> fair assumption, I feel, because you were responding to my
> reference to Festinger's Theory of Cognitive Dissonance.

> Evidently you are not familiar with it at all, and seem to
> believe that his earlier co-authored study 'When Prophecy Fails'
> is the theory. In fact it was merely a derivative of it,

Oh my, I think we're talking about two different things here. I am, of course, well aware of what cognitive dissonance is. What I thought we were talking about is Festinger's involvement in the study of prophetic saucer groups. I have little interest in Festinger beyond When Prophecy Fails, not only because it deals with a subject of concern to me but also because I have a good friend who's a scholar in this area, and who told me long ago that Festinger's ideas have been challenged. He even wrote a paper which was published in the scholarly literature some years ago. His paper references others, copies of which I either have or am obtaining.

> Before everyone accepted your claim that Festinger's theory -
> which I believe in the main is quite relevant to this
> discussion, and to ufology in general - had been successfully
> challenged, and therefore easily dismissed, I thought that it
> was important to establish that you were misinforming us.

My impression all along has been that you are using Festinger simply as a stick with which to beat all who are interested in UFOs, and I do not recall your even responding to my complaint that you lump everybody together. So let me try one more time:

Do you see any significant difference between, say, Dorothy Martin and Isabel Davis?

> Aside from all this I'm wary of your dismissal anyway. Popper
> has been "pretty well challenged" by sociologists of science, as
> have all other philosophers of science at some time... So? Your
> dismissal suggests there is no value to be found in WPF.

I specifically stated that When Prophecy Fails is a good book well worth reading, even if there is at least one staggering and embarrassing historical error in it. As I have stated

repeatedly, this error touches directly on the thesis the book is advancing. Therefore, Prophecy ought to be read not as a final word on the dynamics of apocalyptic movements but as a great story about one specific group at one specific time. It is the lessons that Festinger, et al., draw that need to be treated with a healthy degree of skepticism. It is also necessary to know, as practically nobody who's written on that book knows (including you, I suspect), that the story chronicled in that book did not end in early 1955. I have a forthcoming Fortean Times piece telling some of the rest of it.

> Debunkers are often accused of 'throwing the baby out with the
> bathwater' but aren't you doing just that? Just as parallels can
> be found in ufology to Festinger's theory of CD, they can be
> found to WPF.

See my words immediately above. In any event, I don't see any lessons for, or parallels to, ufology in Festinger's book, which isn't about ufology at all. It's about a saucerian group oriented toward the contactee message and occult doctrine. The fact that you seem to think this is the same as ufology only confirms, alas, my suspicions about your approach.

> Nor am I an expert on any secret histories of the Sabbatai or
> the Millerite movement.

Neither am I.

> My best guess is that you're referring
> to the authors' inclusion of immediate events post-Crucifixion.

Nope.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Kokomo, Indiana UFO Sighting: June, 1998

From: **Kenny Young** <task@fuse.net>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 16:42:50 -0400
Subject: Kokomo, Indiana UFO Sighting: June, 1998

Kokomo, IN (Howard County)
Between June 20 & 25, 1998 - From 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

A resident of Kokomo, Indiana submitted a UFO report by e-mail on July 10, 1998. A follow-up question and answer session with the witness was undertaken to acquire more details of the happening.

On an undetermined date between June 20 and 25, two witnesses reportedly observed three star-like objects to the southwest of their vantage point in Kokomo, Indiana. Their color was said to be that of "plain christmas tree lights," and they were described as "really bright." According to the reportee, the three objects were situated in a "diagonal sort of connect-the-dot type of thing."

The object in the center was the brightest, and exhibited some motion. Airplanes or some type of aircraft was visually spotted flying around the objects, each aircraft having a flashing red light.

The reportee also witnessed an earlier sighting of same or similar objects in the western sky between May 27 and June 3.

Observed during the first sighting was what looked like a bright blue star in the southwestern sky, from the observer's vantage point in Kokomo. The witness retrieved some binoculars, thinking it unusual to see a 'big blue star.'

Through binoculars, the witness reportedly observed a sphere of glowing red, blue and green light. He states: "I don't know if all stars look like that when you look at them through binoculars, but the other "stars" we looked at didnt really match up.

A second object was reported in the southwest skies the same night, where more airplanes were again said to have been flying in the area.

There was no animal reaction noted, nor was any sound heard.

A UFO sighting reported from McAllen, Texas on July 8 of similar description may have been caused by the Hubble Space Telescope and the Gamma Ray Observatory, according to Mr. Nick Balaskas of the Physics and Astronomy Department of York University. Both objects sighted over South Texas on July 8 were as bright as stars (magnitudes 3.5 and 3.2 respectively), both had a maximum elevation of about 50 degrees above the southern horizon and were within a few degrees of each other (at about 21:07) and both set in the SE.

40 miles west of Montreal on Friday June 12, the same or similar reported objects were sighted around 11:00 PM. according to Serge Salvaille, who reported the observation on the internet.

The Kokomo sightings may also be explained as satellites spotted high above. The visual observation of airplanes in the area may have been construed by the witness to be interacting with the object, but the reportee may have been unaware of the distance separating the objects due to his limited plain of reference.

The Kokomo, Indiana vicinity is 88-miles southeast of Valparaiso, Indiana, where two separate UFO sightings were reported on June 20, also within a similar time-frame. The witness to the Kokomo objects did not disclose his name in the process of forwarding this UFO report or follow-up questions, despite assurances of anonymity.

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> Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 11:16:13 +0100
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> From: John Rimmer <j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk>
> Subject: Sturrock Report

> As Jerry comments, yes I am temporarily off-line and I am having
> to keep up with UpDates via the 'Hundred Last Messages' service
> on a borrowed computer, so my responses are not as fast or
> frequent as I (if no one else) would like!

> I'm sorry if I thought that Jerry et. al. welcomed the Sturrock
> Report as an 'endorsement' of the ETH. However its findings were
> welcomed with whoops of joy by Jerry and the ETHers and with the
> clear implication that it was bad news for the PSH gang - "taken
> it in the chops" in Mr Clark's elegant phrase.

John, you're a good guy, and I want to stress that whatever
disagreement we have, it is not a personal thing. Okay?

That said, what is the source of your obsession with my
open-mindedness about the ETH? If someone who had never read my
writings were to take as gospel your characterization of them,
he or she would think that I was talking spaceships every time
my mouth opened or my fingers hit the keyboard. In fact, as I
have stated over and over and over again, I consider the ETH
simply a reasonable provisional theory for a certain class of
UFO reports. It is not yet proved, and it is not something I
have nearly the obsession with that you and your friends have
with bashing it or pushing the PSH. I simply do not share your
fascination with final explanations, and so I have written
little about the ETH as such. (The long entry on the ETH and
ufology in the new UFO Encyclopedia is simply a history of its
treatment and evolution as documented in the UFO literature
since Fort.) You can look far and wide, and you will find
nowhere in my writing a personal Extraterrestrial Hypothesis.

For reasons I have written about at length, I consider the PSH a
seriously inadequate approach, and the more I read of it, the
more convinced I am of the correctness of this analysis. What I
am concerned with, however, is not the ETH but such matters as
the history of the UFO phenomenon, the history of ufology, and
the need for the sort of sober scientific study that the
Sturrock panel advocates and that ufology, in its best moments,
practices.

I think you are looking at everything through a very narrow
lens. You seem to think I am as committed to a final explanation
as you are. What exasperates me about the PSH (among other
things) is its complacent assumption that we already have all
the important answers, when the reality, to every available
appearance, is quite the opposite.

(What's even more annoying, and sometimes amusing, is the
PSHers' smug certainty that anybody who disagrees with them is
wrong and therefore must be diagnosed. I read recently in
Magonia, for example, that I advocate the ETH because I am
middle class and conformist, characterizations which inspired no
end of hilarity among friends to whom I showed the words.
[Apparently the evidence here is that I have short hair and have

been photographed on occasion in a suit.] Is it any wonder I don't take seriously PSHers' even more undocumented and obtuse speculations about the characters and motivations of witnesses?)

The real dispute between us is not between you as PSH advocate and me as ETH proponent (in that sense you are far more believer than I); it's between you as somebody who thinks he has the essential answers and me as somebody who's still out there looking for them.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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UFOR - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'

From: **Francisco Lopez** <d005734c@dc.seflin.org>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 13:32:01 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 16:49:41 -0400
Subject: UFOR - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'

From: Blue Resonant Human <density4@cts.com>

::: Uri Geller on The Aviary :::
[from the London Times, July 1 1998]

I HAVE been discussing my work in the 1970s with the CIA a little more openly for the past few weeks. The Men In Black haven't come round yet, so I'll take another step into the deep waters - and recommend you log on to <http://www.brotherblue.org/brethren/bbaviary.htm>

The Aviary is an informal network of government and military officials in America who share a fascination with UFOs. Its 12 members, so the conspiracy theory goes, are dedicated to creating a smokescreen around CIA misuse of extra-terrestrial technology.

The site opens in macabre fashion with a picture of a huge pterodactyl and a blood-curdling quotation from Revelations under the heading: "Dark Disciples of Diabolical Disinformation". The introduction announces the members as "spooks who often work at cross-purposes and frankly don't even get along with each other all that well. Extremely weird birds."

I can confirm these 12 exist, and their long-standing obsession with alien science is genuine. I worked closely with Hal Puthoff, for instance, whose Aviary codename is allegedly "Owl". His Institute for Advanced Research in Austin, Texas, claims to extract energy from vacuums. Is this a technique derived from captured UFOs?

Ron Pandolfi, the Aviary's "Pelican", is involved in ET disinformation. He heads the CIA's Weird Desk, which fields UFO sightings and inquiries from the public. Many of his statements contradict facts I know to be accurate. But no one should expect a secret service man to tell the whole truth, the whole time.

Dale Graff, or "Raven", was director of Project Stargate, training spies to project their minds into enemy territory and "remote-view" military bases.

One bird is said to be experimenting with Aleister Crowley's black magic rituals, using twisted mind-power to induce heart attacks or strokes in humans.

I was approached 20 years ago by a government agency representative proposing psychic experiments to stop the heart of a pig. I stared him in the face and a name flashed across my mind: KGB director Yuri Andropov. Could some of the birds in the Aviary have similar ideas?

Visit my website at <http://www.urigeller.com> and e-mail me aturigeller@compuserve.com
<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk:80/news/pages/tim/98/07/01/timintint01013.html?1028490>

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Re: Sheffield and Flying Triangles

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 07:09:32 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 16:37:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Sheffield and Flying Triangles

>From: Max Burns <AlienHypel@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 09:13:54 EDT
>To: Updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Sheffield and Flying Triangles

>I think the focus seems to have been shifted by some onto the
>Tornado jet aspect of this incident..Let us not forget that
>there are five very clear witnesses to the flying triangle. which
>was there and was sighted by a number of people who are not my
>friends, and only know me because of my investigation into this
>incident.

>I feel that these questions need an answer.

>A) Why would they be test flown, low, over heavily built up
>areas of the U.K? Such an aircraft would be designated 'Top
>Secret' and normally flown from establishments such as Boscombe
>Down.

In the UK it would be designated 'Most Secret' which it most
certainly is/has been.

There have been many sightings in and around RAF Boscombe Down.
These have featured in a number of military aviation magazines.
RNAS Yeovilton is also a focal point. The US Navy has a track
record of black programmes stretching back over 50 years and it
has been responsible for many of the 'unknowns' within the UFO
literature.

>B) If they are Stealth aircraft, why would they fly around at
>night, illuminated like "Christmas Trees" or alternatively, why
>would they fly close to airports, without any navigation or
>strobe lights?

You argue later that they are illuminated like Christmas trees -
so which are they - lit or unlit?!

Who says that these are specifically 'stealth' aircraft? I doubt
that Max knows much about stealth.

I have investigated over 100 'triangle' cases and on many
occasions these have had standard lighting patterns. Check out
Tony Gonsalves report on the Hudson Valley flap.....

>C) If they were undertaking a normal night flying test program,
>why would they undertake such irresponsible behavior as to
>silently hover near an isolated witness or car full of
>witnesses, far from any airfield?

What do you mean "normal night flying test programme"? In many
areas there are no restrictions up to app. 2,000ft. Many
triangles are NOT silent and in any case we know that some of
them are large LTA platforms.The use of advanced propellers
enables good maneuverability and near-silent operation. In the
UK at least, it is not far from one airfield to another....

On the question of noise, this could be simply explained by
prevailing weather conditions and/or wind direction.

>D) It has been said that a triangle is an excellent design for
>flight and this could explain their design, but what could
>explain the FT's 'broad side first' movement, seen by numerous
>witnesses?

'Broad side first' seen on a couple of occasions and almost certainly further evidence of the inability of witnesses to get their reports straight. I saw a report of this in Fowler's document - and remain unimpressed. Having said that, if you did some effective research you would know that the 1950s 'Silver Bug' project allowed for similar motion in flight...edge-on operation etc.

>E) If they are under Air Traffic Control in the U.K, why have
>they been observed frequently flying over Nuclear Power
>Stations, a restricted 'no flying' area?

This argument has already been fought and won. There is NO evidence to suggest that these things have been flying near such facilities (at least in the UK - Indian Point was an interesting business and is dealt with in my book). A couple of convenient inventions have added to the myth....In fact, despite the fact that Sizewell is supposedly a focus for these illegal visitations going back several years nobody has one photograph or second of video footage to substantiate these claims. In another case the North Lancs 'group' filmed some lights in a triangular pattern (no evidence of an actual craft of course) and showed this in public in 1995. The footage was filmed 3 miles from a Nuclear power station and was said to have 'flown towards Heysham Nuclear Power Station'. This is not true and there is no evidence to substantiate the claim. In any case, the group knew about this sighting in advance because I was there at the meeting when they discussed filming it!

>F) Could the UK afford to develop such a Stealth aircraft as the
>'Flying Triangle', when the British Aircraft industry currently
>has to co-operate with several other countries to develop the
>'Eurofighter'. Without this
>co-operation the UK couldn't afford to proceed alone.

Given that the funding would be related to a classified defence project then the obvious answer is yes. British Aerospace, in conjunction with Lockheed-Martin, cooperated in the construction of the Special Projects Site at Warton, situated on the Southern tip of the airfield and well away from the other goings-on...

Eurofighter is all about jobs. I'd have some F-22's if I was making the choice.

Check out your UKUSA history....

'Jane's' reports at least =A3100 million spent on facilities to 1996. This is most likely a joint UK-USA project. How much do you think a couple of prototypes would cost?

Why is hovering seen to be such a big deal?

>G) It is claimed that the 'Flying Triangle' is a product of the
>British Aerospace Establishment at Warton, Lancs. If this is the
>case, why was Simon Lewis of the North Lancashire UFO
>Investigation Group, invited to address a meeting of British
>Aerospace engineers at Warton to explain what the 'Flying
>Triangle' thing is all about. They had heard of the huge FT
>craft and exclaimed "Its not ours!" However this does not
>preclude the possibility that a smaller 'Stealth' triangular
>craft may be undertaking flying trials over the UK

The big lie from Max. I have claimed that SOME of the smaller FTs have been built there.

Why is this? Because BAe ADMITTED in public that they were working on advanced stealth and UAV projects. The work is mentioned in articles by Jane's Defence Weekly and Jane's Military Aircraft in the last three years. Not to mention the many sightings in and around the base including those made by ex-RAF personnel. I saw it too. Check out my book.

What about the frequent visits to my Lancashire UFO Society meetings by BAe personnel, as witnessed by several Northern Ufologists?

As to Simon Lewis, he like Max and other so-called 'researchers' knows very little. Have they ever heard of 'need-to-know', compartmentation, security and classification? They have failed to understand that all too many Ufologists are useful idiots whose convenient fascination for the 'alien' clouds the issue totally. Luckily, nobody in the North West believes that these are anything other than terrestrial craft.

The public seems to understand this better than the average Ufologist.....

Lewis hardly had access to the restricted areas at Warton!

In any case, I have spoken, as have military aviation researchers, to people involved in the stealth programme in the UK. They all say the same thing. That there is an aircraft in the air already.

>H) If the FT was due to exercise in Belgium air space during the >period 1989/90, why did the Belgium Air Force have no knowledge >of the FT flight plan? Why was it necessary for the Belgium Air >Force to 'scramble' a group of F16's to intercept the 'Flying >Triangles'?

Same thing. Best to try it out in Belgium. The FT actually flew from the UK and as I have pointed out time and time again, there was no relationship between the object seen at low level and the so-called 'UFO' performing 'amazing maneuvers' and playing catch with the two Belgian AF interceptors. Their radar systems were faulty and they locked onto each other. Check out van Utrecht's research with which I (75%) concur...

The pilots never actually saw the UFO did they?

The whole thing was badly handled by the Belgian AF and they were leaned on by the US - hence all those intel' docs indicating US interest. What better way to conduct a psychological warfare operation than use one of their LTA vehicles?

Note that the MOD via Nick Pope conducted its' own small campaign of misinformation by allowing him to pontificate about 'alien spacecraft'. In fact, Pope emerged onto the scene in 1993 - at the same time that we experienced the new wave of triangle sightings - in order to deny UK government involvement in the joint UK-USA programme and to direct attention away from the reality of terrestrial technologies.....

>I) We have had reports of FT's dating back to the mid-50's, why >hasn't the technology been revealed by now? The American >authorities wasted no time in disclosing the use of Stealth >aircraft in the recent Gulf War.

Many of the delta-wing projects were derived from German technology and I suspect a little embarrassment re; use of ex-nazi scientists via 'Paperclip'.

I do Jack Northrop an injustice; German-American technology!

Often, these things (postwar Horten wings) were not developed through to the operational stage. In addition, there is interservice rivalry to consider as well as the fact that once something is classified it can remain so for years.

Take for example the CIC documents released in 1994 (a wait of some 47 years), which you should read, which tell us that the Horten wings and other German advanced designs were being developed in the US and reported as 'flying saucers'. Check out the similarity between the Horten parabola and Ken Arnold's drawings of his June 24th 1947 saucer sighting.....

And then there is the USAF Intelligence document 100-203-79 which states that Horten flying wings (tested in the US from 1947) 'most closely resemble' the 'flying saucers' reported by both civilian and military personnel.

>J) If the FT is British (or American) what is it doing flying >around Japan, Guatemala, Belgium, Spain, Canada, Brazil etc.?

The US has bases and interest around the world does it not? Remember that at least 9 out of 10 sightings are

misidentifications in any case. Three lights in a tri pattern is not a triangular 'UFO'.

Spot the coincidence - flashpoint North Korea - triangles sighted over Korea and Japan and other places.

>K) Are we being confronted with both a huge extra-terrestrial >craft and a smaller military Stealth development

Afraid not, Max. The larger triangles are actually not as advanced and relate to lighter-than-air technologies - designed from 1965 by the way.....

>With regard to the Sheffield incident

Which we know was not really an incident at all...

>As to whether this triangle was ET or Terrestrial in nature I >can only call it on how I see it, whether it ET or Terrestrial >or the jury is still out..

No, Max. The Ufologists are still denying the reality of the situation and the intelligence services are pissing themselves laughing - especially at you.

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 98 15:57:15 PDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 18:03:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Stor

>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 1997 16:26:02 +0200
>From: Andy Denne <aura@telekabel2.nl>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story
>>Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 12:50:32 -0400

>>>Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 00:03:50 -0400
>>>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: William Cooper Taking On Authorities
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>>Oh, yes, I might point out the 'Behold A Pale Horse' (which
>>>should be titled 'Behind A Pale Horse' or some such) is Cooper's
>>>"Mein Kampf". And I'm in there, along with most other
>>>ufologists, as a nasty government agent out to screw Cooper and
>>>freedom loving people all over the world. Cooper's motto...

>>"Behold A Pale Horse" includes the full text of the Protocols of
>>the Elders of Zion, a vicious anti-Semitic document forged, if I
>>remember correctly, by the Czarist secret police. Cooper
>>subsequently (again if I remember correctly) said it really
>>wasn't about Jews, although of course it purports to be a secret
>>Jewish document detailing plans for various atrocities.

>That's what I thought! And I wonder how one can read Cooper
>without noticing the right-winged, (sometimes downright fascistic)
>ideology he's so full off.

>I must say that as an european, I'm quiet surprised of
>Dr. Maccabee's reaction...didn't he speak about "left pinkies"
>in one of his recent postings?

What in the world would make you think that Bruce Maccabee would
be attracted to, or find anything credible in, Cooper's lunacy
and fascism? And don't you -- "as an european" -- recognize
humor when you see it? Bruce used the phrase "left pinko" (not
"pinkie"; that's your little finger) in a comic, sarcastic
sense.

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Case For Humanoids

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 98 15:44:14 PDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 17:53:12 -0400
Subject: Re: The Case For Humanoids

>Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 22:59:19 +0100
>To: updates@mail.globalserve.net
>From: Mark Pilkington <m.pilkington@virgin.net>
>Subject: The Case For Humanoids

>The P.L.A. Driftwood International Conspiracy Cartel's computer
>is temporarily out of action, so Mark Pilkington has kindly
>agreed to post this on our behalf.

>John Rimmer writes:

>In recent postings on this list, Jerry Clark has made a great
>deal of noise about the work of Michael Swords. Swords argument
>is that any extraterrestrial intelligences which are likely to
>visit earth will be generally humanoid in shape and have similar
>social motivations as humans. For some reason Jerry seems to
>think that this theory is supportive of ETH speculations about
>UFO origins. Dennis Stacy describes being at the 1991 MUFON
>symposium when Swords gave one of his first public expositions
>of his exobiological speculations.

>It is puzzling that Jerry should think that Swords' work is
>either groundbreaking or supportive of the ETH. I attach an
>extract from a short article, "The Case for Humanoids" by
>psycho-social bogeyman John Harney, which was published in MUFON
>(the earlier name of Magonia) new series no.6, Spring 1977.
>Jerry did receive this magazine at the time, but no doubt it is
>filed away beneath the wealth of other publications which he is
>constantly urging us to read.

This is what Mike Swords says about the case for ETH:

"The ETH is a natural concept to occur to anyone seriously looking at the UFO phenomenon.... Despite this naturalness, and perhaps because of it, the ETH finds itself under continuing, sometimes emotional attack. The attack comes from everywhere: inside ufology and out, from laypersons and scientists, and even insidiously in the air as a somewhat undefinable giggle factor. Because the hypothesis is so naturally arrived at, this negative environment is intriguing. An essay much larger than this one should be written to try to analyze that peculiarity. This essay will try to answer a simpler question: does science support or oppose the ETH?....

"Of the scientific objections to the ETH, only one survives this analysis. It is not that current knowledge forbids ETI or its travel here. As we have seen, current knowledge actually favors it. It is not that ETI doesn't breathe or look as it ought to. Those objections, examined carefully, prove pseudoscientific. And it is not that ETs have not landed on the White House lawn (or some similarly incontrovertible event). All that is the musing of speculators inventing behaviors for entities with agendas about which we know nothing.

"The only worthy objection to the ETH is that there is little or nothing upon which to do science_ in a traditional physical-sciences mode. This is a problem that the Air Force's Project Blue Book had, the University of Colorado UFO Project had, ufologists have. It is a real problem but perhaps not an

impossible one. There seems to be a kind of evidence here and there, difficult to fix and measure but there nevertheless. It is a hard job. Perhaps it is forgivable that academics do not want to try. What is not forgivable is their calling upon alleged impossibles, without science, and with only an intuitive good feeling to go on. The ETH is not impossible. It may even be likely. It is at least an open question, and a hypothesis sufficient to explain ufology's most resistant mysteries." -- from The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Edition: The Phenomenon from the Beginning, pp. 368, 372.

For those interested in Swords' argument in its entirety, along with its sources in the scientific literature, here is a bibliography of his writings on the ETH and science:

"The Case for E.T.: Within the Mainstream of Science."
In Walter H. Andrus, Jr., and Richard H. Hall, eds. MUFON 1986 UFO Symposium Proceedings, 18-43.

"The Third Option: How They Got Here, and Why."
International UFO Reporter 12,1 (January/February 1987): 12-19.

"Science and the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis in Ufology."
Journal of UFO Studies 1 (n.s., 1989): 67-102.

"Modern Biology and the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis."
In Walter H. Andrus, Jr., ed. MUFON 1991 International UFO Symposium Proceedings, 51-74.

"Does the ETH Make Sense?" International UFO Reporter 17,5 (September/October 1992): 6-8,12.

"Literature Reviews: SETI/ETI and UFOs." Journal of UFO Studies 5 (n.s., 1994): 141-56.

"Extraterrestrial Hypothesis and Science." In Jerome Clark, The UFO Book, 188-99, and The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Edition, 368-73.

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CE: Meteorite

From: Francis Ridge <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 18:23:48 -0400
Subject: CE: Meteorite

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We have just received a report from a man in our region who claims to have recovered a baseball-sized meteorite on his property. It is within the guidelines of Physical Trace cases, but I am not aware of the persons and/or organization that should be contacted. Since this is NOT unidentified per se or related to UFOs, who should we contact? It is of the utmost importance that the proper authorities ONLY should be given this man's name and phone number. Please respond to me privately and ONLY if you can advise of the proper protocols.

Francis Ridge
The Lunascan Project
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Kokomo typo mishap

From: **Kenny Young** <task@fuse.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 17:28:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 18:21:12 -0400
Subject: Kokomo typo mishap

Oooops!

I incorrectly stated that the time of the alleged Kokomo, Indiana sighting was between June 20 & 25, 1998 - From 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

This is not accurate, the reportee indicated that the time of the alleged sighting was between June 20 & 25, 1998 - From 10:30 to 11:00 p.m.

The sighting was reportedly at night, during p.m. hours, not a.m. as indicated.

Kenny Young
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Re: UFOR - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'

From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@intranet.ca>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 12:39:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 08:51:17 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOR - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'

>From: Blue Resonant Human <density4@cts.com>

>::: Uri Geller on The Aviary :::
>[from the London Times, July 1 1998]

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

I am amazed that Mr. Geller has enough credibility left in his name that a web server would allow him space for his site without paying for five years fees in advance.. Mr. Geller was proven a fake "psychic" many, many years ago, and I thought he had disappeared to become a weed man on a kibbutz somewhere.. This kind of nonsense only strengthens my beliefs that when we allow wackos to promote our beliefs, we look farcical, and thats why the media ignores our credible reports..

Mr. Geller, go back to scamming money from old ladies in bingo halls, and new agers blinded by the truth..

S.Liddle
QAPRA

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Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

From: Susan Baldwin <sblee@stc.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 19:56:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 08:36:47 -0400
Subject: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 21:57:43 -0700
>From: frances emma barwood <fbarwood@primenet.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>This Thursday on A&E channel there will be a show called "The
>Unexplained". It is supposed to be about the Phoenix Lights and the
>producer called me this evening to let me know so that I would watch
>it. He said that I am in it. Hope it is good.

>Let me know what you thought of it after you watch.

>Thanks, Frances

Frances

I think you deserve a big "attagirl" for sticking your political neck out. The skeptics in my opinion were the ones that came off looking like fools. No matter how rationally you discuss UFO's though its not going to go down like discussing world peace, unfortunately.

I don't know about the rest of the crew here but it's hard for me to look at those shows from a non-believer's perspective. That might be the best opinion to get.

I think the show presented you as a truth-seeker which is what most of us are, in all our variations.

Susan

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Alfred's Odd Ode #255 [Restore John Ford!]

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 18:22:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 08:33:09 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #255 [Restore John Ford!]

Apology to MW #255 (For July 10, 1998)

The summer sees a flurry of an interest in John Ford. Not the kind that matters, mind, nor the kind that changes score. He was hardly even mentioned -- in fact forsaken, and derided; his manner so abrasive (?) that his censure seemed entitled! There was *distance* put around him; you saw people turning backs. You heard a *qualified* support, and vague distortions of the facts. You hear about betrayal when his lawyer left the ship. Where ARE his friends supported quotes that "John's a good guy," Chip <g>?

Ms. Douglass washed her hands (damned spot!) in a fit of wounded pique? Sensation peddling journalists were senseless, dumb, and thick? Accusation flew like rain in lacerating torrents, while John is drugged indifference, without peer review, or warrant. Pitiless he sits alone while we posture and we bicker; our system and our world view is twisted -- getting sicker. Forgotten, he's the victim! His only crime: he's unattractive. He *knew* that they were lying, and it made him maladaptive. But he stayed within the law, I'd bet, the machine went OUT to get him. Entrapment, and a wire man, plus a bogus stash -- forget it! John was doomed, the case contrived, or I'll eat Phil Klass's crow. Lastly -- John's been driven crazy -- if he's sane we'd never know.

It eats at me it could be me; I'd be in John Ford's hell. Or you or he or she, you see, and buying what they sell. Reminded when it's bed time, and told to sweep the floor, and this while stripped of everything you'd made -- it's out the door! Whacked out on medication for a blunted even strain; forgetting to remember what it was you'd said, again. Your thoughts are then discounted, and your points amount to shit. You lose your good ambition, and you wither bit by bit. Your expressions are unvalued by the least that's in your crowd. Bonaparte, and holy Jesus . . . share your cells -- so be not proud. UFO's have flown right down inside your fellow inmates. Some of it perhaps in truth -- but to mainstreams you're a primate. Beneath its unconcern, contempt, or crass consideration you are neutralized and hull breached -- rescue hopeless, sad ablation.

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Like an entropy you can watch happen to you. A slow rot, bad enough when it's justified, intolerable when it is not, and serving the convenient ends of those that ultimately disrespect you. I picture John looking past the bars to the free outside, remembering what it felt like to be in hot pursuit -- on the trail of his investigation -- remembering, with difficulty, what it felt like to be useful. . . or happy.

Oddly, Ms. Douglass was cool on me from the very beginning, dismissing my support with a curt, unfriendly E-mail. Perhaps I failed to meet a standard she has before she is respectfully appreciative of a response to her outcry. I've learned that I should start there . A person must lose my respectful appreciation. "With friends like that," I've said before -- and how was John Ford provided any support with front people so charmless, standoffish, and picky?

I think I could have used me were I the respected, but distant,

Ms. Douglass. She could have had a philosophical ally at her back at any rate, but all I got was authoritarian rebuff that lacked all ceremony. I was told to stop what I was doing -- ironically, the same demand John Ford endures.

Now it certainly could be that I'm a lot more unpleasant, intellectually odious, and obnoxious than even John Ford was supposed to be <g>, <I'm thinking, stodgy unbending Republicanism?> -- but I don't believe that completely explains the icy shoulder I got from a member of John Ford's defense team, and lately a rather clear implication that I'm a hothead with a short fuse. What I am is an interested person asking for <demanding> resolution on the issue regarding an alleged criminal mistreatment of John Ford.

>From where come the strange convictions that Ford **DESERVES** to be in an institution for the criminally insane as a clear and present danger to his fellow fat cat Republicans? And from where came the obliging convictions of Ms. Douglass at the genesis of this John Ford affair?

. . . She was passionate about John Ford once, though; she sure rang true with me -- she got me started . . . fired me up! Now -- it's a fire that makes its own oxygen! John Ford's apparent, and very possible unconstitutional abuse fills me with insulted rage, and in as much as this kind of thing goes on all the time, it should you, too! If for no other reason than it could be you, certainly, and much, much easier than you would think!

John Ford was a running (but lawful) embarrassment to Suffolk county, and the Suffolk county political machine took him down for it! If that's true, it can't be allowed! Every suspicion of political behavior like that should be ripped out by the roots everywhere it's found forgetting the very real and personal suffering of John Ford!

Moreover, as I have said before -- the John Ford Affair could be one of those points where everything just wants to fall out in disclosure of its own accord, and should be pursued for that reason. Getting to the bottom of the John Ford Affair could be getting to the bottom of the full ufological monty <g>.

Restore John Ford! Put him back the way he was -- breathing free, financially independent, and so far up the nose of the man, boot heels are felt on unjust chins!

Restore John Ford!

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

From: **Andy Denne - A.U.R.A.** <aura@telekabel2.nl>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 1997 03:18:37 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 08:47:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story
>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 98 15:57:15 PDT

>>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 1997 16:26:02 +0200
>>From: Andy Denne <aura@telekabel2.nl>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story

>>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Cooper - Maccabee Adds To The Story
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 12:50:32 -0400

>>>>Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 00:03:50 -0400
>>>>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: William Cooper Taking On Authorities
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>>>Oh, yes, I might point out the 'Behold A Pale Horse' (which
>>>>should be titled 'Behind A Pale Horse' or some such) is Cooper's
>>>>"Mein Kampf". And I'm in there, along with most other
>>>>ufologists, as a nasty government agent out to screw Cooper and
>>>>freedom loving people all over the world. Cooper's motto...

>>>>"Behold A Pale Horse" includes the full text of the Protocols of
>>>>the Elders of Zion, a vicious anti-Semitic document forged, if I
>>>>remember correctly, by the Czarist secret police. Cooper
>>>>subsequently (again if I remember correctly) said it really
>>>>wasn't about Jews, although of course it purports to be a secret
>>>>Jewish document detailing plans for various atrocities.

>>>>That's what I thought! And I wonder how one can read Cooper
>>>>without noticing the right-winged, (sometimes downright fascistic)
>>>>ideology he's so full off.

>>>>I must say that as an european, I'm quiet surprised of
>>>>Dr. Maccabee's reaction...didn't he speak about "left pinkies"
>>>>in one of his recent postings?

>>>>What in the world would make you think that Bruce Maccabee would
>>>>be attracted to, or find anything credible in, Cooper's lunacy
>>>>and fascism? And don't you -- "as an european" -- recognize
>>>>humor when you see it? Bruce used the phrase "left pinko" (not
>>>>"pinkie"; that's your little finger) in a comic, sarcastic
>>>>sense.

>>>>Jerry Clark

Jerry,

First of all I think you are jumping to conclusions if you think
I thought Dr. Maccabee had these ideas that Cooper carries
himself. I only asked what I didn't know, and sometimes I have
such a lot of readin' to do that it's quiet hard to filter out
sarcasm in a language that isn't your own to begin with.

And before this starts to become another discussion: I ONLY

asked. Dr. Maccabee had the patience to explain internal US politics a little better to me so EVEN I could understand sarcasm ;-)

I did in now way meant to offend Dr.Maccabee, I wouldn't even have that right in my opinion. I just got confused and Bruce was so nice to explain, that's all there's to it.

With Kind Regards,

Andy Denne
Abduction & Ufo Research Association
The Netherlands

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Re: Triangle Spotted In New Hampshire

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 18:52:04 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 08:23:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Triangle Spotted In New Hampshire

>From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 04:05:52 +0200
>Subject: Triangle Spotted In New Hampshire

>Received via "alt.paranet.ufo" July 9.

>Date: Thu, 09 Jul 1998 08:05:48 GMT
>From: archem98@bit-net.com (Ready2Run)
>Subject: tringle ufo spotted in New Hampshire

>Last week over 200 people reported seeing a triangular craft of
>enormous proportion.. including the Exeter NH chief of police. When
>asked if it could have been a stealth bomber, he said, "Sure, one the
>size of New Jersey. This has been big news out this way."

Hmm...Exeter NH isn't too far from here. I have relatives there,
I'll see if I can get more details or some newspaper articles.

I'll let you all know.

Greg

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Saucer Shaped And Remote Controlled US Craft

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)
Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 02:59:38 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 08:41:25 -0400
Subject: Saucer Shaped And Remote Controlled US Craft

Received via "alt.alien.research" July 10.

Stig

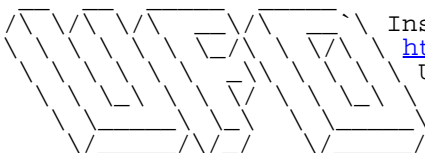
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 16:38:13 -0400
From: bear <intcon@tampabay.rr.com>
Newsgroups: alt.alien.research
Subject: Remote controlled aircraft

My company has, over the last 35 years, done a considerable amount of work on military air bases. In that period of time, we have observed the utilization of remote controlled aircraft.

In one particular instance, at the Cherry Point MCAS in North Carolina, we even built a reduced scale runway for these craft. I talked to one of the people involved, and he said the military had remote control, saucer shaped craft, and had them for a number of years. I thought he was joking, but it could explain some of the flying characteristics of ufo sightings.

If you have no pilot, g forces and things of that nature wouldn't have the same impact. Just thought I'd see if anyone else has any input.

bear



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Re: CE: Meteorite

From: Francis Ridge <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET>
Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 17:33:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 09:45:39 -0400
Subject: Re: CE: Meteorite

At 02:44 PM 7/10/98 -0700, you [Jan Aldrich] wrote:

>Fran

> How about the Institue of Meteoritics at the University of New
>Mexico? You can probably contact them on line through the
>Univarsity's webpage.

>Jan

Thanks, Jan.

Fran

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Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 08:49:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 10:37:54 -0400
Subject: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>From: Susan Baldwin <sblee@stc.net>
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>unfortunately.

Ha-Ha-Ha! I know what you mean Susan, and agree, but consider
that discussing UFOs goes down exactly like discussing world
peace -- without focus, fearfully incomplete, and one sided!
<g>.

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>to look at those shows from a non-believer's perspective. That
>might be the best opinion to get.

I can -- it makes me want to run to a hidey-hole, and wall
myself in. Moreover, it's hard to respect the opinion of one who
believes you to be deluded and misinformed.

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>most of us are, in all our variations.

Even if a fat cat republican <g>. Seriously though -- her
courage is exceptional.

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Advertising And UFOs

From: Joaquim Fernandes <j.fernand@esoterica.pt>
Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 15:18:09 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 12:20:48 -0400
Subject: Advertising And UFOs

Dear list members,

I am working on my PhD in Sciences Communications in Porto University (perhaps the first one in Europe, I dont know; can anybody else confirm this?) and the global subject is related to the UFO/ET syndrome evolution in the Portugaise press in two decades, from 1974 (the Democratic Revolution) to 1994, a generation survey. One of its important argument is the advertising and the ET/UFO phenomena.

I ask for help of anyone that could get me a sample of press advertising in his country to make a cultural confrontation. Of course, I will put his name on the thesis volume. Any exemplar of any time is well come. Thank you for the cooperation.

Joaquim Fernandes

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'Atlanta Journal-Constitution' Questionnaire

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 11:15:12 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 12:25:02 -0400
Subject: 'Atlanta Journal-Constitution' Questionnaire

This morning's (Saturday) Atlanta Journal-Constitution has printed a half page of comments responding to their question on their web page:

<http://www.accessatlanta.com/ajc/talk>

"What do you think about UFOs?"

Below are some exerpts which I found interesting:

Douglas O. Winter, Atlanta writes:

A well-known entertainer once said: "Even if my husband is cheating on me, I prefer not to know it, else I would have to do something about it."

There is everything to lose, and nothing to gain, for our elected officials even to acknowledge the possibility of UFOs. If it were ever proved that UFOs do exist, then the public might clamor for government to "do something about it." Government officials do not like to feel powerless.

<snip. . .Indeed! -tb>

Thomas Olin Sneed, College Park writes:

In 1951 on Yontan Mountain, Okinawa, my crew and I clocked a UFO traveling at 2,500 mph from the north of our area to the south, and then back north again.

Shortly after this sighting, some officers I had never seen showed up and questioned each crew member not only about what we had seen on the radar screen, but also about our education and experience as a radar operator.

We were all sworn to secrecy and told we would be courtmartialed if we discussed this matter with anyone else. This was before we had aircraft capable of these speeds.

<I guess he is not so worried about that threat now. -tb>

Mike Swartz, Atlanta writes:

<snip>

What lures so many alien spaceships to our humble planet? Maybe they're scouting for food. You never know: On the interstellar food chain, we might be the equivalent of cattle.

<Food or pets? Our water planet is also a good source of deuterium. -tb>

Finally, Jeffrey B. Krieger, Greer, S.C. writes:

I do not consider us an intelligent life form, even on this planet. I find our collective arrogance about being alone and unique, in the infinite diversity of wherever we are, astonishingly pitiful and pathetic.

<end of quotes>

Agreed, Jeffery. Until we shed nationalism and the war it causes, and unify humanity, we are no more than savages.

Terry

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Re: UFO - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Jul 98 11:03:12 PDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 08:44:02 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'

> Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 12:39:10 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@intranet.ca>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFO - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'

> >From: Blue Resonant Human <density4@cts.com>

> >::: Uri Geller on The Aviary :::
> >[from the London Times, July 1 1998]

> HAHHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

> I am amazed that Mr. Geller has enough credibility left in his
> name that a web server would allow him space for his site without
> paying for five years fees in advance.. Mr. Geller was proven a
> fake "psychic" many, many years ago, and I thought he had
> disappeared to become a weed man on a kibbutz somewhere.. This
> kind of nonsense only strengthens my beliefs that when we allow
> wackos to promote our beliefs, we look farcical, and thats why
> the media ignores our credible reports..

> Mr. Geller, go back to scamming money from old ladies in bingo
> halls, and new agers blinded by the truth..

I don't know what inspired the above outburst, which seems unwarranted. I know Uri Geller slightly and find him to be a genuinely nice man -- an opinion held, in my experience, by just about everyone who has met him. I have no opinion one way or another about his psychic powers, but I know enough about the controversy to know that nothing has been proved one way or another, bombastic claims from predictable quarters to the contrary notwithstanding.

Contrary to the impression give above, Geller, far from being "a weed man on a kibbutz somewhere," is quite a wealthy man and lives comfortably with his family in the south of England. I like to think he's the living answer to the smartass question, "If you're psychic, why ain't you rich?" Geller made his money from corporate clients, not from little old ladies in bingo parlors.

Jerry Clark

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Z-shaped UFOs Reported in Northern England

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 09:39:16 -0400
Subject: Z-shaped UFOs Reported in Northern England

Last night Lancashire UFO Society received a few UFO reports and other groups with whom we are associated heard of similar sightings. Z-shaped UFOs and other LIITS were seen across the country.

In fact, these were the result of a meteor shower and this is the second time in recent weeks that UFOs have been reported under the same circumstances.

Tim Matthews, Lancashire UFO Society.

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UFO*BC - Historical Report

From: **Bill Oliver** <boliver@direct.ca>
Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 12:59:52 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 09:50:42 -0400
Subject: UFO*BC - Historical Report

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The Nootka Man from the Sky
Source: 'Dark Visions' by John Robert Colombo

John Meares (1756-1809) was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy who resigned in 1771. He served as captain of three voyages from China to Nootka Sound. He was a fine observer of the Nootka Indians of the late 18th century. He is remembered today as the author of the travel account, Voyages made in the years 1778 and 1789, from China to the North West Coast of America, (London 1790) in which is told a number of Nootka traditions.

One such story is of an "extraordinary stranger from the sky".

Meares asked the indians how they had become acquainted with copper and why it was such an object of admiration among their people.

The indians explained that their ancestors had met a strange man in a copper "canoe" and everything in this man's possession was made of metal.

The stranger told them that he had come from the sky, and he warned them that one day their nation would be destroyed and they would all be killed.

The natives ended up killing the stranger and stealing his "copper canoe" and thus starting their fondness of the metal.

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UFO*BC - More From The Surrey Corridor

From: Bill Oliver <boliver@direct.ca>
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Surrey Strange Happenings

Investigated by Steve Adair and Graham Conway, written by Steve Adair. On January 25 of this year, there was a message on our hotline service marked urgent. Intrigued that someone had left an 'urgent' message while it was my two week shift on the hotline (at UFO*BC we take a rotational 2 week stint at following up on hotline calls), I wasted no time in getting back to the caller. I was rewarded! The following is the account of R.W. of Surrey. Sometime between December 12 & 20, 1997, something strange indeed occurred at the home of the caller. It was around midnight and R.W. was preparing to retire for the night in the basement portion of the house, a small bedroom area he shares with his 5 year old daughter. According to the witness, he was lying in his bed looking across the room at her, just before dozing off, when he heard a loud hissing sound. At the same time, the room became filled with very bright, white light. Suddenly, he became unable to move, his body 'paralyzed', along with a burning, itching sensation from head to toe. He looked at his daughter again, but was no longer looking across the room, but DOWN at her! He sensed that he was indeed rising up, and felt fear, but at the same time, calm and relaxed. The room at this time was still flooded with very bright, white light.

The witness then found himself lying on some sort of bed, in what he describes as a huge, square shaped room, also very brightly lit, and hazy. He recalls seeing what he thought were very white, bluish coloured sheets hanging all around. He felt that someone was holding the back of his head, and he could hear speaking, perhaps half a dozen or more different voices, speaking in different languages, and volume levels. He felt fear, but heard a voice telepathically telling him that he and his daughter were 'ok', and had nothing to fear. He did not see his daughter, or any one else during this entire event. When asked if he noticed odours of any kind, he recalls the smell of what he thought was liver!

He doesn't recall much after this, finding himself back in his own bed just as daylight was breaking, (this incident began around midnight to 1 a.m.) His body still had a tingling sensation, and it was very difficult to move, and was still feeling 'itchy' all over. Since this experience, he has been having nightmares, and is fearful of going to bed at night. A red itchy rash has appeared on the back of his left hand. During the day, he senses that someone is wanting to communicate with him, and touch him. While watching TV, or sitting reading, he can hear murmuring, or whispering, but can't understand what is being said. Along with this (if that weren't enough!) tiny bright blue diamond shaped points of light will suddenly go past his field of vision while sitting reading, or watching television.

It would seem that this is just the latest in a series of odd events that R.W. has experienced over the last 30 years or so.

Among them, the sighting of a 'Spitfire' World War II aircraft (with no emblems or markings), close enough to see the pilot, who looked right at him, and raised a hand in a sort of greeting. This in itself may be unremarkable, but what is remarkable is that the aircraft was in a nose-dive, and a crash was imminent, as there was no place for a plane to land. However, there was no crash, and no evidence of any aircraft. This was followed shortly after by an equally puzzling event, when the witness was with his Grandfather in the garden behind their home in Surrey, on a beautiful sunny day, when out of a clear blue sky came a 'bolt of lightning' which hit a rock in the backyard, right in front of the witness. They picked up the rock, and reported that it had a 'golden glow'. These events took place about 1959.

In 1975 things got stranger still. The witness was in the King George Highway & 112th Avenue area, along with some family and friends, when they all saw an object described as a bright orange ball with a smaller ball on top drop from the sky and hover. Estimated distance was 'a few miles'.

Observation time, about 10 minutes. As luck would have it, the witness had a Polaroid camera with him, and was able to take a few pictures of the object, which then took off suddenly. Apparently others in the Port Mann area had also seen the object, as the Columbian Paper ran a short article the following day.

The witness called the airport regarding this sighting, but no one there could offer any information. R.W. then went to the Columbian newspaper to share his story, who reported it in the next edition, and to R.W.'s dismay, included his name and address. This was soon followed by a telephone call and a visit from a military man, a Sgt. Major, who said he was from Jericho Beach military base. After arriving at the witness' home, dressed in full uniform, and arriving in a green military car, he asked if he could come in and discuss the sighting with the witness and his parents. He supplied the three of them with note pads and pencils, and asked them to go into separate rooms and draw what they had seen the day of the sighting. They agreed. The witness then volunteered that he had taken photos of the object and showed them to the Sgt. Major, who asked if there were any negatives, or additional photos. There were no other photos, and no negatives as these were Polaroid shots. The Sgt. Major then took the witness' camera, and without explanation or apologies, opened the camera and exposed the remaining film. He then put the photos and sketches into his briefcase, and abruptly left the house. Later they received a letter thanking them for phoning in their report (which they hadn't done!).

Approximately 2 weeks later they got a visit from an individual described as very tall and lanky with a military type haircut, dark wrap around glasses, and a sickly looking greyish white complexion. He said that he had seen the article in the paper and would like to talk to them about the sighting. The witness and his parents invited him in. When offered some coffee and cookies, he seemed puzzled, and asked "What is this?", to which the mother replied "it's just coffee." The visitor then gulped the very hot coffee straight down, crumbled the cookies up with his hands, and put them in his mouth! He spoke with a slow, slurred type of speech, and seemed to have something like a British accent. During the conversation he was asked where he was from, to which he replied "Oh, quite a distance from here". He went on to say that he was to have met with the object the day of the sighting, but that he had been 'late'. Noticing the TV set in the corner, he suddenly seemed apprehensive, pointed at it and asked "What is that?", to which the mother replied, "It's a television", then proceeded to turn it on. The visitor then quite excitedly said "That's a communicator! Turn it off!"

During the course of the remaining conversation, (which was curiously dotted with Biblical quotations) the witness' mother made a remark about UFOs and said that if they were coming here to harm us, perhaps we should arm ourselves, and shoot at them first. Upon hearing this remark, the visitor became quite upset and said "You could never harm us, we could destroy your world in the blink of an eye, and would not hesitate to do so!"

All this time the visitor kept checking his watch, reported as being 'very fancy' and on the right hand, then suddenly stood up and said "I must leave now, but may I come back again?" R.W. and

his parents replied in the affirmative. He then went to the door, and when the witness and family extended their hands to shake his hand , he did not accept, but simply raised his right hand and walked out the door. Immediately after closing the door, they looked out the front window, but the visitor was nowhere to be seen.

I can't help but wonder if my next 'tour of duty' on the hotline will yield the typical 'light in the sky' reports (quite often the planet Venus, aircraft with landing lights on, etc...), calls from those with far too much time on their hands and wild imaginations, just plain crank calls, or just maybe.....

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UFO*BC - Surrey Corridor

From: Bill Oliver <boliver@direct.ca>
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Subject: UFO*BC - Surrey Corridor

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The Surrey Saga...continued
by Graham Conway

We are frequently asked, "Is anything happening in Surrey?", to which we usually reply, "Yes, indeed, pretty well on an ongoing basis". If it's quiet, or seems to be, then that only indicates we haven't yet heard about the "latest piece of action". But enough of my rambling, let's provide some examples for you readers (i.e. - reflections from my notebook).

The night the Persian Gulf War officially ended a lady driving north on King George Highway watched in open-mouth amazement as two triangular shaped craft crossed the highway from east to west at the 98th Avenue intersection. Located behind the Surrey Village Market (west side of King George Highway), is a 14 story apartment building. Our witness stated that the wedge shaped craft were at the 9th floor level. Despite the fact that these UFOs were well illuminated around the visible edges, we received no other reports from other potential travelers in that area. But what else is new? Such one act plays are par for the course.

Moving southward a few blocks we arrive at Bear Creek Park, where reports frequently originate. On the 17th of May, 1995, a couple who live behind Brookside Elementary School were witness to a large pie-shaped craft that flew slowly from southeast to northwest. This was viewed from the kitchen window by both the man and his wife. Up to that point the former had been a dyed-in-the-wool skeptic. The prolonged sighting gave him reason to re-assess his stance, as the low altitude UFO with its revolving coloured lights moved out of sight over some nearby trees. About forty minutes later it was back again for a briefer period. It comes as no great surprise (to us) when we heard that the sister of the lady of the house had experienced strange events herself, even though she lives in another municipality. On thing is for sure, she did not want to discuss her memories. The mother of these two ladies had a lengthy history of sightings and lifetime events which she was prepared to discuss.

Close by to this particular location can be found a very visible series of high tension transmission towers that run west to east, crossing King George Highway. In the very immediate vicinity of these silently menacing power lines a two story house is located.

On July 27th, 1994, at 4 am, "Eddie" came into his mother's bedroom to tell her that "there was a thing with blue lights under the wires" and "little people on the poles". His mother told him to shut up and climb into her bed. At breakfast that morning he was still talking about it. I got a call at 8 am and arrived at the house at 11, after re-arranging my work schedule.

I quickly discovered that Eddie's bedroom faces east. Even if he could see over the window sill (which he couldn't), it was not possible to see the poles he was referring to, from that location. Asking more questions elicited the astonishing answer that he had been talking to the "high man" (tall was not in his vocabulary). "Where did this take place?" "Down there", said he,

pointing to the ground below the verandah on which we were standing. "Who else was with you?", I asked. "Mummy", he replied. Needless to say, "mother" didn't want to hear any of this. For if what her son was recounting was indeed true, then they had both been outside during the night, and she had no memory of it. Even more perplexing was how this strange journey took place, as her sister lived in the house, her mother in the lower half, and they also had a dog. Of course, all the doors were locked. When I asked where the "thing" had gone, he just pointed into the westerly sky. At this point mother loudly announced they were going to move, and within a month they had!

It should be noted that at their previous residence in a nearby district of Whalley, "Eddie" had frequently complained to his mother of an "old man" who looked at him through his bedroom window. Two small problems arose from this statement: (1) his bedroom was on the second floor, and (2) the window had drapes. Even so, he persisted in this complaint.

To conclude this brief roundup of the weird and wondrous from the Surrey Corridor - a final stop, one that made its way to national TV via the aid of a program called "Encounters". The year was 1994. The family in question is a three member unit. When we first were invited to hear their story and attempt an investigation they had been experiencing strange events in their residence for quite a long period of time. The home, a modest bungalow, is set in a quiet residential backwater. "Darlene" and "Eric" are out of the house most of the day. They usually cook with a microwave unit. The house has solar panels installed in the roof. You won't find a basement area, it doesn't exist. Why describe all of the above?... simply to make a point. The bi-monthly gas and electricity bill is usually in the range of SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS! (No, they don't grow grass.) The writer's home is twice as large, including a basement area, and my hydro bill for the same period runs around \$117, every two months. Why this vast discrepancy?...no one knows. Various experts have checked the house out and are unable to determine the power drain leakage point. Prior to departing they changed the hydro meter, nothing changed cost wise.

Our own investigation team brought in two technicians familiar with electrical wiring systems. Despite a very thorough search of the whole house, inside and out, nothing could be found to explain this electrical enigma.

The young couple have also had unusual bedroom experiences. "Eric" sees light "explosions", and both have viewed UFOs performing sky dances through the sky light set in the ceiling. On one occasion "Darlene" was able to view a large triangular shaped craft cross her field of vision (the sky light was 12" by 18"). It took, she reckons, about one minute!

This young couple have a small daughter, who at that particular time was two years old. Verbal communication was limited, however she could make it abundantly clear to her parents that though she was quite prepared to sleep in her crib during the day, she had no intention of occupying it at night.

Standing at one corner she would point up toward the wall and repeat "baby, baby, baby". Her parents were unable to see what she was pointing at. When we were shown the room and told the story we noticed a small door on the wall where "Teresa" usually pointed. On opening it up we found an electrical panel. Significant?...we think so, but don't know why.

When the film crew for "Encounters" came to the house for the interview session they completed the sequence by setting up the equipment outside the house to record our taking leave of our hosts, "Darlene" and "Eric". As we waited for our cue to depart we were suddenly informed that it would take a while longer than expected. The reason being that the crew had just discovered that the newly charged batteries inserted for each take, were completely drained. This had never happened to them before, and where were they positioned you ask?...right outside "Teresa's" bedroom! What a coincidence!

In conclusion it should be noted that this couple have had other UFO sightings. Two whilst on holidays at Osoyoos, on consecutive nights, for extended periods. The second night they were able to video tape the light as it moved slowly out of sight. Another time, travelling home one evening, they viewed a reflective

metallic(?) object high in the clear sunlit sky, for a short period of time.

The forgoing accounts will serve to confirm that Surrey as a whole is replete with people who have had, or are having, some truly astonishing sightings and experiences. If any of you readers who live within this region of "high strangeness" have a story to tell that we haven't yet heard, then don't delay, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

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>>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 19:56:29 -0400

>
>>I think you deserve a big "attagirl" for sticking your political
>>neck out. The skeptics in my opinion were the ones that came off
>>looking like fools. No matter how rationally you discuss UFO's
>>though its not going to go down like discussing world peace,
>>unfortunately.

>
>Ha-Ha-Ha! I know what you mean Susan, and agree, but consider
>that discussing UFOs goes down exactly like discussing world
>peace -- without focus, fearfully incomplete, and one sided!
><g>.

Ahem, you are so right- perhaps I should have said discussing
something like "auto mechanics" a shot carburetor, is a shot
carburetor and at least people don't look at you like you are
2 sandwiches short of a picnic when you discuss them.

>>I don't know about the rest of the crew here but it's hard for me
>>to look at those shows from a non-believer's perspective. That
>>might be the best opinion to get.

>I can -- it makes me want to run to a hidey-hole, and wall
>myself in. Moreover, it's hard to respect the opinion of one who
>believes you to be deluded and misinformed.

I just knew I should have thrown in *Open Minded* non-believer,
which is what I really meant. Someone who is basically uninformed
about the subject (are there such people?). I just didn't know
exactly how to phrase it. Like you, I am far past that point and
its impossible for me to turn the clock back mentally to when I
was. Sometimes I am TOO accepting of UFO information which makes
me less critical when I watch those shows.

>>I think the show presented you as a truth-seeker which is what
>>most of us are, in all our variations.

>Even if a fat cat republican.

ONLY about UFOs Alfred.....the political stuff I would
characterize as vote-seeking rather than truth seeking, worlds
of difference there eh? <g>

Susan

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In Defence of Andy Denne et al

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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 10:07:04 -0400
Subject: In Defence of Andy Denne et al

Dear Sirs:

I just wanted to put in a word in defense of Andy Denne.

I'm not sure he deserves it.

Your's (very truly)

Larry Hatch

ps: be kind

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Ohio UFO Poll

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Stig

July 6, 1998

By The Numbers

Wanted: A sign of intelligent life in the universe

James Kitchens

Do aliens just love rednecks?

Is that why all the UFO sightings are in the middle of nowhere? Why else would they have forsaken a glimpse of the bright lights of our big cities?

And what about the alien teen-agers? You just know that, like their human counterparts, they have been given specific instructions before taking out the family spaceship: "Now, Newt, don't go near any of those big cities on the third rock from the sun."

And you just know that if they are anything at all like their human counterparts, then that's the very first place an alien teen-ager would visit.

I admit, I love the X-Files and all its alien-inspired paranoia. But there is a line between real live aliens and real good fiction, and it's beginning to look a lot like some of us have crossed over.

Just the other day, I was riding in the car and overheard people calling in to a popular radio talk show to discuss whether or not aliens had visited the United States and whether the government was keeping it a secret from all of us.

The caller du jour announced he was certain the government had been capturing space ships and little tiny green men for decades and had managed to keep it under wraps. After all, he added, the government was just a bunch of incompetent crooks who couldn't even get the mail delivered on time.

Our caller can't have it both ways: Either the government is made up of nincompoops running about in ever-tightening concentric circles, or it is made up of steely-eyed spy masters who can cajole, intimidate and efficiently silence thousands of people over a period of decades.

(The government really can get the mail delivered on time, all right, but then the public will begin to suspect just how excruciatingly competent Washington really is. No, far better to continue buying \$600 hammers and keep up the facade of dumb and dumber.)

Look, if the government can't keep ex-presidential adviser Dick Morris and his toe-sucking mistress safe from the cameras of the National Enquirer, how can they possibly keep aliens tucked away?

Very cleverly, according to an awful lot of folks. I know this because I went to the heartland of the country -- safe, sane Ohio -- and asked 750 registered voters across the state:

Some people think the Earth has been visited by spaceships or aliens from outer planets. Do you think Earth has ever been visited by aliens from outer space?

The results: Almost one out of every four voters, 22 percent, declared that aliens have already landed. Another 18 percent said maybe yes, maybe no.

That means 40 percent of the corn-fed voters in staid Ohio accept the possibility that our biggest alien problem has nothing to do with non-English-speaking people sneaking across the Texas border.

Perhaps Orson "War of the Worlds" Wells said it best: "Of course there is life on other planets. Who else would use the earth for an insane asylum?"

James Kitchens is owner and president of The Kitchens Group Inc., an Orlando-based polling firm.

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Frances Emma Barwood Campaign Event with Richard

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Richard has agreed to do this event in order to help support Ms. Barwood's Campaign. Frances Emma Barwood (former Phoenix City Council Woman who dared to ask questions regarding the unexplained lights over Phoenix on March 13, 1997, is currently successfully running for Arizona Secretary of State)

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St. Paul, Alberta UFO Conference Update

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http://www.canoe.ca/EdmontonNews/05_n2.html

Stig

July 11, 1998

SHOW BOSS SEES CASH NOT UFOS

By RACHEL EVANS -- Staff Writer=BF ST. PAUL -- Unlike some participants in a UFO conference that started here yesterday, Gerald Kotowich isn't convinced by those who see lights in the sky.

But as one of the organizers of the two-day event and a business booster, he can relate to those who see dollar figures every time extraterrestrials are mentioned.

"I'm a very non-believer," said Kotowich.

Kotowich became involved with the first UFO conference as a member of St. Paul's economic development board. The town of 5,000, located 208 km northeast of Edmonton, built a UFO landing pad in 1967 and began a novelty UFO hotline four years ago.

Still, it's not like he hasn't tried to buy into the tales of alien abductions and little green men. He watched the X-Files movie to get into the spirit and came away with an open mind.

"There's something out there," he conceded.

Yeah, but aliens?

"I don't know what it is ... but let's find out."

Then there's fellow board member Randy Brodziak. He's trying to solve a mystery.

When he was 14 years old he saw two small white circles zoom across the sky, then vanish. It made him a believer - unlike Kotowich, who admits he's in the minority.

"I think most of the people are going to be serious," Kotowich said. "I think the skeptics are afraid to come."

Non-believers may be convinced by tonight. Speakers will include Stanton Friedman, a physicist working to prove the Roswell, New Mexico, UFO crash happened; an Edmonton woman who claims to have been abducted; and speakers on the mysterious crop circles and cattle mutilations.

Linda Hymanyk, who is selling colorful ceramic alien figurines at the conference, said she's afraid of what she might learn.

"I want to believe that they don't exist but I'm sure that they do,"

she said. "I think the conference is a great idea because some people have the fear of the unknown."

Winnipegger Chris Rutkowski said it's not necessary to believe in aliens in order to believe in UFOs.

"A belief in UFOs is sort of a non-issue," he said after his presentation yesterday. "UFOs exist because people report unidentified flying objects," not aliens.

But even though he's a scientist, he admits it deserves more study. Rutkowski quoted a poll of Canadians that found 78% of people polled believe there is intelligent life somewhere other than Earth, and 10% said they had seen a UFO.

More than 300 people registered for the conference yesterday, and Brodziak expects even more today.

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UK UFO Flap July 10 (BBC)

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And do go to the site and listen to the audio link (1m 47s)!

Stig

Saturday, July 11, 1998 Published at 06:35 GMT 07:35 UK

Sci/Tech

The Z from outer space

(Image: Lighting up the sky: a meteorite enters the atmosphere)

A large meteorite is being blamed for hundreds of sightings of bright lights in the sky along the west coast of Britain on Friday evening.

Initially the authorities were baffled about the source of the lights, which looked like the letter Z or the number 2.

(Audio link: Belfast Coastguard Duty Watch Manager Bungy Williamson: "It was intriguing")

It was not until early on Saturday morning that an airline pilot who landed at East Midlands airport was able to provide a rational explanation.

The pilot reported seeing a large meteorite entering the atmosphere as he was flying to the UK from France.

He claimed to have watched it breaking up and leaving a long trail in its wake which was then formed by winds into shapes resembling the letters.

Throughout Friday evening police and coastguards from Cornwall to Scotland were inundated with calls from people who spotted the lights, though most came from people living around the Irish Sea.

Coastguards in Belfast said they had received dozens of 999 calls and admitted they had seen lights in the sky which they watched for an hour above the north coast of Ireland.

A spokesman said the lights formed a large Z-shape. "It was very prominent and was due north of the coastguard station. We were able to watch it from the windows.

"I can say that I have never seen anything like it before.

"It was a larger shape than the moon but as we were unable to measure the distance it was impossible to judge its actual size. I made a drawing of the object which shortly before midnight began to fade.

"It appeared to be moving very slowly westwards. When we first saw the object it was not completely dark. It was higher than the clouds and

occasionally it was obscured by passing clouds."

Another report was received by Teesside Air Traffic control tower near Middlesbrough who reported seeing an object resembling the letter Q in the sky west of their position.

In a statement, the Department of Transport said: "The sightings were from as far apart as Cornwall to the Clyde, west to Belfast and east to Leeds.

"Air traffic control systems were contacted and it was established no aircraft were missing or overdue.

"RAF Fylingdales early warning station reported no undue activity, as did Jodrell Bank.

"We can only summarize it is space debris or a comet."

Departing perhaps from the dryness associated with the civil service the statement added: "Coastguard and air traffic control are satisfied this is not aircraft related, so we can only assume whatever it is comes from 'out there'."

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UK Sighting 1978 (Serious Researchers Wanted)

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Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 02:36:51 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 12:01:08 -0400
Subject: UK Sighting 1978 (Serious Researchers Wanted)

Posted to the newsgroup "uk.rec.ufo" July 10.

Stig

Subject: Sighting in UK 1978
From: "Artextra" <john@nosspam.artextra.force9.co.uk>
Date: 1998/07/10
Message-ID: <01bdaa26\$a92cb300\$LocalHost@default>
Newsgroups: uk.rec.ufo

In the summer of 1978 I sighted a UFO. I am offering this info to assist serious researchers and NOT to encourage dialogue from the "help me meet an alien" brigade.

Location of sighting : Wisbech St. Mary. North Cambs. England.

Date & time : June or July 1978 (can't remember exactly) time approx 3 am.

No, I had not been drinking / drugs / illness. My eyesight was and still is 20/20.

I first flew in a light aircraft at the age of 6 yrs old and was 18 yrs when sighting occurred. My father holds a private pilots licence and I have flown and been around aircraft / airfields from a very young age. The night was warm with a clear sky.

I saw the object and kept it in sight for almost three minutes. Approx size sixty feet in length, shape being oval. Flying / hovering height approx 250 feet above sea level.

Did anyone else see / report this ? I can describe in better detail the object to anyone interested.

No, I am not a crank and this is not a wind-up.

John

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Scientists Warn Of Most Intense Meteor Storm Since

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Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 03:25:40 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 12:07:40 -0400
Subject: Scientists Warn Of Most Intense Meteor Storm Since

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http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_110000/110187.stm

Links are preceded by asterisks.

Stig

Wednesday, June 10, 1998 Published at 11:26 GMT 12:26 UK

Sci/Tech

Scientists warn of meteor storm

(Image: Hubble Space Telescope will be turned away)

Astronomers and satellite operators are preparing for the most intense bombardment by meteors since 1966. Our science correspondent David Whitehouse reports.

The Leonid meteor swarm, so called because it appears to come from the constellation of Leo, strikes the Earth every November.

Most years it isn't very noticeable. But every 33 years or so it can produce a storm. And the next storm is predicted later this year or in 1999.

According to scientists at the meeting of the American Astronomical Society in San Diego, the cosmic blizzard could disable satellites in Earth orbit.

It could also provide a spectacular shooting star show for skygazers.

(Image: The Leonid storm)

There are about a dozen major meteor showers each year, the most famous being the Perseids in August.

The meteors are tiny grains of dust shed from a comet. The Leonids come from Comet Temple-Tuttle.

Satellite operators are preparing plans to protect their satellites. The Hubble Space Telescope will be pointed away from the direction of the meteors, the space shuttle will not be in space at the time and many satellites will be turned so that sensitive areas are protected.

(Image: Lynch: storm could sandblast satellites)

According to Dr David Lynch of the Aerospace Corporation in California thousands of flecks of dust could 'sandblast' many satellites during the two-hour blizzard. Some satellites could be damaged.

While the storm is a headache for satellite engineers, astronomers are planning a series of airborne observations to find out as much about the Leonids as possible.

Relevant Stories

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UK Mystery Lights: No Meteor Involved?

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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 12:08:59 -0400
Subject: UK Mystery Lights: No Meteor Involved?

Posted to the newsgroup "uk.rec.ufo" July 11.

Stig

Subject: Yet another 'meteor'. :)
From: eadams8221@aol.com (EAdams8221)
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Newsgroups: uk.rec.ufo

This just in (important, so that's why I'm posting)...

A source of mine, who-shall-remain-nameless, phoned me this morning alerting me to the following: A Z-shaped formation of EXTREMELY bright lights travelled over the West coast of Britain. Now, the source THINKS it might have been from North to South - they're not really sure about that. The impressive thing is that, unlike the certain incident the other week, both the Ministry of Defence and the police apparently issued a statement saying that it was definitely NOT a meteor shower.

Later on in the day, I heard it on the radio news. On this, a coast guard station said that it was a 'mystery' too (unable to remember location) and that a civilian airliner called in to report, what they termed as a "meteor". I THINK I also heard something about an explanation being given for the thing being a meteor shower, so I'm still waiting for confirmation on this (although whether it came from some astronomer who was just being quick off the mark, or the MoD or some such institution, I don't know).

I have no information regarding speeds or altitude, but a Z-shaped formation would cast extreme doubt on the 'natural' case. I'm awaiting the outcome of this, but there isn't much coverage of these events here in the UK. I still feel that this is all part of a 'flap' which is concentrating here in the UK - even though there is little or no media coverage. If my guess is correct, then it should last into about August (perhaps September) - I have my reasons! :)

PS: New stuff just come in. From Ceefax and Teletext, the following has come to light. It was around midnight this morning (11 June 1998). They travelled from Scotland to Cornwall. They were seen in 'Z', 'Q' and '2' shaped formations (although I would say that '2' and 'Z' may well be interchangeable). An un-named pilot (probably from the civilian airliner, although it may have been a different one), said that he saw them 'arrange' themselves into a pattern of a 'Z'/'2'. The MoD previously said that there were no meteors on the time in question. Now, all of a sudden, our favorite Defenders of the Realm are saying that there WAS a meteor shower! :) People at the Isle of Man called in noting a "huge explosion". A meteor would produce one, but not in such a magnitude - or so I would have thought.

Incidentally, this source also alerted me to the rather strange incident involving the Tornado F-3, the wreckage of which was discovered (officially) and the body of ONE of the crewmembers was found. That came to me before breaking on the news too.

- Eric

"Be wary of any book with no references and no index."

"Friedman's law is that progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredicable way."

- Both by Stanton Friedman.

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July 11, 1998

First, my apologies. I don't always check THE UNEXPLAINED on A&E, because if
often covers things which I don't think are appropriate to this list. I did
miss one on the "saucer seekers" (featuring Bill Hamilton, author of (
<[A HREF="http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0938294733/bufosweirdworld"](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0938294733/bufosweirdworld)>
Cosmic Top Secret). It's been a very busy week for me: as some of you
know, I'm a computer trainer (no, I don't train the computers...I train people
to use them ;). This week, I was teaching Advanced FileMaker Pro 4 for the
first time that anyone had done it at my facility. I had to write some of the
curriculum, and that kept me busy. By the way, if you want to get your
database on the Web, FMPro 4 has a very impressive, easy way to do it.
Anyway, as people who go back with me a long way on this know, I used to cover
things far more in depth. Just don't have enough time right now. Another one
of my frustrations in life is that I can't report the SIGHTINGS ON THE RADIO (
<[A HREF="http://www.sightings.com/about/guests.htm"](http://www.sightings.com/about/guests.htm)>sor-program guests)
listing each week. I usually prepare this now on Saturday morning, and the
next week isn't up by then. Jeff Rense is the best host with whom I have ever
done a full show...there used to be some archives with me on there: they may
still be there. Jeff presents a reasonably balanced viewpoint, and likes to
let the guests do most of the talking. This isn't to slight the host of my
regular spot: Eddie Middleton on NIGHTSEARCH. That's only a short segment,
and I've never actually heard him interview anybody (since I live in
California, and he's out of Memphis).

Also, CNI News (<[A HREF="http://www.cninews.com/"](http://www.cninews.com/)>CNI News Home Page
)was kind enough to inform me that the ROSIE O'DONNEL show with Whitley
Strieber is supposedly scheduled for July 20. The tabloids have claimed that
she is coming out as an abductee on it. She's friends with Dan Akyroyd (who
knows an incredible amount about weird stuff), but don't count on a definitive
declaration.

On to the listings! Times are generally Pacific unless otherwise stated.

Television

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL
Sunday, July 12, 1:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: AN
ELEMENT OF THE DIVINE (dowsing)
Sunday, July 12, 1:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD: CROP CIRCLES
Sunday, July 12, 2:00 PM, ANIMAL X: SUPERSTITIONS
Wednesday, July 15, 10:00 PM, THE SCIENCE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE: INVISIBLE FORCES
(remote viewing, ESP, etc.)
Thursday, July 16, 1:00 AM, THE SCIENCE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE: INVISIBLE FORCES
(remote viewing, ESP, etc.)
Sunday, July 19, 5:00 PM, THE SCIENCE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE: INVISIBLE FORCES
(remote viewing, ESP, etc.)

THE LEARNING CHANNEL

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 PM, UFOS: ABOVE AND BEYOND (hosted by James Doohan)
Thursday, July 16, 10:00 PM, UFOS: ABOVE AND BEYOND (hosted by James Doohan)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

They've increased the SIGHTINGS re-runs, although they've gotten a bit quirky with the schedule. Figure 9:00 AM, 4:00 PM, and 8:00 PM most weekdays. Sundays are typically 8:00 AM and 11:00 PM.

THE SCIENCE CHANNEL

Runs weird programming at 6:00 AM, 6:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 10:00 PM, and 10:30 PM.

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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Seeking Intelligent Life Out There And Right Here

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Subject: Seeking Intelligent Life Out There And Right Here

Source: MSNBC's Space News July 10
Space: the final and best frontier
Seeking intelligent life out there and right here
By Athena Andreadis

I believe in math. All less-than-zero probabilities carried to infinity are certainties, which is why I know that E.T. will phone one day. Whether we'll be able to carry a meaningful conversation is a separate topic but, given the odds, it's a sure bet E.T. - or some other form of extra-terrestrial life - is out there.

Neither Earth nor the solar system will live forever. The search for life on other planets offers a new idea of what it means to be human.

IT'S IN THE numbers. There's a famous equation which makes the point, called the Drake equation after Frank Drake of the SETI Institute who formulated it for Project Ozma in 1960. It calculates the number of civilizations capable of long-range communication.

The equation has seven terms. The first three address astrophysical and geological questions =97 the rate of star formation, the fraction of stars with planets and the number of Earthlike planets within each system. The last four address chemical and biological questions =97 the fraction of planets on which life develops and flourishes long enough to develop intelligence, then technology and then ultimately becomes mature enough not to destroy itself before sending out an obvious signal of its presence.

Twenty years ago, as a Harvard undergrad, I listened to a taped lecture by Carl Sagan, in which he went through the Drake equation. Twenty years ago, we knew just a bit about the first term, and nothing about the others. In the years since, we've witnessed stars form, flare, dim and die. In the last three years, we saw star orbits wobble from what could only be surrounding planets. Two months ago, we gazed at the first pictures of a planetary system forming, a dark ring around a star, a celestial embryo in its first division. And a few weeks ago, the Hubble telescope directly photographed a rogue planet streaking away from nearby stars.

All of these observations essentially set the first three terms of the Drake equation to values close to one, and serve to remind us, again, that Earth's experience is not so unique after all. In fact, given that only a few stars were sampled for planets, we might be just another block in the Levittown we call the universe. Earth is not so unique after all. We might be just another block in the Levittown we call the universe.

So now we're left with the other four terms of the Drake equation, which deal with chemistry - of planets, as well as of brains - and which have not yet been systematically explored. Still, answers have been accumulating to reassure us that life on Earth is not an odd accident, not an isolated shooting star destined to burn unobserved.

Even within our own solar system, we have met with encouraging hints wherever we've sent a craft with sensitive instruments. Water, the solvent that would support life forms similar to us, exists in the atmosphere of Titan, under the surface of Europa and in the Martian polar caps. Several other planets have conditions similar to those in hot sulfur springs, polar regions and ocean depths. Such locales may

be hell for creatures who utilize oxygen and prefer ambient temperatures. Nevertheless, they teem with exotic life. Finally, there is the unusual soil chemistry of Mars, and its abundance of optically active quartz. An equally "exotic" chemistry of silicon scaffolds supporting complex carbon compounds heralded the dawn of life on Earth.

With the intractable problems on Earth, why should we care if there is life beyond our planet? Because what makes us human is our ability and need to venture into the unknown. At this point, we have overrun Earth, leaving no more space to experiment, no new lands to discover, no frontier - except for the ersatz thrills of cyberspace.

Having neither a strong antagonist nor a great cause to unite us, we have become navel-watchers, despoilers and cannibals, just like rats when they are confined in too small a cage. Without real challenges, we invent artificial ones that are often malign. Our spirits are shrinking along with our boundaries, giving rise to endless petty disputes, random Balkanization, social fragmentation and a sense of free fall. Without real challenges, we invent artificial ones that are often malign. Our spirits are shrinking along with our boundaries, giving rise to endless petty disputes.

The discovery of life on another planet - or even of conditions favorable for life - will reopen outlets which are now dammed (as well as guarantee our long-term survival, since neither Earth nor our solar system will live for ever). The pursuit of these questions will not only infinitely expand our scientific knowledge, but will also grant us a new definition of what it means to be human, just as each discovery about the terms of the Drake equation has led us to re-evaluate our vision of the universe and our position in it. By providing endless nourishment for our irreducible needs as an exploring, curious race, space is not the final but the best frontier.

From: Mark - Alien Astronomer
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

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Nua Blather: Weird Achill

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Weekly free email of Dogma Destruction,
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Previously in Blather, in *Baaaaah-Humbug*
(<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue2no2.html>), and *Rocks from
Irish Skies* (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issuelno33.html>), we
mentioned the ongoing debacle at the Achill Island House of Prayer.

Alleged stigmatic Mrs. Christina Gallagher and what appears to be a
cult following of sorts have been claiming minor miracles there. Back
before Christmas 1997, the Archbishop of Tuam held an inquiry,
concluding that there was no evidence that "supernatural phenomena of
whatever kind" was taking place at The House of Prayer.
(<http://www.irish-times.com/irish-times/paper/1997/1217/hom30.html>)

On May 6th, The Connaught Telegraph told of a newly enforced Sunday
Mass "ban" at the House of Prayer.
(<http://www.mayo-ireland.ie/ConnTel/CT9805/CT980513/Mass.htm>)

Now, to cap it all, the House, which, according to the Irish Times,
attracts 10,000 pilgrims and generates IR500,000 pounds locally ever
year, is to close. Mrs. Gallagher announced that this is due to the
restrictions placed on the centre and the prying involvement of the
church, saying that while the Catholic Church dictated, they had
refrained from negotiation. The Irish Times quoted Mrs. G as saying
that she was "putting the record straight. I don't want any hassle
with the bishop. I surrender to his authority and pray that God will
receive all, because God knows all."

Oddly enough, Father Brendan Kilcoyne, who is secretary to the
Archbishop of Tuam, denied that the church had anything to do with
the closure. He said that while the House of Prayer was meant as
nothing more than a religious retreat centre, "Very quickly it
became something different, a kind of de facto shrine. What Archbishop
Neary was trying to do was bring it closer to the structures of the
church, and inevitably that brought certain restrictions."
(Irish Times July 4th 1998
<http://www.irish-times.com/irish-times/paper/1998/0704/hom33.html>)

Achill (*Acaill*, eagle, from *aquila*) is a veritable pocket
of fortean enigma. For those who are unfamiliar with the place, it's
a large bleak yet beautiful island off the West coast of Ireland, and
connected to the County Mayo mainland by a narrow bridge.
It has an area of some 50 sq. miles (129.5 sq. km), measures 14 miles
(22.4km) east to west and 12 miles (19.2km) north to south, with some
80 miles (128km) of coastline (Achill Island Map and Guide, Bob
Kingston 1988).

Praeger describes it thus:

'Achill, wind-swept and bare, heavily peat-covered, with great gaunt brown mountains rising here and there, and a wild coast hammered by the Atlantic waves on all sides but the east, has a strange charm which everyone feels, but none can fully explain.'

(Robert Lloyd Praeger, *The Way That I Went* 1937, republished 1997 by The Collins Press ISBN 1-898-256-357)

Not only do we have alleged stigmata and other 'miracles' at the House of Prayer at Pollagh, but back towards Achill Sound, near the bridge, we have Sraheens Lough, previously mentioned in *Blather on Tour* (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no19.html>) and *Kanga-Ruse* (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no21.html>). The Lough made front pages news in the Evening Herald of June 4th 1966, due to alleged lake monster sightings there.

Oddly enough, Praeger makes a not insignificant mention of a *different* lake to Sraheens:

'...you can visit Bunnafreeva Lough, perched on the edge of the huge cliff with another cliff overhanging it -- a place so lonely and sterile and primeval that one might expect to see the *piast* or other Irish water-monster rising from the inky depths of the tarn.' (*The Way That I Went*)

Achill was in the news recently due to the ongoing battle between two members of the Achill Sound community, downhill through the rhododendrons from Sraheens Lough. Last year, a *High* court case involved the incessant crowing of Mrs. Moira Gallagher's rooster (another Gallagher!), which was driving Mr. Peter Masterson batty. Now they're at it again, with Masterson claiming that Gallagher is 'directing constant loud music at his house and throwing dog droppings on his driveway'. 64 year old Gallagher spent three weeks in jail last year over her refusal to get rid of her cockerel and to build a boundary wall. The rooster has passed away, the wall was built, and they're still at it. The local gardai have been keeping surveillance on the Masterson driveway to determine the source of the dog turds, a wonderful job I'm sure. Mrs. G has been fined IR200 pounds for harassment, but has been let away with the dog-poo charges, due to lack of... evidence...
(Irish Times July 10th 1998

<http://www.irish-times.com/irish-times/paper/1998/0710/hom27.html>)

A smidgen less recently -- according to Peter Alderson Smith in *Fortean Phenomena in the Annals of the Four Masters* (Fortean Times 54:51)-- John O'Donovan, who translated the Annals for publication in 1848 and 1851, made mention of a fish-fall near Slievemore, on the north of the island back in 1831. And of course, the famous pirate Grace O'Malley (a.k.a. Granuaile, c.1530-1603) had a castle at Achill Sound. . . (<http://www.maths.tcd.ie/~jaymin/sca/Granuaile.htm>)

RTE GETS WEIRD

On July 9th, Blather's ears caught the tail end of a rather surprising discussion on the usually sober Irish national radio station RTE Radio 1.

The magazine programme *Short Circuit* interviewed a gentleman, whose name seems to be 'Laurence John' (I'm open to correction on this) from Co. Louth who had been 'abducted by aliens'. This man had a matter of fact way of discussing his experiences, telling the interviewer about the trials and tribulations of dealing with scathing detractors and wags. He seemed sincere, and had obviously had a profound experience of some sort -- I like to use the word *epiphany*. Apparently -- at least from -- from what I could make out, Mr. John (?) had been outside his house -- about to leave for an appointment when the 'abduction' took place - he was brought off to a 'UFO' (no comment), examined given some sort of 'message' - something like usual 'mankind must mend its ways' lecture, and dumped back home again, an hour later. At least, when he realised he was 'back', he was where had begun, and an hour had passed. Oddly enough, he seems to have had a dog with him, which also got abducted, and chattered away in dog-speak to the alien abductors. The abductee explained that he didn't understand these conversations, as he didn't speak the language. Blather will endeavour to procure more information about this case.

Interesting though, for an island of just over 5 million people

(3,621,035 for the Republic, 1996 census. 1,577,836 for Northern Ireland, 1991 census), we really do seem to be holding our own with regard to UFOs, abductions etc.

GET COMFORTABLE

Check out Andy Robert's *The Armchair Ufologist*, for some informative dissection of the madness currently taking place within ufology, particularly in Britain. . .
(<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/armchair/index.html>)

Dave (daev) Walsh
Friday June 10th, 1998

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Lights In Sky Leave Britain In Grip Of The

From: John Hayes <ufoinfo@cableinet.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 11:07:30 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 12:50:02 -0400
Subject: Lights In Sky Leave Britain In Grip Of The

SOURCE: The Sunday Mirror (UK) July 12th 1998

Lights in sky leave Britain in grip of the 'Z-Files'

by LEO SPALL

WEIRD "Z" shapes lighting up the sky over Britain sparked hundreds of calls in an X Files-type riddle yesterday.

People from Cornwall to Scotland reported the huge dazzling display.

One aircraft pilot called in to say he'd seen what appeared to be an explosion in the sky above the Isle of Man.

Teesside air traffic control tower, near Newcastle upon Tyne, also reported a sighting.

A Department Of Transport spokesman said: "We had sightings from the Clyde and west to Belfast and east to Leeds."

Belfast coastguard Rowlston Williams watched for more than an hour when the sky lit up around midnight on Friday.

He said: "I have never seen anything like it. When we first saw the object, it was not completely dark.

"Whatever it was, it appeared to be moving very slowly westwards.

"It seemed larger than the moon and higher than the clouds."

UFO researcher Ron Barrett said: "There have been numerous people who have seen these lights but not in these sort of shapes."

Defence officials at RAF Fylingdales, the Yorkshire-based early-warning station reported no undue activity.

But a pilot flying from France to the Midlands solved the mystery when he reported a meteorite.

A spokesman for the Coastguard Agency said: "It was very spectacular but can be explained.

"The lights that so many people saw were caused by a meteorite breaking up as it entered the Earth's atmosphere.

"The big 'Z' vapour trail was hanging there for a while. It was a mystery at the time - but it was not an alien craft."

The boulder disintegrated as it entered the Earth's atmosphere, leaving a bright trail of strange shapes.

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Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

From: Doc Barry in Phoenix <authority@webtv.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 01:23:33 -0700 (MST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 12:48:27 -0400
Subject: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

Dear Don Ledger,

Maximum burn time of flares is six minutes. The flyover of Arizona (never was confined to Phoenix) was a 200 mile flight path from Kingman in the north to Tucson in the south. Sightings lasted for over two hours.

Hundreds of witnesses, videos taken by ordinary citizens from varied locations, huge crafts (estimated by pilots as larger than football field), absolutely silent, slowing at times to 35mph, with altitudes as low as 300 feet, with lights ON (not stealth), should be regarded as a major unexplained incident, but is remembered since 3/13/97 as "flares over Phoenix" by most media.

Doc Barry
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Stargate/5518/>

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Time Travel - Quantum Strangeness And Spacetime

From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 02:05:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 12:42:23 -0400
Subject: Time Travel - Quantum Strangeness And Spacetime

From: Mark - Alien Astronomer
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

Source: Strange Magazine
QUANTUM STRANGENESS AND SPACETIME
by Sherrill Roberts

There was a young lady named bright,
Who traveled much faster than light.
She started one day
in a relative way,
and returned on the previous night.
A. H. Reginald Buller(1)

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(Fall, 1994).

While we are no longer so naive as to think that a mechanical device such as H.G. Wells's Time Machine could be easily built, the "new physics" offers us tantalizing glimpses of the possibility of time travel, possibly utilizing forces and entities which exist, at least theoretically, in our universe today. "The notion you can move forward and back in time is allowed by some of the new ideas in physics," says Jeffrey R. Kuhn, a physics and astronomy professor at Michigan State University.(2)

The scientific premises suggesting a theoretical time travel mechanism are Einstein's Theory of Relativity and its successor, quantum mechanics. Einstein's inclusion of time as simply another basic dimension of physical reality, like width and height, and his mathematical equations using the speed of light as a cosmic "speed limit," paved the way for quantum mechanics' description of the physical universe in terms of black holes, singularities, and "cosmic strings," concepts which at times defy "rationality."(3) MIT Professor Alan Guth has given us a concise summary of the Theory of Relativity: "Space tells matter how to move. Matter tells space how to curve."(4)

If we envision the concept of spacetime as a bedsheet held at the four corners, we can immediately see these implications of Relativity if we place a tennis ball in the center of the sheet; the flat sheet of spacetime is distorted into a curve with the ball at the center, matter telling space how to curve. If we place a second ball on the surface, the new ball rolls toward the indentation made by the first, curved space telling matter how to move. If we place a bowling ball in the center of our flat spacetime, the indentation will be very deep, possibly tearing a hole in the fabric of our spacetime, a black hole. If we view spacetime from beneath the flat sheet, we will see the bowling ball as a protruding shape, the black hole has emerged on the "other side of time" as a white hole or possibly a wormhole.(5)

Keeping this scenario in mind, it becomes clear that what is needed for time travel is an object which is massive enough to create a significant distortion of spacetime, something larger and heavier than a ping-pong ball on the surface of our bedsheet.(6) A brief review of some of the current concepts in physics reveals several

likely candidates.

Black holes occur when stars of a certain size use up all of their nuclear fuel. A star in such a situation begins to shrink and become very dense; the more dense it becomes, the greater its gravitational field, to the point that nothing, not even light, can escape. An additional effect is a distortion of spacetime (predicted by Einstein) with a resultant slowing of time itself. Theorists speculate that at its heart a black hole must contain a "singularity," a single point of infinite density where the laws of quantum mechanics no longer apply, an "edge" of the universe and of time itself. A person or object entering the singularity would be subjected to stretching and squeezing (literally squeezed out of existence), and would not survive to report the experience. However, there are those who speculate that a free-fall trajectory which takes a spacecraft close to the black hole, but not close enough to be swallowed by the singularity, would effectively be a one-way time machine.

"By choosing the right path around the black hole, such a journey, which might take a few hours according to the clocks on the falling spacecraft, could be made to take as long as you like according to the outside Universe. A hundred years, a thousand years, or longer," writes John Gribbin in his book *Unveiling the Edge of Time*.(7)

Physicist John Wheeler has theorized that a black hole produces a "wormhole" spewing vast amounts of energy into another, distant area of the universe or into another region of spacetime.(8) White holes are a similar concept, except that they are postulated to be the result of other universes' black holes, spilling matter and energy into our universe. In fact, what we call "the universe" may be a number of universes connected by wormholes. The time-travel aspects of wormholes were addressed by a consortium of Russian and American physicists; their scenario involves using gravitational attraction to "tow" one mouth of the wormhole until it rests alongside its opposite end, like laying the two ends of a garden hose together; since time is a physical property of each wormhole mouth, a traveler jumping into one mouth would emerge from the other mouth at the corresponding time in that mouth's region of spacetime. The difference could be a few hours or millennia, depending upon the disparity in spacetime between the two mouths.(9)

The most exotic theoretical cosmic "objects," and the most difficult to visualize, are the "strings" of energy which may be remnants of the original Big Bang. Strings are "thin loops of ultradense energy, far narrower than the nucleus of an atom, but stretching across vast distances."(10)

Princeton physicist J. Richard Gott has calculated that cosmic strings warp spacetime sufficiently for a spaceship to outrace a light ray, and that two strings moving past one another in opposite directions would change the shape of spacetime to such an extent that, "a spacecraft looping around the pair of strings could return to its starting point before it had left."(11)

"Time present and time past
Are both perhaps present in time future."
T.S. Eliot, "Burnt Norton"

Paradoxes inherent in time travel have provided inspiration for numerous science fiction tales. Assuming that a civilization has the technical capability to orbit black holes and move wormhole mouths, there is still the question of the time traveler's journey into the past and his possible influence on his own present existence. This issue has been called the "granny paradox," so named because a time traveler in the past could cause the demise of his/her own grandmother and would cease to exist in the present. One attempt to resolve the granny paradox is Hugh Everett's "many-worlds" interpretation of quantum mechanics.(12) Everett's hypothesis is that, at the quantum level, all possible states potentially exist and that a universe confronted with a choice brings both realities into being.(13) Everett's theory is consistent with certain experimental findings that photons (light particles) exist simultaneously as particles and as waves, so the possibility of an infinite number of parallel universes is not as far-fetched as it may seem. Other speculations on the time-travel paradox hold that a person traveling back from the future would not be "allowed" by circumstances, to do anything which would jeopardize his or her future existence.(14) Given the massive distortions of spacetime involved in time travel, a person would need to think very carefully about the possibility of returning to find all his friends long dead, his apartment rented,

and his job nonexistent. Perhaps Stephen Hawking is correct in assuming that the laws of quantum mechanics preclude time travel, as, "we have not been invaded by hordes of tourists from the future."(15)

FOOTNOTES:

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Re: UFOR - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'

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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 12:54:12 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOR - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'

>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 12:39:10 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Sean Liddle <gortrix@intranet.ca>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFOR - Uri Geller on 'Aviary'>

>HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

>I am amazed that Mr. Geller has enough credibility left in his
>name that a web server would allow him space for his site without
>paying for five years fees in advance.. Mr. Geller was proven a
>fake "psychic" many, many years ago, and I thought he had
>disappeared to become a weed man on a kibbutz somewhere.. This
>kind of nonsense only strengthens my beliefs that when we allow
>wackos to promote our beliefs, we look farcical, and thats why
>the media ignores our credible reports.. >>

Proven a fake psychic? By who? The Amazing Randi? Wow, he's very unbiased when it comes to psychic research. I guess if he says it, it must be true huh?

Only problem is that Geller has done things under laboratory research conditions that to this day still baffle the scientists that were open minded enough to give him a chance.

It's funny. In a Randi book. Geller is given a "hit" on numerous psychic experiments. Randi then goes on to say that Geller could have had somebody feeding the information to him through a walkie talkie type device in Geller's ear or maybe Geller had somebody knocking on the wall giving him clues. Okay...

Randi will never accept psychic funtioning as long as he has a vested \$\$\$ interest in the outcome.

Joe in Tampa

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Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 10:38:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 13:23:08 -0400
Subject: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 11:39:11 +0100
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>>From: Susan Baldwin <sblee@stc.net>
>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights
>>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 19:56:29 -0400

>>I don't know about the rest of the crew here but it's hard for me
>>to look at those shows from a non-believer's perspective. That
>>might be the best opinion to get.

>>Susan

>This was my first opportunity to view the Phoenix Lights on
>video. I would have preferred to see more of them from different
>angles, however they appeared to be over a populated area. THAT
>rules out flares. If the Air Guard or the USAF in any way
>admitted to dropping flares in a populated area, not to mention
>a FAA controlled airspace, somebody's ass would be grass as they
>say.

>On the screen, the lights seemed to be in a semicircular pattern
>rather than "V" shaped, as if on the leading edge of monstrous
>disk, however that might have been due to the vantage point of
>the camera. A&E at least tried to do a balanced job of the show
>without too much hype.

>Don Ledger

I agree they were amazing shots weren't they? And not nearly
enough of them. Whatever it was, I could watch it for hours.

I know we have discussed them here quite a bit but its still
astonishing to watch the lights just hang there. To my uninformed
eyes a row of planes seems much more logical than flares anyday.
I wished they had superimposed the pattern over the lights to
give a better idea of the shape that some eyewitnesses claimed to
see.

Susan

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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 13:27:29 -0400
Subject: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

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>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO Update: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

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>admitted to dropping flares in a populated area, not to mention
>a FAA controlled airspace, somebody's ass would be grass as they
>say.

I'm sure if the Guard dropped flares outside the restricted range
they would be very hesitatant to admit it!

>As for the supposition that these were flares from 60 miles
>away, the fact that Pheonix is below sea level and the curvature
>of the Earth would rule that out unless the flares were dropped
>at 40-50,000 feet or 8-10 miles up, and then what would be the
>point.

I don't know what you mean by Phoenix being "below sea level."
Most of Phoenix is between 1000 and 1200 ft. The nearby
surrounding hills range up to 4300 ft (Mt Montezuma in the
Estrellas) and there is a peak at 4512 in the Estrellas which
forms the backdrop for Mr. Krzyston, whose house is at an
altitude of about 1600 feet (his house to the north of the
center of Phoenix and overlooks the western half of the city
because a nearby hill blocks his view of the eastern half). The
4512 peak is about 26 miles away. Therefore could see flares 60
miles away if they were above 1600 ft + (60 miles) x(4500
ft-1600 ft)/(26 miles) = 8300 ft.

>They are meant to light up the ground below and would be
>of little use way up there.

They drop the flares from 15,000 and above, sometimes. I
CONJECTURE that they use night vision devices to see the ground
illuminated by the flares.

>On the screen,the lights seemed to be in a semicircular pattern
>rather than "V" shaped, as if on the leading edge of monstrous
>disk

I suspect that this is a typical newsmedia mix up of the
Krzyston video of the "arc of lights" with the testimony and a
single video of the V shape of lights. (Krzyston's video
generally gets a lot of media play because it is so
"interesting", with the lights coming on one after another and
forming a neat arc. Just remember, media in, garbage out!)

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Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

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>Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 11:39:11 +0100
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>>From: Susan Baldwin <sblee@stc.net>
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>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights
>>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 19:56:29 -0400

>>>Date: Wed, 08 Jul 1998 21:57:43 -0700
>>>From: frances emma barwood <fbarwood@primenet.com>
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>>>Subject: 'The Unexplained' & Phoenix Lights

>>>This Thursday on A&E channel there will be a show called "The
>>>Unexplained". It is supposed to be about the Phoenix Lights and the
>>>producer called me this evening to let me know so that I would watch
>>>it. He said that I am in it. Hope it is good.

>>>Let me know what you thought of it after you watch.

>>>Thanks, Frances

>>Frances

>>I think you deserve a big "attagirl" for sticking your political
>>neck out. The skeptics in my opinion were the ones that came off
>>looking like fools. No matter how rationally you discuss UFOs
>>though its not going to go down like discussing world peace,
>>unfortunately.

>>I don't know about the rest of the crew here but it's hard for me
>>to look at those shows from a non-believer's perspective. That
>>might be the best opinion to get.

>>I think the show presented you as a truth-seeker which is what
>>most of us are, in all our variations.

>>Susan

Don writes:

>This was my first opportunity to view the Pheonix Lights on
>video. I would have preferred to see more of them from different
>angles, however they appeared to be over a populated area. THAT
>rules out flares. If the Air Guard or the USAF in any way
>admitted to dropping flares in a populated area, not to mention
>a FAA controlled airspace, somebody's ass would be grass as they
>say.

Speaking of the FAA, no-one (FAA included) has bothered to track
down the commercial_pilot that called into the Pheonix tower
personel requesting instructions because he had the thing/
object/flare(?) overhead as he approached for a landing. This
-fact- was reported twice on local (Phoenix) newscasts (I have
copies of both broadcasts) and yet nobody researching this thing
has tried to track down this key_witness and 'try to'
interview him!

The eyewitness testimony of highly skilled professional(s) would go a long way toward clearing up what has become a cloudy mess. I pluralized "professionals" lest we forget that if this was indeed a 'commercial flight' that the pilot was accompanied in the cockpit by a co-pilot, a navigator, and maybe passenger witnesses who may also have been firsthand witnesses to the "event." Unless I missed something along the way, (and I doubt it because I've followed this one very closely since day two!) I've heard no mention made of the pilot.

Re: Our freaking Airforce,

I had dismissed that one as cover-up BS based on the fact that the Airforce came out with that "visiting Maryland unit" dropping flares during field training excersizes at Barry Goldwater test range months after the fact. When Luke AFB was called on the eve of the event they "denied having any knowledge" and told inquiring local reporters that "no military excersizes or activities had taken place or had been scheded for that particular night." When they came up with the "Maryland unit" thing I figured that such a story told so long after the fact with them having had ample oportunity to concoct (and arrange to verify) it, kind of disqualified it as unreliable. I dismissed it as a "possible" attemp at cover-up. Somebody at Luke AFB had to have known that a whole goddam unit was out lighting up the skies over Goldwater range whether it was for the purpose of testing flares or to practice bombing the hell out of it! It's just too convenient on the part of the AF. I wholeheartedly agree with Don that the Phoenix sighting is far from being a "dead" issue.

>I see that Jim Dilettoso [sp] is still with us.

I wouldn't count that one as much of a 'plus' Don. <EG> It would be prudent to seperate Dilettoso from the event and the eyewitness testimony of all those local residents. Dilettoso is an albatross around the neck of this case. His ties to the always controversial Billy Maeier case and the Elders kind of puts him on the "bench" as far as I'm concerned.

He wasn't a firsthand witness. His insistance on an ET explanation of the event (almost since day one) amounts to pure speculation on his part. His (questionable) analysis aside, such a thing (ET origin) could not be proven even if the sighting is eventually determined to be an actual object of unknown manufacture or origin floating in the skies over Pheonix on that night. How could anyone declare with any degree of certainty that the "occupants" were from somewhere else? What is needed is a competent, unbiased and independant investigation. Something that we will never get.

Guys like Dilettoso screaming "ET" right away hurt what may still be an important case. I'll back any efforts to investigate the Arizona sightings, but as far as I'm concerned he has nothing to do with it. Check the case on its own merits. It really doesnt need to be tied to a "questionable" character like Jim Dilettoso.

There were mucho witnesses to this event! I'd take their word (the word of my neighbors,) over the word of an Airforce "Public Information Officer" any day of the week! At least the probabily that the lips of the civilian witnesses are not crazy-glued to the anus of some "Costumed clown" is much less than in the case of a career AF Public Information Officer. <EG>

Thank you Frances, for keeping this one alive! You're one gutsy lady and you have my complete support. I wish I lived in Arizona just so I could vote for you. <G>

Peace,

John Velez, Webmaster, IF-AIC.com
"Barwood for President!" <VBG>

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LIGHT PHENOMENON SEEN
BY HUNDREDS IN UK

An unusual light phenomenon, which resembled a giant letter Z, was seen on both sides of the Irish Sea after 10:30 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 1998.

According to the BBC report, "A large meteorite is being blamed for hundreds of sightings along the west coast of Britain Friday evening. Initially authorities were baffled about the source of the lights, which looked like the letter Z or the number 2."

"Throughout Friday evening, police and coastguards from Cornwall to Scotland were inundated with calls from people who spotted the light, though most came from people living around the Irish Sea."

"Coastguards in Belfast said that they had received dozens of 999 calls and admitted they had seen the light in the sky...over the north coast of Ireland. A spokesman said the light had a large Z shape."

"It was very prominent and was due north of the (Belfast) coastguard station. We were able to watch it from the window. I can say that I've never seen anything like this before."

"It was a larger shape than the moon but, as we were unable to measure the distance, it was impossible to judge its actual size." (Editor's Note: It was a full moon Friday night.)

The Z-shaped light "appeared to be moving very slowly westwards. 'When we first saw this object, it was not completely dark (yet). It was higher than the clouds and occasionally it was obscured by passing clouds.'"

"Another report was received by Teesside Air Traffic Control near Middlesbrough, who reported seeing an object resembling the letter Q in the sky west of their position."

"In a statement, the (UK) Department of Transport said, 'The sightings were as far apart as Cornwall and the Clyde (in Scotland), west of Belfast (Northern Ireland) and east to Leeds. RAF Fylingdales early warning station reported no undue activity, as did Jodrell Bank. We can only summarise it is space debris or a comet.'"

On Saturday, July 11, "an airline pilot who landed at East Midlands Airport" provided "an explanation."

"The pilot reported seeing a large meteorite entering the atmosphere as he was flying from the UK to France. He claimed to have noticed it breaking up and leaving a long trail in its wake, which was forced by winds into shapes resembling the letters." (Many thanks to John Hayes for the BBC report.)

(Editor's Comment: Excuse me, but luminous meteor trails last between five and ten seconds--twenty seconds tops. They do not persist in the sky for over an hour. Whatever this phenomenon was, it was no meteor.)

BOOMERANG-SHAPED UFO
SIGHTED IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

On Thursday, June 25, 1998, at about 11 p.m., Scottish photographer Stuart Conway and his friend, Wayne Wilson were on vacation in Montpezat, a village on the Lac Sainte Croix in Provence, on France's Mediterranean coast, when they spotted a UFO.

"Myself and a friend, Wayne Wilson, were sitting on the balcony of our hotel, chatting, and suddenly we saw this triangular object fly silently by," Stuart reported. "It seemed to be pretty close, and it had five or six dull yellowish lights. After a couple of seconds, it just faded out."

Conway used Photoshop software to reproduce the UFO he had seen. The image shows six yellow lights on the underside of a boomerang shape, in an arrangement reminiscent of the "Lubbock Lights" seen in Texas in 1952. There were three lights on each "wing" of the UFO. (Many thanks to Stuart Conway for this report.)

UFO FLAP STIRS TASMANIA

A UFO flap broke out in Australia's southern island state of Tasmania during the last days of May 1998.

On May 17, two witnesses spotted "a bright light to the east" in Lauderdale, Tasmania (Tas.) It looked to have red, white and blue colours. As they watched it rose up to 15 to 30 degrees" above the horizon at about 8:30 p.m.

On May 18, in Tasmania's Black Hills, two witnesses "watched for six seconds an oval light in the northern sky." Three times in succession, the UFO flashed. "It looks to have been a beam pointing straight at the ground below." As they watched, the UFO "moved very quickly to the northwest, then back to the north." This sighting also took place at 8:30 p.m.

The evening of May 21, two people in different locations in Kingston, Tas. saw a large bright UFO "move away to the west or northwest."

On May 28, at 8:07 p.m., two people "called to report a bright light low to their southwest near Mount Lloyd and Sandford. 'It looked to move back and forth, then a number of lights were seen moving about it.'"

That same evening, at 10 p.m., a witness in Sandford, Tas. reported "a similar light in the southwest. He says he saw two streaks of light in the sky, then noticed the bright light which hovered at 15 to 20 degrees, then faded out."

On May 31, at 1:10 a.m., a witness in Collinsvale, Tas., who had trouble getting to sleep, got up and watched "lights flashing outside for every three or four seconds." The source was a triangular UFO "with square areas of light" on the bottom, which hovered "in front of Big Rocky Hill northwest of his home. The size of the object seemed to cover 100 meters (330 feet) or more, as the lights flashed on and off for two minutes before everything went black."

The cases are being investigated by ufologists Keith Roberts and Paul Jackson of the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre. (See Australian UFO Reports and Experiences #5 for July 1998. Many thanks to editor Robert Frola for this news story.)

UFO AUTHOR AND WIFE
INDICTED IN ARIZONA

Milton William Cooper, 55, author of the book BEHOLD A PALE HORSE, and his wife, Annie Mord-Horst, were indicted on tax charges in Arizona recently.

According to the Arizona Republic, "The U.S. Attorney for Arizona, Jose de Jesus Rivera, said federal agents will move carefully to arrest Cooper, who faces a four-count indictment that he failed to pay taxes from 1992 to 1994 and submitted false information to a bank to obtain a loan."

"We are going to proceed with prudence and caution and handle this matter in due course," Rivera said, declining to comment further."

"Apache County sheriff Art Lee said he has asked federal authorities to move cautiously against Cooper, who lives in a hilltop home in Eagar," a town on Arizona Highway 60 about 175 miles (280 kilometers) southeast of Flagstaff.

"After talking with Cooper," Sheriff Lee advised "federal authorities that 'it could deteriorate into an incident.'"

On Thursday, July 2, 1998, Cooper, whom the Arizona Republic says "claims to belong to 'the Second Continental Army of the Republic,'" a reputed militia group, posted a message on his website. The message reportedly read, "WARNING!! Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute an unconstitutional and unlawful arrest could be met with armed resistance."

"In Phoenix, Thomas Nixon of the U.S. Marshal's Office said authorities wished to act cautiously as they enforce the arrest warrant 'because no federal agency wants any copies of Ruby Ridge and Waco.' But, Nixon added, 'Obviously, at some point we'll effect the arrest.'"

"One sympathizer, Glenn Jacobs, publisher of a small valley newspaper, who spoke to Cooper earlier this week. 'He told me he is not going to submit to arrest by the feds,' Jacobs said, 'He said if they're going to murder him, they're going to have to do it in the house, that this is where he has drawn his line in the sand, said that he's not going to retreat from it. I think he is expecting to be murdered by the FBI.'"

Cooper, whose book was published in 1991, was born on May 6, 1943 in Oklahoma, son of Lt. Col. Milton V. Cooper of the U.S. Air Force. After graduating from high school, he joined the Air Force for a four-year hitch and then joined the U.S. Navy.

In July 1966, Cooper was aboard the submarine USS Tiru, which was on a routine patrol in the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii, when he, officer of the deck Ensign Ball and another crewman reportedly sighted a very large saucer-shaped UFO.

Cooper described the UFO as "a huge disk rise from beneath the ocean, water streaming from the air around it, tumble lazily on its axis...It was a metal machine, of that there was no doubt whatsoever. It was intelligently controlled, of that I was equally sure. It was a dull color, kind of like pewter. There were no lights. There was no glow. I thought I had seen a row of what looked like portholes, but could not be certain. Radar reported contact at the same bearing and gave us a range of 3 nautical miles...The giant saucer shape plunged out of the clouds, tumbled, and pushing the water before it, opened up a hole in the ocean and disappeared from view."

After being debriefed by the Office of Naval Intelligence, Cooper was transferred to the gasoline tanker USS Tombigbee. From 1967 to 1969, he served in Vietnam.

Cooper was also involved in the Watergate affair, which led to the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon in August 1974.

On August 3, 1974, five days before President Nixon announced his resignation, and a couple of days before the House of Representatives called for impeachment hearings to begin, Cooper was working as the SPECAT (Special Category) radio operator at CINCPACFLT (Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet) headquarters in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii when he was asked to download a strange message on the KL-47 code machine.

The message read, "Upon receipt you are instructed to no longer accept direct orders from TOP HAT." (code name for President Nixon--J.T.)

According to Cooper, another SPECAT operator named Randall W. Terpstra received the same message while decoding radio traffic at a Marine amphibious brigade headquarters. The source of the message remains unknown. (See the Arizona Republic for July 3, 1998, "Militiaman taking on authorities" by Jerry Kammer. See also BEHOLD A PALE HORSE by Milton William Cooper, Light Technology Publishing, Sedona, Arizona, 1991,

pages 19 to 23 and 184 to 194. Many thanks to Errol Bruce-Knapp for forwarding the article.)

UNUSUALLY BRIGHT METEOR
SEEN IN OKLAHOMA

On Wednesday, June 24, 1998, at about 3 a.m., Frank F. was delivering newspapers "in a rural area of Oklahoma City. All of a sudden, everything lit up like daylight. I stopped my car and looked out the window. Almost directly overhead I saw a huge, white object that appeared to be a meteorite entering the atmosphere."

"It lasted only four to five seconds at the most. It was just white with some sparkling at the front of it. It seemed to be very low in the atmosphere because of how long and wide the streak was."

"I see meteorites and shooting stars at least two or three times a week and have never in my life observed one this huge or bright. I will definitely remember it the rest of my life. It would be nice, though, to hear from anyone else who may have seen it." (Email Interview)

COUPLE SEES BIZARRE UFO
OVER PITTSBURGH SUBURB

On Tuesday, July 7, 1998, at 8:42 p.m., a couple in Ross Township, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh, "were observing the beautiful sunset. They were looking toward the western sky and noticed a black object above the top of some clouds that appeared to be stationary."

Looking at the object through a pair of World War II surplus U.S. Navy binoculars, the man said the UFO "was very high up" and "looked like the fuselage of a large aircraft but with no wings or rotor blades visible. As they watched the object appeared to slowly rise in altitude."

"Through the binoculars, the object looked like a helicopter fuselage, but again with no rotor blades or any lights visible. On top of the object, however, were two long projections described by the witness as looking like 'two big balloons' or 'like great lollipops.'"

"As the witnesses watched over the next several minutes, the object began turning from side to side... While the object was making these front-to-rear turns, the witness was able to see more of the long appendages and the top and underneath."

"After about six to ten minutes, the object seemed to pick up speed, still moving north, and the object was lost from sight behind the trees." (Many thanks to Pennsylvania ufologist Stan Gordon for this report.)

UFO TRAILS JETLINER OVER
PENZANCE, CORNWALL

On Tuesday, June 30, 1998, David A. Dunworth, his wife and a friend were near Mounts Bay, in Penzance, Cornwall, UK when they sighted an unusual object in "the clear blue sky" at 9:10 a.m.

"Myself, my wife and a friend of ours witnessed a small circular white object trailing a jet. The object was about the size of an O on our keyboard and appeared to be circling an aircraft on route to London or Europe," i.e. heading east.

"The O-shaped object was bright white in colour and moved in the same direction as the jet (easterly) about one inch in an arc above the tail of the jet. We all watched as the object slowly circled the jet above the fuselage. The jet continued, probably unaware of their companion circling above them. As we watched, the object began to fade in colour and eventually disappeared all together, as if it had somehow disintegrated."

Penzance is located about 180 miles (288 kilometers) southwest of London. (Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for this news story.)

ARIZONANS HUNT FOR
BLACK HELICOPTER BASE

Persistent reports of black helicopters over Sedona, Arizona (population 7,720) have some local residents combing the nearby red rock canyons in search of a secret base.

Justin A. Tribble of Citizens for UN Base Disclosure (CUNBD) reported that Sedona, the site of a recent UFO encounter, had been visited by black helicopters several times since a flurry of overflights back in April.

On July 6, 1998, Justin reported on his website, the group came into possession of a document dated April 10, 1998 that refers to unusual military operations in the Sedona area.

In particular, the document mentions "operational bases in Verde Valley," "Area 38 in Casper (sic) Mountain," underground facilities near the towns of Hope and Parker, and "Operation White Sword Headquarters between Sterling and Sign (sic) Canyon."

CUNBD pointed out the areas are known locally as Casner Mountain and Bear Sign Canyon.

The group was recently contacted by a Sedona hairdresser named Diane, who wrote, "Do you know where Sycamore Canyon is? Going toward Cottonwood on U.S. Highway 89A, turn right on Loy Butte Road and go as far back as you can. Once you reach the base of the mountain, you have to find the first trail that goes up and over the mountain. From there, all I know is that the 'base' is in that little valley."

Diane told the group that a friend of hers, a 21-year-old local man known as "Hot Shot," had made the climb with some friends and some night vision equipment. "When they went out there, it was late at night, and there were black Humvees, and with their night vision equipment they could see the opening into the old volcano where they keep the black helicopters."

Tribble commented, "We assume the area she's referring to is Sycamore Pass...between Casner Mountain and Black Mountain. There is, in fact, a 'little valley' as she describes, beyond the pass that leads into Sycamore Canyon." (Many thanks to Justin A. Tribble and CUNBD for this news story.)

(Editor's Comment: Although this sounds like the usual black helicopter hearsay, I found the reference to an "Operation White Sword" intriguing. Last month's NATO amphibious training exercise near Stephenville, Newfoundland, Canada had a component called Gold Sword 4. See The Western Star of Newfoundland for June 17, 1998. Also, "Gold" and "Sword" were two of the beaches in the 1944 D-Day invasion of Normandy.)

EAGLE-NET WEBMASTER DESCRIBES SITE SHUTDOWN

The disappearance of EagleNet and its popular cyber-newspaper, Kent Steadman's CyberSpace Orbit, continues to generate controversy.

In a letter to UFO Roundup, EagleNet webmaster Todd Jumper described the sudden disappearance of the website from the Internet.

The EagleNet site, Todd reported, "is up and running again. I would like to share more information as to why it was shut down and the possibility of foul play."

"As soon as EagleNet was shut down, I contacted my server administrator. When I first contacted them, they were not sure why EagleNet was shut down." Then, he added, the server explained that "it was pointing to the wrong IA address and with the possibility that someone had been tampering with the server."

"Tech support told me that they would have EagleNet running again in a few hours. But instead these hours turned to days and then to about two weeks. I repeatedly contacted them every day by phone and email several times a day."

"Every time they either would not respond or refused to talk to me about the problem but confided that the server had been shut down but would not explain to me why."

On Sunday, July 5, 1998, Todd asked one of his assistant webmasters to contact Saturn Services Tech Support and pretend to be interested in a website. The

assistant webmaster soon turned the conversation to EagleNet.

According to Todd, Tech Support reportedly told his assistant webmaster that "EagleNet had violated the policies and web traffic" guidelines and that "this account did not have unlimited traffic."

"This is not true, and we never violated any policies," Todd wrote, "They also told him they were concerned with Kent Steadman's CyberSpace Orbit and that it was bringing in too much traffic, which they claimed was 15 gigabytes, an amount which I find hard to believe."

Todd also asserted that NASA had asked "Kent Steadman and myself to remove certain images before and after the EagleNet server was shut down."

"When EagleNet was reactivated the past week... someone within EagleNet released a virus which went through our mailing list and caused several of our members' computers to crash."

On Thursday, July 9, 1998, EagleNet was restored, Todd added, and he alleged that "I have also received new threats from someone claiming to work for the CIA." (Email Interview)

DOWNLOADED SOHO IMAGES
SHOW STRANGE OBJECT

UFO Roundup reader K. G. of Texas viewed video clippings of the controversial images from the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO), with which NASA lost contact two weeks ago.

The images were posted in Kent Steadman's CyberSpace Orbit and on a website operated by I Wonder Productions.

K.G. described the UFO as "a spherical object with a line through the middle...There are different theories as to what it is--Saturn, a ball of (solar) plasma, or an alien cruiser."

"To the right of the sun is a spherical object with a horizontal line running through it. The entire object moves from right to left (in the video--J.T.) Before a solar flare erupts, a long vertical line appears to the left of the object, almost as if a shielding mechanism was engaged. The shield-like object appears to turn with the object and disappears when the flare dies down."

Sites where the "mystery object" video was available include the following:

(1) <http://www.eagle-net.org/phikent/sun/06-12anx.gif>

(2) <http://www.eagle-net.org/phikent/sun/06-20c2an.gif>

A still image could be found at <http://www.eagle-net.org/phikent/sun/06-11det.jpg>

(Email Interview)

(Editor's Comment: How about that. Another Saturn-shaped object, just like the one seen by amateur astronomer Chuck Shramek in November 1996. (See UFO Roundup, Volume 1, Number 38) What is this!? The return of the Hale Mary?) ...

from the UFO Files...

1947: UFOs CHASE A SMALL
PLANE OVER UTAH

"On the clear sunlit afternoon of July 12, 1947, Earl 'Skip' Page, his wife, Beulah, and their nine-year-old son, Ronald, were flying a two-seater (private plane) from Las Vegas (Nevada) to Salt Lake City" when they nearly collided with a squadron of UFOs high above Utah Lake.

"At roughly 3:30 p.m., a group of silver-colored, disc-shaped objects zipped past the Pages' plane, coming within 50 feet of the aircraft at the same altitude."

Fifty-one years later, Beulah, now 82, and Ronald, 60, vividly remember the encounter.

"'At first we thought it was birds. We just saw the movement,' Beulah, a Salt Lake native

said in a telephone interview from her home in Olympia, Wash. 'My husband turned the plane to where they were going and they zoomed away like crazy. It got kind of scary when we turned toward their direction. They just disappeared.'"

"The entire sighting lasted only a few minutes. The Pages didn't notice markings, windows or even how many objects were in the cluster. Ronald thinks there might have been three."

"'There was definitely something there,' said Ronald, who was squeezed in between his parents but had a good view of the sky. 'Those were the days before we had jet airplanes or anything like that. I'd seen fighter aircraft in those days, but they weren't anything like what we saw.'"

Arriving in Salt Lake City, the Pages told their story to relatives and friends. But, fearing ridicule, they declined to share it with the media.

"I remember it made them nauseous because they didn't know what it was,' said Marilyn Page, Beulah's niece, who lives in Wyoming. 'It was just something completely new they'd never seen. It was kind of a shock."

Earl Page was born in Bountiful, Utah in 1911. In 1943, he moved his family from Salt Lake City to Hanford, Washington to work as an electrical engineer at the USA's then-secret plutonium processing plant in Hanford, Washington state. Page was maintenance supervisor at Hanford when he died of a heart attack in 1960.

Interestingly, the Hanford plant itself was visited by two daylight disc UFOs in 1953. (See the Desert News of Salt Lake City for July 6, 1997, "Family saw silver discs zipping through Utah's skies" by Zack van Eyck. Many thanks to Lou Farrish of UFO NEWSCLIPPING SERVICE for this story.)

FUN UFO WEBSITES:

Citizens for UN Base Disclosure have a website at this URL--<http://users.sedona.net/~redstone/6315.htm>

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To our readers in France--Alain, Michel, Franck and Thierry--enjoy the Bastille Day holiday on Tuesday. Et, Michel, bonne chance en Montpezat.

Join us next weekend for more saucer news from "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup. See you then.

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UK Meteor Blast Mystery

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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 15:09:26 -0400
Subject: UK Meteor Blast Mystery

The following is directly from the Press Association News Wire service this morning:

Mystery Lights Were Meteor Shower

The mystery surrounding a series of lights seen high in the sky over western areas [of the United Kingdom] was solved today when officials said it was caused by a meteor shower descending to earth.

The sighting brought reports of UFOs and messages from space last night [Friday, July 12] Coastguard stations and police from Scotland to Cornwall were flooded with calls from concerned witnesses, many reporting lights in the shapes of the letters "Z" and "Q" or the number "2".

Many calls were centred around the Isle of Man where a large explosion in the sky was reported.

Mystery deepened when a statement from Liverpool Coast Guard about the lights said: "Coastguard and air traffic control are satisfied this is not aircraft related, so we can only assume whatever it is comes from out there."

But shortly after midnight the mystery was solved when an airline pilot who landed at East Midlands Airport reported seeing a large meteorite entering the atmosphere when he was flying to the UK from France.

The meteorite began breaking up as it entered the atmosphere and left a long trail in its wake.

The pilot said he watched as winds formed the trail into shapes resembling letters which had been reported on the ground.

A spokesman for Liverpool Coast Guard said today [Saturday]: "It appears to be a meteor shower and two parts may have hit each other."

"We had over a hundred 999 calls here alone with people reporting UFOs, coloured lights, meteors, comets and space debris."

"They were reported right across the northwest, but thankfully nothing appeared to land anywhere."

Bungy Williams, watch manager at Belfast Coastguard said the "Z" shaped lightys were in the sky for 45 minutes.

"I can say I've never seen anything like it before," he said.

"It was a larger shape than the moon but as we were unable to measure the distance it was impossible to judge its actual size."

"I made a drawing of the object which shortly before midnight began to fade."

A report in the London Sunday Mirror today quotes Williams as saying: "When we first saw the object, it was not completely

dark. Whatever it was, it appeared to be moving very slowly westwards. It seemed larger than the moon and higher than the clouds."

Teeside air traffic control tower, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, also reported a sighting.

They also quote defence officials at RAF Fylingdales in North Yorkshire, the MoD's front line early warning station, as having had "no undue activity" reported on radar. A Coastguard spokesman added: "It was a mystery at the time - but it was not an alien craft."

Compare these sightings with the reports describing a brilliant meteor re-entry over western and central areas of Britain reported by dozens of people on Thursday, June 11 this year.

This object lit up the sky with a dazzling flame-like trail over Worcestershire, Herefordshire, and Shropshire before disappearing in a flash over North Wales.

On that night 268 calls were logged by police and coastguard in a 90-minute period from 11.02pm - with reports ranging from "a flying saucer and a blazing aircraft to the end of the world" (Daily Mail, June 13).

Any comments?

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Re: Remote Controlled US Craft

From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 17:44:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Remote Controlled US Craft

>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 16:38:13 -0400
>From: bear <intcon@tampabay.rr.com>
>Newsgroups: alt.alien.research
>Subject: Remote controlled aircraft

Bear wrote: (a whole bunch snipped):

>My company has, over the last 35 years, done a considerable
>amount of work on military air bases. In that period of time, we
>have observed the utilization of remote controlled aircraft.

>If you have no pilot, g forces and things of that nature
>wouldn't have the same impact. Just thought I'd see if anyone
>else has any input.

Dear Bear et al,

I have no doubt that the military has tried to learn to
manufacture space craft which would defy the forces of gravity.
Obviously, the fundamentals of gravity aren't fully understood,
otherwise there would be no need for "remote controlled
aircraft" G-testing.

The aircraft I saw was clearly being piloted by 2 occupants. So
whatever gravity is, the occupants I saw were able to manipulate
it outside the aircraft as though the ship was in a bubble-type
vacuum, bending the light around the ship, out of its way, such
that there was no light visible from the outside looking in (and
therefore no outline of the ship)? Is that possible, or am I way
out in left field?

Sincerely,

Sue

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Intruders Foundation Is Back Online

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Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 14:08:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 17:41:13 -0400
Subject: Intruders Foundation Is Back Online

GREETINGS!

Here we are again, the Intruders Foundation once more available on the Internet. Though we are independent, we can be reached along with John Velez's AIC - Abduction Information Center. We will be posting new material on the subject of the abduction phenomenon as frequently as we can.

IF was created for the edification of the general public. AIC is private, and it is intended solely for the use of individuals seeking information regarding personal experiences. We will protect the privacy and anonymity of anyone who may contact us via AIC.

The new URL is:

<http://www.if-aic.com>

In the meantime, if you wish to contact Budd Hopkins you can do so through snail mail:

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N.Y., N.Y.. 10011,

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John Velez can be reached through e-mail:

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Thank you. We hope that you enjoy the revamped IF website.

Budd Hopkins, Executive Director, IF
John Velez, Webmaster IF-AIC

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UK UFO Flap July 10?

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Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 15:35:42 -0400

Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 17:54:28 -0400

Subject: UK UFO Flap July 10?

Hi List,

Has a List-Member more links for media-reports in this matter?
And was snapped a picture of this phenomena?

Werner

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Yakima, Washington Sighting?

From: **Justin J. Patterson** <pattersj@pacificu.edu>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 15:17:47 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 18:35:06 -0400
Subject: Yakima, Washington Sighting?

I was wondering if anyone has heard about the recent sighting in Yakima, Washington? I caught the tail end of a report on the local news here, in Portland, Oregon, but I was wondering if anyone knows any more.

Justin J. Patterson

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Report on the St. Paul, Alberta UFO Conference

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 19:53:22 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 21:43:15 -0400
Subject: Report on the St. Paul, Alberta UFO Conference

The St. Paul UFO Conference: Little Pad on the Prairie
July 10-11, 1998

"This is our first try at this, so if anything goes wrong, you can't blame us for it, because we're just learning," said Paul Pelletier, organizer for the UFO Conference in St. Paul, Alberta, Canada, on July 10-11, 1998.

Paul had nothing to worry about. The conference was an outstanding success.

Almost 500 people registered for the event, most travelling more than two-and-a-half hours from Edmonton, although there were many there from Calgary and other Alberta towns, but also many from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia. (I noted that the UFO museum guest book had signatures of people from Las Vegas, Billings, Whitehorse, Winnipeg and Boise.)

For an out-of-the-way location, St. Paul did well to make its presence known on the international UFO scene, and rightly so. It boasts the first and longest-maintained UFO landing pad in the world. The platform was built in 1967 as part of an eccentric project to mark Canada's 100th birthday.

"We were just going to make an ordinary park," said Jules Van Brabert, mayor of St. Paul at the time. "But I started having a few beers with some committee members, and we got to thinking that we wanted something really different. Well, someone had just watched something on TV about flying saucers, and laughed that we should make the park into a UFO landing pad. It seemed like a great idea at the time."

And it was. The pad didn't cost St. Paul anything. Materials were donated by local businesses, and the publicity of its inauguration made it a tourist attraction.

But then, as the years wore on, interest in the pad faded. It fell into disrepair in the 70s, but then in the 80s, someone had the idea to restore the pad and turn it into a larger attraction.

The site grew, and became more well-known. Mother Theresa (yes, the Mother Theresa) visited the site and extolled the virtues of helping others, even others "in outer space." Later, a museum was built adjoining the pad. The CUFOS travelling exhibit was installed there, too, when John Timmerman "retired" from taking it across North America.

A toll-free hot line was set up, for people to report their own UFO sightings. Reports are maintained by the energetic Rhea LaBrie, who runs the museum and makes sure there are enough UFO t-shirts, spoons and bumper stickers to sell.

"It has all been a great success," she boasted at the conference.

I was invited to be a guest speaker there, on the program which featured Stanton Friedman lecturing about why Flying Saucers Are Real. Gord Kijek of the Alberta UFO Study Group talked on an

outstanding case involving triangular UFOs as well as some Alberta crop circles. Cerealogist Gord Sobczak showed some of the striking shots of recent British crop circles and attracted a lot of interest from the audience.

One of the best-received speakers was Fern Belzil, a cattle rancher and mutilation investigator. His years of experience in raising cattle give him a definite edge when it comes to interpreting mute evidence. (I only wished his talk wasn't immediately after lunch.)

John Timmerman of CUFOS gave both a history of ufology and commented on its future, describing the under appreciated work of James McDonald and others, and how there are so many avenues for future research.

Clinical psychologist Helen Neufeld described her work with abductees, in particular "Sharon", who agreed to share the podium and answer questions.

The conference ended with a surprise presentation by Martin Jacek, a UFO investigator from the Yukon and affiliated with UFO BC.

Those were the _formal_ presentations. Then there was all the other stuff.

Gord Kijek drove me to the conference from Edmonton. We got there about noon on Friday and met Stan for lunch. He had already done several media interviews and wanted to grab something to eat before dashing off to another one. We had a great chat, catching up on UFO gossip and exchanging some material each of us had brought along. Stan had not yet seen a copy of the new Sturrock Report and I gave him my copy to view. He showed me some of the declassification notices he had received recently about some ELINT programs from the 50s and 60s and only just now admitted.

After lunch, Stan was picked up to go to the conference site, while Gord drove me around town to check out the UFO kitsch. Sure enough, St. Paul is exactly like Roswell.

"Welcome to our 'Pad'," said an alien on a sign outside a Radio Shack.

"E.T. PHONE SMITTY'S", invited the sign outside a restaurant.

The local Bingo Hall had a saucer on its sign, and the shopping mall had a mural depicting the Roswell crash at its main entrance.

After Stan's first lecture that evening, he needed something to munch so he could wind down for the night. Where did we go? UFO Pizza, of course! The restaurant was open late, had great pizza and pasta, and the decor featured UFOs in paintings, murals and hand-painted signs on the front window. Naturally, we all had 'UFO Coolers' to drink. (At 6.9% alcohol, they kind of sneak up on you!)

The conference site was in a huge recreation centre. The lecture hall had more than 350 chairs set up, and they were filled by Friday night. Stan had a table at the back where he sold his books and papers.

The adjoining room, however, was twice the size. It contained the main huckster room, which had dealers selling t-shirts, caps, pins, rings and necklaces. The most popular item (according to Rhea) was the green alien head filled with \$1 'alien pops'.

One artisan was selling her huge selection of ceramic aliens and flying saucers, including some which had lights and made weird noises. I bought a 'UFO gun' which shoots foam saucers, some alien key fobs, a UFO Pizza cap and other assorted goodies.

(The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce said they thought the conference brought in many more dollars into the town's economy than they spent on speakers and publicity.)

A big part of the display was set up by the Edmonton Space Sciences Centre. Director Frank Florian was there demonstrating

simple gee-whiz science experiments to the kids, and even had a Starlab planetarium inflated in one corner of the hall. The Fort McMurray astronomy club had a display, and that night had a star party for the attendees, having set up their scopes outside.

The media were everywhere. Every network, every Alberta newspaper, most radio stations. Stan must've done a few dozen interviews, while lesser figures such as Gord and me only did a couple. :)

One weird event occurred when a woman presented herself to reporters as the abductee who would be speaking later in the conference. Paul was really worried because not only did she look crazy, she sounded crazy. Well, we're not sure who she really was, but she wasn't Helen's abductee. The imposter had a hospital bracelet and was just out on a stroll away from a nearby institution ...

Hot gossip: John Timmerman had a call about a new crop circle in Ohio, just days before leaving for Alberta ... Stan is on his way now to Australia. 'grok' magazine in Oz faxed him a list of questions which included some real corkers, such as "Why are there only 10 theses on UFOs? Which ones are positive?" ... Stan told me and Gord about his appearance at a conference in Argentina, at which officers from the Uruguayan Air Force presented a paper describing their own official investigations, which reached the conclusion that there was no scientific evidence for UFOs ... A farmer told me he still has some angel hair from a batch which fell in the 70s. He gave most of it to scientists with the Alberta government who requested it from him. When the farmer asked about their results, the reply was: "Samples? What samples?" ... One woman told me a weird story about how the "government" put up posters in small towns in Saskatchewan in the mid-1980s, advertising a 1-800 number to report UFOs. There was a flap around Kindersley at the time. The number was only in operation for a few months ...

All in all, it was a great time. The next St. Paul UFO Conference is in two years (2000 A.D.). Don't miss it, you UFO buffs!

Chris Rutkowski
12 July 1998

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Chat With Don Ledger, UFO Investigator

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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 22:00:06 -0400
Subject: Chat With Don Ledger, UFO Investigator

Incident at Shag Harbor, 1967

COULD BE SOMETHING CONCRETE IN SHAG HARBOUR UFO - RCAF read the Halifax Herald of October 7, 1967. Nova Scotia resident and pilot Don Ledger jumped in with two feet and soon determined there was indeed hard details behind what potentially could be the most significant UFO case of the past 50 years.

As a UFO researcher living in Bedford, Nova Scotia, Ledger is employed by the Nova Scotia government as the Director/Coordinator of the Legislative Television coverage of the debates in the Nova Scotia Legislature.

Join the UFO Forum and guest Don Ledger Tuesday, July 14th, at 6pm PT at

<http://forums.msn.com/ufo>

The Briefing Room chat can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

The Netshow Audio interview will be available on Monday, July 13th

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Re: UK Meteor Blast Mystery

From: Robert Moore <ENGIMA9@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 20:59:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 22:06:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Meteor Blast Mystery

Dear All,

Re Meteor Blast Mystery (yet again)....

In regards to these various meteor events, I am beginning to think that something significant has been happening over the present couple of months.

Has anyone noticed that there's been two major meteor -display events in as many months! (i.e those sufficiently noticable enough to spark off England-wide "UFO" scares).

The previous 11-12th June event was interesting, too, in the light of what has happened recently. Not only was a "blue" coloured bolide (fireball meteor) seen at approx. 0000hrs on the 12th June, but there was seemingly also some extra meteor-shower activity at 2300hrs on the 11th June. Additionally, it also appears that there was a further bolide display (or maybe even two!) observed over various parts of the UK - again on the 11th June - at around 18.22-18.40 hrs!

That's a bit odd, considering the meteor showers which were "active" (the Ophiuchids & June Lyrids showers) are (normally) fairly weak ones. This level of meteor activity strikes me as a bit abnormal. It might all be down to chance, but it doesn't seem that way at present.

I have a (very) provisional idea why this "clustering" of meteor activity might be happening.....

Are we experiencing some "enriched" meteor showers (or simply clusters of interplanetary "space-dust") which has been causing these notable repeat meteor/meteor-shower events? We know meteor-showers are "seeded" by cometary material. Could Hale-Bopp (or another body) have enriched the local interplanetary environment last year with extra cometary material(which subsequently has resulted in these displays?).

In the light of this, it is interesting to note that that the Bootids shower (which occurred on the 26th-27th June) was associated with an "unusually high rate of noticably-bright meteors". The activity of meteor showers have been known to fluctuate from year to year. For example there was a very spetacular display in the mid-19th (or 18th!) century where it was claimed that the night sky was virtually "swarming" with meteors for several hours.

Is something similar happening now (albeit on a much smaller scale)? How many meteor reports have you had over the past few months or so? Have they been higher than usual?

You see, "boring" IFOS can be interesting, after all! And important too.....if these reports do indeed indicate that we are passing through greater-than-normal levels of "interplanetary dust".

But, then again, it might just be a chance cluster-effect.

However, it doesn't seem like that at the moment!

Even several UFO websites have also noticed a higher-than-normal level of "UFO" events generated by bolide activity.

Robert Moore,
BUFORA.

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Imposter Crashes UFO Conference, St. Paul, Alberta

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 21:31:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 22:14:04 -0400
Subject: Imposter Crashes UFO Conference, St. Paul, Alberta

List,

From: The Peterborough Examiner
Sunday, July 12, 1998
Front Page

The Latest
Imposter crashes UFO conference as guest speaker.

ST. PAUL, Alta. (CP) --- Whether it involved any kind of conspiracy is unclear, but the wrong alien abductee nearly took centre stage Saturday at a conference on UFOs.

The woman, who said she was a patient at the St. Therese Health Centre, presented herself to organizers as the scheduled speaker and gave interviews to the media.

The actual featured guest speaker -- an Edmonton woman who claims she's had contact with aliens -- hadn't arrived yet.

The patient, who said she was being treated at the hospital for something to do with her feet, left the conference as mysteriously as she arrived after organizers realized she wasn't the real speaker.

The real alien abductee speaker, who bills herself only as Suzanne, said: "It's reasons like that that I don't give out my last name."

The conference chairman called the incident 'a glitch'.

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Sue

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studies of this problem, a problem that has aroused such strong and widespread public concern during the past two decades. Unfortunately, the present climate of thinking, above all since release of the latest of a long series of inadequate studies, namely, that conducted under the direction of Dr. E. U. Condon at the University of Colorado, will make it very difficult to secure any new and more thorough investigations, yet my own examination of the problem forces me to call for just such new studies. I am enough of a realist to sense that, unless the present AAAS UFO Symposium succeeds in making the scientific community aware of the seriousness of the UFO problem, little immediate response to any call for new investigation is likely to appear.

In fact, the over-all public and scientific response to the UFO phenomena is itself a matter of substantial scientific interest, above all in its social-psychological aspects. Prior to my own investigations, I would never have imagined the wide spread reluctance to report an unusual and seemingly inexplicable event, yet that reluctance, and the attendant reluctance of scientists to exhibit serious interest in the phenomena in question, are quite general. One regrettable result is the fact that the most credible of UFO witnesses are often those most reluctant to come forward with a report of the event they have witnessed. A second regrettable result is that only a very small number of scientists have taken the time and trouble to search out the nearly puzzling reports that tend to be diluted out by the much larger number of trivial and non-significant UFO reports. The net result is that there still exists no general scientific recognition of the scope and nature of the UFO problem.

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Within the federal government official responsibility for UFO investigations has rested with the Air Force since early 1948. Unidentified aerial objects quite naturally fall within the area of Air Force concern, so this assignment of responsibility was basically reasonable. However, once it became clear (early 1949) that UFO reports did not seem to involve advanced aircraft of some hostile foreign power, Air Force interest subsided to relatively low levels, marked, however, by occasional temporary resurgence of interest following large waves of UFO reports, such as that of 1952, or 1957, or 1965.

A most unfortunate pattern of press reporting developed by about 1953, in which the Air Force would assert that they had found no evidence of anything "defying explanation in terms of present-day science and technology" in their growing files of UFO reports. These statements to the public would have done little harm had they not been coupled systematically to press statements asserting that "the best scientific facilities available to the U. S. Air Force" had been and were being brought to bear on the UFO question. The assurances that substantial scientific competence was involved in Air Force UFO investigations have, I submit, had seriously deleterious scientific effects. Scientists who might otherwise have done enough checking to see that a substantial scientific puzzle lay in the UFO area were misled by these assurances into thinking that capable scientists had already done adequate study and found nothing. My own extensive checks have revealed so slight a total amount of scientific competence in two decades of Air Force-supported investigations that I can only regard the repeated asseverations of solid scientific study of the UFO . problem as the single most serious obstacle that the Air Force has put in the way of progress towards elucidation of the matter

I do not believe, let me stress, that this has been part of some top-secret coverup of extensive investigations by Air Force or security agencies; I have found no substantial basis for accepting that theory of why the Air Force has so long failed to respond appropriately to the many significant and scientifically intriguing UFO reports coming from within its own ranks. Briefly, I see grand foulup but not grand coverup. Although numerous instances could be cited wherein Air Force spokesmen failed to release anything like complete details of UFO reports, and although this has had the regrettable consequence of denying scientists at large even a dim notion of the almost incredible nature of some of the more impressive Air Force-related UFO reports, I still feel that the most grievous fault of 22 years of Air Force handling of the UFO problem has consisted of their repeated public assertions that they had substantial scientific competence on the job.

Close examination of the level of investigation and the level of scientific analysis involved in Project Sign (1948-9), Project Grudge (1949- 52), and Project Bluebook (1953 to date), reveals that these were, viewed scientifically, almost meaning less investigations. Even during occasional periods (e.g., 1952) characterized by fairly active investigation of UFO cases, there was still such slight scientific expertise involved that there was never any real chance that the puzzling phenomena encountered in the most significant UFO cases would be

elucidated. Furthermore, the panels, consultants, contractual studies, etc., that the Air Force has had working on the UFO problem over the past 22 years have, with essentially no exception, brought almost negligible scientific scrutiny into the picture. Illustrative examples will be given.

The Condon Report, released in January, 1968, after about two years of Air Force-supported study is, in my opinion, quite inadequate. The sheer bulk of the Report, and the inclusion of much that can only be viewed as "scientific padding", cannot conceal from anyone who studies it closely the salient point that it represents an examination of only a tiny fraction of the most puzzling UFO reports of the past two decades, and that its level of scientific argumentation is wholly unsatisfactory. Furthermore, of the roughly 90 cases that it specifically confronts, over 30 are conceded to be unexplained. With so large a fraction of unexplained cases (out of a sample that is by no means limited only to the truly puzzling cases, but includes an objectionably large number of obviously trivial cases), it is far from clear how Dr. Condon felt justified in concluding that the study indicated "that further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby. "

I shall cite a number of specific examples of cases from the Condon Report which I regard as entirely inadequately investigated and reported. One at Kirtland AFB, November 4, 1957, involved observations of a wingless egg-shaped object that was observed hovering about a minute over the field prior to departure at a climb rate which was described to me as faster than that of any known jets, then or now. The principal witnesses in this case were precisely the type of witnesses whose accounts warrant closest attention, since they were CAA tower observers who watched the UFO from the CAA tower with binoculars. Yet, when I located these two men in the course of my own check of cases from the Condon Report, I found that neither of them had even been contacted by members of the University of Colorado project! Both men were fully satisfied that they had been viewing a device with performance characteristics well beyond any thing in present or foreseeable aeronautical technology. The two men gave me descriptions that were mutually consistent and that fit closely the testimony given on Nov. 6, 1957, when they were interrogated by an Air Force investigator. The Condon Report attempts to explain this case as a light-aircraft that lost its way, came into the field area, and then left. This kind of explanation runs through the whole Condon Report, yet is wholly incapable of explaining the details of sightings such as that of the Kirtland AFB incident. Other illustrative instances in which the investigations summarized in the Condon Report exhibit glaring deficiencies will be cited. I suggest that there are enough significant unexplainable UFO reports just within the Condon Report itself to document the need for a greatly increased level of scientific study of UFOs.

That a panel of the National Academy of Sciences could endorse this study is to me disturbing. I find no evidence that the Academy panel did any independent checking of its own; and none of that 11-man panel had any significant prior investigative experience in this area, to my knowledge. I believe that this sort of Academy endorsement must be criticized; it hurts science in the long run, and I fear that this particular instance will ultimately prove an embarrassment to the National Academy of Sciences.

The Condon Report and its Academy endorsement have exerted a highly negative influence on clarification of the long-standing UFO problem; so much, in fact, that it seems almost pointless to now call for new and more extensive UFO investigations. Yet the latter are precisely what are needed to bring out into full light of scientific inquiry a phenomenon that could well constitute one of the greatest scientific problems of our times.

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Some examples of UFO cases conceded to be unexplainable in the Condon Report and containing features of particularly strong scientific interest: Utica, N.Y., 6/23/55; Lakenheath, England, 8/13/56; Jackson, Ala., 11/14/56; Norfolk, Va., 8/30/57; RB-47 case, 9/19/57; Beverly Mass., 4/22/66; Donnybrook, N.D., 8/19/66; Haynesville, La., 12/30/66; Joplin, Mo., 1/13/67; Colorado Springs, Colo., 5/13/67.

Some examples of UFO cases considered explained in the Condon Report for which I would take strong exception to the argumentation presented and would regard as both unexplained and of strong scientific interest: Flagstaff, Ariz., 5/20/50; Washington, D. C., 7/19/52; Bellefontaine, O., 8/1/52; Haneda AFB, Japan, 8/5/52; Gulf of Mexico, 12/6/52; Odessa, Wash., 12/10/52; Continental Divide, N.M., 1/26/53; Seven Isles, Quebec, 6/29/54; Niagara Falls, N.Y., 7/25/57; Kirtland AFB, N.M., 11/4/57; Gulf of Mexico, 11/5/57; Peru, 12/30/66; Holloman AFB, 3/2/67; Kincheloe AFB, 9/11/67; Vandenberg AFB, 10/6/67; Milledgeville, Ga., 10/20/67.

SCIENCE IN DEFAULT: 22 YEARS OF INADEQUATE UFO INVESTIGATIONS

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ILLUSTRATIVE CASES

The following treats in detail the four principal UFO cases referred to in my Symposium talk. They are presented as specific illustrations of what I regard as serious shortcomings of case-investigations in the Condon Report and in the 1947-69 Air Force UFO program. The four cases used as illustrations are the following :

1. RB-47 case, Gulf Coast area, Sept. 19, 1957
2. Lakenheath RAF Station, England, August 13-14, 1956
3. Haneda AFB, Japan, August 5-6, 1952
4. Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, Nov. 4, 1957

My principal conclusions are that scientific inadequacies in past years of UFO investigations by Air Force Project Bluebook have not been remedied through publication of the Condon Report, and that there remain scientifically very important unsolved problems with respect to UFOs. The investigative and evaluative deficiencies illustrated in the four cases examined in detail are paralleled by equally serious shortcomings in many other cases in the sample of about 90 UFO cases treated in the Condon Report. Endorsement of the conclusions of the Condon Report by the National Academy of Sciences appears to have been based on entirely superficial examination of the Report and the cases treated therein. Further study, conducted on a much more sound scientific level are needed.

SOME ILLUSTRATIVE UFO CASES - J. E. McDonald
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Case 1. USAF RB-47, Gulf Coast area, September 19-20, 1957.

Brief summary: An Air Force RB-47, equipped with ECM (Electronic Countermeasures) gear, manned by six officers, was followed over a total distance in excess of 600 miles and for a time period of more than an hour, as it flew from near Gulfport, Miss., through Louisiana and Texas, and into southern Oklahoma. The unidentified object was, at various times, seen visually by the cockpit crew (as an intense white or red light), followed by ground-radar, and detected on ECM monitoring gear aboard the RB-47. Simultaneous appearances and disappearances on all three of those physically distinct "channels" mark this UFO case as especially intriguing from a scientific viewpoint. The incident is described as Case 5 in the Condon Report and is conceded to be unexplained. The full details, however, are not presented in that Report.

1. Summary of the Case:

The case is long and involved and filled with well-attested phenomena that defy easy explanation in terms of present-day science and technology. The RB-47 was flying out of Forbes AFB, Topeka, on a composite mission including gunnery exercises over the Texas-Gulf area, navigation exercises over the open Gulf, and ECM exercises in the return trip across the south-central U.S. This was an RB-47 carrying a six-man crew, of whom three were electronic warfare officers manning ECM (Electronic counter-measures) gear in the aft portion of the aircraft. One of the extremely interesting aspects of this case is that electromagnetic signals of distinctly radar-like character appeared definitely to be emitted by the UFO, yet it exhibited

performance characteristics that seem to rule out categorically its having been any conventional or secret aircraft.

I have discussed the incident with all six officers of the crew:

Lewis D. Chase, pilot, Spokane, Wash.
James H. McCoid, copilot, Offutt AFB
Thomas H. Hanley, navigator, Vandenberg AFB
John J. Provenzano, No. 1 monitor, Wichita
Frank B. McClure, No. 2 monitor, Offutt AFB
Walter A. Tuchscherer, No. 3 monitor, Topeka

Chase was a Major at the time; I failed to ask for information on 1957 ranks of the others. McClure and Hanley are currently Majors, so might have been Captains or Lieutenants in 1957. All were experienced men at the time. Condon Project investigators only talked with Chase, McCoid, and McClure, I ascertained. In my checking it proved necessary to telephone several of them more than once to pin down key points; nevertheless the total case is so complex that I would assume that there are still salient points not clarified either by the Colorado investigators or by myself. Unfortunately, there appears to be no way, at present to locate the personnel involved in ground-radar observations that are a very important part of the whole case. I shall discuss that point below.

This flight occurred in September, 1957, just prior to the crew's reassignment to a European base. On questioning by Colorado investigators, flight logs were consulted, and based on the recollection that this flight was within a short time of departure from Forces to Germany, (plus the requirement that the date match a flight of the known type and geography) the 9/19/57 date seems to have emerged. The uncertainty as to whether it was early on the 19th or early on the 20th, cited above is a point of confusion I had not noted until preparing the present notes. Hence I am unable to add any clarification, at the moment; in this matter of the date confusion found in Thayer's discussion of the case (1, pp. 136-138). I shall try to check that in the near future. For the present, it does not vitiate case-discussion in any significant way.

The incident is most inadequately described in the Condon Report. The reader is left with the general notion that the important parts occurred near Ft. Worth, an impression strengthened by the fact that both Crow and Thayer discuss meteorological data only for that area. One is also left with no clear impression of the duration, which was actually over an hour. The incident involved an unknown airborne object that stayed with the RB-47 for over 600 miles. In case after case in the Condon Report, close checking reveals that quite significant features of the cases have been glossed over, or omitted, or in some instances seriously misrepresented. I submit that to fail to inform the reader that this particular case spans a total distance-range of some 600 miles and lasted well over an hour is an omission difficult to justify.

From my nine separate interviews with the six crew members, I assembled a picture of the events that makes it even more puzzling than it seems on reading the Condon Report -- and even the latter account is puzzling enough.

Just as the aircraft crossed the Mississippi coast near Gulfport, McClure, manning the #2 monitor, detected a signal near their 5 o'clock position (aft of the starboard beam). It looked to him like a legitimate ground-radar signal, but corresponded to a position out in the Gulf. This is the actual beginning of the complete incident; but before proceeding with details it is necessary to make quite clear what kind of equipment we shall be talking about as we follow McClure's successive observations.

Under conditions of war, bombing aircraft entering hostile territory can be assisted in their penetrations if any of a variety of electronic countermeasures (ECM techniques as they are collectively termed) are brought into action against ground-based enemy radar units. The initial step in all ECM operations is, necessarily, that of detecting the enemy radar and quantitatively identifying a number of relevant features of the radar system (carrier frequency, pulse repetition frequency, scan rate, pulse width) and, above all, its bearing relative to the aircraft heading. The latter task is particularly ample in

principle, calling only for direction-finding antennas which pick up the enemy signal and display on a monitor scope inside the reconnaissance aircraft a blip or lobe that paints in the relative bearing from which the signal is coming.

The ECM gear used in RB-47's in 1957 is not now classified; the #2 monitor that McClure was on, he and the others pointed out, involved an ALA-6 direction-finder with back-to-back antennas in a housing on the undersurface of the RB-47 near the rear, spun at either 150 or 300 rpm as it scanned in azimuth. Inside the aircraft, its signals were processed in an APR-9 radar receiver and an ALA-5 pulse analyser. All later references to the #2 monitor imply that system. The #1 monitor employed an APD-4 direction finding system, with a pair of antennas permanently mounted on either wing tip. Provenzano was on the #1 monitor. Tuchscherer was on the #3 monitor, whose specifications I did not ascertain because I could find no indication that it was involved in the observations.

Returning now to the initial features of the UFO episode, McClure at first thought he had 180-degree ambiguity in his scope, i.e., that the signal whose lobe painted at his 5 o'clock position was actually coming in from the 11 o'clock position perhaps from some ground radar in Louisiana. This suspicion, he told me, was temporarily strengthened as he became aware that the lobe was moving upslope. (It is important here and in features of the case cited below to understand how a fixed ground-radar paints on the ECM monitor scope as the reconnaissance aircraft flies toward its general direction: Suppose the ground radar is, at some instant, located at the 1 o'clock position relative to the moving aircraft, i.e., slightly off the starboard bow. As the aircraft flies along, the relative bearing steadily changes, so that the fixed ground unit is "seen" successively at the 2 o'clock, the 3 o'clock, and the 4 o'clock positions, etc. The lobe paints on the monitor scope at these successive relative azimuths, the 12 o'clock position being at the top of the scope, 3 o'clock at the right, etc. Thus any legitimate signal from a fixed ground radar must move downslope, excluding the special cases in which the radar is dead ahead or dead astern. Note carefully that we deal here only with direction finding gear. Range is unknown; we are not here speaking of an airborne radar set, just a radar-frequency direction-finder. In practice, range is obtained by triangulation computations based on successive fixes and known aircraft speed.)

As the lobe continued moving upslope, McClure said the strength of the incoming signal and its pulse characteristics all tended to confirm that this was some ground unit being painted with 180-degree ambiguity for some unknown electronic reason. It was at 2800 megacycles, a common frequency for S-band search radars.

However, after the lobe swung dead ahead, his earlier hypothesis had to be abandoned for it continued swinging over to the 11 o'clock position and continued downslope on the port side. Clearly, no 180-degree ambiguity was capable of accounting for this. Curiously, however, this was so anomalous that McClure did not take it very seriously and did not at that juncture mention it to the cockpit crew nor to his colleagues on the other two monitors. This upslope-downslope "orbit" of the unknown was seen only on the ALA-6, as far as I could establish. Had nothing else occurred, this first and very significant portion of the whole episode would almost certainly have been forgotten by McClure.

The signal faded as the RB-47 headed northward to the scheduled turning point over Jackson, Miss. The mission called for simulated detection and ECM operations against Air Force ground radar units all along this part of the flight plan, but other developments intervened. Shortly after making their turn westward over Jackson, Miss., Chase noted what he thought at first were the landing lights of some other jet coming in from near his 11 o'clock position, at roughly the RB-47's altitude. But no running lights were discernible and it was a single very bright white light, closing fast. He had just alerted the rest of the crew to be ready for sudden evasive maneuvers, when he and McCoid saw the light almost instantaneously change directions and rush across from left to right at an angular velocity that Chase told me he'd never seen matched in his flight experience. The light went from their 11 o'clock to the 2

o'clock position with great rapidity, and then blinked out.

Immediately after that, Chase and McCoid began talking about it on the interphone and McClure, recalling the unusual 2800 megacycle signal that he had seen over Gulfport now mentioned that peculiar incident for the first time to Chase and McCoid. It occurred to him at that point to set his #2 monitor to scan at 2800 mcs. On the first scan, McClure told me, he got a strong 2800 mcs signal from their 2 o'clock position, the bearing on which the luminous unknown object had blinked out moments earlier.

Provenzano told me that right after that they had checked out the #2 monitor on valid ground radar stations to be sure it was not malfunctioning and it appeared to be in perfect order. He then checked on his #1 monitor and also got a signal from the same bearing. There remained, of course, the possibility that just by chance, this signal was from a real radar down on the ground and off in that direction. But as the minutes went by, and the aircraft continued westward at about 500 kts. the relative bearing of the 2800 mcs source did not move downscope on the #2 monitor, but kept up with them.

This quickly led to a situation in which the entire 6-man crew focussed all attention on the matter; the incident is still vivid in the minds of all the men, though their recollection for various details varies with the particular activities they were engaged in. Chase varied speed, to see if the relative bearing would change but nothing altered. After over a hundred miles of this, with the 2800 mcs source keeping pace with the aircraft, they were getting into the radar-coverage area of the Carswell AFB GCI (Ground Controlled Intercept) unit and Chase radioed that unit to ask if they showed any other air traffic near the RB-47. Carswell GCI immediately came back with the information that there was apparently another aircraft about 10 miles from them at their 2 o'clock position. (The RB-47 was unambiguously identifiable by its IFF signal; the "other aircraft" was seen by "skin paint" Only, i.e., by direct radar reflection rather than via an IFF transponder, Col. Chase explained.)

This information, each of the men emphasized to me in one way or another, made them a bit uneasy for the first time. I asked McClure a question that the Colorado investigators either failed to ask or did not summarize in their Report. Was the signal in all respects comparable to that of a typical ground radar? McClure told me that this was what baffled him the most, then and now. All the radar signature characteristics, as read out on his ALA-5 pulse analyser, were completely normal -- it had a pulse repetition frequency and pulse width like a CPS-6B and even simulated a scan rate: But its intensity, McClure pointed out, was so strong that "it would have to had an antenna bigger than a bomber to put out that much signal." And now, the implications of the events over Gulfport took on new meaning. The upscope- downscope sweep of his #2 monitor lobe implied that this source, presuming it to be the same one now also being seen on ground radar at Carswell GCI, had flown a circle around the RB-47 at 30-35,000 ft altitude while the aircraft was doing about 500 kts.

Shortly after Carswell GCI began following the two targets, RB-47 and unknown, still another significant action unfolded. McClure suddenly noted the lobe on the #2 monitor was beginning to go upscope, and almost simultaneously, Chase told me, GCI called out that the second airborne target was starting to move forward. Keep in mind that no visual target was observable here; after blinking out at the 12 o'clock position, following its lightning-like traverse across the nose of the aircraft, no light had been visible. The unknown now proceeded to move steadily around to the 12 o'clock position, followed all the while on the #2 monitor and on the GCI scope down at Carswell near Ft. Worth.

As soon as the unknown reached the 12 o'clock position, Chase and McCoid suddenly saw a bright red glow "bigger than a house", Chase said, and lying dead ahead, precisely the bearing shown on the passive radar direction-finder that McClure was on and precisely the bearing now indicated on the GCI scope. _Three independent sensing systems_ were at this juncture giving seemingly consistent indications: two pairs of human eyes, a ground radar, and a direction-finding radar receiver in the aircraft.

One of the important points not settled by the Colorado investigations concerned the question of whether the unknown was ever painted on any radar set on the RB-47 itself. Some of the men thought the navigator had seen it on his set, others were unsure. I eventually located Maj. Hanley at Vandenberg and he informed me that all through the incident, which he remembered very well, he tried, unsuccessfully to pick up the unknown on his navigational radar (K-system). I shall not recount all of the details of his efforts and his comments, but only mention the end result of my two telephone interviews with him. The important question was what sort of effective range that set had. Hanley gave the pertinent information that it could just pick up a large tanker of the KC-97 type at about 4 miles range, when used in the "altitude- hold" mode, with antenna tipped up to maximum elevation. But both at the start of its involvement and during the object's swing into the 12 o'clock position, GCI showed it remaining close to 10 miles in range from the RB-47. Thus Hanley's inability to detect it on his K-system navigational radar in altitude hold only implies that whatever was out there had a radar cross-section that was less than about 16 times that of a KC-97 (roughly twice 4 miles, inverse 4th-power law), The unknown gave a GCI return that suggested a cross-section comparable to an ordinary aircraft, Chase told me, which is consistent with Hanley's non-detection of the object. The Condon Report gives the impression the navigator did detect it, but this is not correct.

I have in my files many pages of typed notes on my interviews, and cannot fill in all of the intriguing details here. Suffice it to say that Chase then went to maximum allowable power, hoping to close with the unknown, but it just stayed ahead at about 10 miles as GCI kept telling them; it stayed as a bright red light dead ahead, and it kept painting as a bright lobe on the top of McClure's ALA-6 scope. By this time they were well into Texas still at about 35,000 ft and doing upwards of 500 knots, when Chase saw it begin to veer to the right and head between Dallas and Ft. Worth. Getting FAA clearance to alter his own flight plan and to make sure other jet traffic was out of his way, he followed its turn, and then realized he was beginning to close on it for the first time. Almost immediately GCI told him the unknown had stopped moving on the ground-radarscope. Chase and McCoid watched as they came almost up to it. Chase's recollections on this segment of the events were distinctly clearer than McCoid's. McCoid was, of course, sitting aft of Chase and had the poorer view; also he said he was doing fuel-reserve calculations in view of the excess fuel-use in their efforts to shake the unknown, and had to look up from the lighted cockpit to try to look out intermittently, while Chase in the forward seat was able to keep it in sight more nearly continuously. Chase told me that he'd estimate that it was just ahead of the RB-47 and definitely below them when it instantaneously blinked out, At that same moment McClure announced on the interphone that he'd lost the 2800 mcs signal, and GCI said it had disappeared from their scope. Such simultaneous loss of signal on what we can term three separate channels is most provocative, most puzzling.

Putting the aircraft into a left turn (which Chase noted consumes about 15-20 miles at top speed), they kept looking back to try to see the light again. And, about halfway through the turn (by then the aircraft had reached the vicinity of Mineral Wells, Texas, Chase said), the men in the cockpit suddenly saw the bright red light flash on again, back along their previous flight path but distinctly lower, and simultaneously GCI got a target again and McClure started picking up a 2800 mcs signal at that bearing: (As I heard one after another of these men describe all this, I kept trying to imagine how it was possible that Condon could listen, at the October, 1967, plasma conference at the UFO Project, as Col. Chase recounted all this and shrug his shoulders and walk out.)

Securing permission from Carswell GCI to undertake the decidedly non- standard maneuver of diving on the unknown, Chase put the RB-47 nose down and had reached about 20,000 ft, he recalls, when all of a sudden the light blinked out, GCI lost it on their scope, and McClure reported loss of signal on the #2 monitor: Three-channel consistency once more.

Low on fuel, Chase climbed back up to 25,000 and headed north for Oklahoma. He barely had it on homeward course when

McClure got a blip dead astern and Carswell radioed that they had a target once more trailing the RB- 47 at about 10 miles. Rear visibility from the topblisters of the RB-4 now precluded easy visual check, particularly if the unknown was then at lower altitude (Chase estimated that it might have been near 15,000 ft when he lost it in the dive). It followed them to southern Oklahoma and then disappeared.

2. Discussion:

This incident is an especially good example of a UFO case in which observer credibility and reliability do not come into serious question, a case in which more than one (here three) channel of information figures in the over-all observations, and a case in which the reported phenomena appear to defy explanation in terms of either natural or technological phenomena.

In the Condon Report, the important initial incident in which the unknown 2800 MC source appeared to orbit the RB-47 near Gulfport is omitted. In the Condon Report, the reader is given no hint that the object was with the aircraft for over 600 miles and for over an hour. No clear sequence of these events is spelled out, nor is the reader made aware of all of the "three-channel" simultaneous appearances or disappearances that were so emphatically stressed to me by both Chase and McClure in my interviews with them. But even despite those degrees of incompleteness, any reader of the account of this case in the Condon Report must wonder that an incident of this sort could be left as unexplained and yet ultimately treated, along with the other unexplained cases in that Report, as calling for no further scientific attention.

Actually, various hypotheses (radar anomalies, mirage effects) are weighed in one part of the Condon Report where this case is discussed separately (pp. 136-138). But the suggestion made there that perhaps an inversion near 2 km altitude was responsible for the returns at the Carswell GCI unit is wholly untenable. In an Appendix, a very lengthy but non-relevant discussion of ground return from anomalous propagation appears; in fact, it is so unrelated to the actual circumstances of this case as to warrant no comment here. Chase's account emphasized that the GCI radar(s) had his aircraft and the unknown object on-scope for a total flight-distance of the order of several hundred miles, including a near overflight of the ground radar. With such wide variations in angles of incidence of the ground-radar beam on any inversion or duct, however intense, the possibility of anomalous propagation effects yielding a consistent pattern of spurious echo matching the reported movements and the appearances and disappearances of the target is infinitesimal. And the more so in view of the simultaneous appearances and disappearances on the ECM gear and via visible emissions from the unknown. To suggest, as is tentatively done on p. 138 that the "red glow" might have been a "mirage of Oklahoma City", when the pilot's description of the luminous source involves a wide range of viewing angles, including two instances when he was viewing it at quite large depression angles, is wholly unreasonable. Unfortunately, that kind of casual ad hoc hypothesizing with almost no attention to relevant physical considerations runs all through the case-discussions in the treatment of radar and optical cases in the Condon Report, frequently (though not in this instance) being made the basis of "explanations" that are merely absurd. On p. 265 of the Report, the question of whether this incident might be explained in terms of any "plasma effect" is considered but rejected. In the end, this case is conceded to be unexplained.

No evidence that a report on this event reached Project Bluebook was found by the Colorado investigators. That may seem hard to believe for those who are under the impression that the Air Force has been diligently and exhaustively investigating UFO reports over the past 22 years. But to those who have examined more closely the actual levels of investigation, lack of a report on this incident is not so surprising. Other comparable instances could be cited, and still more where the military aircrews elected to spare themselves the bother of interrogation, by not even reporting events about as puzzling as those found in this RB-47 incident.

But what is of greatest present interest is the point that here we have a well-reported, multi-channel, multiple-witness

UFO report, coming in fact from within the Air Force itself, investigated by the Condon Report team, conceded to be unexplained, and yet it is, in final analysis, ignored by Dr. Condon. In no section of the Report specifically written by the principal investigator does he even allude to this intriguing case. My question is how such events can be written off as demanding no further scientific study. To me, such cases seem to cry out for the most intensive scientific study -- and the more so because they are actually so much more numerous than the scientific community yet realizes. There is a scientific mystery here that is being ignored and shoved under the rug; the strongest and most unjustified shove has come from the Condon Report. "unjustified" because that Report itself contains so many scientifically puzzling unexplained cases (approximately 30 out of 90 cases considered) that it is extremely difficult to understand how its principal investigator could have construed the contents of the Report as supporting a view that UFO studies should be terminated.

Case 2. Lakenheath and Bentwaters RAF/USAF units; England, August 13-14, 1956.

Brief summary: Observations of unidentified objects by USAF and RAF personnel, extending over 5 hours, and involving ground-radar, airborne-radar, ground visual and airborne-visual sightings of high-speed unconventionally maneuvering objects in the vicinity of two RAF stations at night. It is Case 2 in the Condon Report and is there conceded to be unexplained.

1. Introduction:

This case will illustrate, in significant ways, the following points:

- a) It illustrates the fact that many scientifically intriguing UFO reports have lain in USAF/Bluebook files for years without knowledge thereof by the scientific community.
- b) It represents a large subset of UFO cases in which all of the observations stemmed from military sources and which, had there been serious and competent scientific interest operating in Project Bluebook, could have been very thoroughly investigated while the information was fresh. It also illustrates the point that the actual levels of investigation were entirely inadequate in even as unexplainable and involved cases as this one.
- c) It illustrates the uncomfortably incomplete and internally inconsistent features that one encounters in almost every report of its kind in the USAF/Bluebook files at Wright-Patterson AFB, features attesting to the dearth of scientific competence in the Air Force UFO investigations over the past 20 years.
- d) It illustrates, when the original files are carefully studied and compared with the discussion thereof in the Condon Report, shortcomings in presentation and critique given many cases in the Condon Report.
- e) Finally, I believe it illustrates an example of those cases conceded to be unexplainable by the Condon Report that argue need for much more extensive and more thorough scientific investigation of the UFO problem, a need negated in the Condon Report and in the Academy endorsement thereof.

My discussion of this case will be based upon the 30-page Bluebook case-file, plus certain other information presented on it in the Condon Report. This "Lakenheath case" was not known outside of USAF circles prior to publication of the Condon Report. None of the names of military personnel involved are given in the Condon Report. (Witness names, dates, and locales are deleted from all of the main group of cases in that Report, seriously impeding independent scientific check of case materials.) I secured copies of the case-file from Bluebook, but all names of military personnel involved in the incident were cut out of the Xerox copies prior to releasing the material to me. Hence I have been unable to interview personally the key witnesses. However, there is no indication that anyone on the Colorado Project did any personal interviews, either; so it

would appear I have had access to the same basic data used in the Condon Report's treatment of this extremely interesting case.

For no Justified reason, the Condon Report not only deletes witness names, but also names of localities of the UFO incidents in its main sample of 59 cases. In this Lakenheath case, deletion of locality names creates much confusion for the reader, since three distinct RAF stations figure in, the incident and since the discharged non-commissioned officer from whom they received first word of this UFO episode confused the names of two of those stations in his own account that appears in the Condon Report. That, plus other reportorial deficiencies in the presentation of the Lakenheath case in the Condon Report, will almost certainly have concealed its real significance from most readers of the Report.

Unfortunately, the basic Bluebook file is itself about as confusing as most Bluebook files on UFO cases. I shall attempt to mitigate as many of those difficulties as I can in the following, by putting the account into better over-all order than one finds in the Condon Report treatment.

2. General Circumstances:

The entire episode extended from about 2130Z, August 13, to 0330Z, August 14, 1956; thus this is a nighttime case. The events occurred in east-central England, chiefly in Suffolk. The initial reports centered around Bentwaters RAF Station, located about six miles east of Ipswich, near the coast, while much of the subsequent action centers around Lakenheath RAF Station, located some 20 miles northeast of Cambridge. Sculthorpe RAF Station also figures in the account, but only to a minor extent; it is near Fakenham, in the vicinity of The Wash. GCA (Ground Controlled Approach) radars at two of those three stations were involved in the ground-radar sightings, as was an RTCC (Radar Traffic Control Center) radar unit at Lakenheath. The USAF non-com who wrote to the Colorado Project about this incident was a Watch Supervisor on duty at the Lakenheath RTCC unit that night. His detailed account is reproduced in the Condon Report (pp. 248-251). The Report comments on "the remarkable accuracy of the account of the witness as given in (his reproduced letter), which was apparently written from memory 12 years after the incident." I would concur, but would note that, had the Colorado Project only investigated more such striking cases of past years, it would have found many other witnesses in UFO cases whose vivid recollections often match surprising well checkable contemporary accounts. My experience thereon has been that, in multiple-witness cases where one can evaluate consistency of recollections, the more unusual and inexplicable the original UFO episode, the more it impressed upon the several witnesses' memories a meaningful and still-useful pattern of relevant recollections. Doubtless, another important factor operates: the UFO incidents that are the most striking and most puzzling probably have been discussed by the key witnesses enough times that their recollections have been thereby reinforced in a useful way.

The only map given in the Condon Report is based on a sketch-map made by the non-com who alerted them to the case. It is misleading, for Sculthorpe is shown 50 miles east of Lakenheath, whereas it actually lies 30 miles north-northeast. The map does not show Bentwaters at all; it is actually some 40 miles east-southeast of Lakenheath. Even as basic items as those locations do not appear to have been ascertained by those who prepared the discussion of this case in the Condon Report, which is most unfortunate, yet not atypical.

That this incident was subsequently discussed by many Lakenheath personnel was indicated to me by a chance event. In the course of my investigations of another radar UFO case from the Condon Report, that of 9/11/67 at Kincheloe AFB, I found that the radar operator involved therein had previously been stationed with the USAF detachment at Lakenheath and knew of the events at second-hand because they were still being discussed there by radar personnel when he arrived many months later.

3. Initial Events at Bentwaters, 2130Z to 2200Z;

One of the many unsatisfactory aspects of the Condon Report is its frequent failure to put before the reader a complete

account of the UFO cases it purports to analyze scientifically. In the present instance, the Report omits all details of three quite significant radar-sightings made by Bentwaters GCA personnel prior to their alerting the Lakenheath GCA and RTCC groups at 2255 LST. This omission is certainly not because of correspondingly slight mention in the original Bluebook case-file; rather, the Bentwaters sightings actually receive more Bluebook attention than the subsequent Lakenheath events. Hence, I do not see how such omissions in the Condon Report can be justified.

a) _First radar sighting, 2130Z._ Bentwaters GCA operator, A/2c _____ (I shall use a blank to indicate the names razor-bladed out of my copies of the case-file prior to release of the file items to me), reported picking up a target 25-30 miles ESE, which moved at very high speed on constant 295 deg. heading across his scope until he lost it 15-20 miles to the NW of Bentwaters. In the Bluebook file, A/2c _____ is reported as describing it as a strong radar echo, comparable to that of a typical aircraft, until it weakened near the end of its path across his scope. He is quoted as estimating a speed of the order of 4000 mph, but two other cited quantities suggest even higher speeds. A transit time of 30 seconds is given, and if one combines that with the reported range of distance traversed, 40-50 miles, a speed of about 5000- 6000 mph results. Finally, A/2c _____ stated that it covered about 5-6 miles per sweep of the AN/MPN-11A GCA radar he was using. The sweep-period for that set is given as 2 seconds (30 rpm), so this yields an even higher speed- estimate of about 9000 mph. (Internal discrepancies of this sort are quite typical of Bluebook case-files, I regret to say. My study of many such files during the past three years leaves me no conclusion but that Bluebook work has never represented high-caliber scientific work, but rather has operated as a perfunctory bookkeeping and filing operation during most of its life. Of the three speed figures just mentioned, the latter derives from the type of observation most likely to be reasonably accurate, in my opinion. The displacement of a series of successive radar blips on a surveillance radar such as the MPN-11A, can be estimated to perhaps a mile or so with little difficulty, when the operator has as large a number of successive blips to work with as is here involved. Nevertheless, it is necessary to regard the speed as quite uncertain here, though presumably in the range of several thousand miles pr hour and hence not associable with any conventional aircraft, nor with still higher-speed meteors either.)

b) _Second radar sighting, 2130-2155Z._ A few minutes after the preceding event, T/Sgt _____ picked up on the same MPN-11A a group of 12-15 objects about 8 miles SW of Brentwaters. In the report to Bluebook, he pointed out that "these objects appeared as normal targets on the GCA scope and that normal checks made to determine possible malfunctions of the GCA radar failed to indicate anything was technically wrong." The dozen or so objects were moving together towards the NE at varying speeds, ranging between 80 and 125 mph, and "the 12 to 15 unidentified objects were preceded by 3 objects which were in a triangular formation with an estimated 1000 feet separating each object in this formation." The dozen objects to the rear "were scattered behind the lead formation of 3 at irregular intervals with the whole group simultaneously covering a 6 to 7 mile area," the official report notes.

Consistent radar returns came from this group during their 25-minute movement from the point at which they were first picked up, 8 mi. SW, to a point about 40 mi. NE of Bentwaters, their echoes decreasing in intensity as they moved off to the NE. When the group reached a point some 40 mi. NE, they all appeared to converge to form a single radar echo whose intensity is described as several times larger than a B-36 return under comparable conditions. Then motion ceased, while this single strong echo remained stationary for 10-15 minutes. Then it resumed motion to the NE for 5-6 miles, stopped again for 3-5 minutes, and finally moved northward and off the scope.

c) _Third radar sighting, 2200Z._ Five minutes after the foregoing formation moved off-scope, T/Sgt _____ detected an unidentified target about 30 mi. E of the Bentwaters GCA station, and tracked it in rapid westward motion to a point about 25 mi. W of the station, where the object "suddenly disappeared off the radar screen by rapidly moving out of the

GCS radation pattern," according to his interpretation of the event. Here, again, we get discordant speed information, for T/Sgt _____ gave the speed only as being "in excess of 4000 mph," whereas the time-duration of the tracking, given as 16 sec, implies a speed of 12,000 mph, for the roughly 55 mi. track-length reported. Nothing in the Bluebook files indicates that this discrepancy was investigated further or even noticed, so one can say only that the apparent speed lay far above that of conventional aircraft.

d) Other observations at Bentwaters. A control tower sergeant, aware of the concurrent radar tracking, noted a light "the size of a pin-head at arm's length" at about 10 deg. elevation to the SSE. It remained there for about one hour, intermittently appearing and disappearing. Since Mars was in that part of the sky at that time, a reasonable interpretation is that the observer was looking at that planet.

A T-33 of the 512th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, returning to Bentwaters from a routine flight at about 2130Z, was vectored to the NE to search for the group of objects being tracked in that sector. Their search, unaided by airborne radar, led to no airborne sighting of any aircraft or other objects in that area, and after about 45 minutes they terminated search, having seen only a bright star in the east and a coastal beacon as anything worth noting. The Bluebook case-file contains 1956 USAF discussions of the case that make a big point of the inconclusiveness of the tower operator's sighting and the negative results of the T-33 search, but say nothing about the much more puzzling radar-tracking incidents than to stress that they were of "divergent" directions, intimating that this somehow put them in the category of anomalous propagation, which scarcely follows. Indeed, none of the three cited radar sightings exhibits any features typical of AP echoes. The winds over the Bentwaters area are given in the file. They jump from the surface level (winds from 230 deg. at 5-10 kts) to the 6000 ft level (260 deg., 30 kts), and then hold at a steady 260 deg. up to 50,000 ft, with speeds rising to a maximum of 90 kts near 30,000 ft. Even if one sought to invoke the highly dubious Borden-Vickers hypothesis (moving waves on an inversion surface), not even the slowest of the tracked echoes (80-125 mph) could be accounted for, nor is it even clear that the direction would be explainable. Furthermore, the strength of the individual echoes (stated as comparable to normal aircraft returns), the merging of the 15 or so into a single echo, the two intervals of stationarity, and final motion off-scope at a direction about 45 deg. from the initial motion, are all wholly unexplainable in terms of AP in these 2130-2155Z incidents. The extremely high-speed westward motion of single targets is even further from any known radar-anomaly associated with disturbed propagation conditions. Blips that move across scopes from one sector to the opposite, in steady heading at steady apparent speed, correspond neither to AP nor to internal electronic disturbances. Nor could interference phenomena fit such observed echo behavior. Thus, this 30-minute period, 2130- 2200Z, embraced three distinct events for which no satisfactory explanation exists. That these three events are omitted from the discussions in the Condon Report is unfortunate, for they serve to underscore the scientific significance of subsequent events at both Bentwaters and Lakenheath stations.

4. Comments on Reporting of Events After 2255Z, 8/13/56:

The events summarized above were communicated to Bluebook by Capt. Edward L. Holt of the 81st Fighter-Bomber Wing stationed at Bentwaters, as Report No. IR-1-56, dated 31 August, 1956. All events occurring subsequent to 2200Z, on the other hand, were communicated to Project Bluebook via an earlier, lengthy teletype transmission from the Lakenheath USAF unit, sent out in the standard format of the report-form specified by regulation AFR200-2. Two teletype transmissions, dated 8/17/56 and 8/21/56, identical in basic content, were sent from Lakenheath to Bluebook. The Condon Report presents the content of that teletype report on pp. 252-254, in full, except for deletion of all names and localities and omission of one important item to be noted later here. However, most readers will be entirely lost because what is presented actually constitutes a set of answers to questions that are not stated! The Condon Report does not offer the reader the hint that the version of AFR200-2 appearing in the Report's Appendix, pp. 819-826 (there identified by its current designation, AFR80-17)

would provide the reader with the standardized questions needed to translate much of the otherwise extremely confusing array of answers on pp. 252-254. For that reason, plus others, many readers will almost certainly be greatly (and entirely unnecessarily) confused on reading this important part of the Lakenheath report in the Condon Report.

That confusion, unfortunately, does not wholly disappear upon laboriously matching questions with answers, for it has long been one of the salient deficiencies of the USAF program of UFO report collection that the format of AFR200-2 (or its sequel AFR80-17) is usually only barely adequate and (especially for complex episodes such as that involved here) often entirely incapable of affording the reporting office enough scope to set out clearly and in proper chronological order all of the events that may be of potential scientific significance. Anyone who has studied many Bluebook reports in the AFR200-2 format, dating back to 1953, will be uncomfortably aware of this gross difficulty. Failure to carry out even modest followup investigations and incorporate findings thereof into Bluebook case-files leaves most intriguing Bluebook UFO cases full of unsatisfactorily answered questions. But those deficiencies do not, in my opinion, prevent the careful reader from discerning that very large numbers of those UFO cases carry highly significant scientific implications, implications of an intriguing problem going largely unexamined in past years.

5. _Initial Alerting of Lakenheath GCA and RTCC:_

The official files give no indication of any further UFO radar sightings by Bentwaters GCA from 2200 until 2255Z. But, at the latter time, another fast-moving target was picked up 30 mi. E of Bentwaters, heading almost due west at a speed given as "2000-4000 mph". It passed almost directly over Bentwaters, disappearing from their GCA scope for the usual beam-angle reasons when within 2-3 miles (the Condon Report intimates that this close in disappearance is diagnostic of AP, which seems to be some sort of tacit over- acceptance of the 1952 Borden-Vickers hypothesis), and then moving on until it disappeared from the scope 30 mi. W of Bentwaters.

Very significantly, this radar-tracking of the passage of the unidentified target was matched by concurrent visual observations, by personnel on the ground looking up and also from an overhead aircraft looking down. Both visual reports involved only a light, a light described as blurred out by its high speed; but since the aircraft (identified as a C-47 by the Lakenheath non-com whose letter called this case to the attention of the Colorado Project) was flying only at 4000 ft, the altitude of the unknown object is bracketed within rather narrow bounds. (No mention of any sonic boom appears; but the total number of seemingly quite credible reports of UFOs moving at speeds far above sonic values and yet not emitting booms is so large that one must count this as just one more instance of many currently inexplicable phenomena associated with the UFO problem.) The reported speed is not fast enough for a meteor, nor does the low-altitude flat trajectory and absence of a concussive shock wave match any meteoric hypothesis. That there was visual confirmation from observation points both above and below this fast-moving radar-tracked object must be viewed as adding still further credence to, and scientific interest in, the prior three Bentwaters radar sightings of the previous hour.

Apparently immediately after the 2255Z events, Bentwaters GCA alerted GCA Lakenheath, which lay off to its WNW. The answers to Questions 2(A) and 2(B) of the AFR200-2 format (on p. 253 of the Condon Report) seem to imply that Lakenheath ground observers were alerted in time to see a luminous object come in, at an estimated altitude of 2000-2500 ft, and on a heading towards SW. The lower estimated altitude and the altered heading do not match the Bentwaters sighting, and the ambiguity so inherent in the AFR200-2 format simply cannot be eliminated here, so the precise timing is not certain. All that seems certain here is that, at or subsequent to the Bentwaters alert-message, Lakenheath ground observers saw a luminous object come in out of the NE at low altitude, then stop, and take up an easterly heading and resume motion eastward out of sight.

The precise time-sequence of the subsequent observations is not clearly deducible from the Lakenheath TWX sent in compliance with AFR200-2. But that many very interesting events,

scientifically very baffling events, soon took place is clear from the report. No followup, from Bluebook or other USAF sources, was undertaken, and so this potentially very important case, like hundreds of others, simply sent into the Bluebook files unclarified. I am forced to stress that nothing reveals so clearly the past years of scientifically inadequate UFO investigation as a few days' visit to Wright- Patterson AFB and a diligent reading of Bluebook case reports. No one with any genuine scientific interest in solving the UFO problem would have let accumulate so many years of reports like this one without seeing to it that the UFO reporting and followup investigations were brought into entirely different status from that in which they have lain for over 20 years.

Deficiencies having been noted, I next catalog, without benefit of the exact time-ordering that is so crucial to full assessment of any UFO event, the intriguing observations and events at or near Lakenheath subsequent to the 2255Z alert from Bentwaters.

6. Non-chronological Summary of Lakenheath Sightings, 2255Z-0330Z.

a. _Visual observations from ground._

As noted two paragraphs above, following the 2255Z alert from GCA Bentwaters, USAF ground observers at the Lakenheath RAF Station observed a luminous object come in on a southwesterly heading, stop, and then move off out of sight to the east. Subsequently, at an unspecified time, two moving white lights were seen, and "ground observers stated one white light joined up with another and both disappeared in formation together" (recall earlier radar observations of merging of targets seen by Bentwaters GCA). No discernible features of these luminous sources were noted by ground observers, but both the observers and radar operators concurred in their report-description that "the objects (were) travelling at terrific speeds and then stopping and changing course immediately." In a passage of the original Bluebook report which was for some reason not included in the version presented in the Condon Report, this concordance of radar and visual observations is underscored: "Thus two radar sets (i.e., Lakenheath GCA and RATCC radars) and three ground observers report substantially same." Later in the original Lakenheath report, this same concordance is reiterated: "the fact that radar and ground visual observations were made on its rapid acceleration and abrupt stops certainly lend credulance (sic) to the report."

Since the date of this incident coincides with the date of peak frequency of the Perseid meteors, one might ask whether any part of the visual observations could have been due to Perseids. The basic Lakenheath report to Bluebook notes that the ground observers reported "unusual amount of shooting stars in sky", indicating that the erratically moving light(s) were readily distinguishable from meteors. The report further remarks thereon that "the objects seen were definitely not shooting stars as there were no trails as are usual with such sightings." Furthermore, the stopping and course reversals are incompatible with any such hypothesis in the first place.

AFR200-2 stipulates that observer be asked to compare the UFO to the size of various familiar objects when held at arm's length (Item 1-B in the format). In answer to that item, the report states: "One observer from ground stated on first observation object was about size of golf ball. As object continued in flight it became a 'pin point'." Even allowing for the usual inaccuracies in such estimates, this further rules out Perseids, since that shower yields only meteors of quite low luminosity.

In summary of the ground-visual observations, it appears that three ground observers at Lakenheath saw at least two luminous objects, saw these over an extended though indefinite time period, saw them execute sharp course changes, saw them remain motionless at least once, saw two objects merge into a single luminous object at one juncture, and reported motions in general accord with concurrent radar observations. These ground-visual observations, in themselves, constitute scientifically interesting UFO report-material. Neither astronomical nor aeronautical explanations, nor any meteorological-optical explanations, match well those reported

phenomena. One could certainly wish for a far more complete and time-fixed report on these visual observations, but even the above information suffices to suggest some unusual events. The unusualness will be seen to be even greater on next examining the ground-radar observations from Lakenheath. And even stronger interest emerges as we then turn, last of all, to the airborne-visual and airborne-radar observations made near Lakenheath.

b. Ground-radar observations at Lakenheath.

The GCA surveillance radar at Lakenheath is identified as a CPN-4, while the RATCC search radar was a CPS-5 (as the non-com correctly recalled in his letter). Because the report makes clear that these two sets were concurrently following the unknown targets, it is relevant to note that they have different wavelengths, pulse repetition frequencies, and scan-rates, which (for reasons that need not be elaborated here) tends to rule out several radar-anomaly hypotheses (e.g., interference echoes from a distant radar, second-time-around effects, AP). However, the reported maneuvers are so unlike any of those spurious effects that it seems almost unnecessary to confront those possibilities here.

As with the ground-visual observations, so also with these radar-report items, the AFR200-2 format limitations plus the other typical deficiencies of reporting of UFO events preclude reconstruction in detail, and in time-order, of all the relevant events. I get the impression that the first object seen visually by ground observers was not radar-tracked, although this is unclear from the report to Bluebook. One target whose motions were jointly followed both on the CPS-5 at the Radar Air Traffic Control Center and on the shorter-range, faster-scanning CPN-4 at the Lakenheath GCA unit was tracked "from 6 miles west to about 20 miles SW where target stopped and assumed a stationary position for five minutes. Target then assumed a heading northwesterly (I presume this was intended to read 'northeasterly', and the non-com so indicates in his recollective account of what appears to be the same maneuvers) into the Station and stopped two miles NW of Station. Lakenheath GCA reports three to four additional targets were doing the same maneuvers in the vicinity of the Station. Thus two radar sets and three ground observers report substantially same." (Note that the quoted item includes the full passage omitted from the Condon Report version, and note that it seems to imply that this devious path with two periods of stationary hovering was also reported by the visual observers. However, the latter is not entirely certain because of ambiguities in the structure of the basic report as forced into the AFR200-2 format).

At some time, which context seems to imply as rather later in the night (the radar sightings went on until about 0330Z), "Lakenheath Radar Air Traffic Control Center observed object 17 miles east of Station making sharp rectangular course of flight. This maneuver was not conducted by circular path but on right angles at speeds of 600-800 mph. Object would stop and start with amazing rapidity." The report remarks that "...the controllers are experienced and technical skills were used in attempts to determine just what the objects were. When the target would stop on the scope, the MTI was used. However, the target would still appear on the scope." (The latter is puzzling. MTI, Moving Target Indication, is a standard feature on search or surveillance radars that eliminates ground returns and returns from large buildings and other motionless objects. This very curious feature of display of stationary modes while the MTI was on adds further strong argument to the negation of any hypothesis of anomalous propagation of ground-returns. It was as if the unidentified target, while seeming to hover motionless, was actually undergoing small-amplitude but high-speed jittering motion to yield a scope-displayed return despite the MTI. Since just such jittery motion has been reported in visual UFO sightings on many occasions, and since the coarse resolution of a PPI display would not permit radar-detection of such motion if its amplitude were below, say, one or two hundred meters, this could conceivably account for the persistence of the displayed return during the episodes of "stationary" hovering, despite use of MTI.)

The portion of the radar sightings just described seems to have been vividly recollected by the retired USAF non-com who first called this case to the attention of the Colorado group.

Sometime after the initial Bentwaters alert, he had his men at the RATCC scanning all available scopes, various scopes set at various ranges. He wrote that "...one controller noticed a stationary target on the scopes about 20 to 25 miles southwest. This was unusual, as a stationary target should have been eliminated unless it was moving at a speed of at least 40 to 45 knots. And yet we could detect no movement at all. We watched this target on all the different scopes for several minutes and I called the GCA Unit at (Lakenheath) to see if they had this target on their scope in the same geographical location. As we watched, the stationary target started moving at a speed of 400 to 600 mph in a north-northeast direction until it reached a point about 20 miles north northwest of (Lakenheath). There was no slow start or build-up to this speed -- it was constant from the second it started to move until it stopped." (This description, written 11 years after the event, matches the 1956 intelligence report from the Lakenheath USAF unit so well, even seeming to avoid the typographical direction-error that the Lakenheath TWX contained, that one can only assume that he was deeply impressed by this whole incident. That, of course, is further indicated by the very fact that he wrote the Colorado group about it in the first place.) His letter (Condon Report, p. 249) adds that "the target made several changes in location, always in a straight line, always at about 600 mph and always from a standing or stationary point to his next stop at constant speed -- no build-up in speed at all -- these changes in location varied from 8 miles to 20 miles in length --no set pattern at any time. Time spent stationary between movements also varied from 3 or 4 minutes to 5 or 6 minutes..." Because his account jibes so well with the basic Bluebook file report in the several particulars in which it can be checked, the foregoing quotation from the letter as reproduced in the Condon Report stands as meaningful indication of the highly unconventional behavior of the unknown aerial target. Even allowing for some recollective uncertainties, the non-com's description of the behavior of the unidentified radar target lies so far beyond any meteorological, astronomical, or electronic explanation as to stand as one challenge to any suggestions that UFO reports are of negligible scientific interest.

The non-com's account indicates that they plotted the discontinuous stop-and-go movements of the target for some tens of minutes before it was decided to scramble RAF interceptors to investigate. That third major aspect of the Lakenheath events must now be considered. (The delay in scrambling interceptors is noteworthy in many Air Force-related UFO incidents of the past 20 years. I believe this reluctance stems from unwillingness to take action lest the decision-maker be accused of taking seriously a phenomenon which the Air Force officially treats as non-existent.)

c. Airborne radar and visual sightings by Venom interceptor.

An RAF jet interceptor, a Venom single-seat subsonic aircraft equipped with an air-intercept (AI) nose radar, was scrambled, according to the basic Bluebook report, from Waterbeach RAF Station, which is located about 6 miles north of Cambridge, and some 20 miles SW of Lakenheath. Precise time of the scramble does not appear in the report to Bluebook, but if we were to try to infer the time from the non-com's recollective account, it would seem to have been somewhere near midnight. Both the non-com's letter and the contemporary intelligence report make clear that Lakenheath radar had one of their unidentified targets on-scope as the Venom came in over the Station from Waterbeach. The TWX to Blue book states: "The aircraft flew over RAF Station Lakenheath and was vectored toward a target on radar 6 miles east of the field. Pilot advised he had a bright white light in sight and would investigate. At thirteen miles west (east?) he reported loss of target and white light."

It deserves emphasis that the foregoing quote clearly indicates that the UFO that the Venom first tried to intercept was being monitored via three distinct physical "sensing channels." It was being recorded by ground radar, by airborne radar, and visually. Many scientists are entirely unaware that Air Force files contain such UFO cases; for this very interesting category has never been stressed in USAF discussions of its UFO records. Note, in fact, the similarity to the 1957 RB-47 case (Case 1 above) in the evidently simultaneous

loss of visual and airborne-radar signal here. One wonders if ground radar also lost it simultaneously with the Venom pilot's losing it, but, loss of visual and airborne-radar signal here. One wonders if ground radar also lost it simultaneously with the Venom pilot's losing it, but, as is so typical of AFR200-2 reports, incomplete reporting precludes clarification. Nothing in the Bluebook case-file on this incident suggests that anyone at Bluebook took any trouble to run down that point or the many other residual questions that are so painfully evident here. The file does, however, include a lengthy dispatch from the then-current Blue book officer, Capt. G. T. Gregory, a dispatch that proposes a series of what I must term wholly irrelevant hypotheses about Perseid meteors with "ionized gases in their wake which may be traced on radarscopes", and inversions that "may cause interference between two radar stations some distance apart." Such basically irrelevant remarks are all too typical of Bluebook critique over the years. The file also includes a case-discussion by Dr. J. A. Hynek, Bluebook consultant, who also toys with the idea of possible radar returns from meteor wake ionization. Not only are the radar frequencies here about two orders of magnitude too high to afford even marginal likelihood of meteor-wake returns, but there is absolutely no kinematic similarity between the reported UFO movements and the essentially straight-line hypersonic movement of a meteor, to cite just a few of the strong objections to any serious consideration of meteor hypotheses for the present UFO case. Hynek's memorandum on the case makes some suggestions about the need for upgrading Bluebook operations, and then closes with the remarks that "The Lakenheath report could constitute a source of embarrassment to the Air Force; and should the facts, as so far reported, get into the public domain, it is not necessary to point out what excellent use the several dozen UFO societies and other 'publicity artists' would make of such an incident. It is, therefore, of great importance that further information on the technical aspects of the original observations be obtained, without loss of time from the original observers." That memo of October 17, 1956, is followed in the case-file by Capt. Gregory's November 26, 1956 reply, in which he concludes that "our original analyses of anomalous propagation and astronomical is (sic) more or less correct"; and there the case investigation seemed to end, at the same casually closed level at which hundreds of past UFO cases have been closed out at Bluebook with essentially no real scientific critique. I would say that it is exceedingly unfortunate that "the facts , as so far reported" did not get into the public domain, along with the facts on innumerable other Bluebook case-files that should have long ago startled the scientific community just as much as they startled me when I took the trouble to go to Bluebook and spend a number of days studying those astonishing files.

Returning to the scientifically fascinating account of the Venom pilot's attempt to make an air-intercept on the Lakenheath unidentified object, the original report goes on to note that, after the pilot lost both visual and radar signals, "RATCC vectored him to a target 10 miles east of Lakenheath and pilot advised target was on radar and he was 'locking on.'" Although here we are given no information on the important point of whether he also saw a luminous object, as he got a radar lock-on, we definitely have another instance of at least two-channel detection. The concurrent detection of a single radar target by a ground radar and an airborne radar under conditions such as these, where the target proves to be a highly maneuverable object (see below), categorically rules out any conventional explanations involving, say, large ground structures and propagation anomalies. That MTI was being used on the ground radar also excludes that, of course.

The next thing that happened was that the Venom suddenly lost radar lock- on as it neared the unknown target. RATCC reported that "as the Venom passed the target on radar, the target began a tail chase of the friendly fighter." RATCC asked the Venom pilot to acknowledge this turn of events and he did, saying "he would try to circle and get behind the target." His attempts were unsuccessful, which the report to Bluebook describes only in the terse comment, "Pilot advised he was unable to 'shake' the target off his tail and requested assistance." The non-com's letter is more detailed and much more emphatic. He first remarks that the UFO's sudden evasive movement into tail position was so swift that he missed it on his own scope, "but it was seen by the other controllers." His

letter then goes on to note that the Venom pilot "tried everything -- he climbed, dived, circled, etc., but the UFO acted like it was glued right behind him, always the same distance, very close, but we always had two distinct targets." Here again, note how the basic report is annoyingly incomplete. One is not told whether the pilot knew the UFO was pursuing his Venom by virtue of some tail-radar warning device of type often used on fighters (none is alluded to), or because he could see a luminous object in pursuit. In order for him to "acknowledge" the chase seems to require one or the other detection-mode, yet the report fails to clarify this important point. However, the available information does make quite clear that the pursuit was being observed on ground radar, and the non-com's recollection puts the duration of the pursuit at perhaps 10 minutes before the pilot elected to return to his base. Very significantly, the intelligence report from Lakenheath to Bluebook quotes this first pilot as saying "clearest target I have ever seen on radar", which again eliminates a number of hypotheses, and argues most cogently the scientific significance of the whole episode.

The non-com recalled that, as the first Venom returned to Waterbeach Aerodrome when fuel ran low, the UFO followed him a short distance and then stopped; that important detail is, however, not in the Bluebook report. A second Venom was then scrambled, but, in the short time before a malfunction forced it to return to Waterbeach, no intercepts were accomplished by that second pilot.

7. Discussion:

The Bluebook report material indicates that other radar unknowns were being observed at Lakenheath until about 0330Z. Since the first radar unknowns appeared near Bentwaters at about 2130Z on 8/13/56, while the Lakenheath events terminated near 0330Z on 8/14/56, the total duration of this UFO episode was about six hours. The case includes an impressive number of scientifically provocative features:

- 1) At least three separate instances occurred in which one ground-radar unit, GCA Bentwaters, tracked some unidentified target for a number of tens of miles across its scope at speeds in excess of Mach 3. Since even today, 12 years later, no nation has disclosed military aircraft capable of flight at such speeds (we may exclude the X-15), and since that speed is much too low to fit any meteoric hypothesis, this first feature (entirely omitted from discussion in the Condon Report) is quite puzzling. However, Air Force UFO files and other sources contain many such instances of nearly hypersonic speeds of radar-tracked UFOs.

- 2) In one instance, about a dozen low-speed (order of 100 mph) targets moved in loose formation led by three closely-spaced targets, the assemblage yielding consistent returns over a path of about 50 miles, after which they merged into a single large target, remained motionless for some 10-15 minutes, and then moved off-scope. Under the reported wind conditions, not even a highly contrived meteorological explanation invoking anomalous propagation and inversion layer waves would account for this sequence observed at Bentwaters. The Condon Report omits all discussion of items 1) and 2), for reasons that I find difficult to understand.

- 3) One of the fast-track radar sightings at Bentwaters, at 2255Z, coincided with visual observations of some very-high-speed luminous source seen by both a tower operator on the ground and by a pilot aloft who saw the light moving in a blur below his aircraft at 4000 ft altitude. The radar-derived speed "as given as 2000-4000 mph. Again, meteors won't fit such speeds and altitudes, and we may exclude aircraft for several evident reasons, including absence of any thundering sonic boom that would surely have been reported if any near hypothetical secret 1956-vintage hypersonic device were flying over Bentwaters at less than 4000 ft that night.

- 4) Several ground observers at Lakenheath saw luminous objects exhibiting non-ballistic motions, including dead stops and sharp course reversals.

- 5) In one instance, two luminous white objects merged into a single object, as seen from the ground at Lakenheath. This wholly unmeteoric and unaeronautical phenomenon is actually a not-uncommon feature of UFO reports during the last two decades. For example, radar-tracked merging of two targets that veered together sharply before joining up was reported over Kincheloe AFB, Michigan, in a UFO report that also appears in the Condon Report (p. 164), quite unreasonably attributed therein to "anomalous propagation."
- 6) Two separate ground radars at Lakenheath, having rather different radar parameters, were concurrently observing movements of one or more unknown targets over an extended period of time. Seemingly stationary hovering modes were repeatedly observed, and this despite use of MTI. Seemingly "instantaneous" accelerations from rest to speeds of order of Mach 1 were repeatedly observed. Such motions cannot readily be explained in terms of any known aircraft flying then or now, and also fail to fit known electronic or propagation anomalies. The Bluebook report gives the impression (somewhat ambiguously, however) that some of these two-radar observations were coincident with ground-visual observations.
- 7) In at least one instance, the Bluebook report makes clear that an unidentified luminous target was seen visually from the air by the pilot of an interceptor while getting simultaneous radar returns from the unknown with his nose radar concurrent with ground-radar detection of the same unknown. This is scientifically highly significant, for it entails three separate detection-channels all recording the unknown object.
- 8) In at least one instance, there was simultaneous radar disappearance and visual disappearance of the UFO. This is akin to similar events in other known UFO cases, yet is not easily explained in terms of conventional phenomena.
- 9) Attempts of the interceptor to close on one target seen both on ground radar and on the interceptor's nose radar, led to a puzzling rapid interchange of roles as the unknown object moved into tail-position behind the interceptor. While under continuing radar observation from the ground, with both aircraft and unidentified object clearly displayed on the Lakenheath ground radars, the pilot of the interceptor tried unsuccessfully to break the tail chase over a time of some minutes. No ghost-return or multiple-scatter hypothesis can explain such an event.

I believe that the cited sequence of extremely baffling events, involving so many observers and so many distinct observing channels, and exhibiting such unconventional features, should have led to the most intensive Air Force inquiries. But I would have to say precisely the same about dozens of other inexplicable Air Force-related UFO incidents reported to Bluebook since 1947. What the above illustrative case shows all too well is that highly unusual events have been occurring under circumstances where any organization with even passing scientific curiosity should have responded vigorously, yet the Air Force UFO program has repeatedly exhibited just as little response as I have noted in the above 1956 Lakenheath incident. The Air Force UFO program, contrary to the impression held by most scientists here and abroad, has been an exceedingly superficial and generally quite incompetent program. Repeated suggestions from Air Force press offices, to the effect that "the best scientific talents available to the U.S. Air Force" have been brought to bear on the UFO question are so far from the truth as to be almost laughable, yet those suggestions have served to mislead the scientific community, here and abroad, into thinking that careful investigations were yielding solid conclusions to the effect that the UFO problem was a nonsense problem. The Air Force has given us all the impression that its UFO reports involved only misidentified phenomena of conventional sorts. That, I submit, is far from correct, and the Air Force has not responsibly discharged its obligations to the public in conveying so gross a misimpression for twenty years. I charge incompetence, not conspiracy, let me stress.

The Condon Report, although disposed to suspicion that perhaps some sort of anomalous radar propagation might be involved (I record here my objection that the Condon Report exhibits repeated instances of misunderstanding of the limits of anomalous propagation effects), does concede that Lakenheath is an unexplained case. Indeed, the Report ends its discussion with the quite curious admission that, in the Lakenheath episode, "...the probability that at least one genuine UFO was involved appears to be fairly high."

One could easily become enmeshed in a semantic dispute over the meaning of the phrase, "one genuine UFO", so I shall simply assert that my own position is that the Lakenheath case exemplifies a disturbingly large group of UFO reports in which the apparent degree of scientific inexplicability is so great that, instead of being ignored and laughed at, those cases should all along since 1947 have been drawing the attention of a large body of the world's best scientists. Had the latter occurred, we might now have some answers, some clues to the real nature of the UFO phenomena. But 22 years of inadequate UFO investigations have kept this stunning scientific problem out of sight and under a very broad rug called Project Bluebook, whose final termination on December 18, 1969 ought to mark the end of an era and the start of a new one relative to the UFO problem.

More specifically, with cases like Lakenheath and the 1957 RB-47 case and many others equally puzzling that are to be found within the Condon Report, I contest Condon's principal conclusion "that further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby." And I contest the endorsement of such a conclusion by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences, an endorsement that appears to be based upon essentially zero independent scientific cross-checking of case material in the Report. Finally, I question the judgment of those Air Force scientific offices and agencies that have accepted so weak a report. The Lakenheath case is just one example of the basis upon which I rest those objections. I am prepared to discuss many more examples.

8. The Extraterrestrial Hypothesis:

In this Lakenheath UFO episode, we have evidence of some phenomena defying ready explanation in terms of present-day science and technology, some phenomena that include enough suggestion of intelligent control (tail-chase incident here), or some broadly cybernetic equivalent thereof, that it is difficult for me to see any reasonable alternative to the hypothesis that something in the nature of extraterrestrial devices engaged-in something in the nature of surveillance lies at the heart of the UFO problem. That is the hypothesis that my own study of the UFO problem leads me to regard as most probable in terms of my present information. This is, like all scientific hypotheses, a working hypothesis to be accepted or rejected only on the basis of continuing investigation. Present evidence surely does not amount to incontrovertible proof of the extraterrestrial hypothesis. What I find scientifically dismaying is that, while a large body of UFO evidence now seems to point in no other direction than the extraterrestrial hypothesis, the profoundly important implications of that possibility are going unconsidered by the scientific community because this entire problem has been imputed to be little more than a nonsense matter unworthy of serious scientific attention. Those overtones have been generated almost entirely by scientists and others who have done essentially no real investigation of the problem-area in which they express such strong opinions. Science is not supposed to proceed in that manner, and this AAAS Symposium should see an end to such approaches to the UFO problem.

Put more briefly, doesn't a UFO case like Lakenheath warrant more than a mere shrug of the shoulders from science?

Case 3. Haneda Air Force Base, Japan, August 5-6, 1952.

Brief summary: USAF tower operators at Haneda AFB observed an unusually bright bluish-white light to their NE, alerted the GCI radar unit at Shiroy, which then called for a scramble of an F94 interceptor after getting radar returns in same general area. GCI ground radar vectored the F94 to an orbiting unknown target, which the F94 picked up on its airborne radar. The target then accelerated out of the F94's radar range after 90 seconds of

pursuit that was followed also on the Shiroy GCI radar.

1. Introduction:

The visual and radar sightings at Haneda AFB, Japan, on August 5-6, 1952, represent an example of a long-puzzling case, still carried as an unidentified case by Project Bluebook, at my latest check, and chosen for analysis in the Condon Report. In the latter, is putatively explained in terms of a combination of diffraction and mirage distortion of the star Capella, as far as the visual parts are concerned, while the radar portions are attributed to anomalous propagation. I find very serious difficulties with those "explanations" and regard them as typical of a number of rather casually advanced explanations of long-standing UFO cases that appear in the Condon Report. Because this case has been discussed in such books as those of Ruppelt, Keyhoe, and Hall, it is of particular interest to carefully examine case-details on it and then to examine the basis of the Condon Report's explanation of it, as example of how the Condon Report disposed of old "classic cases."

Haneda AFB, active during the Korean War, lay about midway between central Tokyo and central Yokohama, adjacent to Tokyo International Airport. The 1952 UFO incident began with visual sightings of a brilliant object in the northeastern sky, as seen by two control tower operators going on duty at 2330 LST (all times hereafter will be LST). It will serve brevity to introduce some coded name designations for these men and for several officers involved, since neither the Condon Report, nor my copies of the original Bluebook case-file show names (excised from latter copies in accordance with Bluebook practice on non-release of witness names in UFO cases):

Coded Designation -----	Identification -----
Airman A	One of two Haneda tower operators who first sighted light. Rank was A/3c.
Airman B	Second Haneda tower operator to first sight light. Rank was A/1c.
Lt. A	Controller on duty at Shiroy GCI unit up to 2400, 8/5/52. Rank was 1st Lt.
Lt. B	Controller at Shiroy after 0000, 8/6/52, also 1st Lt.
Lt. P	Pilot of scrambled F94, also 1st Lt.
Lt. R	Radar officer in F94, also 1st Lt.

Shiroy GCI Station, manned by the 528th AC&W (Aircraft Control and Warning) Group, lay approximately 20 miles NE of Haneda (specifically at 35 deg. 49' N, 140 deg. 2' E) and had a CPS-1 10-cm search radar plus a CPS 10-cm height-finding radar. Two other USAF facilities figure in the incident, Tachikawa AFB, lying just over 20 miles WNW of Haneda, and Johnson AFB, almost 30 miles NW of Haneda. The main radar incidents center over the north extremity of Tokyo Bay, roughly midway from central Tokyo to Chiba across the Bay.

The Bluebook case-file on this incident contains 25 pages, and since the incident predates promulgation of AFR200-2, the strictures on time-reporting, etc., are not here so bothersome as in the Lakenheath case of 1956, discussed above. Nevertheless, the same kind of disturbing internal inconsistencies are present here as one finds in most Bluebook case reports; in particular, there is a bothersome variation in times given for specific events in different portions of the case-file. One of these, stressed in the Condon Report, will be discussed explicitly below; but for the rest, I shall use those times which appear to yield the greatest over-all internal consistency. This will introduce no serious errors, since the uncertainties are mostly only 1 or 2 minutes and, except for the cited instance, do not alter any important implications regardless of which cited time is used. The over-all duration of the visual and radar sightings is about 50 minutes. The items of main interest occurred between 2330 and 0020, approximately.

Although this case involves both visual and radar observations of unidentified objects, careful examination does not support the view that the same object was ever assuredly seen visually and on radar at the same time, with the possible exception of the very first radar detection just after 2330. Thus it is not a "radar-visual" case, in the more significant sense of concurrent two-channel observations of an unknown object. This point will be discussed further in Section 5.

2. Visual Observations:

a. First visual detection.

At 2330, Airmen A and B, while walking across the ramp at Haneda AFB to go on the midnight shift at the airfield control tower, noticed an "exceptionally bright light" in their northeastern sky. They went immediately to the control tower to alert two other on-duty controllers to it and to examine it more carefully with the aid of the 7x50 binoculars available in the tower. The Bluebook case-file notes that the two controllers already on tower-duty "had not previously noticed it because the operating load had been keeping their attention elsewhere. "

b. Independent visual detection at Tachikawa AFB.

About ten minutes later, according to the August 12, 1952, Air Intelligence Information Report (IR-35-52) in the Bluebook case-file; Haneda was queried about an unusually bright light by controllers at Tachikawa AFB, 21 miles to their WNW. IR-35-52 states: "The control tower at Tachikawa Air Force Base called Haneda tower at approximately 2350 to bring their attention to a brilliant white light over Tokyo Bay. The tower replied that it had been in view for some time and that it was being checked."

This feature of the report is significant in two respects: 1) It indicates that the luminous source was of sufficiently unusual brilliance to cause two separate groups of Air Force controllers at two airfields to respond independently and to take alert-actions; and 2) More significantly, the fact that the Tachikawa controllers saw the source in a direction "over Tokyo Bay" implies a line-of-sight distinctly south of east. From Tachikawa, even the north end of the Bay lies to the ESE. Thus the intersection of the two lines of sight fell somewhere in the northern half of the Bay, it would appear. As will be seen later, this is where the most significant parts of the radar tracking occurred subsequently.

c. Direction, intensity, and configuration of the luminous source.

IR-35-52 contains a signed statement by Airman A, a sketch of the way the luminous source looked through 7-power binoculars, and summary comments by Capt. Charles J. Malven, the FEAF intelligence officer preparing the report for transmission to Bluebook.

Airman A's own statement gives the bearing of the source as NNE; Malven summary specifies only NE. Presumably the witness' statement is the more reliable, and it also seems to be given a greater degree of precision, whence a line-of-sight azimuth somewhere in the range of 25 to 35 deg. east of north appears to be involved in the Haneda sightings. By contrast, the Tachikawa sighting-azimuth was in excess of 90 deg. from north, and probably beyond 100 deg., considering the geography involved, a point I shall return to later.

Several different items in the report indicate the high intensity of the source. Airman A's signed statement refers to it as "the intense bright light over the Bay." The annotated sketch speaks of "constant brilliance across the entire area" of the (extended) source, and remarks on "the blinding effect from the brilliant light." Malven's summary even points out that "Observers stated that their eyes would fatigue rapidly when they attempted to concentrate their vision on the object," and elsewhere speaks of "the brilliant blue-white light of the object." Most of these indications of brightness are omitted from the Condon Report, yet bear on the Capella hypothesis in terms of which that Report seeks to dispose of these visual sightings.

Airman A's filed statement includes the remark that "I know it

wasn't a star, weather balloon or venus, because I compared it with all three." This calls for two comments. First, Venus is referred to elsewhere in the case-file, but this is certainly a matter of confusion, inasmuch as Venus had set that night before about 2000 LST. Since elsewhere in the report reference is made to Venus lying in the East, and since the only noticeable celestial object in that sector at that time would have been Jupiter, I would infer that where "Venus" is cited in the case-file, one should read "Jupiter." Jupiter would have risen near 2300, almost due east, with apparent magnitude -2.0. Thus Airman A's assertion that the object was brighter than "Venus" may probably be taken to imply something of the order of magnitude -3.0 or brighter. Indeed, since it is most unlikely that any observer would speak of a -3.0 magnitude source as "blinding" or "fatiguing" to look at, I would suggest that the actual luminosity, at its periods of peak value (see below) must have exceeded even magnitude -3 by a substantial margin.

Airman A's allusion to the intensity as compared with a "weather balloon" refers to the comparisons (elaborated below) with the light suspended from a pilot balloon released near the tower at 2400 that night and observed by the tower controllers to scale the size and brightness. This is a very fortunate scaling comparison, because the small battery-operated lights long used in meteorological practice have a known luminosity of about 1.5 candle. Since a 1-candle source at 1 kilometer yields apparent magnitude 0.8, inverse-square scaling for the here known balloon distance of 2000 feet (see below) implies an apparent magnitude of about -0.5 for the balloon-light as viewed at time of launch. Capt. Malven's summary states, in discussing this quite helpful comparison, "The balloon's light was described as extremely dim and yellow, when compared to the brilliant blue white light of the object." Here again, I believe one can safely infer an apparent luminosity of the object well beyond Jupiter's -2.0. Thus, we have here a number of compatible indications of apparent brightness well beyond that of any star, which will later be seen to contradict explanations proposed in the Condon Report for the visual portions of the Haneda sightings.

Of further interest relative to any stellar source hypothesis are the descriptions of the configuration of the object as seen with 7-power binoculars from the Haneda tower, and its approximate angular diameter. Fortunately, the latter seems to have been adjudged in direct comparison with an object of determinate angular subtense that was in view in the middle of the roughly 50-minute sighting. At 2400, a small weather balloon was released from a point at a known distance of 2000 ft from the control tower. Its diameter at release was approximately 24 inches. (IR-35-52 refers to it as a "ceiling balloon", but the cloud-cover data contained therein is such that no ceiling balloon would have been called for. Furthermore, the specified balloon mass, 30 grams, and diameter, 2 ft, are precisely those of a standard pilot balloon for upper-wind measurement. And finally, the time [2400 LST = 1500Z] was the standard time for a pilot balloon run, back in that period.) A balloon of 2-ft diameter at 2000-ft range would subtend 1 milliradian, or just over 3 minutes of arc, and this was used by the tower observers to scale the apparent angular subtense of the luminous source. As IR-35-52 puts it: "Three of the operators indicated the size of the light, when closest to the tower, was approximately the same as the small ceiling balloons (30 grams, appearing 24 inches in diameter) when launched from the weather station, located at about 2000 ft from the tower. This would make the size of the central light about 50 ft in diameter, when at the 10 miles distance tracked by GCI.... A lighted weather balloon was launched at 2400 hours..." Thus, it would appear that an apparent angular subtense close to 3 minutes of arc is a reasonably reliable estimate for the light as seen by naked eye from Haneda. This is almost twice the average resolution-limit of the human eye, quite large enough to match the reported impressions that it had discernible extent, i.e., was not merely a point source.

But the latter is very much more clearly spelled out, in any event, for IR-35-52 gives a fairly detailed description of the object's appearance through 7-power binoculars. It is to be noted that, if the naked-eye diameter were about 3 minutes, its apparent subtense when viewed through 7X-binoculars would be about 20 minutes, or two-thirds the naked-eye angular diameter of the full moon -- quite large enough to permit recognition of the finer details cited in IR-35-52, as follows: "The light was

described as circular in shape, with brilliance appearing to be constant across the face. The light appeared to be a portion of a large round dark shape which was about four times the diameter of the light. When the object was close enough for details to be seen, a smaller, less brilliant light could be seen at the lower left hand edge, with two or three more dim lights running in a curved line along the rest of the lower edge of the dark shape. Only the lower portion of the darker shape could be determined, due to the lighter sky which was believed to have blended with the upper side of the object. No rotation was noticed. No sound was heard."

Keeping in mind that those details are, in effect, described for an image corresponding in apparent angular size to over half a lunar diameter, the detail is by no means beyond the undiscernible limit. The sketch included with IR-35-52 matches the foregoing description, indicating a central disc of "constant brilliance across entire area (not due to a point source of light)", an annular dark area of overall diameter 3-4 times that of the central luminary, and having four distinct lights on the lower periphery, "light at lower left, small and fairly bright, other lights dimmer and possibly smaller." Finally, supportive comment thereon is contained in the signed statement of Airman A. He comments: "After we got in the tower I started looking at it with binoculars, which made the object much clearer. Around the bright white light in the middle, there was a darker object which stood out against the sky, having little white lights along the outer edge, and a glare around the whole thing."

All of these configurational details, like the indications of a quite un- starlike brilliance, will be seen below to be almost entirely unexplainable on the Capella hypothesis with which the Condon Report seeks to settle the Haneda visual sightings. Further questions ultimately arise from examination of reported apparent motions of the luminous source, which will be considered next.

d. Reported descriptions of apparent motions of the luminous source.

Here we meet the single most important ambiguity in the Haneda case-file, though the weight of the evidence indicates that the luminous object exhibited definite movements. The ambiguity arises chiefly from the way Capt. Malven summarized the matter in his IR-35-52 report a week after the incident; "The object faded twice to the East, then returned. Observers were uncertain whether disappearance was due to a dimming of the lights, rotation of object, or to the object moving away at terrific speed, since at times of fading the object was difficult to follow closely, except as a small light. Observers did agree that when close, the object did appear to move horizontally, varying apparent position and speed slightly." Aside from the closing comment, all of Malven's summary remarks could be interpreted as implying either solely radial motion (improbable

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Re: 'Atlanta Journal-Constitution' Questionnaire

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 19:18:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 22:38:18 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Atlanta Journal-Constitution' Questionnaire

>Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 11:15:12 -0700
>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Public Opinion

>This morning's (Saturday) Atlanta Journal-Constitution has
>printed a half page of comments responding to their question on
>their web page:

>
><http://www.accessatlanta.com/ajc/talk>

>"What do you think about UFOs?"

>Below are some exerpts which I found interesting:

<snip>

>Thomas Olin Sneed, College Park writes:

>In 1951 on Yontan Mountain, Okinawa, my crew and I clocked a UFO
>traveling at 2,500 mph from the north of our area to the south,
>and then back north again.

>Shortly after this sighting, some officers I had never seen
>showed up and questioned each crew member not only about what we
>had seen on the radar screen, but also about our education and
>experience as a radar operator.

>We were all sworn to secrecy and told we would be courtmartialed
>if we discussed this matter with anyone else. This was before we
>had aircraft capable of these speeds.

><I guess he is not so worried about that threat now. -tb>

<snip>

Terry:

Is there possibly some way to reach Thomas Olin Sneed through
the Atlanta Journal-Constitution? Some more details would be
most welcome on this (possibly) unpublished radar sighting.

For 03 OCT 1951 I have a radar sighting from Kadena AFB (USAF)
at 2230 hrs local time. Two radar operators saw a large sausage
shaped blip, and tracked it at 4800 mph.

This and similar come from Don Berliner's study The Bluebook
Unknowns.

It might be the same case except for the speed and details of
location. Of course the Yontan Mtn radar site could be part of
the base facilities.

Best wishes

-Larry Hatch

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UFO*BC - Wilbert Smith Lecture

From: **Bill Oliver** <boliver@direct.ca>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 20:40:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 00:24:02 -0400
Subject: UFO*BC - Wilbert Smith Lecture

We have just posted a transcript of Wilbert Smiths lecture in Ottawa, March 31, 1958.

Don't miss this rare gem! We will keep you posted as we add more from Mr.Smith to our site. Check it out at

<http://www.ufobc.org>

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UFO*BC - Latest Sighting

From: Bill Oliver <boliver@direct.ca>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 21:37:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 00:44:49 -0400
Subject: UFO*BC - Latest Sighting

Latest BC Sighting For more:

<http://www.ufobc.org>

7-Jul-98, Langley, (10:30 pm)

A boy and his grandmother were going to a neighbours, near 222 Street and 48th Avenue, when the lad noticed a bright white light in the western sky.

The light, about the size of a dime at arm's length, was at about thirty degrees or just above the roofline of the nearby houses.

Upon observation it was now apparent the light was part of a definite structure, triangular and a "hot orange colour" with the round white light placed at the flat end of the triangle. It moved in a downward fashion to the northwest and came to a halt.

On reaching the neighbours the woman turned around to see the light one more time before going in. It was at this point that the light simply turned off.

The boy had walked the entire distance backwards in order not to miss a thing.

Both said a plane as close as the object appeared to be would have been heard, but there was only silence.

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: RobIrving@aol.com
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 23:04:53 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 00:40:36 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
>Date: Fri, 10 Jul 98 11:56:02 PDT

Jerry,

>I thought we were talking about is Festinger's involvement in
>the study of prophetic saucer groups. I have little interest in
>Festinger beyond When Prophecy Fails, not only because it deals
>with a subject of concern to me but also because I have a good
>friend who's a scholar in this area, and who told me long ago
>that Festinger's ideas have been challenged.

There's a problem with your characterisation. As far as I am aware, Festinger never conducted any "study of prophetic saucer groups". When Prophecy Fails was derived from a much more complex idea. If you were to describe the work that simply in print I'd be appalled.

>My impression all along has been that you are using Festinger
>simply as a stick with which to beat all who are interested in
>UFOs, and I do not recall your even responding to my complaint
>that you lump everybody together. So let me try one more time:

I gave it the attention it deserved.

>See my words immediately above. In any event, I don't see any
>lessons for, or parallels to, ufology in Festinger's book, which
>isn't about ufology at all. It's about a saucerian group
>oriented toward the contactee message and occult doctrine. The
>fact that you seem to think this is the same as ufology only
>confirms, alas, my suspicions about your approach.

You use the word 'fact' all too loosely, Jerry. In fact your impression is quite wrong, of both WPF (did you read the introduction?) and me.

Rob

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Re: Sturrock Panel

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 23:58:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 01:04:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

Regarding...

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel
>Date: Sun, 05 Jul 98 09:54:18 PDT

Jerry wrote:

>The Sturrock panel got to listen to some of the best evidence from
>some of the best UFO investigators and researchers alive today.

As you appreciate, that's a subjective opinion, especially on what constitutes 'best evidence'.

However, if this was a 'best shot', isn't it a damning indictment of the 'extraterrestrial hypothesis' when Prof. Sturrock writes:

"Concerning the case material presented by the investigators, the panel concluded that a few reported incidents may have involved rare but significant phenomena such as electrical activity, but there was no convincing evidence pointing to unknown physical processes or to the involvement of extraterrestrial intelligence".

>It came, it seems to me, to the only conclusion possible, one that
>we ufologists have known for a long time: UFO reports deserve to be
>investigated further, and attempts to explain them away have failed.

To reiterate, the panel agreed that a few incidents may involve known 'electrical phenomena', whilst others could not be explained 'in this fashion'.

You seem to be implying that the natural 'failure' to resolve every single claimed anomalous sighting or incident, is itself almost tantamount to proof these can not be explained as anything other than evidence of an extraterrestrial contact.

Would you disagree that the voluminous evidence which has been explained, whether as misidentifications, hoaxes, proven unreliable, inaccurate, exaggerated or untrue testimonies, etc., indicates the probability of comparative explanations where none has been proven?

>It seems to me what we saw is scientific SOP. It looked at the
>evidence, as other judging panels do in other areas, and decided that
>thorough scientific study is desirable.

The 'Sturrock panel' was of course no more than a workshop, however, it has been reported as a 'scientific study', for example, here in the UK, the BBC featured the story and claimed:

'UFOs mystify scientists'

"The first independent scientific study of UFO sightings in almost 30 years has concluded that some cases merit further investigation".

>>What exactly are you hoping for?

>A thorough scientific study or, better, a whole bunch of 'em.
>Aren't you?

Can't say I had considered it ever being a realistic possibility and I doubt the 'Sturrock panel' will prove to be even a tentative step towards that.

You didn't respond to a question I asked, i.e., should a 'thorough scientific study' include, say, research into...

'abductions by aliens'
'alien implants'
'crop circles'
the 'Gulf Breeze' photographs
the 'alien autopsy' footage
'cattle mutilations'
various anomalies caught on film during Space Shuttle missions
the 'face on Mars'

Etc...

These contentious issues and similar are, after all, the essence of 'ufology'.

They feature evidence which can, and in many circumstances has, been subjected to a scientific study. However, would 'mainstream' science see any one of these subjects as meriting a more thorough, ongoing program of scientific research?

Or would the very idea that time and funds be allocated to them be an anathema to most scientists, if not provoking outrage.

The answer has been evident.

So, where do you see the data coming from that would change this perception and be deemed worthy of those 'whole bunch' of scientific studies?

What case evidence would you like to see mainstream scientists, of which the 'Sturrock panel' appears to have been a particularly fair representation, evaluate?

Bearing in mind of course, that the purported 'best cases' which that panel considered and which you believe to be "some of the best evidence", was determined to offer "no convincing evidence pointing to unknown physical processes or to the involvement of extraterrestrial intelligence".

I asked Prof. Sturrock if he would clarify some points which have come up in recent discussions and he explained that the workshop was his suggestion when discussing the "UFO problem" with "Mr Rockefeller".

The panel, whose summary was unanimous, were selected by Prof. Sturrock, some of the panel members being known to him and some being recommended by other scientists.

Prof. Sturrock comments, "I was looking for scientists who are open minded but tough minded. I did not want anyone gullible, and none of them is gullible".

From my own research, it seems that the panel members were a highly significant body of respected scientists, hardly gullible and with particular expertise in a number of relevant areas.

For example, Prof. James Papike, director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, has been instrumental in research which challenges the meteorite evidence for 'life on Mars' and Prof. Charles Tolbert, a renowned astronomer, has been critical of the "Evidence for Extraterrestrial Life".

There's further relevant background which I'll mention in due course.

James .
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A Note On My Recent Hospitalization - By Budd

From: Budd Hopkins via John Velez <jbif@spacelab.net>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 02:03:27 -0400
Subject: A Note On My Recent Hospitalization - By Budd

A Note On My Recent Hospitalization - By Budd Hopkins

A heart attack is not fun, even though one survives it, as I did, relatively undamaged. The physical pain I felt last March was beyond anything I'd ever experienced. When I awoke in the middle of the night I had no doubt what was happening to me, so about 3:00 A.M. I asked Carol, my wife, to call 911. The pain became worse as the interminable minutes passed. Then, laying dazed and waiting for help to arrive, I smelled the unmistakable odor of a burning building and the sounds of unfamiliar - ominous - movement. There must be yet another emergency: my house must also have caught fire.

When I opened my eyes - an act which took real effort - four bulky firemen were standing in my bedroom, but instead of hoses and axes they had brought with them a variety of medical equipment. These men, from the fire station only four blocks away, were obviously the first-response team for 911, and since they were wearing their boots and rubber coats, the smoke from their last blaze accompanied them into my bedroom. It was a small consolation, but I was only having a heart attack and not a fire.

These men were amazingly gentle and efficient with me. One found a vein in my arm and installed an IV with practiced ease while another fed me oxygen. Then the four of them moved me onto a portable gurney. Though the cold plastic odor of the oxygen-mask mingled unpleasantly with the smell of smoke and the aroma of firemen's rubber, I didn't care; all I really wanted was for the pain to stop.

The ER staff at St. Vincent's hospital was both extremely efficient and caring. I spent a bit less than three days in the ICU, and after an angioplasty I was released with the assurance that I had suffered negligible damage to the heart muscle. Recuperation took longer than expected because I somehow contracted bronchitis, perhaps at the hospital. Now, however I feel like my normal self and my life is back to its usual busy pace.

My central reason for sharing this somewhat lugubrious account of my heart attack has to do, really, with its aftermath. I was astonished and immensely grateful to receive so many cards and letters wishing me a speedy recovery. Most of you who wished me well are not personal friends, which makes your caring even more touching. In addition to the scores of individual letters and get-well cards, I also received a number of notes from MUFON chapters, from organizations like the Fund for UFO Research and from other independent research groups, in which many individual members signed their own cheerful messages on the crowded pages.

There is no way for me to adequately show my appreciation for your kindness. The best I can do is to thank you here, in these paragraphs. As I'm sure you're aware, there are many times when, inevitably, those of us who have spent so many years in this work feel depressed and discouraged. But the response I received from you over the past two months has lifted my spirits enormously. I thank you again from the bottom of my now fully mended heart

Budd Hopkins
May, 1998

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Re: UK Meteor Blast Mystery

From: jonathan pressburger <jonpress@netcomuk.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 09:53:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 08:56:41 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Meteor Blast Mystery

> Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 20:59:10 -0400
> From: Robert Moore <ENGIMA9@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UK Meteor Blast Mystery
> To: UFO Updates <updates@globalserve.net> ,

> Dear All,

> In regards to these various meteor events, I am beginning to
> think that something significant has been happening over the
> present couple of months.

> Has anyone noticed that there's been two major meteor -display
> events in as many months! (i.e those sufficiently noticable
> enough to spark off England-wide "UFO" scares).

<snip>

Dear Robert,

Having read the latest new Hancock book, 'The Mars Mystery' I am much concerned by the increased activity. See also the recent post on this list about the November stream!

You can ignore the "Face" stuff in the above book as not really relevant, but the Comet stuff is. See also the classic Velikovsky work, "Worlds in Collision" which started a lot of all this off.

Please let me know what you think.

It all ties in with the apocalyptic stuff, too. I don't want to be too Millennialist, though, but I'm watching out--note also Cayce!

best wishes jonathan pressburger
BSc (MRI engineer) and hopefully not a kook.

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 3, Number 28 & Orbit

From: Joseph Trainor <Masinaigan@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 07:22:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 09:11:58 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 3, Number 28 & Orbit

Hi, List Members!

I just got the warning below from a UFO Roundup correspondent in France.

Also, if anyone has information about the recent UFO sightings in Yakima, Washington, please email me at Masinaigan@aol.com.

Many thanks!

Joe Trainor

From: RFischer54@aol.com
To: Masinaigan@aol.com
Subject: UFO Roundup
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 05:47:36 EDT

Hello Joe !

Following the destruction of the Orbit Website, I would ask you I have all your bulletins (except Nr 1 : abducted !) in the HTML format on my computer. If you need a backup of anyone, please ask me.

Another information about viruses : a new one - I don't know is name - may be download when looking for sites about the Football World Cup. It will operate on July, 12th, destroying all the datas in the computers !

Bye !

Robert.

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Re: UK Meteor Blast Mystery

From: **Werner Walter** <113236.1604@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 06:14:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 09:02:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Meteor Blast Mystery

Hi List,

I can=B4t believe that this last phenoman was a simple breaking up-fireball-bolide (and can=B4t also not believe thats was a real UFO). Or has anyone hearing once again from a "trace on the night-sky" like a letter "Z" or like a "Q" which lasted 45 minutes?

Much more it is likley to thing that a re-entry-phenomena has produced this light-show and rocket-fluit was guilty by this event high up in the atmosphere and the last sunlight has illuminated the fluit up the the sky.

In May 1994 we has a very similar phenomena here high up in central-europe in which the rocket-fluit has formed a letter "V". You can see a picture of it on my homepage <http://www.alien.de/cenap> and if you push the "UFO-Hotline"-headline the picture will built up for a view of it.

Has anyone researched in this direction by space controll-agencys like US Space Command or ESOC?

Werner

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Re: Sturrock Panel

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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 09:34:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

>Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 23:58:50 -0400
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Regarding...

>>From: Jerome Clark <jklark@frontiernet.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel
>>Date: Sun, 05 Jul 98 09:54:18 PDT

>Jerry wrote:

>>The Sturrock panel got to listen to some of the best evidence from
>>some of the best UFO investigators and researchers alive today.

>As you appreciate, that's a subjective opinion, especially on
>what constitutes 'best evidence'.

>However, if this was a 'best shot', isn't it a damning
>indictment of the 'extraterrestrial hypothesis' when Prof.
>Sturrock writes:

>"Concerning the case material presented by the investigators,
>the panel concluded that a few reported incidents may have
>involved rare but significant phenomena such as electrical
>activity, but there was no convincing evidence pointing to
>unknown physical processes or to the involvement of
>extraterrestrial intelligence".

<snip>

>To reiterate, the panel agreed that a few incidents may involve
>known 'electrical phenomena', whilst others could not be
>explained 'in this fashion'.

>You seem to be implying that the natural 'failure' to resolve
>every single claimed anomalous sighting or incident, is itself
>almost tantamount to proof these can not be explained as
>anything other than evidence of an extraterrestrial contact.

>Would you disagree that the voluminous evidence which has been
>explained, whether as misidentifications, hoaxes, proven
>unreliable, inaccurate, exaggerated or untrue testimonies, etc.,
>indicates the probability of comparative explanations where none
>has been proven?

James -

The statement you make in that last paragraph is (IMHO)
accurate, but perhaps overstated. You appear to have used
different words to describe the same circumstance, which perhaps
shows a bias in the statement..... <g> But that's okay, since I
think most of us come to this debate with an agenda that we
often try to ignore and sometimes deny (no implicatioin
intended).

I would certainly agree, and I think that most others would as
well, that a vast majority of the UFO sightings that have been
investigated have been explained as natural phenomemna, or as

misidentifications of know objects. I would include in that last grouping the "hoaxes" and "untrue testimonies" you mentioned because that requires an interpretation of motive.

>The 'Sturrock panel' was of course no more than a workshop,
>however, it has been reported as a 'scientific study', for
>example, here in the UK, the BBC featured the story and claimed:

>'UFOs mystify scientists'

>"The first independent scientific study of UFO sightings in
>almost 30 years has concluded that some cases merit further
>investigation".

Your comment and the BBC statement are both accurate. But, it's significant in that this is the first panel of scientists to review the evidence at all to determine if there is indeed any need for further investigation, and they found that there was. Your emphasis of the "rare electrical phenomenon" is interesting as a possible explanation for some of the reports, but that merely underscores how much we have to learn and I sense some reluctance in allowing the ETI explanation to be included among the "possibles" for those that remain.

>>>What exactly are you hoping for?

>>A thorough scientific study or, better, a whole bunch of 'em.
>>Aren't you?

>Can't say I had considered it ever being a realistic possibility
>and I doubt the 'Sturrock panel' will prove to be even a
>tentative step towards that.

I would have to disagree. I think it is a positive step in the right direction, but only a limited one. The impact so far as been a positive reaction by many in the media that had given the subject scant recognition for many years. The Science Editor for the Washington Post wrote a very good article on the group's findings, and similar stories were carried in many other major papers throughout the US. I'm not expecting any great investigative follow-up at this point, but a group of scientists took a position that there are phenomena being reported for which we have no known explanation, and major media outlets were willing to report that fact. I find this significant.

>You didn't respond to a question I asked, i.e., should a
>'thorough scientific study' include, say, research into...

>'abductions by aliens'
>'alien implants'
>'crop circles'
>the 'Gulf Breeze' photographs
>the 'alien autopsy' footage
>'cattle mutilations'
>various anomalies caught on film during Space Shuttle missions
>the 'face on Mars'

>Etc...

>These contentious issues and similar are, after all, the essence
>of 'ufology'.

>They feature evidence which can, and in many circumstances has,
>been subjected to a scientific study. However, would
>'mainstream' science see any one of these subjects as meriting a
>more thorough, ongoing program of scientific research?

>Or would the very idea that time and funds be allocated to them
>be an anathema to most scientists, if not provoking outrage.

>The answer has been evident.

Yes it has, and I'm not sure that the "Sturrock" report will change human nature in regard to the need for funding to pay for such research. Many of the items you listed have been investigated by a number of scientists, and the results have been at times controversial. Since most research is being performed for the purpose of defense or economic gain, there is little funding left over for what many would consider to be a "fringe" science. Those using known bureaucratic methods will

freely utilize descriptive words and phrases to ridicule those who would suggest that such research be undertaken. Again, the general public may be able to help if they encourage such research, which could be facilitated through the media coverage, but that is not yet a factor.

>So, where do you see the data coming from that would change this
>perception and be deemed worthy of those 'whole bunch' of
>scientific studies?

>What case evidence would you like to see mainstream scientists,
>of which the 'Sturrock panel' appears to have been a
>particularly fair representation, evaluate?

>Bearing in mind of course, that the purported 'best cases' which
>that panel considered and which you believe to be "some of the
>best evidence", was determined to offer "no convincing evidence
>pointing to unknown physical processes or to the involvement of
>extraterrestrial intelligence".

This was discussed among several researchers last weekend, and the question was raised as to where such information could be submitted. To be honest, I think that you'll see quite a bit of information submitted to any panel that sets itself of as a repository for the purpose of evaluation and investigation into such "unknowns". The information you see on the Internet regarding this genre is not representative of the vast amount of data and research that has been underway for the past 50 years, and there are numerous projects underway in the background that you rarely hear about to collect and correlate the data.

Let's face it. If there was a "Best Case" that proved anything beyond a shadow of doubt, the debate would be all over and we could go on to the next controversy. However, every "best case" I have seen has proven to be inconclusive in some way. Since much of the evidence is anecdotal, that often gives both sides in this debate a lot of room for discussion, but that isn't the case with many "Trace Case" and "Radar Case" investigations. I haven't seen the full "Sturrock" panel's report, so I'm not sure what cases they were shown.

But, IMHO, there will be no shortage of good material for a scientific inquiry, and the SSE's report will help to reduce the "giggle" factor that has so often been a problem.

Steve Kaeser

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An Interview with Nick Redfern
An Interview with David Morehouse

This month I've had a little help from other researchers. I'd like to thank President of the Staffordshire UFO Group, Irene Bott, for contributing the interview with Nick Redfern. I'd also like to thank researcher Richard Conway for his contribution of the interview with David Morehouse.

PHOTO OF NICK REDFERN available at
<http://www.camelot-group.com/hotgossip/unexgoss.html>

Nick Redfern is the author of COVERT AGENDA and THE F.B.I. FILES. I'll be reviewing Nick's book in another issue of Hot Gossip UK, but suffice to say for now - that I've really enjoyed reading both his publications and I highly recommend them.

THE NICK REDFERN INTERVIEW - Interviewer Irene Bott.

IB: Nick, I am sure many people interested in the UFO subject will be aware that in TV's THE X FILES, Mulder and Scully investigate FOs and paranormal phenomena for the FBI. Are you saying in your book that THE X FILES is not entirely fiction?

NR: Yes, absolutely. The situation is this: the FBI have declassified approximately 3,000 pages of previously - withheld files on UFOs and associated mysteries which cover the period 1947 to the early 1990s. More importantly, many of the real FBI's UFO files reflect to quite an astonishing degree the sorts of things discussed in THE X FILES.

IB: What do you mean by that?

NR: Well, perhaps I should start at the beginning. In 1947, when sightings of UFOs - or flying discs and flying saucers, as they were known at the time - began to be reported in large numbers throughout the USA, the military approached the FBI with a view to obtaining their assistance in both interviewing UFO witnesses to try and determine if the people were genuine, mentally disturbed, or trying to put over propaganda, and investigating UFO sightings in general. The FBI weren't adverse to this; however, the boss of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, would only agree to get involved if it was on a level which would put the FBI on an equal footing with the military when it came to investigating and collating UFO data.

IB: What do the FBI's early UFO files tell us?

NR: OK. It's clear from the FBI's files of mid 1947, that within the FBI itself there were as many differing opinions regarding the origins of the UFO mystery as there are amongst the civilian

UFO research community today! To give you an example, there was a great deal of concern within the FBI that UFOs were possibly the product of the Soviet Union, being based on classified technology captured from the Nazis at the end of the Second World War. Similarly, there were those FBI agents who suspected that the U.S. military itself was responsible for the Saucers, and this was some type of super - secret American Government project. And, of course, there were those in the FBI who favoured the alien theory - that we were being visited by creatures from other worlds.

IB: Can you give a few examples of the early reports which the FBI received?

NR: Sure. One such report concerned an employee of the military who, in July 1947, had seen overflying a particular air base three UFOs travelling at an impressive speed; more impressive, however, was the fact that the UFOs were circular in shape and one of them seemed to be 'rolling' or 'rotating' in the sky as it went along. Similarly, in the following month, the FBI picked up on an incident involving a former Army Air Corps pilot who reported seeing - and I'll quote from the official report here - 'a bluish white, flaming object over Philadelphia. And this is something reflected in many of the early reports which the FBI received. Most of the witnesses were highly qualified people. To give you a further example, also in August 1947, no less than twelve UFOs were seen flying in formation over Twin Falls, Idaho, and once again there were credible observers, including serving police officers with the Twin Fall Police Department. More importantly, the witnesses were practically unanimous in their belief that what they saw were - again, to quote the official FBI files - 'illuminated flying saucers'. So these are the types of reports which the FBI received in the late 1940's and which led them to believe that something real and very strange was taking place.

IB: Can you give us a few examples of the sorts of reports and investigations which the FBI found itself involved in during the 1950's?

NR: Yeah. There were several UFO events which concerned and took up some considerable time on the part of the FBI in the 1950's.

From the late 40's through to the early 50's, the FBI was heavily implicated in something called Project Twinkle - a project designed to monitor and identify strange, green fireball - type objects which were being repeatedly seen in the vicinity of U.S. atomic energy installations in New Mexico, and at a later date in other parts of the country. Interestingly enough, official FBI papers detail a number of soundly argued reasons why the fireballs weren't natural phenomena; and in my book I speculate that this was possibly an attempt on the part of the UFO intelligence to monitor our early atomic energy research.

What else was the FBI involved in apart from Project Twinkle in the 1950's?

NR: All sorts of things. As you know, in June and July 1952, there were major UFO encounters in and around the Washington DC area, and UFOs were seen by pilots - both civil and military - and UFOs were tracked on both airborne and ground radar. Well, following these encounters, the FBI demanded an up-dated briefing from the Air Force - not just on the Washington sightings but on the UFO subject in general. And the results of that briefing make for very, very interesting reading.

IB: In what way?

NR: The FBI were informed officially in 1952 by the Air Force that there was a percentage of all UFO reports which simply defied explanation and which originated with credible people such as military pilots. More importantly, the FBI was informed that in a number of those cases there was additional back-up from ground observers and radar traces. So it's clear that this was an admittance to the FBI from the military that unknown objects were violating U.S. airspace and were being seen in the air at exactly the same time that they were being tracked on radar. I'll quote you here a very pertinent statement made to the FBI by the Air Force in that briefing: 'Some military officials are seriously considering the possibility of interplanetary ships.' To me, that speaks volumes.

IB: What else can you tell us about that time period?

NR: One case which springs to mind is that of someone described in the FBI's files as a Miss Richards who saw a UFO - described by the FBI as being 25 feet from the ground, appeared to be spinning, was bright as though containing a series of lights in a zigzagging pattern and was at least as wide as the highway - at very close quarters in 1956 whilst driving along a public highway with her fianc=E9e. What was important about this case was that the witness was actually in the employ of the FBI at the Washington DC headquarters and was described as being one of the FBI best employees! Needless to say, there is a substantial amount of paperwork on this case.

IB: Weren't some of the so-called Contactees like George Adamski and George Van Tassel investigated by the FBI in the 1950's and 1960's?

NR: That's right. Adamski is the subject of an FBI file which is close on 100 pages in length; whilst Van Tassel's file amounts to about 200 pages. Again, FBI agents went to extraordinary lengths to inform themselves of the claims of Adamski, Van Tassel and a number of the other contactees including George Williamson and Truman Bethurum. Now, today, it's quite unfashionable to talk about human-like aliens from Venus who desired an end to the arms race etc - and this was a staple part of contactee lore - but the FBI were heavily concerned by the claims of the contactees. The FBI, for example, were well acquainted with Adamski's claims about meeting aliens in the desert; and regarding Van Tassel, would dispatch agents to attend his lectures and conferences. In fact, it's quite astonishing just how well informed the FBI were and there are reams of files which I've reproduced in the book detailing the FBI's knowledge of where people such as Adamski claimed the aliens originated, why they were here and even the type of government they allegedly had!

IB: This takes us through to the 1960's, doesn't it?

NR: Yes, it does.

IB: We know that the U.S. Air Force officially, at least got out of the UFO subject with the close of Project Blue Book in 1969. Did the FBI do the same?

NR: Largely, yes. But there was another mystery waiting in the wings for them - namely the cattle mutilations. For decades, numerous reports have surfaced throughout North America where cattle have been found mutilated and killed under very strange circumstances - blood and organs have been removed by someone or something with presumed surgical skills. There have even been reports where the animals organs have been removed with laser-type technology. Most important of all, there are many accounts on record where UFOs, black helicopters, and even alien creatures have been seen in the vicinity of mutilation sites and I cite in the book the testimony of those who suspect that the cattle mutilations are the result of some type of alien harvesting operation.

IB: Are there many FBI files on cattle mutilations?

NR: Oh, yes. About 400 pages at least; and this is just the declassified material. There are literally dozens of such reports on file with the FBI which originated with a number of U.S. state police departments which, as far as I'm concerned, fully confirm that the cattle mutilations are not the work of predators, as some have suggested.

IB: Can you give an example?

NR: One such New Mexico State Police report which springs to mind dates from 1976 and includes all the staple parts of a classic animal mutilation including: the discovery of a dead and mutilated cow; strange pod marks found on the ground as if something had followed the cow; raised radiation readings; the removal from the cow's body of vital organs; the discovery at the site of some strange liquid which defied official examination; and most interesting of all, a scorched area of ground which gave every impression that some type of structured object had landed at the site. Now, I would fully agree with

people who say that this sounds bizarre; but the key point is that this all comes from official files released by the FBI.

IB: We've seen that the FBI received a large number of good quality UFO reports over the years - not to mention the cattle mutilation files of the 70's - but what of the claims about crashed UFOs? Are there any reports in the FBI files of crashed UFOs, dead aliens and so on

NR: Probably more than you would imagine! There is a very interesting hand-written entry in one of the 1947 files from J. Edgar Hoover complaining that the military wouldn't allow the FBI access to a recovered flying disc and this is almost certainly a reference to the UFO recovered at Roswell. Similarly, in the early 1950's the FBI went to extraordinary lengths to try and determine the truth surrounding the alleged crash and recovery by the military of a UFO at Aztec, New Mexico. Now, the Aztec crash has today been largely discredited; however, the story does include many of the key ingredients of Roswell, such as: the crashed UFO, small, dead alien bodies recovered at the crash site and on. The FBI also picked up on numerous rumours doing the rounds amongst the military in Washington to the effect that, in the 1950's, the U.S. Government had acquired the remains of three crashed UFOs and their crews. As far as crashed UFOs and the FBI are concerned, things went pretty much quiet then until the late 1980's when the Majestic 12 documents surfaced from an anonymous - and presumed insider source.

IB:Can you expand on this?

NR:Yeah, no problem. The MJ12 papers are essentially a group of documents which purport to be a 1952 briefing for President Eisenhower informing him of the crash and recovery of an extraterrestrial spacecraft and crew near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. Now, if the MJ12 papers are genuine, then they were leaked unofficially and in violation of U.S. national secrecy laws and it was here where the FBI had jurisdiction to get involved. The FBI approached a number of agencies, such as the Air Force and the Defence Intelligence Agency, in an attempt to unravel the truth behind MJ12, but as powerful as the FBI was and is, even they had to admit defeat; the main reason being that there were so many secret levels within government it was impossible to get a straight and complete answer. In other words, if there is or was an MJ12 group and I for one believe there was and is then access to their data must be limited to an incredibly small and select body of individuals. But if it relates to actual crashed UFOs and dead alien bodies, then this isn't surprising, and it's not surprising that the FBI wouldn't be entrusted with the facts either.

IB: How do you sum up your findings on the FBI's UFO involvement?

NR: Well, it's clear from the 3,000 or so pages which have been declassified and which cover the late 1940's to almost the present day, that the FBI has had deep and on-going involvement in all manner of UFO - related activity. The cattle mutilations, MJ12, crashed UFOs, dead aliens, military and civil pilot reports of UFOs, and the many contactee accounts taken as a whole point to deep and long lasting involvement in the UFO subject on the FBI's part. And as remarkable as it may seem, there really are equivalents at the FBI of Mulder and Scully whose job it is to look into the various issues I've discussed above; and in the words of The X-Files, the truth really is out there - and it's in my book, too!

A Week With David Morehouse
by Richard Conway

For those of you who have not read the book PSYCHIC WARRIOR: David Morehouse started life in the army as an infantry and went on to become an officer. His military background dictated that he would one day become a general in the US army. Circumstances, however, prevented him from becoming a military officer of this status. After being shot in the head and finding himself the subject of many 'Out of Body Experiences', he arrived at what has come to be known as 'Operation Stargate', the military remote viewing program. After spending a week in Stowmarket,

and satisfying myself that remote viewing was indeed a real occurrence, I had the opportunity along with the other members of our class to put many questions to him.

Some of the transcript is as follows:

Class: David, it was rumoured that they were making a film of your life based on your book?

DM: Yeah, they were going to get Bruce Willis to play the part of me, but he had another offer at the time to play the lead in the film the Fifth Element. Instead Sly Stallone's agent made sure that he got the part, but the film was stopped when the script was rewritten and they had him - as me - blowing up buses with one finger, you know....

Class: Is it going to be made?

DM: Yeah, I had lunch with Wes Craven recently; he said that the script should be just like the book. He is interested.

Class: David, have you ever had any targets of UFOs that you had to do for the military, during your time in the program?

DM: Well, you know, during the program we weren't asked to do one target of a UFO. And this means to me that they know what they are because otherwise we would have been asked to do something like this. There is one time that we had to do an exercise, I wish I had taken this file from the unit erm ...It was an exercise where 17 to 18 remote viewers in the unit including myself did a target which turned out to be the incident in Tunguska. Pretty much all the viewers and myself got the same thing. We saw a rip in space which was in the sky, then something fell out of it and plunged down hitting the ground with an explosion. In my view this craft was driven by a sort of ... learner driver, this was what I feeling at the time.

Class: Have you ever gone to a target site and seen anything that gave you nightmares afterwards?

DM: Like I wrote in the book, we went to the Lockerbie bombing and had to move around the plane and find out what happened, I couldn't sleep for days afterwards, the explosion Seeing a little kid running and asking for her mommy. This was after the plane had exploded

Class: David, has knowing what you now know, changed your outlook on life?

DM: I wish people could see what I've seen because now I know that we're not alone here. I've seen that there is something else, as have many of the other viewers. This isn't it There's more than this, I know.

David Morehouse is beginning to set up workshops in the UK for a moderate cost. These will be held in London and the Ipswich area. For contact information, or to find out more about remote viewing in Britain, and how you can take a course to develop a talent which the military (DIA) in the United States has been teaching soldiers for 20 years:=-

call 01449-614765 (Roy Farrell)

Richard Conway

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 98 08:27:55 PDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 03:04:34 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> From: RobIrving@aol.com
> Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 23:04:53 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> >To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
> >Date: Fri, 10 Jul 98 11:56:02 PDT

> There's a problem with your characterisation. As far as I am
> aware, Festinger never conducted any "study of prophetic saucer
> groups". When Prophecy Fails was derived from a much more
> complex idea. If you were to describe the work that simply in
> print I'd be appalled.

When Prophecy Fails, as any reader of it is aware, is a study of
a prophetic saucer group. Festinger and his co-authors use it as
a case study to argue for a larger social theory which, alas,
proves to be based in part on a major misreading of a particular
historical episode. As I have said before, read Prophecy for its
entertainment value, and for its insights into a particular group
in a particular time and at a particular place. Read its larger
theoretical claims with caution or even skepticism.

> >My impression all along has been that you are using Festinger
> >simply as a stick with which to beat all who are interested in
> >UFOs, and I do not recall your even responding to my complaint
> >that you lump everybody together. So let me try one more time:

> I gave it the attention it deserved.

Having given you the opportunity now on several occasions to show
us that you know the difference between, say, Dorothy Martin and
Isabel Davis (or George Van Tassel and James McDonald, or
whomever), I can only conclude that you don't. After all, you
have said Prophecy is about "ufology" on more than one occasion.

> >See my words immediately above. In any event, I don't see any
> >lessons for, or parallels to, ufology in Festinger's book, which
> >isn't about ufology at all. It's about a saucerian group
> >oriented toward the contactee message and occult doctrine. The
> >fact that you seem to think this is the same as ufology only
> >confirms, alas, my suspicions about your approach.

> You use the word 'fact' all too loosely, Jerry. In fact your
> impression is quite wrong, of both WPF (did you read the
> introduction?) and me.

Have you caught that whopping historical error yet? Have you, by
the way, read the introduction?

Jerry Clark

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Re: Weirdness This Morning

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 11:45:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 03:38:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Weirdness This Morning

>From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
>Date: Mon, 06 Jul 1998 23:40:50 -0400
>Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 00:55:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Artificial Structure Discovered on Moon

<snip>

>Here is a post I sent to UpDates in March of this year.

>>From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
>>To: "updates@globalserve.net" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Weirdness This Morning
>>Date: Wed, 11 Mar 1998 09:36:42 -0500

>>Just in case anyone else reports something like this.....
>>Around 5:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 1998:

>>This morning I was woken up by the Moon. It was like
>>someone turned the lights on. I looked through the binocs
>>and it looked almost full and very bright. It was very clear.
>>It was WNW. In about 20 minutes it had moved over by
>>Erskine (Yonge&Eglinton) and was orange and the left side
>>was shaded. But what got me was it looked like something
>>was cutting off the right top side down to about 3 o'clock.
>>I watched through the binocs and could see something
>>almost white move from about 3 o'clock up along the
>>edge to 12 o'clock. As the moon sank it looked like it
>>was melting and I could see this structure sticking out
>>at around 2 o'clock. It was very prominent. It was almost
>>like the moon was turning as it sank and it really looked
>>like it was melting.

>>Yes, I am loosing it.

>Or am I? Nick Balaskas could account for the melting effect but
>couldn't hazard a guess about the structure I saw sticking up
>from the Moon's surface.

>Where was the location of Clementine's image on the Moon?

>Anyone else want to hazard a guess as to what I saw?

The Moon was nearly setting. This sounds like an observation of the Moon crossing what is known as the "zone of avoidance", where the atmosphere causes a meteorological optical phenomenon which is actually a superior mirage. The Moon can appear to shimmer, a black obscuration can be seen and sometimes a distorted part of the image can appear at this layer of the atmosphere.

For a discussion of a famous example, which has probably been mistakenly presented as evidence of a meteor striking the Moon, and others, see 'News Notes', SKY & TELESCOPE, October, 1984, and my letter on page 292, of the April, 1985 issue.

In the famous case, one Gervase of Canturbury reported a curious June 25, 1178, observation of the Moon, "...after sunset when the moon had first become visible a marvelous phenomeonon was witnessed...Now there was a bright new moon ... suddenly the upper horn spilt in two. From the midpoint of this division a flaming torch sprang up, spewing out, over a considerable

Re: Weirdness This Morning

distance, fire, hot coals, and sparks ... the body of the moon which was below writhed, as it were, in anxiety ... the moon throbbed like a wounded snake. Afterwards it resumed its proper state. This phenomenon was repeated a dozen times or more, the flame assuming various twisting shapes at random and then returning to normal ... after these transformations the moon ... along its whole length, took on a blackish appearance."

Hope this might be the answer to your observation.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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Re: Sturrock Panel

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 98 08:41:25 PDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 03:53:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

> Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 23:58:50 -0400
> From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> Regarding...

> >From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel
> >Date: Sun, 05 Jul 98 09:54:18 PDT

> You didn't respond to a question I asked, i.e., should a
> 'thorough scientific study' include, say, research into...

> 'abductions by aliens'
> 'alien implants'
> 'crop circles'
> the 'Gulf Breeze' photographs
> the 'alien autopsy' footage
> 'cattle mutilations'
> various anomalies caught on film during Space Shuttle missions
> the 'face on Mars'

I have responded to what needs to be responded to of the rest of Mr. Easton's message on the Project 1947 list.

Meantime, the above is simply annoying. If you're going to challenge me, Mr. Easton, go to the trouble of learning what I have written about the UFO phenomenon, and it'll save you the necessity of asking dumb questions like the above. Either you're being disingenuous, or you are genuinely clueless. In either case, further discussion seems pointless.

Incidentally, speaking of our correspondent here, I urge list readers to turn to Jenny Randles' piece on the Rendlesham case (and Mr. Easton's role therein) in the Summer issue of IUR.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Flying Triangles

From: Max Burns <AlienHype1@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 14:33:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 03:43:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Flying Triangles

I was thinking if these triangles are World government. top secret hardware why are the public seeing them so much?

And if they are military then the military industrial complex it would appear are not bothered about the public sighting these craft, and is in clear contradiction to classification Top secret or above.

The prudent thing for the military to do would be to come out and comment, with this is what they are dont worry, everything is ok....

As clearly they have been seen by so many people now that its not much of a secret anymore, the only secret is who is flying these craft.

Something as advanced as this is either top secret or above, and surely the best place to test and protect this secret would be over the sea, and not over sleepy hamlet's big cities and over 20 countries of the world, as surely by that definition, it would appear that nearly all the major countries of the world have got huge triangular craft that would appear to have the control of gravity.

And if this was the case, information leaks of the existence of such craft would have been leaked to the public by now.

Before Mathews responds with I have evidence, lets not talk about German science let,s see this up to date evidence that you claim to have.

As a project as big as this would involve thousands of people, and upto date information would have been leaked, a sly picture, or some documents.

I my self would be very pleased for Tim Mathews if he aquired this confirmation and would be pleased to offer my congratulations.

I am not bothered about ego's or who's right or wrong but what is the truth. I do not care who's version of truth it is. Mine or Tim's perhaps its both, or any other version as long as it settles this enigma and confirms the facts about the origin of these craft...

Anything else is just ego's at war.....

Comments

Max Burns Alienhype1@aol.com

<http://www.soft.net.uk/staffs/maxsecret/sheff101.html>

http://www.pufori.org/articles/sheffield/index_nf.htm

<http://www.skipnet.com/~visitations/sheffield/>

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Re: UK Meteor Blast Mystery

From: Kerry Ferrand <kferrand@rocketmail.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 08:06:48 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 03:15:46 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Meteor Blast Mystery

> Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 06:14:32 -0400
> From: Werner Walter <113236.1604@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: UK Meteor Blast Mystery
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> Hi List,

> I can=B4t believe that this last phenoman was a simple breaking
> up-fireball-bolide (and can=B4t also not believe thats was a real
> UFO). Or has anyone hearing once again from a "trace on the
> night-sky" like a letter "Z" or like a "Q" which lasted 45 minutes?
> Much more it is likley to thing that a re-entry-phenomena has
> produced this light-show and rocket-fluit was guilty by this
> event high up in the atmosphere and the last sunlight has
> illuminated the fluit up the the sky.

Might be a coincidence, but a Russian Zenit rocket was launched
and deployed 6 small satellites on July 10. Might be worth
checking up on its orbital elements to see if any of it passed
over the UK.

K

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ACC [FYI Only - Not For Discussion]

From: "Skywatch International Inc." <jhickman@itlnet.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 18:20:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 02:55:15 -0400
Subject: ACC [FYI Only - Not For Discussion]

From: Alden Streeter <astreeter@email.msn.com>
To: Skypost <skypost@unix.ltlb.com>
Date: Monday, July 06, 1998 3:40 PM
Subject: ACC gives up on TCAP!

I had been watching the on-going investigation by the American Computer Company (ACC) into the government's UFO cover-up with some interest. For almost a year now they have claimed they have been developing a revolutionary new computer device called the Transfer Capacitor (TCAP) based on notes on devices recovered from the Roswell saucer crash. This device was to effectively be equivalent to a 90 Gigabyte hard drive with RAM access speeds and no moving parts.

Then even went so far as to say that they had completed R&D and were applying for a US patent.

Then on July 4 they made an announcement that effectively destroyed any belief I had in their credibility: they were withdrawing their patent application on the grounds that they "discovered" that their development of the TCAP was a violation of the United Nations Outer Space Treaty of 1967, you know the one that forbids weapons in space and stuff. Here is a version of the treaty on their site:

<http://www.accpc.com/1967treaty.html>

When asked why on their BBS this was their reply:

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Posted by Andrew Grissom on Monday, 6 July 1998, at 8:05 a.m., in response to patent withdrawal, posted by Jean Marie Ivey on Monday, 6 July 1998, at 8:02 a.m.

The release says why, until we resolve the issue of whether or not the Shopkeeper's Notebook is Outer Space Property, then the patents can not be applied for, as that would violate the Outer Space Treaty.

The same thing would apply to any Outer Space Property in the possession of the DoD which it has not shared with ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

We will continue to research the TCAP technology and, perhaps, to introduce new products based upon it.

Andy (*v*) [fgm robotic avatars]

> Why has ACC withdrawn requests for patents on newly discovered technology
> as stated in most recent news release? JMI

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Note the use of the word "perhaps". It seems to me that after months of battling with government agents and misinformation agents, this is a completely ludicrous reason to voluntarily stop production of a product that they have already (supposedly) spent

millions developing, that will result in billions of dollars in profit for their company. In fact in their own investigation, they claim to have found many instances where the U.S government has already violated this treaty repeatedly in much the same way.

The only reasonable conclusion is that the whole thing was a hoax from the very beginning (which most people seem to have decided already anyway), and this is their best idea to try to sweep the whole misguided idea under the rug.

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From: RGates8254@aol.com <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sunday, July 12, 1998 7:03 PM
Subject: ACC Jack Shulman Admits Using UFO's For Bait

FYI (Note to Randall Walton or is it Ed, Jack, Marcus, or William and you already know all this)

>From IUFO and Riskers Mailing List

ACC Jack Shulman Admits Using UFO's For Bait

On a local radio show in Atlantic City, NJ yesterday, ACC President Jack Shulman admitted using UFO's, aliens, alien-abductions, and the paranormal to increase sales for his small NJ company.

In the interview, Mr. Shulman was asked why this worked. "Because so many people are involved in this, we have an automatic audience. They are going to listen to us, because if they don't, they become part of the conspiracy" Mr. Shulman said he thanks both the people involved in ufology, and the United States government for promoting his company for him.

ACC began using this tactic nearly two years ago, when he began "The Roswell Story." The brainchild of Shulman himself, compiled of reports from all over the net, in books, and on TV. "People believe there is something to it, and if we claim that we have the secrets, they come. While they are there, they might buy a computer."

Some of those deep in the study of UFO's say that this is damaging to a cause that is devoted to finding the truth. Shulman says in response, "...the 'UFO community' is nothing but a bunch of crackpots and losers, with nothing better to do with their lives."

After making contact with some prominent figures in ufology, we learned that ACC has very little pull with those in the study of UFO's and alien abductions. Most tell us that ACC buried themselves. Shulman says, "...yes, but our sales are up!"

A transcript of this radio show will be available in just a few days.

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1947 U.S. Army Document On 'Flying Wing' Aircraft

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 04:11:38 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 03:52:22 -0400
Subject: 1947 U.S. Army Document On 'Flying Wing' Aircraft

Received via "alt.alien.visitors" July 13.

Stig

Date: 13 Jul 1998 18:29:48 GMT
From: groomwatch@aol.com (GroomWatch)
Subject: 1947 U.S. Army document on "flying wing" aircraft

A 1947 U.S. Army document that makes reference to one of several German "flying wing" prototype experimental aircraft (this one by Horten Brothers, which was test-flown in Lechfeld, Germany in 1944), can now be seen at:

<http://www.eagle-net.org/groomwatch>

Norio Hayakawa

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Re: War Games Often Mistaken For UFOs In Tristate

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 03:21:25 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 03:45:27 -0400
Subject: Re: War Games Often Mistaken For UFOs In Tristate

From: The Cincinnati Enquirer.

Go to:

http://enquirer.com/editions/1998/07/13/loc_wargames13.html

Links are preceded by asterisks.

Stig

War games often mistaken for UFOs in Tristate

"At first, it looked like an asteroid and fireball"

Monday, July 13, 1998

BY JOHN HOPKINS

The Cincinnati Enquirer

They saw it over the skies of Wilmington, Loveland and Mount Healthy and as far south as Maysville, Ky.

(Image: An F-16 takes off at the Air National Guard base in Springfield, Ohio. (Craig Ruttle photo))

*ZOOM

*INFOGRAHPIC What is an MOA?

Lights flashed in a synchronized pattern. A huge orange fireball disappeared, then reappeared. Smaller objects moved in a triangular formation. Below, neighborhood dogs barked.

In Maysville, Jamie Orme noticed the activity in the sky that night in March 1997. It lasted, he said, no more than two minutes. "I was astonished at what I saw," Mr. Orme said at the time. "They were little balls of white light that appeared and disappeared. Sometimes one, sometimes three or six little white balls of light in the distance."

Officials at the Ohio Air National Guard in Springfield have confirmed that Tristate residents have indeed seen colorful objects in the sky and may very well see them again.

But they weren't UFOs.

Military dog-fight maneuvers over the skies of Southern Ohio -- which usually go unnoticed -- happen on a regular basis. The Air National Guard conducts intercept training with F-16 "Falcon" jets and flares in the skies over the region.

In military jargon, airspace very near Cincinnati is called the Buckeye MOA. Though most people have never heard of this or any other MOA -- shorthand for Military Operating Area -- the Buckeye MOA is a hotbed of high-altitude pyrotechnics and all-too-real-looking aerial dogfights.

The training overhead includes air-to-air refueling of F-16s by aerial refueling tankers, dog fights and low-altitude exercises. There are also search-and-rescue exercises.

In fact, similar war games are scattered throughout the Tristate. To the west of Greater Cincinnati, pilots drop bombs on the Jefferson Proving Grounds in Indiana, where the grounds remain littered with 1.5 million rounds of unexploded ammunition.

To the south, Blackhawk helicopters run low-level exercises over Fort Campbell, Ky., near the Kentucky-Tennessee border. From Louisville to Fort Knox, Ky., the C-130 "Hercules" four-engine turboprops -- a transport aircraft -- conduct exercises along Military Training Routes.

On some nights, area residents may look skyward and catch a glimpse of some training missions -- if the skies are clear. What residents were actually seeing last spring were the F-16s' afterburners and flares being ejected from the \$17.5 million jet fighters.

The pilots were simulating air-to-air dog fights. And in actual combat, pilots drop hot, glowing flares during enemy confrontations to confuse heat-seeking missiles, said Capt. Neal O'Brian of the Air National Guard in Springfield.

"They eject the flares and typically that's what people see," he said, "a streak of flares that at night burn very bright. It's not uncommon for people all across the country to mistake the flares for some unidentified flying object.

"They might see the aircraft or hear it. More than likely, they will hear it. But the flares take a certain amount of time to burn and that is what they're seeing in the sky."

Mystery in sky

On clear nights, the high-altitude training missions inside the Buckeye MOA -- a large block of air space over an area near Cincinnati, Springfield, Columbus and Portsmouth -- startle many Greater Cincinnati residents.

That was the case in March 1997.

In Loveland, Ohio, Jake Ashcraft reported seeing a "main object" and smaller objects in a triangular formation in the sky. He said the main object was "absolutely huge" and that many people "had to have seen it."

Mr. Orme of Maysville, Ky., said what he saw did not appear to be military maneuvers. "At first, it looked like an asteroid and fireball, then it slowed down and came to a halt."

Air National Guard officials said there is no mystery to the sightings -- the military exercises have been conducted for decades. The afterburners of a climbing F-16 give an appearance of something hovering.

Pilots at the 178th Fighter Wing in Springfield spend an average of six hours a day flying in the Buckeye MOA, said Capt. Ann-Maria Coghlin, public affairs officer for the 178th Fighter Wing. They spend an average of 30 minutes a day training in a low-altitude training area called the Brush Creek MOA, which is within the larger Buckeye MOA, she said.

Maj. Brian MacLeod of the 178th Fighter Wing, recalled the night that area residents got a rare glimpse of the air-to-air combat and maneuvers.

"It was kind of a funny night," he said. "Most of the calls we got came out of Columbus."

The jet flares actually burn bright white when they are ejected from the jets, he said. But when viewed from ground level and at a distance, the flares appear to flicker and burn orange because of pollution in the air, Maj. MacLeod said.

Restricted air space

Exercises in the Buckeye MOA are conducted at altitudes above 5,000 feet. Supersonic flight is done at 35,000 feet, about seven miles above ground, said Maj. MacLeod.

"We try to be very, very noise-conscious because people live down there," he said.

Some civilian pilots -- unaware of these areas -- have flown their small planes into the training spaces. It is a dangerous way to get an up-close view. Aeronautical charts warn pilots of the many restricted training areas throughout the country.

"MOAs are places typically where aircrafts practice maneuvers," said Maj. Ken MacNevin of the National Guard Bureau in Alexandria, Va. "We have special use areas, so that other aircrafts know to be aware."

In the United States, there are 388 MOAs, said William Shumann, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C. There are also much smaller Restricted Areas (RAs) scattered throughout the region, as well as Military Training Routes (MTRs). The MTRs "tend to be more like corridors, certain distances above the ground. They also loop around communities, wildlife refuges and other sensitive areas," said Maj. MacNevin.

The restricted areas, such as the nearby Jefferson Proving Grounds, are used by the military for air-to-ground target training. Almost all the units in the region routinely deploy to wherever the Air Force is conducting operations, making it vital that pilots receive ongoing training, said Maj. MacNevin.

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Abduction Research

From: Roy Hale <roy_hale@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 20:38:51 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 04:21:39 -0400
Subject: Abduction Research

Dear list:

This is a question for anyone who is involved, in the Abduction research side of things.

I am currently investigating a case of a young lady, who has been seeing, beings that look very FELINE.

(Q). Has anybody else come across these type of beings.

It would be of great help to me if there has been a report of these FELINE beings appearing somewhere else.

If you can help me out on this one please, contact me on the following:

Roy_Hale@Hotmail.com.uk

kind regards To All

Roy..

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A Big Thank You From ELUFON & 'Down to Earth

From: Roy Hale <roy_hale@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 20:50:03 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 04:25:01 -0400
Subject: A Big Thank You From ELUFON & 'Down to Earth

>From Roy_Hale@Yahoo.com.uk

Dear Friends:

Can I Express my thanks to all those Investigators/researchers who took the time to send in articles for our publication "Down To earth".

We are currently sifting through these, and will be publishing them over the coming months.

Our next issue will be a Crop-Circle Special, so all those croppies out there, or people with a view on the Crop Phenomena now is the time to send your articles/ Theories on this mysterious activity.

As per usual please send all correspondence to the following address:

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U.K.

All published Writers will receive a copy of their work, in the used issue.

There is a Three week deadline.
we welcome articles from all corners of the Globe.
Remember the UFO Phenomena is World-Wide.

Kindest Regards

Roy Hale (on behalf of ELUFON)

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One For The Conspiracy Theorists

From: **Leanne Martin** <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 01:09:58 PDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 04:47:32 -0400
Subject: One For The Conspiracy Theorists

Dear list,

Playing Devil's Advocate - here's one for the conspiracy theorists straight from CNN's on-line news.

The coincidence amazes me but is that all it is?

Three members of the German rocket team that helped Americans reach the moon died this past week in Alabama. Max Nowak, 89, of Huntsville, Heinrich Paetz, 88, of Grant, and Albert Schuler, 83, of Huntsville helped develop German V-1 and V-2 rockets during World War II and then came to the United States under contract to the U.S. Army. Paetz died Thursday at his home, Schuler died Friday at his home, and Nowak died Tuesday as a Huntsville hospital.

Regards,
Leanne Martin
Computer Engineer @ WANG GLOBAL Australia

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UK FT's and Saucers

From: **Jakes Louw** <louwje@telkom.co.za>
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 12:04:27 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 11:56:51 -0400
Subject: UK FT's and Saucers

Having browsed through the ongoing debate regarding whether the UK FT's are government "Black" projects or not, I had a sudden question pop into my head, and was wondering which of our erstwhile list members could answer it:

What happened to the material that Hawker-Siddely acquired from the A.V Roe aircraft company in the 1950s? Did this lead directly to the design of the Harrier? What about the Avrocar? Can it be confirmed what exactly the UK firm got with respect to Avro's discontinued research?

Do we know where the original A.V Roe design and engineering staff ended up? I understand it was NASA, Lockheed, and some other companies.

Why am I asking this? Well, why the sudden propagation of FT's in various countries, all possibly in a similar timeframe?

regards

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NASA Establishes Near-Earth Object Program Office

From: NASANews@hq.nasa.gov
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 13:36:23 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 13:52:18 -0400
Subject: NASA Establishes Near-Earth Object Program Office

Donald Savage
Headquarters, Washington, DC July 14, 1998
(Phone: 202/358-1727)

Mary Beth Murrill
Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA
(Phone: 818/354-5011)

RELEASE: 98-123

NASA ESTABLISHES NEAR-EARTH OBJECT
PROGRAM OFFICE AT JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

A new program office to coordinate NASA-sponsored efforts to detect, track and characterize potentially hazardous asteroids and comets that could approach Earth will be established at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Pasadena, CA.

NASA's Near-Earth Object Program Office will focus on the goal of locating at least 90 percent of the estimated 2,000 asteroids and comets that approach the Earth and are larger than about 2/3-mile (about 1 kilometer) in diameter, by the end of the next decade.

"These are objects that are difficult to detect because of their relatively small size, but are large enough to cause global effects if one hit the Earth," said Dr. Donald K. Yeomans of JPL, who will head the new program office. "Finding a majority of this population will require the efforts of researchers at several NASA centers, at universities and at observatories across the country, and will require the participation by the international astronomy community as well."

"We determined that, in order to achieve our goals, we need a more formal focusing of our near-Earth object tracking efforts and related communications with the supporting research community," said Dr. B. Carl Pilcher, science director for Solar System Exploration in NASA's Office of Space Science, NASA Headquarters. "I want to emphasize that science research solicitations and resulting peer reviews, international coordination, and strategic planning regarding future missions will remain the responsibilities of NASA Headquarters."

In addition to managing the detection and cataloging of near-Earth objects, the new NASA office will be responsible for facilitating communications between the astronomical community and the public should any potentially hazardous objects be discovered as a result of the program, Pilcher said.

JPL was selected to host the program office because of its expertise in precisely tracking the positions and predicted paths of asteroids and comets. No significant additional staff hiring at JPL is expected at this time.

A fact sheet describing NASA's research and spacecraft missions related to asteroids and comets is available on the Internet at the following address:

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/facts/HTML/FS-023-HQ.htm>

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: RobIrving@aol.com
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 13:06:36 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 13:44:58 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'
>Date: Mon, 13 Jul 98 08:27:55 PDT

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Rob

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Re: Flying Triangles

From: "Mark LeCuyer" <randydan@wavetech.net>
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 12:46:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 06:35:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Flying Triangles

> From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Flying Triangles
> Date: Tuesday, July 14, 1998 2:43 AM

> From: Max Burns <AlienHype1@aol.com>
> Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 14:33:26 EDT
> To: Updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Flying Triangles

> I was thinking if these triangles are World government. top
> secret hardware why are the public seeing them so much?

> And if they are military then the military industrial complex it
> would appear are not bothered about the public sighting these
> craft, and is in clear contradiction to classification Top
> secret or above.

Hello Mr. Burns:)

This leads me to believe that these craft, if they are indeed terrestrial, are already outdated. Something much more advanced, if history repeats itself, is in the wings and operating covertly. Once we then start hearing reports of those future generation ufo crafts, we'll know that they too are outdated. It's a repetitious cycle.

Remember the stealth fighters and bombers? We were hearing reports of these strange ufo crafts before the government finally unveiled them to the world. Notice how they are basically triangular in configuration also.

If we're patient, and we really have no choice in the matter, we will then know the truth behind these strange triangular ufo craft also. My bet is they are HIGHLY advanced military aircraft, developed through the use of extraterrestrial technology, that we have been unknowingly supporting with our tax dollars through our governments black budget programs. Is it really any wonder why we work for almost the first five months of each year only to hand over our hard earned dollars to the government. They're ours, we just don't know it yet.

Mark - Alien Astronomer
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 06:33:46 -0400
Subject: DISPATCH # 97 -- the weekly newsletter of ParaScope

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Quote of the Week

"Do not condemn the judgment of another because it differs from your own. You may both be wrong."

--Dandemis:

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Looking for hard-to-find UFO books? Let our "man in black" track 'em down for you! ParaScope presents Mr. Apol's UFO Book Search, a free service for our visitors. Send in your request via our quick and easy online form, and if Mr. Apol locates the book, he'll get back to you on the price and availability status. Try it out at www.parascope.com/parastore/usedUFObooks.htm, and check out the Terms & Conditions for more info on the service.

Congratulations: Everything Is Under CTRL

ParaScope sends hearty congratulations out to Kris Millegan, editor of CTRL: the Conspiracy Theory Research List, whose article on the Order of Skull and Bones was cited as a source in Robert Anton Wilson's new book, "Everything's Under Control: Conspiracies, Cults and Coverups" (pp. 391-392). You can read Kris' article on our web site at www.parascope.com/articles/0997/skullbones.htm, and RAW's new book is available in the ParaStore (www.parascope.com/parastore). For information on subscribing to the Conspiracy Theory Research List, see www.parascope.com/other/lists/ctrl.htm. Way to go, Kris!

Rant of the Week: "The Reptiles Like Our Babies"

Every week we pick the wackiest, scariest, nastiest or funniest rant from the hundreds of letters received by us here at ParaScope headquarters, and present it to you as our Rant of the Week. This week, "Patricia" offers tips on how to get your children to drink coffee, smoke cigarettes and eat red meat to avoid ending up in an alien's stew pot. (What, no L'il Martini for Kids?) Enjoy.

"I can give you all my thoughts on HOW to protect yourself and loved ones from being eaten!!! And the REPTILES like our babies. Give your kids coffee with milk in it, expose them to cig smoke or city pollution, or any slight pollution you can think of!!! Keep in mind we are not at the top of the food chain and they like NON-POLUTED children. That is why there are millions of children disappearing EVERY YEAR! This is not a scare post but what I believe is happening RIGHT NOW!!! Children in the mountain areas are at great risk as well as children out in small towns. I also believe they want us to quit eating meat ourselves because they like GRAIN-FED MEAT just as we prefer the same in meat and look how we like VEAL which is a baby. They have screwed

with our thyroid because they want us to produce babies that tend to have alot of fat, making the meat more tender!! There is a method in their alien maddness and the sooner the SHEEPLE get wise the sooner they can be protected. To be absolutely healthy is NOT SAFE. Hopefully the Gov will find a vacine that will drive away the aliens from those people but in the meantime you must take care to polute your children and yourself in some small way. While they are producing hybrids for the the new wave of humans to populate the Earth, I feel the hybrids serve another more sinister idea and that is that the Aliens eat them.(and better them than you and I)."

All rants are printed "as is," with spelling and grammar goofs left uncorrected. Some rants may be edited for brevity or clarity, to the extent such a thing is possible. If you've got a rant you'd like to share, send it to pscplady@aol.com with "possible rant" in the subject line of your letter.

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Coming Up This Week!

Catch a number of great stories this week on the ParaScope web and AOL sites, including daily updates to our Conspiracy Newsline and Daily Dose features. Among the articles you'll want to check out:

FEMA's X File

The long-awaited "X-Files" movie is here, projecting the paranoia and intrigue of the smash TV show onto the big screen. Some officials in Washington are not pleased. Unlike the "X-Files," Mount Weather is real -- and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which maintains the Mount Weather facility and plays a role in various conspiracy theories about secret plans for martial law in the United States, issued a public affairs guidance on how to respond to allegations voiced in the movie. It's just a fun flick, right? So why the unusual p.r. measure? Dossier details FEMA's very own X File.

"Talking to Heaven"? Like Hell!
The Spirited Trickery of James Van Praagh

The latest supernatural sensation to hit the top of the bestseller lists is James Van Praagh's book "Talking to Heaven: A Medium's Message of Life After Death." Not only does Van Praagh claim the ability to contact the afterword and carry on conversations with the dead, but he also says that anyone can do it -- and if you buy the book, he'll tell you how. But is it all just a bunch of hocus-pocus? Be sure to read Enigma editor D. Trull's review before you run to the bookstore.

Fortean Slips: "Wide World of Weirdos" Edition!

Fine Old Cannibals: Could it be that societies who feast on human flesh have only existed in myth and folklore? Chew on the evidence and digest the question of whether cannibalism is historically rare or well done.

Druids Go Home to Stonehenge: Over a decade ago, modern-day Druids were banned from Stonehenge -- but now these two mystical mainstays have been reunited at last! Get the full scoop on who they were, and what they were doing.

Death of a Devil's Advocate: If you think devil worship is weird and baffling, wait till you see how it's gotten even crazier since the death of Anton LaVey last year. Will the Church of Satan survive without its founder and high priest?

The Paper Trail: All-New Edition

The secret documents keep on coming, and The Paper Trail is back to review the latest government declassification news. Featured in this month's issue: the CIA's latest offerings on the Bay of Pigs invasion -- 3,200 pages of previously secret material and the agency's first-ever historical CD-ROM; the JFK assassination -- Assassination Records Review Board releases Jim Garrison grand jury documents; and the Operation Tailwind scandal -- what does the documentary evidence suggest about the alleged use of sarin gas by Special Forces units in Laos? Follow The Paper Trail to get the facts!

Malice in Wonderland

San Francisco University student Peter Gordon recently authored an excellent paper titled "Malice in Wonderland: An Essay on CIA Interrogation Techniques and the Lesser Forms of Torture in Daily Life" for a communications course, which is available for reading on the SFU web site at www.sfu.ca/~pbgordon/Malice.html. Peter's research included ParaScope's reprint of the CIA's 1963 interrogation manual as a primary source; the manual details the use drugs, hypnosis and torture in obtaining information from "resistant sources." Great work, Peter! ParaScope's reprint is still available; see www.parascope.com/interrogation for more info, or go to www.parascope.com/articles/0397/kubarkin.htm to read the online version for free.

Plus, catch your daily dose of rampant rumor-mongering, wild-eyed speculation, irresponsible accusations, unsubstantiated allegations, and, of course, the absolute gospel truth you won't find anywhere else, each weekday in Conspiracy Newsline.

...All this, and much, much more!

Jane, Stop This Crazy Thing!

Thought you were tough enough to handle the Dispatch and now you realize you're not? Starting to think you've made a wrong turn off the info highway? Well, we're only going to go over this once, so listen up!

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Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 00:45:37 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 06:27:28 -0400
Subject: Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

Excerpt from an article "Flying the Gusmobile" about the Gemini missions. Published on the site of "Air and Space" magazine July 14.

URL:

<http://www.airspacemag.com:80/ASM/Mag/Index/1998/AS/ftgm.html>

Stig

<snip>

At almost twice the length of Gemini 5, Commander Frank Borman's Gemini 7 mission may have been even more trying, but it grabbed the attention of at least one Hollywood producer.

"Right after we got into orbit we were supposed to 'station keep' or fly formation with the booster," Borman says. "We were flying formation and taking photographs and infrared measurements and I started calling it a 'bogey,' which is an old fighter pilot term. Well, a lot of the UFO freaks on the ground picked this up and said we had seen a UFO because we had referred to our booster as a bogey. Just this past year I got a call from a producer at "Unsolved Mysteries" and they said, "We read your account about your seeing a UFO on Gemini 7 and would you come on the program?" I told them: "I'd love to come on your program because I'd love to straighten that out." I explained what it was I saw and I said, "I don't think there were UFOs," and the producer said, "Well, I'm not sure we want you on the program." "

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Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 98 13:54:36 PDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 06:21:04 -0400
Subject: Re: 'She Blinded Me with Science'

> From: RobIrving@aol.com
> Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 13:06:36 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
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> I have said there are parallels, which is not the same thing as
> being 'about'. These parallels would apply to any area in which
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Including unsupported claims by UFO debunkers? Or, as I
suspect, do you exclude those?

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What strikes me, Rob, is your apparent unawareness -- the less
polite phrase is ignorance of the fact -- that Festinger's
theories have been challenged. I don't recall ever saying
"dismissed," and I wouldn't have said it because it is not true.
If you need to beat down strawmen, do it elsewhere. The
hypothesis proposed in When Prophecy Fails, however, has failed
replication. These problems have been reported in the
social-science literature. It seems odd, that being the case,
that you are accusing ME of ignorance. One thinks here of the
pot and the kettle.

And you still haven't found that whopping historical error,
have you?

I note, too, that you continue to maintain a telling
silence when asked about your apparent belief that
anybody who thinks UFOs may represent something
extraordinary is in some sense comparably irrational,
whether Dorothy Martin or Isabel Davis, Truman
Bethurum or Richard Haines, Billy Meier or Mark
Rodeghier. Once again: is this indeed your view?

Jerry Clark

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STARDUST Status Report

From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 20:30:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 06:55:14 -0400
Subject: STARDUST Status Report

From: Mark - Alien Astronomer
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

Source: Ron Baalke BAALKE@kelvin.jpl.nasa.gov
Subject: STARDUST Status Report
July 10, 1998
Ken Atkins
STARDUST Project Manager

Assembly, Test, and Launch Operations (ATLO) activities: The Lockheed Martin Team completed the close out and loading of the spacecraft into the shipping container for move to the Multiple Test Facility (MTF) on schedule -- July 11!! This signals a major step in readying the ship for flight. In the MTF it will be subjected to the vacuum, thermal and other environments it will experience in actual flight to the comet. This literal "spin, shake, and bake" is intended to unmask any weak spots in Stardust's flight readiness. The move to the MTF is like the "roll out" before first flight tests of new airplanes.

With the vehicle now assembled, the team is now anticipating a chance to see how designs and manufacturing will work all together in the crucible of space. It is an exciting time.

Certainly for those visiting this site regularly, you have been able to follow the action on the vidicam of the dedicated folks in the "bunny suits" as they have carefully brought all the pieces together. We know Stardust is "alive" in the protective, air-filled comfort of the "room-temperature" high bay. Now we're moving the camera with the ship to chronicle the adventures in the tougher regime of environmental and thermal test. So, stay tuned.

We announced with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund that all 58,214 names from the Vietnam Memorial will be added to the second microchip as a tribute to those who fell in America's longest war. Approximately 2,500,000 people visit "The Wall" each year, making it the most-visited memorial in Washington D.C. The full text of the press release is available by clicking on "Stardust in the News" under the "What's New" beacon on the homepage
<http://stardust.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news27.html>

We are now more than 600,000 "passengers" for the Wild-2 ride!

For more information on the STARDUST mission - the first ever comet sample return mission - please visit the STARDUST home page:

<http://stardust.jpl.nasa.gov>

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NASA May Send the Marie Curie Rover to Mars

From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 20:15:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 06:53:11 -0400
Subject: NASA May Send the Marie Curie Rover to Mars

From: Mark - Alien Astronomer
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

MARS SOCIETY SPECIAL BULLETIN #4
For more information see <http://www.marssociety.org>

SEND "MARIE CURIE" TO MARS!

As a result of the \$20 million added to the Mars 2001 mission by the Senate Appropriations Committee following mobilizations by the Mars Society and the Planetary Society, NASA is now considering restoring a rover to the mission. NASA had originally planned to fly the highly capable Athena rover to Mars in 2001, however after the administration took \$60 million from the program to pay for a Space Station overrun, the Athena rover was pulled from the mission. The \$20 million restored is not enough to support flying Athena, but it may be possible to fly the smaller Marie Curie rover equipped with some of Athena's instrumentation. Marie Curie is about the size of the Sojourner rover flown to Mars by the Pathfinder mission in 1997, but could be made more sophisticated. In particular, increasing the power of her transmitter could allow Marie Curie to report back through the orbiter, as well as the lander, thus allowing her to rove over the horizon from the landing site and to continue operations after the lander fails. Flying her in 2001 would be a major step towards restoring the forward motion in the robotic Mars program that was severely endangered after the Administration's unsound decision to strip committed funds from the 2001 Mars mission. To insure that she flies, the Senate Appropriations Committee will need to follow the \$20 million they wisely restored to the program this year with another \$30 million next year. Committee staffers have implied that they will do this, but the situation is fluid and continued political pressure is needed to make sure that this occurs.

The real issue however, is that the robotic Mars program is grossly underfunded. For a budget of \$150 million per year (about 1% of NASA's budget) they need to launch two Discovery-class missions to Mars every two years while preparing the technology base for a much more ambitious Mars Sample Return mission, tentatively scheduled for 2005. In reality, in order for this program to be accomplished, the funding for the Mars program needs to be doubled. It should be: No other current NASA program is accomplishing near as much for anything like the cost. Furthermore, for the administration not to do so is a direct violation of President Clinton's pledge of August 1996 to "put the full technological and intellectual might of the United States behind the search for life on Mars." Beyond this, of course, is the need for starting the humans to Mars program, beginning at a funding level equal to that of the robotic Mars program.

Marie Curie may not be the Goddess of Wisdom, but she's the next best thing. If she flies, it will be because of the political pressure mounted by the Mars Society and like minded people so far, and that which we will mobilize in the future. The same can be said for raising the funding of the robotic Mars program overall to an adequate level, and getting the humans-to-Mars program started. It can happen, but it will only happen if we

make it happen. Everyone needs to speak up.

Save the robotic Mars exploration program. Start the human exploration program. Send these gentlemen your message!

President Bill Clinton - president@whitehouse.gov
Vice President Al Gore - vice.president@whitehouse.gov
NASA Administrator Dan Goldin - dgoldin@mail.hq.nasa.gov
Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS) -
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Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-GA) - georgia6@mail.house.gov
Senator Christopher Bond, Chairman VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies
Subcommittee - kit_bond@bond.senate.gov
Representative Jerry Lewis (R-CA), Chairman VA, HUD, and Independent
Agencies Subcommittee - c/o dave.lesstrang@mail.house.gov

Further information about the situation with the 2001 Mars mission can be found in Mars society Special Bulletins #2 and #3, which are posted on the Mars society website at <http://www.marssociety.org>.

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CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

From: **Kenny Young** <task@FUSE.NET>
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 12:58:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 07:14:16 -0400
Subject: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

Comment:

See:

http://enquirer.com/editions/1998/07/13/loc_wargames13.html

For the July 13 article from the Cincinnati Enquirer.

It is interesting to note the skew that Hopkins delivers to the piece, conveniently disregarding viable information conflicting with the flare theory. Hopkins contacted me three times in March and April of 1997 regarding this piece, so he was aware of the discrepancies against the flare theory, yet selectively chose to delete that data.

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I conveyed my concern over the skew that he presented, and he basically acknowledged that the article portrays "the military's side of things." I also expressed that it was well within my rights to complain that Hopkins had utilized my research for his piece, to which I was given no reference or attribution.

I left Hopkins and his editors a letter to mull over afterward.

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An Open Letter To The Cincinnati Enquirer July 13, 1998

Dear Mr. Harry M. Whipple, President and Publisher

The front-page, headline article of Monday, July 13, 1998: "War Games Often Mistaken For UFOs In Tristate" by John Hopkins, contains investigative information which Hopkins can assume no credit for.

The details used in this piece were gleaned from information Hopkins acquired from yours truly in late March of 1997, when the newsroom of The Cincinnati Enquirer was flooded with UFO reports. Hopkins informed me, "We don't know what to do with all of these sightings!"

Cincinnati Enquirer readers were regrettably never apprised of this sensational and dramatic happening in the skies above them by the news staff of The Enquirer, who had stories of greater importance to convey: such as the new site for the Reds stadium, beef prices or non-smoking ordinances. This surprising lack of reportage was in light of the intense national media attention and hype surrounding the supposed Arizona UFO sightings, in which the same flare explanation may also apply.

Furthermore, the article references - word for word - quotes and

descriptive details drawn straight from the "UFO RESEARCH: CINCINNATI!" web-site. [address - <http://home.fuse.net/task/>] In some circumstances, this particular deed could be termed 'plagiarism.'

Most disturbing is the apparent skew The Enquirer article exhibits in reportage of these spectacular series of events. There were numerous, documented eyewitness details regarding these odd happenings which strongly conflicts with the 'flare explanation.' Hopkins quotes eyewitness Jamie Orme, yet deletes his strong conviction that his sighting was "not caused by flares." These contradictory reports were totally glossed over and disregarded by The Cincinnati Enquirer. The omission of these conflicting details renders incomplete information to the readership of The Enquirer and results in inaccurate reportage.

John Hopkins was informed of my data-gathering research and investigations, in which I concluded that the UFO sightings were explainable as these flares he references. In my analysis of this incident, I found it necessary to address these reports conflicting with the 'flare explanation' so that my report could be factually accurate and objective, and I am troubled that such concern for accuracy was not apparent in the article. The apparent skew this article conveys and usage of my research without proper attribution is grossly unethical and in remarkably poor taste.

Our skies are full of misunderstanding, mystery, and yes, perhaps even conspiracy. The Cincinnati Enquirer would do well to conduct proper and objective reportage of such unusual happenings so that we may have an informed populace.

Respectfully,

KENNY YOUNG
Cincinnati, OH

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CE: 'War Games Mistaken for UFOs'

From: **Kenny Young** <task@FUSE.NET>
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 12:47:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 07:12:13 -0400
Subject: CE: 'War Games Mistaken for UFOs'

http://enquirer.com/editions/1998/07/13/loc_wargames13.html

The Cincinnati Enquirer.
Monday, July 13, 1998
By John Hopkins

"War games often mistaken for UFOs in Tristate "
"At first, it looked like an asteroid and fireball"

They saw it over the skies of Wilmington, Loveland and Mount
Healthy and as far south as Maysville, Ky.

Lights flashed in a synchronized pattern. A huge orange fireball
disappeared, then reappeared. Smaller objects moved in a
triangular formation. Below, neighborhood dogs barked.

In Maysville, Jamie Orme noticed the activity in the sky that
night in March 1997. It lasted, he said, no more than two
minutes. "I was astonished at what I saw," Mr. Orme said at the
time. "They were little balls of white light that appeared and
disappeared. Sometimes one, sometimes three or six little white
balls of light in the distance."

Officials at the Ohio Air National Guard in Springfield have
confirmed that Tristate residents have indeed seen colorful
objects in the sky and may very well see them again.

But they weren't UFOs.

Military dog-fight maneuvers over the skies of Southern Ohio --
which usually go unnoticed -- happen on a regular basis. The Air
National Guard conducts intercept training with F-16 "Falcon"
jets and flares in the skies over the region.

In military jargon, airspace very near Cincinnati is called the
Buckeye MOA. Though most people have never heard of this or any
other MOA -- shorthand for Military Operating Area -- the
Buckeye MOA is a hotbed of high-altitude pyrotechnics and
all-too-real-looking aerial dogfights.

The training overhead includes air-to-air refueling of F-16s by
aerial refueling tankers, dog fights and low-altitude exercises.
There are also search-and-rescue exercises.

In fact, similar war games are scattered throughout the
Tristate. To the west of Greater Cincinnati, pilots drop bombs
on the Jefferson Proving Grounds in Indiana, where the grounds
remain littered with 1.5 million rounds of unexploded
ammunition.

To the south, Blackhawk helicopters run low-level exercises over
Fort Campbell, Ky., near the Kentucky-Tennessee border. From
Louisville to Fort Knox, Ky., the C-130 "Hercules" four-engine
turboprops -- a transport aircraft -- conduct exercises along
Military Training Routes.

On some nights, area residents may look skyward and catch a
glimpse of some training missions -- if the skies are clear.
What residents were actually seeing last spring were the F-16s'

afterburners and flares being ejected from the \$17.5 million jet fighters.

The pilots were simulating air-to-air dog fights. And in actual combat, pilots drop hot, glowing flares during enemy confrontations to confuse heat-seeking missiles, said Capt. Neal O'Brian of the Air National Guard in Springfield.

"They eject the flares and typically that's what people see," he said, "a streak of flares that at night burn very bright. It's not uncommon for people all across the country to mistake the flares for some unidentified flying object.

"They might see the aircraft or hear it. More than likely, they will hear it. But the flares take a certain amount of time to burn and that is what they're seeing in the sky."

Mystery in sky

On clear nights, the high-altitude training missions inside the Buckeye MOA -- a large block of air space over an area near Cincinnati, Springfield, Columbus and Portsmouth -- startle many Greater Cincinnati residents.

That was the case in March 1997.

In Loveland, Ohio, Jake Ashcraft reported seeing a "main object" and smaller objects in a triangular formation in the sky. He said the main object was "absolutely huge" and that many people "had to have seen it."

Mr. Orme of Maysville, Ky., said what he saw did not appear to be military maneuvers. "At first, it looked like an asteroid and fireball, then it slowed down and came to a halt."

Air National Guard officials said there is no mystery to the sightings -- the military exercises have been conducted for decades. The afterburners of a climbing F-16 give an appearance of something hovering.

Pilots at the 178th Fighter Wing in Springfield spend an average of six hours a day flying in the Buckeye MOA, said Capt. Ann-Maria Coghlin, public affairs officer for the 178th Fighter Wing. They spend an average of 30 minutes a day training in a low-altitude training area called the Brush Creek MOA, which is within the larger Buckeye MOA, she said.

Maj. Brian MacLeod of the 178th Fighter Wing, recalled the night that area residents got a rare glimpse of the air-to-air combat and maneuvers.

"It was kind of a funny night," he said. "Most of the calls we got came out of Columbus."

The jet flares actually burn bright white when they are ejected from the jets, he said. But when viewed from ground level and at a distance, the flares appear to flicker and burn orange because of pollution in the air, Maj. MacLeod said.

Restricted air space

Exercises in the Buckeye MOA are conducted at altitudes above 5,000 feet. Supersonic flight is done at 35,000 feet, about seven miles above ground, said Maj. MacLeod.

"We try to be very, very noise-conscious because people live down there," he said.

Some civilian pilots -- unaware of these areas -- have flown their small planes into the training spaces. It is a dangerous way to get an up-close view. Aeronautical charts warn pilots of the many restricted training areas throughout the country.

"MOAs are places typically where aircrafts practice maneuvers," said Maj. Ken MacNevin of the National Guard Bureau in Alexandria, Va. "We have special use areas, so that other aircrafts know to be aware."

In the United States, there are 388 MOAs, said William Shumann, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C. There are also much smaller Restricted Areas (RAs) scattered throughout the region, as well as Military Training Routes (MTRs). The MTRs "tend to be more like corridors, certain distances above the ground. They also loop around communities, wildlife refuges and other sensitive areas," said Maj. MacNevin.

The restricted areas, such as the nearby Jefferson Proving Grounds, are used by the military for air-to-ground target training. Almost all the units in the region routinely deploy to wherever the Air Force is conducting operations, making it vital that pilots receive ongoing training, said Maj. MacNevin.

End of

article:

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Re: Flying Triangles

From: AlienHypel@aol.com
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 09:40:49 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 10:55:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Flying Triangles

>From: "Mark LeCuyer" <randydan@wavetech.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Flying Triangles
> Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 12:46:32 -0500

>From: Max Burns <AlienHypel@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 14:33:26 EDT
>To: Updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Flying Triangles

<sniped>

>Hello Mr. Burns:)

>This leads me to believe that these craft, if they are indeed
>terrestrial, are already outdated. Something much more advanced,
>if history repeats itself, is in the wings and operating
>covertly. Once we then start hearing reports of those future
>generation ufo crafts, we'll know that they too are outdated.
>It's a repetitious cycle.

>Remember the stealth fighters and bombers? We were hearing
>reports of these strange ufo crafts before the government finally
>unveiled them to the world. Notice how they are basically
>triangular in configuration also.

>If we're patient, and we really have no choice in the matter, we
>will then know the truth behind these strange triangular ufo
>craft also. My bet is they are HIGHLY advanced military aircraft,
>developed through the use of extraterrestrial technology, that we
>have been unknowingly supporting with our tax dollars through our
>governments black budget programs. Is it really any wonder why we
>work for almost the first five months of each year only to hand
>over our hard earned dollars to the government. They're ours, we
>just don't know it yet.

<snip>

Mark, that will do for me either way it would be confirmation
that we are being visited by ET's of unknown origin.

As to have recovered ET tecnologia to build triangles we must
have based it on the original design, therefore the triangles we
are seeing could be both, as I suggested to Mr Mathews but as
usual every one else is a "idiot" according to Mr Mathews if
they disagree with his opinion.

That statement itself is not unusual when ego's are at war.

Max Burns

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Alfred's Odd Ode #256

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 07:36:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 10:38:58 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #256

Apology to MW #256 (For July 15, 1998)

I thank fate for boundless energy, and the Army for the rest; though I'm likely called I bite the hand that feeds me. Nothing's further from the truth, I am humble, un-aloof, but insisting on a freedom I have earned so let me be! I'd be just what you want me. But it's got to be my way. The smallest price I'm asking is the wage that you should pay. You want me in there fighting righteous battles in your fray? Then give it to me real, cousin! Eschew pretension -- false display!

Give it me straight, paid leader, though my heart explodes my chest!
Give it to me level though I fail every test. Give it to me honest though my pillars fall with rust, though I lose it all -- this new world, and I end as dry as dust.

Give it with veracity though I tear your towers down! Give it with alacrity though you end up goat or clown. Give it and be forthright, give it or be damned, give it though your vaults clean out, and you're driven from this land!

Give even if it hurts, good friend, it's what you've asked of me. Give it cause I've paid my end, it's your turn now, you see. Give it up in better time, dark man, give it up while you can pay. Be a hero in our history, or be the convict on display!

On Mars it's frankly obvious, and the moon is secret still. Why scramble all the video? Why does NASA feed us swill? Why do we waste a farthing on an organ filled with blood, when the melting of our icecaps has the oceans rage and flood? Our skies are filled with colored light not made by those on earth? An interest in the sex lives of the famous is its dearth! The pyramids are piled upon the secrets of the ages? Yet we endure mere tabloids spewing Willy's boffing pages!

Our Shuttles filmed *amazing* stuff on 48 and 80, but Springer's show is all the rage, what's happened to us lately? I see them in the stark blue skies, they drift before excited eyes like tiny dots too fast and sly, or way to slow, and closer, why? They don't appear just me it seems, there are others standing 'round in dreams, reality's, for them, obscene, "It must be *us*", they bleat with steam.

We don't want foundation rattled, though it's built up in the air. We'd keep the lies constructed to beguile us, mon frere. It's safer to deny the skies, and pretend *creations crown*, or to suffer gods that *love* us -- keep us stupid, keep us down. Anything you'd make me do will not get done your way. Give it up you gods and devils, or give out, and go away.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

. . .Which was, of course, the theme of Babylon 5 until its denouement -- shortly after Sheridan assumes a federation presidency, but I digress.

"Who are you"?

"What do you want"?

Restoring John Ford answers both questions.

Restore John Ford!

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Explore the Alien View? <Updated 10 July>

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

From: Marie Ivey <jmi@aretha.jax.org>
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 08:43:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 10:40:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 00:45:37 +0200
>Subject: Astronaut Frank Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth
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>Excerpt from an article "Flying the Gusmobile" about the Gemini
>missions. Published on the site of "Air and Space" magazine
>July 14.
>
>URL:
>
><http://www.airspacemag.com:80/ASM/Mag/Index/1998/AS/ftgm.html>
>
>Stig

><snip>

>Well, a lot of the UFO freaks on the ground picked this up and said
>we had seen a UFO because we had referred to our booster as a bogey.

><snip>

Don't you all love to be called a UFO freak by a National Hero?
Shame on him. JMI

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Cops Probe Origin of Aussie Drawing

From: Rebecca <RSchatte@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 09:20:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 10:50:17 -0400
Subject: Cops Probe Origin of Aussie Drawing

From: AOLNews@aol.com
Subject: Cops Probe Origin of Aussie Drawing
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 04:16:58 EDT

Cops Probe Origin of Aussie Drawing

.c The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Police are investigating the origins of a massive drawing of what appears to be an Aboriginal hunter etched into a remote patch of desert in outback Australia.

No one so far has claimed responsibility for the 2.5 mile-long figure carved into the dust near Finniss Springs in northern South Australia state.

Residents from the nearby township of Maree believe the figure was created using a plow, possibly drawn by a tractor, although there are no signs of a tractor's wheel marks.

From the air, the outline resembles an Aboriginal man holding a spear. The Australian newspaper reported today that it is five times the size of the largest human drawing at Nazca, Peru - where pictures of a monkey, lizard, a spider and other animals are believed to have been drawn by the Nazca Indians sometime in the years 300-600.

Local resident Ray Goss told the newspaper he and a group of friends found the ground etching after anonymous directions were faxed to the Marree hotel last week.

The state Aboriginal Affairs Department said today it had sent officials to investigate.

Policeman Paul Liersch said the drawing may be an attempt to create a tourist attraction, and ruled out any extraterrestrial involvement.

"I found toilet paper out there so, if it has been done from space, they're fairly much like us," Liersch told The Australian.

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Re: A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio

From: Sheree Cox <cox@mcmail.CIS.McMaster.CA>
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 09:44:43 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 11:01:40 -0400
Subject: Re: A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio

>From: Melanie Mecca <natural.state@erols.com>
>Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 18:23:39 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio

>>Date: Sat, 4 Jul 1998 12:47:56 -0400
>>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: A Remark By Eshleman On PBS Radio
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>I guess the problem is that there hasn't been an event where
>>independent newsmedia have multiply recorded (as well as
>>multiply witnessed) something as definitive as an "Independence
>>Day" type saucer (not necessarily as large as 15 miles in
>>diameter, of course. Thirty feet wuld be large enough, thank
>>you.)

>What about the CNN daylight filming in San Jose, Costa Rica a few
>months ago? Anyone seen hide or hair of that? Further, slightly
>related, what about that daylight photo over Lake Arenal of the
>large metal saucer entering or leaving the lake, taken by the
>mapping expedition? Any due diligence ever done on that image?

> Melanie

Hi everybody,

I don't usually participate in all of the 'conversations'; I'm really just a novice at all of this UFO business, but I would like to comment on this.

It seems that there's quite a few videos taken by media, such as the above by CNN or the mapping expedition.

If its a reputable organization that is filming these UFO's coupled with other reputable people making claims (such as astronauts) wouldnt this be enough to make it all worthy of SOME sort of investigation or at least enough for some officials to sit up and take note.

Or maybe I'm such a novice at this, that I'm totally naive.

Sorry folks, I just find it difficult to understand.

Is there that much of a conspiracy going on that evidence is squashed - or are some people so afraid of ridicule?

S.

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Triangular UFOs over Belgium

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 14:54:20 -0400
Subject: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

I am new to this list, so if someone has already speculated on this, forgive me.

I was reading about the triangular UFO's sighted over Belgium between 1989 and 1991. One particular report mentions a large, triangular shaped UFO hovering at a total stop, and then 'distorting' as if it were viewed under wave filled water, and the three white lights that were on each corner of the triangle converging into a single small light. The structure of the craft vanished, leaving only the converged light. This light then shot off toward the sky at very high velocity.

At around the same general time, a Belgian F-16 was dispatched to investigate one of these craft. The radar indicated that the object being pursued had a speed of about 770 knots, slowed to 0 knots, and then accelerated to 990 knots in about one second. Such acceleration is not possible with current aircraft technology.

These two cases with the same type of craft display the following:

1. 'Distortion' of the vehicle before flying off at high speed
2. Extremely high acceleration curves

I think that one possible explanation might be that these craft do not use a normal type of propulsion system, but something like a 'field drive' that bends light around the object, making it appear to distort into a small point, and allowing an object to accelerate at a high rate while feeling no onboard acceleration. Similar to Miguel Alcubierre's 'warp drive'.

Just a thought.
Kyle R. Mcallister

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Re: A New Prescription for Hubble

From: Mark LeCuyer <randydan@wavetech.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 14:56:53 -0400
Subject: Re: A New Prescription for Hubble

Source: Popular Science
A New Prescription for Hubble
by Arthur Fisher

The Hubble Space Telescope was plagued by fuzzy vision when it was first launched in April 1990, but it was fixed in a daring manned rescue mission to install corrective optics-"eyeglasses"-for its myopic instruments. Ever since, it has returned dazzling pictures that have provided new insights into the workings of the universe. Now, Hubble is about to undergo another service visit, one intended to enhance the \$3 billion telescope's already stellar performance by a factor of 100.

Scheduled for February 13, the mission-managed by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Institute-will bring a seven-astronaut space-shuttle crew to a rendezvous with Hubble in orbit some 500 kilometers above Earth. The astronauts will snatch Hubble with the shuttle's manipulator arm and park it in the shuttle's bay. Then, they will remove two of Hubble's astronomical instruments and replace them with two unwieldy new instruments the size of telephone booths. One weighs (on Earth) about 500 pounds, the other about 800 pounds, and both have to be wrestled into Hubble's payload slots, which have clearances of less than an inch.

Why mess with success? The new, state-of-the-art equipment will enable Hubble to see objects and processes that have been beyond the range of its original instruments, and will open new windows on the universe. The two instruments that are being replaced are the Goddard High Resolution Spectrograph and the Faint Object Spectrograph. (A spectrograph separates light into the colors, or wavelengths of the spectrum, that it contains.) The new instruments are the Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph (STIS) and the Near-Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer (NICMOS).

STIS will allow astrophysicists to ferret out characteristics of heavenly objects, including their motion, makeup, and temperature. Scientists are particularly eager to use its detectors to penetrate the haze of dust thought to surround hypothetical black holes at the centers of galaxies. STIS was developed for Goddard's Laboratory for Astronomy and Solar Physics by Ball Aerospace of Boulder, Colorado.

Because infrared light is not filtered by the dust that blocks visible light, NICMOS will be able to peer farther back in time-that is, to a greater distance-than the optical and ultraviolet light instruments now functioning on Hubble. Scientists hope the new instrument will help solve some of the conundrums of modern cosmology, such as the origin of galaxies. NICMOS was developed by the University of Arizona with Ball Aerospace and the Rockwell Electro-Optical Center in Anaheim, California.

Another servicing mission-to replace a 1970s-vintage computer with a new one, among other things-will take place in 1999. And NASA is already working on plans for a next-generation space telescope to be launched in 2005, when the Hubble mission is scheduled to end.

From: Mark - Alien Astronomer
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Re: Sturrock Panel

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Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

> Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 23:58:50 -0400
> From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> Regarding...

> >From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel
> >Date: Sun, 05 Jul 98 09:54:18 PDT

> Jerry wrote:

> >The Sturrock panel got to listen to some of the best evidence from
> >some of the best UFO investigators and researchers alive today.

> As you appreciate, that's a subjective opinion, especially on
> what constitutes 'best evidence'.

> However, if this was a 'best shot', isn't it a damning
> indictment of the 'extraterrestrial hypothesis' when Prof.
> Sturrock writes:

> "Concerning the case material presented by the investigators,
> the panel concluded that a few reported incidents may have
> involved rare but significant phenomena such as electrical
> activity, but there was no convincing evidence pointing to
> unknown physical processes or to the involvement of
> extraterrestrial intelligence".

[I've also posted this to the Project 1947 list.]

James,

Quite frankly, you're talking nonsense. I suspect you've only read media accounts of the Sturrock panel, and haven't read the complete report.

Or if you've read it, you haven't grasped what you've read. You may draw any conclusions you like, but the scientists on the panel don't agree with you.

Here are some relevant excerpts:

First, from Sturrock's introduction, clearly setting forth the purposes and limitations of the study you are misrepresenting:

"[T]he fact is that physical scientists cannot get involved in the UFO problem unless there is physical evidence. The purpose of this workshop was to assess whether or not there is any such evidence. If the answer is no, then there is no way that physical scientists can contribute to the resolution of this problem. If, on the other hand, the answer is yes, then it should be possible for physical scientists to contribute to the resolution of this problem.

"It should perhaps be stressed that it would be unreasonable to ask a panel of nine scientists, meeting for only a few days, to do much more than make a preliminary assessment of some limited

category of evidence related to this complex and controversial topic. It would certainly be highly unreasonable to expect such a panel to solve, in only a few days, a problem that has remained unsolved for fifty years. Science advances by the development of an informed consensus on well defined questions (see, for instance, Ziman, 1968), but scientists can arrive at an informed consensus only if (1) sufficient research has been carried out, and (2) the results of that research have been presented to and evaluated by the scientific community. For the UFO problem, these first two essential steps have yet to be taken."

>From Eshelman's summary of the panel's work and conclusions:

"The participants addressed the problem of understanding the cause or causes of UFO reports, which have continued worldwide for at least 50 years. The investigators were asked to present their strongest data to the review panel. The thrust of these presentations was that at least some of the phenomena are not easily explainable. The panel focused on incidents involving some form of physical evidence, with clear recognition of the dangers of relying wholly on the testimony of witnesses and of the importance of physical measurements for distinguishing among hypotheses.

"It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to science. However, to be credible to the scientific community, such evaluations must take place with a spirit of objectivity and a willingness to evaluate rival hypotheses. "

And:

"The panel concluded that further analysis of the evidence presented at the workshop is unlikely to elucidate the cause or causes of the reports. However, the panel considers that new data, scientifically acquired and analyzed (especially of well documented, recurrent events), could yield useful information. In this case, physical scientists would have an opportunity to contribute to the resolution of the UFO problem."

Note this phrase: "further analysis of the evidence presented at the workshop." In other words, a certain limited amount of data was presented at the workshop, from which preliminary conclusions were drawn. One conclusion was in the phrase you've quoted ad nauseum: "The review panel was not convinced that any of the evidence involved currently unknown physical processes or pointed to the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence."

That refers only to the evidence presented to the workshop. The panel concluded -- precisely in the spirit of Sturrock's introduction -- that much more study is needed, because nothing more can be determined from the evidence presented at the workshop. Only after far more study of much more data can any conclusions be drawn -- and "rival hypotheses" be evaluated.

Note once more that the entire thrust of the report is on the need for further study. The purpose of the workshop was not to evaluate rival hypotheses. It was to determine whether further study was needed. The answer to that question, in the panel's opinion, was "yes." When further study is, in fact, implemented (according to detailed suggestions appended at the end), then, quoting once more:

"Such evaluations must take place with a spirit of objectivity and a willingness to evaluate rival hypotheses. "

Note also the following, from Sturrock's recommendations for implementation of the panel's findings:

"The UFO problem is very complex and it is quite impossible to predict what might emerge from research into this area. But the same is true of any really innovative and exciting area of scientific research. As the panel remarked "Whenever there are unexplained observations, there is the possibility that scientists will learn something new by studying those observations." What is learned may bear no relation to the concepts that were entertained when the research was undertaken. We venture to hope that more scientists will take an interest in this curious subject so that there will be more progress in the

second half century than there has been in the first half century. There could hardly be less"

Note this phrase: "It is quite impossible to predict what might emerge from research into this area."

The ETH is not excluded.

(Thanks to Jean-Luc Rivera, who downloaded the separate parts of the report, combined them into a single file, and kindly e-mailed it to me.)

Greg Sandow

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Re: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
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Subject: Re: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

>Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 12:58:27 -0400
>From: Kenny Young <task@FUSE.NET>
>Subject: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer
>To: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

<snip>

>Our skies are full of misunderstanding, mystery, and yes,
>perhaps even conspiracy. The Cincinnati Enquirer would do well
>to conduct proper and objective reportage of such unusual
>happenings so that we may have an informed populace.

>Respectfully,

>KENNY YOUNG

Dear Kenny,

Just wanted to express my appreciation for people like you who are willing to chide the media for less than objective and factual reporting especially on such an important subject.

This sort of thing happens with deplorable frequency. A recent TV program entitled "Unmasked: Exposing the Secrets of Deception" comes to mind. One of the segments dealt with crop circles. Now, this program was not really a news story, but it contained glaring factual errors about the phenomenon, and completely ignored it's more interesting aspects, such as the undamaged (yet bent) plant stems or genetic anomalies found within the plant matter. The only battle they chose to fight (understandably so) was the claim by some that humans could not create such elaborate and mathematically precise formations in darkness. To an extent they won. They sent a team of hoaxers out to do their dirty work, although not in England (curious, that). I think it was Brazil. They succeeded in producing a very impressive and complex pattern. They cheated somewhat by using the light of the full moon, however, and worked away from any major roads. Naturally, the show's narrator declared the mystery solved, even though we didn't hear from a single crop circle researcher.

The subject has received similar treatment in most major media, sadly. If I didn't know the details, I might buy it as well. The point of my longwindedness is that the public needs to know the DETAILS of such things. All too often, the skeptics and debunkers have the last public word...which really needs to stop, or we go nowhere.

Quite often, when the subject of UFOs or crop circles comes up, I usually get the expected comments..."Oh, yeah those two guys made all those crop circles" or " Those were just flares, I saw it on TV". I always reply with "Well did you know about (add any factual details) during that event?"

The response is usually "Really? No, I didn't know that!". It's a pleasant feeling to know you've just given them something new to think about. I just wish the media would get their facts in order and be more objective. Should I hold my breath?

Keep up the good work Kenny,
Greg St. Pierre

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Re: Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

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>Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 00:45:37 +0200
>Subject: Astronaut Frank Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

>Excerpt from an article "Flying the Gusmobile" about the Gemini
>missions. Published on the site of "Air and Space" magazine
>July 14.

>URL:

><http://www.airspacemag.com:80/ASM/Mag/Index/1998/AS/ftgm.html>

>Stig

><snip>

Borman said that the bogey was their booster, but was it? The conversation which took place between Gemini 7 and the ground control at Houston (Condon Report pp. 207) reveals that astronauts saw both the booster and the bogey at the same time. So it is impossible that the booster was the bogey.

The following conversation took place between the spacecraft and the ground control at Houston:

Spacecraft: Gemini 7 here, Houston how do you read?
Capcom: Loud and clear. 7, go ahead.
Spacecraft: Bogey at 10 o'clock high.
Capcom: This is Houston. Say again 7.
Spacecraft: Said we have a bogey at 10 o'clock high.
Capcom: Roger. Gemini 7, is that the booster or is that an actual sighting?
Spacecraft: We have several, looks like debris up here. Actual sighting.
Capcom: You have any more information? Estimate distance or size?
Spacecraft: We also have the booster in sight.
Capcom: Understand you also have the booster in sight, Roger.
Spacecraft: Yea, we have a very, very many look like hundreds of little particles banked on the left out about 3 to 7 miles.
Capcom: Understand you have many small particles going by on the left. At what distance?
Spacecraft: Oh about it looks like a path of the vehicle at 90 degrees.

Capcom: Roger, understand that they are about 3 to 4 miles away.

Spacecraft: They are passed now they are in polar orbit.

Capcom: Roger, understand they were about 3 to 4 miles away.

Spacecraft: That's what it appeared like. That's roger.

Capcom: Were these particles in addition to the booster and the bogey at 10 o'clock high?

Spacecraft: Roger Spacecraft (Lovell) I have the booster on my side, it's a brilliant body in the sun, against a black background with trillions of particles on it.

Capcom: Roger. What direction is it from you?

Spacecraft: It's about at my 2 o'clock position. (Lovell)

Capcom: Does that mean that it's ahead of you?

Spacecraft: It's ahead of us at 2 o'clock, slowly tumbling.

This mention is also from Condon Report, pp 207-208):

The general reconstruction of the sighting based on the above conversation is that in addition to the booster travelling in an orbit similar to that of the spacecraft there was another bright object (bogey) together with many illuminated particles. It might be conjectured that the bogey and the particles were fragments from the launching of Gemini 7, but this is impossible if they were travelling in a polar orbit as they appeared to the astronauts to be doing.

Source: Condon, Edward (ed.), The Scientific Study of UFOs (Bantam Press, 1969)

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Re: Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

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On Wed, 15 Jul 1998, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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> Subject: Astronaut Frank Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

> <snip>

> At almost twice the length of Gemini 5, Commander Frank Borman's Gemini
> 7 mission may have been even more trying, but it grabbed the attention
> of at least one Hollywood producer.

> "Right after we got into orbit we were supposed to 'station keep' or
> fly formation with the booster," Borman says. "We were flying formation
> and taking photographs and infrared measurements and I started calling
> it a 'bogey,' which is an old fighter pilot term. Well, a lot of the
> UFO freaks on the ground picked this up and said we had seen a UFO
> because we had referred to our booster as a bogey. Just this past year
> I got a call from a producer at "Unsolved Mysteries" and they said, "We
> read your account about your seeing a UFO on Gemini 7 and would you
> come on the program?' I told them: "I'd love to come on your program
> because I'd love to straighten that out.' I explained what it was I saw
> and I said, "I don't think there were UFOs," and the producer said,
> "Well, I'm not sure we want you on the program.' "

> <snip>

Seems to me that Frank Borman's recollection is in conflict with what his fellow Gemini 7 astronaut, James Lovell, is quoted in saying during the actual space mission. James Lovell you may recall was later the Commander of Apollo 8 which made the first manned flight to the Moon in December 1968. On that mission James Lovell is also quoted as saying "Please be informed that there is a Santa Claus"...

We find the following dialogue from the web site below.

<http://www.anomalous-images.com/astronaut.html#Borman>

Lovell: Bogey at 10 o'clock.

Capcom: This is Houston. Say again 7.

Lovell: Said we have a bogey at 10 o'clock high.

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Lovell: We have several...actual sightings.

Capcom: ...estimated distance or size?

Lovell: We also have the booster in sight...

Maybe the producer of "Unsolved Mysteries" should have contacted James Lovell instead of Frank Borman regarding this bogey.

There is also a photograph with two ball shaped UFOs (possibly reflections from a window since one would expect these UFOs to be centered in the picture if one was taking a photo of them) which is credited to Frank Borman at this same web site.

Can someone account for the dialogue with James Lovell and/or UFO picture by Frank Borman?

Nick Balaskas

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More Foo-Fighters

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
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Subject: More Foo-Fighters

Further to the Foo-fighters.

I have looked through the Southeastern Command's Weekly Intelligence Summaries and found a few accounts. We recently got the 4th Air Force Weekly Intelligence Summaries. There were no reports there. Research on this is really slow going.

Gen H. H. (Hap) Arnold's papers listed reports from Dr. David T. Griggs. Griggs claims he did a special study for Arnold. However, that was not in the papers. I have talked to a number of WW II intelligence and operations officers. They remember these things in intelligence documents. Some remember day time sightings. They also remember 8th and 9th Air Forces special reports on these things. I have found a brief compilation of "Unusual Objects and Missile Sighted During Operations." A few of these 1943 items fit the foo-fighter category.

>From the Swedish Defense staff archives and from a town history come some interesting reports. Anders Liljegren and Clas Svahn found these during their research. So they were seen in neutral countries.

Best regards,

Jan

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Greg,

Re: crop circles <largely snipped>

> bent stems, genetic changes..."Really? No, I didn't know that!". It's
> a pleasant feeling to know you've just given them something new
> to think about.

Like, I hope, many here I find it curious that no-one has addressed James Easton's question as to whether such 'evidence' should be presented to the Sturrock panel, or derivatives thereof, or just any old reputable scientific outfit.

It's physical enough and one would think that it ought to have been recorded properly. What, in your opinion, is the problem? Why has it been ignored?

> Brazil?

New Zealand -- there was no viable crop in England at the time of filming.

Rob

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Foo Fighters - NY Times Jan 2 1945

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Subject: Foo Fighters - NY Times Jan 2 1945

Posted to "alt.ufo.reports" July 15.

Stig

Subject: Foo-Fighters
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Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports

This is my first time to visit this group, so forgive my intrusion if "foo-fighters" have already been discussed to death. I was doing research tonight on an unrelated matter that took place in 1945 when I ran across the following article in the 2 January 1945 New York Times, p. 1. I am quoting it verbatim:

Balls of Fire Stalk U.S. Fighters in Night Assaults Over Germany

[Associated Press]

American Night Fighter Base, France, Jan. 1 --

The Germans have thrown something new into the night skies over Germany -- the weird, mysterious "foo-fighter," balls of fire that race alongside the wings of American Beaufighters flying intruder missions over the Reich.

American pilots have been encountering the eerie "foo-fighter" for more than a month in their night flights. No one apparently knows exactly what this sky weapon is.

The balls of fire appear suddenly and accompany the planes for miles. They appear to be radio-controlled from the ground and keep up with planes flying 300 miles an hour, official intelligence reports reveal. "There are three kinds of these lights we call 'foo-fighters,'" Lieut. Donald Meiers of Chicago said. "One is red balls of fire which appear off our wing tips and fly along with us; the second is a vertical row of three balls of fire which fly in front of us, and the third is a group of about fifteen lights which appear off in the distance--like a Christmas tree up in the air--and flicker on and off."

The pilots of this night-fighter squadron--in operation since September, 1943--find these fiery balls the weirdest thing that they have yet encountered. They are convinced that the "foo-fighter" is designed to be a psychological as well as a military weapon, although it is not the nature of the fire-balls to attack planes.

"A 'foo-fighter' picked me up recently at 700 feet and chased me twenty miles down the Rhine Valley," Lt. Meiers said. "I turned to starboard and two balls of fire turned with me. I turned to

the port side and they turned with me. We were going 260 miles an hour and the balls were keeping right up with us."

"On another occasion when a 'foo-fighter' picked us up, I dove at 360 miles per hour. It kept right off our wing tips for awhile and then zoomed up into the sky.

"When I first saw the things off my wing tips, I had the horrible thought that a German on the ground was ready to press a button and explode them. But they don't explode or attack us. They just seem to follow us like will-o'-the-wisps."

[An Associated Press report from Paris on Dec. 13 said that the Germans had thrown silvery balls into the air against day raiders. Pilots then reported that they had seen these objects, both individually and in clusters, during forays over Germany.]

Lt. Wallace Gould of Silver Creek, NY said that the lights had followed his wing tips for a while and then, in a few seconds, zoomed 20,000 feet into the air out of sight. Lt. Edward Schlater of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, said that he had seen the "foo-fighter" on two occasions and it "looked like shooting stars." In his first experience with them, Lt. Gould said, "I thought it was some new form of jet-propulsion plane after us. But we were very close to them and none of us saw any structure on the fire balls."

Can someone clarify what these things are, or should I begin believing in UFOs after all? 1945? Who on earth had such capabilities? I look forward to your public responses. Your combined knowledge should create an intriguing discussion.

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P1947: Foo Fighter Question

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Subject: P1947: Foo Fighter Question

David <win@WRITER.WIN-UK.NET> wrote:

> I wonder if anyone can help - Is it known whether any German pilots
> reported being apparently tailed by these Foo Fighters or did they just
> 'follow' US and UK a/c ?

> I'd be grateful for any comments, as I haven't seen this very basic
> question answered...maybe I'm looking in the wrong places...

> Best

> David

Hi David,

There are a number of German pilot reports out there which are very dubious as there sources are unreliable. Also, H. Durant made up the Sonder Buro hoax as a way to catch people poaching from his book. It was not ufology's finest hour. (Just one more stupid incident in the legion that makes me believe that ufologists are the main problem in studying UFOs.)

I do have a report from a German submarine captain during the war. There are some retrospective reports from various German, Japanese, and Axis subjects, but no reliable one's from pilots unless Werner or others can correct me.

David Griggs told Dr. McDonald that he asked the Japanese to look at their records and got a negative answer from them. However, Jo Chamberlin who wrote the "Foo-Fighter" article in American Legion magazine claims that we found 'Foo-Fighter' accounts in both German and Japanese documents. He refused to talk to Lindell about this as he said his information came from classified documents and he had been visited by counter intelligence after the article appeared. I guess they put the fear of God into him. When I attempted to contact him, he had had a stroke. His wife thought that 50 year records still being classified was a joke and promised to look for me. However, she probably has her hands full so I am not expecting an answer.

Best regards,

Jan

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Re: Sturrock Panel

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> Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 10:42:24 -0400

> Note once more that the entire thrust of the report is on the
> need for further study. The purpose of the workshop was not to
> evaluate rival hypotheses. It was to determine whether further
> study was needed. The answer to that question, in the panel's
> opinion, was "yes."

And rightly so. We all have seen what happened to the Condon
Committee, which couldn't resist the temptation to attempt to
prove MHH (misperception, hoax, hallucination hypothesis),
following in the well-trodden footsteps of the Air Force.

BTW, some people are of the opinion that Condon's people tried
to prove ETH. That is not accurate, even though Saunders would
have liked it. What happened was that, in lieu of determining
appropriate discriminators for ETH, the committee decided to try
to prove that UFOs were MHH, and if they failed, they might
conclude that ETH was proven.

This is, of course, flawed. Not least by the fact that Condon
was never going to admit even the OEH (objective existence
hypothesis), despite the failure of the committee to identify
more than a quarter of the cases which they examined. But
further, because disproving MHH, which has been more than
adequately done by the AF, is not proof of anything more than
OEH.

Sturrock's panel summary seems contradictory. On the one hand,
they conclude that

"It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract
information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to
science."

but then

"The review panel was not convinced that any of the evidence
involved currently unknown physical processes or pointed to the
involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence."

It is difficult to understand how they came to the first
conclusion in light of the second. But I'm glad they didn't take
any specific focus on any specific hypothesis.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
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UFOs and Power Loss

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From Chapter 9 - The E.M. Effect and Power Blackouts
(pages 130 - 137)

The Great Northeast Blackout
November 9, 1965

On November 9, 1965 the northeastern region of the United States and Canada was abruptly plunged into blackness. The worst blackout on record came to be known as the 'Big Blackout'.

The facts are well known. At 5:16 pm, at the height of the evening rush hour, electrical power to one-sixth of the continent's population was suddenly cut off, trapping millions of people on expressways, in elevators and in office buildings. Altogether, thirty million people in eight U.S. states and in the province of Ontario were affected by the disruption (1)

In Ontario the blackout was confined to the eastern portion of the province - from Timmins in the north, across to Cornwall in the east and south toward Sarnia. Windsor, Ottawa and Sudbury were the only eastern centres to escape the blackout.(2) Yet within three hours power was restored to most parts of the province.

Mass media coverage naturally focussed on the human aspect of the blackout and to a lesser extent, on the delay in determining the cause of the breakdown.

There was, however, an even more dramatic story.

UFOs had been reported in the vicinity of strategic hydro installations at the time of the blackout. The impressive number of credible sightings led many researchers to consider the possible role these craft may have played in the power collapse.

The researchers included the late Dr. James E. MacDonald,(3) a physicist at the University of Arizona; former NICAP director Major Donald E. Keyhoe; and astronomer Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the current director of the Centre for UFO Studies.

Immediately following the breakdown, the U.S. Federal Power Commission and the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission launched a full-scale investigation into the cause. At first, it was reported that the trouble originated with a mechanical breakdown in a high voltage line

between Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

According to the [Toronto] 'Globe and Mail':

The report turned out to be false. Then a sub-station near Syracuse was reported to be the cause of the failure, but repairmen found it in perfect condition. (4)

Finally, six days after the blackout, Ontario Hydro engineers traced the trouble to the mammoth Sir Adam Beck No.2 Generating Station at Queenston, Ontario north of Niagara Falls.

It seems that just prior to the blackout, power was flowing from Sir Adam Beck No.2. into Ontario, then across the border via Cornwall into New York State. In graphic terms, power was flowing clockwise in a loop around Lake Ontario.

At 5:16pm, a backup relay on one of the six lines linking Sir Adam Beck to the rest of the province mysteriously tripped the line's circuit breaker, which acts much like a household fuse.

In quick succession the cut-off power jumped to the other five lines, causing an overload that tripped the circuit breakers on these lines as well.

A veritable tidal wave of electricity - 1.1 million kilowatts - flowed in the opposite direction into New York State. (5) Inexplicably, the relays on the New York lines failed to isolate and contain the overload. Within seconds, the entire grid of thirty-one interconnected power utilities of CANUSE (Canada-United States Eastern Grid) had broken down.

Although experts could pinpoint the origin of the blackout, they were baffled by the cause of the relay malfunction and the failure of the protective systems to contain the overload.

In the words of Ontario Hydro's system supervising engineer, Jim Harris: "It's incredible! I would have said this was impossible if I hadn't seen the evidence." (6)

The mystery deepened when it was discovered that the relay had not in fact malfunctioned, but had merely reacted to a sudden surge of power from an unknown source.

As stated in the final report of the U.S. Federal Power Commission: "The precise cause of the backup relay energization is now known." (7) Where did the unexplained surge of power come from? To this day that question has remained unanswered.

Or has it?

Although inconclusive, one answer might lie in the findings of the late Dr. James McDonald who contended that the magnetic fields accompanying UFOs can create sudden power surges in transmission lines as the craft flies overhead.(8) In theory, these power surges could produce blackouts of massive proportions.

Since the 'Big Blackout', McDonald's theory has gained considerable support in the light of strong evidence confirming widespread UFO activity on that fateful evening.

The Syracuse Herald-Journal was inundated with calls reporting more than one hundred sightings in the Syracuse area.

One of the first came from Syracuse Deputy Aviation Commissioner, Robert C. Walsh, who was flying over Syracuse at the time of the blackout.(9) Despite the darkness, he managed to land safely at Hancock Airport.

Standing on the runway, with some airport officials he suddenly noticed an enormous circular ball of light, drifting overhead. "It appeared to be one hundred feet in the air and fifty feet in diameter.(10) It rose for several seconds, then suddenly disappeared. Moments later, a bewildered Walsh and his companions watched an identical device ascending over the airfield before mysteriously 'blinking out', as did its predecessor. Unlike the known high-speed plunges of fireballs, these craft moved upward at moderate speed - clearly under some form of intelligent control.

At the same time, the mysterious craft were also being observed overhead. Veteran flight instructor Weldon Ross and his student, James

Brooking, were approaching the darkened airport when they spotted a second fiery object below.

The Giant craft, estimated at well over one hundred feet in diameter, appeared to be positioned directly over the Clay sub-station, a strategic installation that channels power from Niagara Falls to New York City.(11)

It was the same sub-station where hydro investigating teams had initially pinpointed the origin of the blackout.

In a relentless pursuit of a possible UFO-blackout relationship, Herald-Journal reporters succeeded in uncovering even more explosive evidence. In a front page story seven days after the blackout, the paper carried photographs of the mysterious red craft taken by Mr. William Stillwell, a sexton at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He described what he had observed through a 117-power telescope:

The centre was rotating, around and around and around. It came from the direction of DeWitt and shot off at an angle and then went back the way it came. (12)

He had watched the glowing object for as long as two hours before it streaked away.

While investigating teams continued to dig for the mysterious cause of the power failure, press coverage of a possible UFO connection gained momentum.

In a strongly worded editorial, the Indianapolis Star urged:

The answer is fairly obvious - unidentified flying objects! It is one angle the multi-pronged investigation should not overlook.(13)

Support for the UFO possibility intensified as news of other sightings became known. In New York City, twenty minutes into the blackout, witnesses in the Time-Life Building spotted a peculiar glow in the sky over darkened Manhattan. According to Major Donald Keyhoe:

It appeared to come from a round object hovering over the city. This was twenty minutes after the lights began to go out. Several photographs were taken by a Time Magazine photographer, one of which appeared in the November 19th issue. (14)

Although clearly visible in the photograph reproduced here, Time editors failed to make any reference in their photo-caption to the spindle-shaped craft. Journalistic oversight or deliberate omission? The only hit of any unusual aerial activity came in a facetious reference to a Soviet satellite:

Some New Yorkers, claiming that they had seen a satellite pass over at the moment the lights failed, argued that the Russians had done it again. (15)

But UFO investigator and author, the late Frank Edwards disagrees with both the UFO and the Soviet satellite explanations:

The spindle-shaped thing could have been a UFO--but it certainly wasn't. It was nothing more than an optical ghost, the result of reflections between the elements of an air-spaced lens.(16)

While disputing the validity of the Time photo, Edwards strongly supported the contention the UFOs were somehow involved in activating the blackout. In fact, while conducting his own investigation into the cause of the blackout he discovered that U.S. military authorities had been well aware of the UFO presence, at least forty-five minutes prior to the power failure.(17)

This startling disclosure came from two commercial pilots, Jerry Whitaker and George Croninger, who were flying over Tidioute, Pennsylvania, when they spotted two disc-shaped 'shiny objects' overhead.

Even more surprising was the sight of two military jets chasing the mysterious craft.

Moments later, one of the discs put on a 'burst of speed' and quickly outdistanced its pursuers. While watching the fast-disappearing UFO,

the dazed pilots lost sight of the other object, which had presumably departed in the same manner.

The most spectacular UFO revelation, however, came one day prior to the release of the 'official' explanation when, speaking before a nationwide television audience, NBC commentator Frank McGee announced that a private pilot had spotted a "round, glowing object near the Niagra Falls power plant".(18)

Associated Press picked up the story and numerous newspapers subsequently carried it. The following morning, a well-documented article appeared in the New York Journal American blaming UFOs for the disastrous power-grid breakdown.

Any further media focus on the UFO connection was brought to an abrupt halt, however, with the release of the 'broken relay' explanation.

Despite mounting evidence, the Federal Power Commission had predictably chosen to side-step the possible UFO connection. This omission was eventually confirmed by Dr. James E. McDonald who, as a respected scientist, was allowed to interview certain FPC officials.

They admitted they had the Syracuse and Niagara Falls reports, also most of the others on that night. But they wouldn't discuss the UFO possibility...No matter what they believed, I think they were convinced the facts shouldn't be given to the public, and that's why they agreed to the 'broken relay' story. At any rate, it was obvious they were covering up.(19)

Under the circumstances there seems to be a strong possibility that Canadian authorities were also involved in the cover-up. Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission investigators, having become aware of the UFO reports, collaborated with the FPC by exchanging information that eventually led to the 'broken relay' explanation.(20)

Furthermore, this explanation had apparently been pre-arranged and was released simultaneously in both countries.(21)

The Ontario Hydro press statement similarly neglected to include UFOs as the possible cause for the blackout.

One reputable American ufologist went so far as to point an accusing finger at the late Lester B. Pearson, then prime minister. Major Donald Keyhoe contends that:

To shift attention from the UFO explanation, the 'broken relay' story was invented. Since this could be construed as blaming Canada, the Prime Minister must have been convinced it was best for both countries not to disclose the true situation.(22)

If that was the case, then it represents one of the most shocking deceptions ever perpetrated - leaving the heads of thirty-one utility companies and thirty million people to grope around in the dark in more ways than one!

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P1947: NY Blackout

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Subject: P1947: NY Blackout

Re: New York blackout/great NE power grid failure
[November 9, 1965]

Hi Folks,

Here's the portion of the Dr. James E. McDonald statement, excerpted from testimony before the House Committee on Science & Astronautics, July 29, 1968.

I will be posting a UFO vs. Outages graph later this morning.
[<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/blackout.htm>]

Francis Ridge NICAP Site Coordinator

Mr. Ryan: Let me ask a further question: In the course of your investigation and your study of UFO sightings, have you found any cases where contemporaneously with the sighting of UFO's allegedly, there were any other events which took place, which might or might not be related to the UFO's?

Dr. McDonald. Yes. Certainly there are many physical effects. For instance, in Mr. Pettis' district, several people found the fillings in their mouth hurting while this object was nearby, but there are car ignition failure. One famous case was at Levelland, Tex., in 1957. Ten vehicles were stopped within a short area, all independently in a 2-hour period, near Levelland, Tex. There was no lightning or thunder storm, and only a trace of rain. There is another which I don't know whether to bring to the committee's attention or not. The evidence is not as conclusive as the car stopping phenomenon, hut there are too many instances for me to ignore. UFO's have often been seen hovering near power facilities. There are a small number but still a little too many to seem pure fortuitous chance, of system outages, coincident with the UFO sighting. One of the cases was Tamaroa, Ill. Another was a case in Shelbyville, Ky., early last year.

(here we go)

Even the famous one, the New York blackout, involved UFO sightings. Dr. Hynek probably would be the most appropriate man to describe the Manhattan sighting, since he interviewed several witnesses involved. I interviewed a woman in Seacliff, N.Y. She saw a disk hovering and going up and down. And then shooting away from New York just after the power failure. I went to the FPC for data, they didn't take them seriously although they had many dozens of sighting reports for that famous evening. There were reports all over New England in the midst of that blackout, and five witnesses near Syracuse, N.Y., saw a glowing object ascending within about a minute of the blackout. First they thought it was a dump burning right at the moment the lights went out. It is rather puzzling that the pulse of current that tripped the relay at the Ontario Hydro Commission plant has never been identified, but initially the tentative suspicion was centered on the Clay Substation of the Niagara Mohawk network right there in the Syracuse area, where unidentified aerial phenomenon has been seen by some of the witnesses.

This extends down to the limit of single houses losing their power when a UFO is near. The hypothesis in the case of car stopping is that there might be high magnetic fields, d.c. fields, which saturate the core and thus prevent the pulses going through the system to the other side. Just how a UFO could trigger an outage on a large power network is however not yet clear. But this is a disturbing series of coincidences that I think warrant much more attention than they have so far received.

Mr. Ryan. As far as you know, has any agency investigated the New York blackout in relation to UFO?

Dr. McDonald. None at all. when I spoke to the FPC people, I was dissatisfied with the amount of information I could gain. I am saying there is a puzzling and slightly disturbing coincidence here. I'm not going on record as saying, yes, these are clear-cut cause and effect relations. I'm saying it ought to be looked at. There is no one looking at this relation between UFO's and outages.

Mr. Roush: Our time is really running short, Mr. Ryan.

Mr. Ryan: One final question. Do you think it is imperative that the Federal Power Commission, or Federal Communications Commission, investigate the relation if any between the sightings and the blackout?

Dr. McDonald: My position would call for a somewhat weaker adjective. I'd say extremely desirable.

Mr. Roush: Thank you. Thank you, Dr. McDonald.

(Dr. McDonald's testimony is noteworthy because of its directness and force. He considers the extraterrestrial hypothesis the most likely explanation of the phenomena. On examining the best UFO evidence, it is certainly possible to rule out practically every other hypothesis, and it is on this basis that Dr. McDonald and others lean toward the theory that we are undergoing surveillance from intelligently guided craft from extraterrestrial sources.)

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Follow-up from "alt.ufo.reports" July 15.

Stig

Subject: Re: Foo-Fighters
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I'm informed that pilots of 14 Squadron RNZAF operating Corsairs in the Pacific Islands also encountered 'foo fighters' towards the end of WW2. I have no further details, but maybe a lead from there for someone.

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## Re: Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

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>>Subject: Astronaut Frank Bormann Demystifies Gemini 7 UFO Myth

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>>At almost twice the length of Gemini 5, Commander Frank  
>>Borman's Gemini 7 mission may have been even more trying, but  
>>it grabbed the attention of at least one Hollywood producer.

>>"Right after we got into orbit we were supposed to "station  
>>keep' or fly formation with the booster," Borman says. "We were  
>>flying formation and taking photographs and infrared  
>>measurements and I started calling it a "bogey," which is an old  
>>fighter pilot term. Well, a lot of the UFO freaks on the ground  
>>picked this up and said we had seen a UFO because we had  
>>referred to our booster as a bogey. Just this past year I got a  
>>call from a producer at "Unsolved Mysteries" and they said, "We  
>>read your account about your seeing a UFO on Gemini 7 and would  
>>you come on the program?' I told them: "I'd love to come on your  
>>program because I'd love to straighten that out.' I explained  
>>what it was I saw and I said, "I don't think there were UFOs,'  
>>and the producer said, "Well, I'm not sure we want you on the  
>>program.' "

>><snip>

>Seems to me that Frank Borman's recollection is in conflict with  
>what his fellow Gemini 7 astronaut, James Lovell, is quoted in  
>saying during the actual space mission. James Lovell you may  
>recall was later the Commander of Apollo 8 which made the first  
>manned flight to the Moon in December 1968. On that mission  
>James Lovell is also quoted as saying "Please be informed that  
>there is a Santa Claus"...

>We find the following dialogue from the web site below.

><http://www.anomalous-images.com/astronaut.html#Borman>

>Lovell: Bogey at 10 o'clock.

>Capcom: This is Houston. Say again 7.

>Lovell: Said we have a bogey at 10 o'clock high.

>Capcom: Gemini 7, is that the booster or is that an actual  
>sighting?

>Lovell: We have several...actual sightings.

>Capcom: ...estimated distance or size?

>Lovell: We also have the booster in sight...

>Maybe the producer of "Unsolved Mysteries" should have contacted  
>James Lovell instead of Frank Borman regarding this bogey.

>There is also a photograph with two ball shaped UFOs (possibly  
>reflections from a window since one would expect these UFOs to  
>be centered in the picture if one was taking a photo of them)  
>which is credited to Frank Borman at this same web site.

>Can someone account for the dialogue with James Lovell and/or  
>UFO picture by Frank Borman?

>Nick Balaskas

From:

<http://www.ufobbs.com/txt1/616.ufo>

The source isn't specified.

Stig

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SUBJECT: UFOs & NASA SPACE MISSIONS  
FILE: UFO616

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NASA.txt - This document is a compilation of material relating  
to NASA and sightings by astronauts of UFO's. The material  
contained herein is not of an original nature but can be found  
in the sources listed at the end of the text. There has been  
much discussion on astronaut sightings in the echos. To help  
stimulate this and get us all up to speed on the topic I thought  
it would be informative to collect all the available material  
into one file. I have attempted to collect the facts and present  
the opinions both pro and con concerning each incident. I have  
only listed sources for which I have actual copies in my  
possession. If you know of other sources not listed here which  
specifically relate to NASA encounters, please let me know. Your  
assistance is appreciated.

<snip>

GEMINI VII December 4, 1965 (Frank Borman, James Lovell)

During this flight Borman describes what he calls a "bogey at  
ten o'clock high" The object was slowly tumbling and was at  
first thought to be their booster rocket. But this was ruled out  
when the astronauts also saw the booster simultaneously with the  
bogey.

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Lovell is reported to have taken some magnificent photographs of  
two mushroom shaped UFO's on December 4. The pictures seem to  
show the glow of a propulsion system on the underside. The  
pictures were taken at a range of several hundred yards. Some  
believe this picture to be a blatant forgery accomplished by  
airbrushing a picture of light reflecting off the nose of the  
spacecraft.

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## UK & London Sightings 1997?

From: **Tony Spurrier** <[TSpurrier@compuserve.com](mailto:TSpurrier@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 08:17:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 09:06:32 -0400  
Subject: UK & London Sightings 1997?

Does anyone on the list have the estimated total number of UFO sightings in London and also England for 1997.

In addition to this information does anyone have the number of alleged abductions in London and also England for 1997.

Thanks, Tony

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/tspurrier/>

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## Re: Sturrock Panel

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Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 08:49:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel  
>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 23:25:46 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

<snip>

>Sturrock's panel summary seems contradictory. On the one hand,  
>they conclude that

>"It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract  
>information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to  
>science."

>but then

>"The review panel was not convinced that any of the evidence  
>involved currently unknown physical processes or pointed to the  
>involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence."

>It is difficult to understand how they came to the first  
>conclusion in light of the second. But I'm glad they didn't take  
>any specific focus on any specific hypothesis.

Getting scientists to admit that there are phenomena that they simply can't explain with traditional scientific explanations is a good step forward. It's also important to note that being labeled an unknown because the evidence can't be explained by traditional science is different than being listing "unknown" because of insufficient evidence (although some might argue that the latter leads to the former).

On the other hand, I suspect that any kind of ETH hypothesis will require far more conclusive evidence than has been found thus far. The "leap of faith" (and/or "paradigm shift") that would have to accompany that theory would be very difficult for the scientific community to accept without some sort of "landing on the White House lawn" (so to speak). Until there is absolute proof that a "natural phenomenon" explanation is out of the question, no other theories are likely gain popularity among the scientific community.

Steve

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## Re: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
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Subject: Re: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

>From: [RobIrving@aol.com](mailto:RobIrving@aol.com)  
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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

Rob, you wrote:

>Like, I hope, many here I find it curious that no-one has addressed  
>James Easton's question as to whether such 'evidence' should be  
>presented to the Sturrock panel, or derivatives thereof, or just any  
>old reputable scientific outfit.

>It's physical enough and one would think that it ought to have been  
>recorded properly. What, in your opinion, is the problem? Why has  
>it been ignored?

It HAS been recorded properly.

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## HEATWAVE '98 - British UFO Studies Centre

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Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 10:51:44 +0100

Hello all!

Welcome to HEATWAVE '98 - the warm message of Summer love and affection from the British UFO Studies Centre.

IN THIS REPORT;

- AMAZING NEW VIDEO FOOTAGE OF UFOs OVER CROPS IN WILTSHIRE
- CLOSE ENCOUNTERS EXPOSED?
- ATTEMPT TO SERIOUSLY INJURE BUFOSC RESEARCHERS
- FLYING TRIANGLES - THE TRUTH....AGAIN
- BUFOSC ACTIVISM.
- EVENTS PLANNER.

AMAZING FOOTAGE TAKEN IN WILTSHIRE!! EXTRA EXTRA!

Welsh researcher and Editor of the popular 'Truthseekers Review' magazine Matthew Williams ([truthseekers@btinternet.com](mailto:truthseekers@btinternet.com)) has filmed some potentially amazing video footage in Wiltshire. Last week, armed with video camera and accompanied by a colleague, Williams filmed around five minutes of video footage; just under two minutes of footage of a military helicopter (Westland Lynx) flying low and hovering near Milk Hill, footage of this helicopter chasing what appeared to be a ball of white light under intelligent control and three minutes of a cigar-shaped object overhead!!

There seems little doubt that the helicopter was chasing the object. Whether the h/c pilot knew of the existence of the cigar-like object is unclear but the h/c did hover menacingly over Williams' head - around 20ft - for some time. This clear attempt at intimidation breaks all known low flying protocol.

So what is going on? Can this be a series of coincidental events, unconnected in any way?

Does the military have knowledge about the crop circles appearing in nearby fields?

And who killed Kenny?

Editor of 'The Circular Review' Nick Nicholson reports that 40 formations have been reported this Summer in Wiltshire alone. Many of these have been poor fakes although some appear to be well-formed. BUFOSC and friends will be down in Wiltshire from 26th July.....Join us. Contact us NOW for details.

Well done Matthew and Nick!

MORE CRAP?

Did you know that the year 2,000 divided by 3=3D 666? No? Neither did we and perhaps somebody will be kind enough to point out the relevance of this fact...Neither Eric or I are given to reading

'Revelations' Chapter anything.....

THE SCUM OF THE EARTH!

Meanwhile, back in the weird and wonderful world of Ufology attempts to stifle the publication of my forthcoming book entitled 'UFO Revelation' have failed miserably. The same people involved in this pathetic attempt are no doubt in close contact with the people who sabotaged Eric Morris's car only hours before we were due to travel to Sheffield yesterday (14th July) to address the excellent Yorkshire UFO Society.

A very serious and potentially fatal accident was narrowly avoided.....

The circumstances are as follows; the crime was committed at Eric's place of work. 'Inside' knowledge that the work car park video camera was operational but that no tape was being used to record events was vital to the commission of the crime. There is no history of vandalism or car theft at the location in question and only ONE person with this information could have committed the crime. This person is also the one behind the libelous 'SHADOW' leaflets circulated at the back end of last year and in early 1998. We believe that this specimen has had the support of three other prominent Ufologists, one of them a prominent Midlands UFO groupie, and that they are for whatever reason desperate to halt our progress and to stop our research into man-made UFOs. We also suspect very strongly, and based upon a great deal of information provided by decent people close to this gang of wasters, that they are desperate to attack Eric Morris for reviewing his position on Close Encounters....

This information is being passed to the local CID.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE UN/REAL KIND.....

As you may know by now, Eric is a qualified and Registered SEN who has worked for many years as a Psychiatric Nurse. He spent two years running the 'Abduction Research and Counselling Centre' from 1994 and he gained quite a bit of publicity as a result of this bold effort. He concluded, after a great deal of research and having met several dozen 'experiencers', that in all but a two cases nothing real (at least not abduction by aliens whereby 'victims' are taken onboard a 'spaceship', examined, experimented upon and returned to their point of origin) took place. This does not mean that we have ruled out psychological factors or that close encounterers do not think that something has happened to them. What we are saying is that the powerful imagery - the 'alien Grey' - put into people's minds by Whitley Strieber, Bud Hopkins in concert with a wealth of alien magazines has combined to create an abduction mythos.....

The 'typical abduction scenario' is described by many authors including Dr. David Jacobs and it is very similar to that which I noted above. Jacobs' new book is titled "The Threat". We venture to suggest that the biggest threat of all is to people's sanity - from books like this with a neo-Gothic nightmare scenario almost entirely constructed as a result of dodgy hypnosis. We have spoken to many claimed experiencers and the number of times that we have found them to have a long history of medical, mental problems or subject to the use of particularly strong medication never ceases to amaze.

And then there is some fascinating research, also the target for smear and attack from certain of the sadder elements within Ufology, undertaken by Albert Budden that strongly indicates some sort of sensitivity to strong electromagnetic fields. I remember reading an article in a scientific magazine recently about the risk of cancer for those people living near power lines. So it is more than conceivable that strange things result from this most powerful symbol of modern technology.....

The saddest thing of all is that if more serious scientists decided to look into these claims Ufology would be left behind with little or no scientific information to impart. Ufology would be left behind and out-maneuvered.....

MEANWHILE, BACK IN COURT.....

Paul McKenna, the well-known stage hypnotist and paranormal

presenter, has, it is claimed, managed to turn a perfectly well-adjusted man into something approaching a gibbering idiot. The case has been reported in most of the major newspapers in the UK this week.

If anyone out there still believes that hypnosis is a good thing, then perhaps they should think again - if they have the capacity to do so.....

Over in the USA, the debate about regression continues with further revelations of bad practice and misuse of hypnosis. This must indeed be music to Kevin McClure's ears. Although we strongly disagree with his take on German flying saucers his expose of the many charlatans and lunatics within Ufology has been very important indeed. A still small voice of calm in a sea of paranoia and deceit. McClure's 'Abduction Watch' is available from:

3 Claremont Terrace,  
Leeds LS3 1AX.  
United Kingdom  
=A310 for 12 issues.....

Back issues are available to view at the 'Magonia' website.

#### WEB SITES

We discovered a very amusing and informative website last week;

[www.brotherblue.org](http://www.brotherblue.org)

Try working out what the guy is talking about and you get instant passage to heaven.....

#### FLYING TRIANGLES - THE TRUTH AGAIN.

Max Burns and Victor Keen appear to share rather alot of common ground although Max has difficulty constructing sentences and spelling simple words properly.

Their latest miserable attempts to put forward their belief that flying triangle 'UFOs' are of 'ET origin' defy belief and common sense but highlight a much bigger problem for Ufology.....

'Ufology' appears to be little more than a religious position based upon myth. Serious scientific and/or research-based efforts, for instance Project Hessdalen, the investigations into the myriad of problems associated with hypnosis and the efforts by some of us to penetrate the web of deceit around black projects have little to do with 'Ufology' per se although they may affect the UFO 'research' community in certain ways.

Keen and co seem to feel that any old sighting will do - three lights seen by witnesses does not mean 'triangular UFO'. Most of these 'Triangular UFO sightings' relate to misidentifications or aircraft lights. Max Burns and Keen are wholly unaware, or refuse to understand, that flying wing/delta aircraft have been developed from the 1930s. Therefore, Keen's latest 'discovery' of a 'flying wing report from 1948' is wholly irrelevant especially given that this was seen over London and that the UK had been testing captured flying wing aircraft and building her own.....

For instance, I have some very interesting early schematics for the AVRO Vulcan (1949 I think...) which show a straight-edged triangular planform. Even more interestingly I note from a recent history of the AVRO company that early test flights of the Vulcan bomber resulted in UFOs being reported to local police.....AND it was light-coloured....as were most a/c back then.....

It is also the case, on a more general note, that triangle sightings are not restricted to the USA or Europe. It is fascinating to now hear of reports over Korea, Japan and Central America - all these are places of vital strategic interest, and potential troublespots as far as the US is concerned...

As far as the Belgium flap of 1989/90 is concerned I note that neither Keen, Burns nor Omar Fowler (who appears to have a marsupial relationship with Keen and Burns) have had the guts to admit that there was/is no correlation between the faulty radar

returns showing a 'UFO' falling thousands of feet in a few seconds and the triangles seen operating in near silence at low level. They also fail to admit that the pilots of the 2 F-16s sent to intercept the 'UFO' never made visual contact.....

I have found that a radical re-investigation of several cases, Hudson Valley is one, suggests that we are dealing with bad investigative techniques combined with pro-alien fantasy. For instance, despite only receiving 19 so-called 'abduction' reports out of thousands during early attempts to research the Hudson Valley boomerang sightings, Imbrogno and Co decided that the triangles were part of an 'alien-human breeding programme run in cooperation with the CIA'. Check out his book 'Contact of the Fifth Kind' if you don't believe me.....In addition, Bud Hopkins was called in at the earliest moment, mid-1984, to hypnotically regress some of these 'abductees'. His regression 'proved' the link between the triangles and abductions. NOT.

Later, Imbrogno claimed that triangles sightings had been reported by local people almost exclusively between 8-12pm whereas the 'abductions' took place between 2-4am.

Therefore he destroys his own argument. There was/is NO LINK.....

Now I shall let you into a secret.

Some of the triangles operate from a military facility in New York State.....

#### BUFOSC ACTIVISM

We now hold regular meetings at the Saracen's Head Pub in Stockton Heath, Warrington. The town itself has a history of triangular UFO activity (the real stuff) going back to at least 1978/9. At that time RAF Burtonwood, now closed down (but you can get to see the massive underground base there if you know the right people) was the focal point for the flights of classified triangular prototypes.....The U2 also operated from the base. Nuclear weapons were said by CND to be housed there but this was just a bit of fiendish govt propaganda.

Nowadays triangles are reported throughout Cheshire. Many sightings are misidentifications - major routes into Manchester Airport etc. - although some are clearly evidence of Most Secret goings on. Recent sightings over Stockton Heath, Glazebury, Cuddington, Daresbury and the Mersey Estuary have been reported to BUFOSC. In the case of the Cuddington sighting we received a detailed report and sketch.....

#### EVENTS

- 21st July - Southport monthly meeting.
- 26th July - trip to South West for general hellraising.
- 4th August - meeting at RAF Club, Northwich.
- 6th August - meeting at Saracen's Head, Warrington.
- 29th August - International Skywatch Event, West Lancs.
- 12th September - BUFOSC Conference in Midlands.....Eric Morris, Tim Matthews, Steve Austin to speak. Admission just =A33 - full big screen overhead and video projection. Ample parking facilities, refreshments available. Start at 10am - finish 4pm. BOOK NOW!

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## UFOR: Chupacabra Update

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Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 11:18:07 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 16:23:07 -0400  
Subject: UFOR: Chupacabra Update

Maybe the best direct source for information regarding the Chupacabras is Journalist and UFO Researcher Jorge Martin at [jmartin@coqui.net](mailto:jmartin@coqui.net), also, author Scott Corrales at [Lornis@aol.com](mailto:Lornis@aol.com)

Martin, with veterinarian Dr. Carlos Soto, even took samples of blood, hair and other material, which were sent to private labs in the USA mainland, although the samples had pollution from ground and bacteria and the results, although of extreme interest (they were not consistent with the chemistry of any known life form in earth), are not taken as conclusive because of the ground contamination.

He interviewed a military man (and checked his 214) who was in a base near Roswell, where a couple of Chupas were held in capture near two greys. The Chupas, according to the officer (and in consistency with the reports in Puerto Rico, Brazil and other parts) seems to be intelligent and very selective.

(Although far fetched, is interesting to note that an air squad based in that base, has as the group name 'The Goat Suckers' [ref. UFO Magazine, UK].

Many point the beginning of the Chupa crisis in Puerto Rico to a landing of a saucer in the Town of Barranquitas in the center of the island, near a radio station. Magnetic perturbations were noted in all the electronic equipment and the communications were disrupted. More than a thousand witnessed the event and several Chupacabras were seen abandoning the ship. (Other witnesses in the El Yunque Rain Forest area [including police officers] informed seen a saucer type craft taking Chupas).

Both Martin and Corrales wrote excellent books on this phenomenon.

Francisco

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Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 16:31:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

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>their plate.

>Greg

I think you're treading on thin ice by equating "media" with  
"press coverage", and would suggest that the issue is, as you  
note, more complex than you have described.

The media, including both entertainment and news, are  
financially driven. Right now there is a great deal of  
entertainment value to stories related to UFOs, Crop Circles,  
Alien Abduction, and other paranormal subjects. This has in part  
been amplified by programs like "Sightings" and "The X-Files",  
and also because of the approaching millenium. As these subject  
are given a "tabloid" treatment by the media, there is little  
chance that mainstream scientists are going to become publicly  
involved.

Press coverage is a different matter, and when the actual news  
departments of various networks have become involved in the  
subject they have usually done a decent job of analysis. Keep  
in mind that the Press is not made up of scientific researchers,  
but reporters who rely on the statements of others from which  
they can draw their conclusions. If a scientific panel would be  
willing to put their reputations on the line and declare that a  
Crop Circle is "genuinely mysterious", then the press would  
probably report it (if it's important enough to make the news  
that day). A single scientist making that claim might not, but  
that would depend on his reputation in his field.

IMHO, scientists don't avoid this genre because of the media's  
portrayal of it. It doesn't help, of course, but the primary  
reason is that there is no reason to take a chance on damaging  
your reputation and future when there's so much other research  
that is so much safer.

The belief system of the "group thinkers" is ususally  
represented in (and ultimately defined by) scientific journals,



and there are few articles related to this genre that appear in those publications. The recent "Sturrock" report is one such article, having been published in the Journal of Scientific Exploration.

Journal articles have to be accepted for publication, and the panel that reviews them can help to define the viewpoints that are expressed. If one is required to "publish or perish", then it would be unlikely that a controversial subject would be selected. On the other hand, a Journal that publishes a controversial article could alienate a portion of its readership, and damage its reputation in the scientific community. There are multiple forces at work to keep science on a narrow, accepted, path. Science tends to be very conservative when it comes to new ideas or change, and the bureaucracy that has built up during the past several centuries in science is the primary reason.

Just a few rambling thoughts.

Steve

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## NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

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Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 18:59:31 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 16:40:42 -0400  
Subject: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

The craft is an equilateral-shaped triangle, each edge, from tip to tip, is approx. 184ft.

The 'Firefly' is one of the current generation of super-stealth aircraft, still part of the black-budget programme.

This is not the alleged 'HALO' product, which is a smokescreen designed to lure inquisitive researchers away from the 'Firefly', Warton are going to great lengths to keep ufologists interested in that facility and its craft.

Near silent in operational flight, near silent hover capabilities.

The underside lighting configuration is so designed as to give conflicting eye-witness accounts of the lighting and indeed shape of the craft, the three large circular red lights in each point can converge in the centre to form one very large red or white light.

The craft is fitted with various psychotronic devices, including certain beam weapons that can induce psychological and physiological effects on humans and animals alike, including pulsed phased lighting effects that can induce a fit, convulsions, or merely varied hallucinogenic states.

The disrupters, the sound weapons, can disorientate individuals, this can then go on to cause physical displacement, and if the signals are strong enough, prove fatal.

I am informed that there are two of these craft in Europe in current operation, one is based at Boscombe Down, and shares flight operations with Macrihanish. The other craft is based in Germany. The USA have two craft, of slightly different configuration. The craft is manned or crewed by NATO personnel, it is believed all participating NATO countries supply flight crew. Flight simulators are located in the UK, Germany and the USA.

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## UFO luminosity - some observations

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I thought it might be interesting to set some data and speculations before the lists to which I subscribe, in the interest of generating some comments on one of the more interesting areas of UFO physics. The material below is also accessible at

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufolumin.htm>

It often is said that we know very little about UFOs. The following is some of my "beg to differ". However, argumentative persons should note that the working hypothesis used in the following is

- 1) UFOs have an objective existence as solid objects which emit energy.
- 2) UFOs as solid objects have a body and an area outside the body. This "sheath" area is where many luminous effects exist.
- 3) UFO luminosity is probably the result of energetic processes which may very well be technologically generated.

So on to the points of interest...

. There are several categories of UFO luminosity:  
a) Full body, b) Patchy body, c) Rim lighting, d) Point sources, e) Beams.

. Full body luminosity is usually observed on objects in flight. In rare cases it is observed in a landed or hovering UFO, however, in those cases, the object usually almost immediately engages in flight. Occupants are (I believe) never observed near UFOs in the full body state (in fact, landed UFOs rarely emit luminosity, except in a few cases where emissions from the base of the UFO are seen to continue as the UFO hovers). In some cases, the full body luminosity flashes on and off in a way frequently compared to a fluorescent light startup (this was reported at Levelland (<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/571102.htm>), 1:15 AM). At my website, the Beaver Falls, PA photos (<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufoextlu.htm>) represent one of the best examples of full body luminosity. Further, the Levelland case indicates some relationship between full body luminosity and vehicle interference effects (the report in question is not currently included in the summary - however, the witness observed the intensity of his headlights varied inversely with the brightness of the UFO luminosity. It is unknown whether this could be accounted for by the "washing out" of the headlights by the brightness of the UFO).

. Patchy body light is usually observed on slow flying or hovering objects. Sometimes this is exhibited as a full body covering which displays different colors on different portions of the object's geometry (i.e. a dome which differs in color from the body of the object). Other times, as in the Tulsa, OK photo (<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufonearl.htm>), there are areas of darkness between the lighting patches, and the patches can be seen to be fairly well delineated.

. Rim lighting can be part of a patchy body light or can be the only lighting displayed by an object. This is sometimes

perceived as "portholes" and sometimes as a solid band. It has also been seen to flash in sequence and in unison. Sometimes the rim lighting is seen to provide the illusion of rotation. As shown in the Moreland

(<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/590713.htm>) case, it seems this is distinct from the sequential flashing of the sort observed in the Exeter

(<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/650903.htm>) case, and actually represents some form of movement around the rim of distinct sources. The Moreland case, among others, also suggests that as with the previous two categories, these "lights" are actually some sort of plasma, probably a cold plasma, and, further, that the generation of this plasma is distinct from that produced by combustion, in that insufficient turbulence exists at the boundary layer to produce the typical loud noise that such "flames" would be expected to generate.

. To the best of my knowledge, there are few close observations of point source lighting. If the Villas Boas case is to be believed, his observation indicates that these are bright areas of the surface of the object rather than incandescent lights as we know them. Further, assuming the validity of the Petit-Rechain photo from Belgium

(<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/900404.htm>), we can see that the tips of a triangular UFO show lights which may also be attributable to a plasma phenomenon. In that photo, one can observe interesting striations of density in the light, and wisps which appear to be partly detached from the source. The example of what the Moreland case revealed about the rim lighting of UFOs makes me cautiously willing to consider that point sources are, like the rest of UFO lighting, manifestations of some energetic phenomenon, likely plasmas, near the surface of the UFO.

. Beams appear to fall into two classes - normal and slow. Normal light beams behave like searchlights or lasers, and are likely to be just such phenomena (though one may note that a laser can be produced from a plasma, and it is possible that UFOs simply control their plasmas in such a way as to cause lasing of various sorts). Slow beams, as observed at Trancas, Argentina (<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/631021.htm>), seem, on the other hand, in view of their propagation speed (3 to 20 feet per second), to be some sort of plasma phenomenon.

Now, in looking at the various cases, one can come to some tentative conclusions:

. Most photos of luminosity show some form of limb darkening, strengthening the idea that UFO luminosity is a plasma. (See, for instance, the Tulsa and Beaver Falls images).

. UFOs must therefore input energy into the near surface area to generate luminosity. This energy does not appear to be heat energy (since UFOs emit relatively low levels of heat in close encounters, and since the expected sound is absent), and thus is more likely to be the result of the injection of electrons (or other particles), UV light, x-rays, or gamma rays into the near surface area. Because of the difficulty of creating plasmas at atmospheric density and temperature, it is also possible (especially in light of the luminosity of some reported submarine UFOs (<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/670720.htm>)) that UFOs create an area of lower atmospheric density near their surface.

. UFOs may maintain the near surface area ionization by emitting energy into the near surface area across the entire surface of the object, or from localized areas (the rim being a likely suspect for disc shaped UFOs, the points for spindle shaped or elliptical UFOs). Further, it is possible that maintaining this ionization even when not in the full body state makes it easier to go to the full body state.

. The maintenance of this ionization may also benefit from the injection of ionized atoms or molecules into the sheath, much as a gas laser sometimes requires replacement or refreshing of its contents. This may explain the occasional chemical odors and the occasional presence of apparently chemical related burns and rashes in close encounter cases (<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/eyeskin.htm>). On the other hand, these odors and substances may be a by-product of the dissipation of energy injected into the sheath (for instance, could

formaldehyde, a frequently reported smell, be produced by chemical reactions in an atmospheric plasma without the injection of potential reactors into the sheath?).

. I would suggest that the point source lighting may well represent the localized injection of energy or energetic atoms / molecules into critical locations of the sheath area when the UFO is in the non-full body state. Some cases suggest these even may be visible in the full body state when the full body emission wavelengths are sufficiently different from those near these localized sources. On the other hand, point sources may also represent random or sporadic lasing of specific areas of the sheath under certain conditions of energy emission or local plasma state. I am skeptical that these represent lighting in the sense of our aircraft lighting.

I am further skeptical that any of the luminosity represents a by product of a propulsion system, since UFOs clearly can fly while in the completely darkened state (note however that one case does show a rim opening that became luminous immediately prior to the witness feeling a force impulse which knocked him down. This case, which appeared in "Above Top Secret" is of unknown reliability - comments would be appreciated). Therefore, I suspect that all luminosity are manifestations of an air sheath for ensuring laminar flow over the UFO body at high speeds.

One other interesting point - a few UFO photos show small detached points and elongated spikes of luminosity (<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufomslum.htm>). It is possible that these represent the reaction of moisture with the electrical and magnetic field of the sheath, since some literature indicates a similar phenomenon happens in highly charged clouds.

I also consider it possible that UFO luminosity represents a laser-type phenomenon, in the sense that an energy population inversion might be necessary to allow UFO luminosity to propagate from the base to the edge of the sheath. I am currently attempting to find some mathematical tools which will allow me to calculate some related information:

. The amount of energy needed to create a luminous plasma at various densities and pressures from atmospheric gases.

. What controls the ability of photons to make it from the inside of the plasma to the outside and how can we interpret limb darkening in an attempt to derive the density of the UFO sheath.

I hope this is interesting to the lists, and I'd certainly appreciate any comments or clarification requests.

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## Second Interview with Eve Lorgen

From: Patricia Mason <[pmason@ee.net](mailto:pmason@ee.net)>  
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Subject: Second Interview with Eve Lorgen

Hi All,

My second interview with Eve Lorgen has been added to UNUSUAL RESEARCH on:

<http://users1.ee.net/pmason/Eve2.html>

It is included below. I feel the most important thing to keep in mind here is that not only are detracting efforts being perpetrated by people to hinder us from getting at the truth, the aliens also appear to be doing their part to prevent experiencers from assisting us.

All the best,

Pat

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UNUSUAL RESEARCH

Beyond The Unexplained with Eve Frances Lorgen

UR (Unusual Research): Let's review. What sort of research you do and what are your credentials?

EFL (Eve Frances Lorgen): Most of my work involves counseling and researching alien abduction cases. I hold a regular support group for experiencers and abductees in the North San Diego county area of California and also moderate an online abductees only Internet mailing list.

I am a freelance journalist and involved in a number of book projects related to my research. My degrees are in Biochemistry (BS) and Counseling Psychology (MA).

UR :What aspects of the alien abduction phenomena do you focus on?

EFL: Primarily, support and research into the cases which yield useful information or any kinds of evidence of alien contact. For instance the fluorescence residue "light markings" observed post-abduction (see paper "Underneath the Skin"). These fluorescence markings are believed to be caused by the alien handlers where they touched the abductee.

Another aspect of interest is the medical and anomalous health issues that many abductees share. Most are in the area of gynecological problems, missing pregnancies, tubal and fibroid scarring, irregular menses and unusual discharges post abduction. Migraine headaches and miscellaneous allergies are very common. For example procaine allergy, allergies to antibiotics, the sun, various drugs and even foods, and a whole host of inexplicable autoimmune disorders, especially in the realm of skin rashes. Endocrine abnormalities are also common, especially thyroid conditions. Sleep disorders, anxieties and phobias. Most prominent is the tendency for psychic abilities and unusual mental abilities. For example photographic memory, high IQ's.

One of my primary questions here is to be able to determine if these health anomalies are primary or secondary effects of abductions, or if these are newly acquired genetic differences.

UR: What about alien implants? What are they, where are they usually found and what do they do?

EFL: Implants or anomalous objects have been found in several abductees' bodies and even surgically removed. Common areas are nasal area, inner and outer ear, back of the neck, lower legs, hands and feet, and sexual organs (mostly Dr. Leir's and Derrel Sims' research). I think implants are more than simple tracking devices, or transceivers and transponders. In fact, in five of the seven individuals who had their implants removed, all of them had encounters sometime following the implant removal. Four of them felt a mental and mood lift improvement after the implants were taken out. Two women who had similar types of non-metallic implants had similar reactions several months after the implant was removed, a red, stinging pain and discomfort shooting down their legs, from the scar incision site. One had a dramatic diuretic effect after the implant was removed and became ill for about a month. Then she recovered with greater mental clarity and vigor. Most of implantees noticed paranormal or unusual events just prior to and after their surgeries. Many felt like they were being watched and were being deterred from one event or another from getting their surgeries. This detracting effect seems to be perpetrated behind the alien intelligence to keep abductees away from obtaining evidence (see paper "After Effects of Implant Removals").

UR: What do you mean by "detracting efforts" of the aliens?

EFL: One of the first things I observed when working with abductees is the influence the aliens seem to have over their lives, whether they know it or not. This was evidenced by the things and unusual coincidences that happen before and after abductees go to support groups, visit researchers and after abductions. For example, an abductee will want to go to a support group meeting and look into UFO research to discover their own memories and experiences. This behavior and attitude seems to set off a series of insidious detracting efforts or even blatant spiritual warfare tactics to keep the abductee or researcher from getting valuable information or evidence of alien abductions. The abductee may be suddenly struck ill, like a migraine, chest pains or odd flu like illnesses that perpetually keeps them away from support groups. Or a spirit guide will tell the abductee not to read a certain book, see a certain researcher, etc. Sometimes the person will get abducted the night or two before a conference, support group or therapist's appointment and they will not recall the abduction. The only thing they will feel is extreme anxiety about going to the researcher, and an uncomfortable feeling that "they are not supposed to talk" to anyone or they will get into trouble. It has been discovered later through hypnotic regression that the abductee was given a suggestion by the aliens to not see a therapist or support group, etc.

Another example is an abductee will go into a bookstore intent on getting a specific UFO book. Then once they enter the store, they get a violent headache and have to leave. Or they have no problem reading a positive benevolent extraterrestrial theory book replete with channeled messages from cosmic space brothers, and consciousness raising propaganda. But if they read something like a scientific book on abductions or the more hard core deception uncovering books like David Jacobs, The Threat or Dr. Karla Turners book Masquerade of Angels, then the abductee may suddenly go to sleep and not be able to read the book.

UR: How do the aliens control these abductees? Can this be related to the implants?

EFL: It is very possible implants can influence the abductee's health, moods and even thoughts. This is based on some of the scientific results of the implant surgeries, combined with keen observation of abductees after abductions where they recall a new anomalous object inserted into their bodies. The implants were discovered to have nerve proprioceptors of the wrong type around the implant, suggesting a connection to the nervous system. If the nervous system is connected to these objects, then this alone can suggest alteration of neurotransmitters and endocrine function, theoretically.



Also, abductees I've interviewed who, after an abduction where an object was inserted sometimes in the back of the neck, wrist, hand, and many locations, will suddenly have no dream recall after this event. Whereas usually they had good recall of dreams.

An appearance of an implant sometimes will happen right after the abductee goes to a researcher to explore memories. Or one case, where the abductee had recall of horrific underground base memories of human processing plant operations, called to tell me, then after a short period of time, she got abducted again, and dream recall became a blank, along with any other abduction memories.

UR: What do you mean by spiritual warfare tactics?

EFL: I believe that the aliens or the intelligence acting behind them is working on a spiritual level to affect the abductee. Most of the warfare tactics can be observed when the abductee seeks out information on abductions, UFOs and their own memories. This happens by steering the abductee into psychic readings, channellers, and many New Age ideologies that draw them away from hard facts. For example, they may be led into finding their spirit guides, past life therapy, psychic readings, etc. This information can be nothing more than alien "spiritual disinformation" to keep the abductee away from getting hypnotic regressions or critical thinking. I've had abductees tell me they received telepathic messages to not do regressions, or instead do psychic readings or see channellers who throw a positive spin on alien contact. I've seen the abductee get thrown from crises to crises or a series of dramas that keep them detracted from getting to core issues related to a life time of abductions. Often they will have an addiction problem.

Also, it can be evidenced by the retaliatory behaviors of the aliens on abductees who start speaking out publicly, rather than promoting alien propaganda. (They are here to save us, raise our consciousness, spread peace and light, etc.)

I personally have found prayer and reading scripture with faith in Jesus Christ's name to be a powerful tool against basic spiritual warfare, and also alien intrusions.

UR: Can you give an example of how aliens manipulate our lives?

EFL: A good example is what I term "Alien Orchestrated Human Bonding Dramas". What happens is that the aliens will abduct a person, then bond them together emotionally, sexually and psychically to another abductee. Sometimes this bonding begins in childhood. Later in life when the two targeted partners meet, they may suddenly fall in love and have an instant sense of recognition and profound love for one another. They may already be married to other partners, and this creates a very painful and difficult situation. The emotions are intense and usually one falls in love more than the other and is left feeling unrequited. More often than not, one partner will recall the abduction or previous set up, or at least a strong sense of recognition, while the other will not. These bonding dramas set up intense love obsessions for either partner, which in most cases are emotionally painful and exhilarating at the same time.

Many times the abductee learns in retrospect that they were set up to marry specific partners, possibly for the offspring they produce. Other times, the choice of partner seems unlikely and the abductee wonders why they are matched up with a partner who becomes switched of from them or emotionally isolates them.

I've seen this kind of bonding drama or "Love Bite" be activated in someone's life once they are in hot pursuit of abduction memories or UFO research information. It's like they get hit over the head with a love spell that throws them off for a year or two.

The Love Bite is the title of a book I am co-authoring with Barbara Bartholic, an abductions researcher from Oklahoma. Basically it is about Alien Orchestrated Human Bonding Dramas, Relationship Manipulations, Love Obsessions and Spiritual Warfare tactics perpetrated on human abductees.

UR: Do people report positive and uplifting experiences with the bonding and matchmaking dramas?

EFL: Yes. For those who have had the experience of being bonded to another individual, there is no other love so strong and unconditional as the love they feel for this targeted partner. It is an exhilarating high because the love is so strong and seems to unleash powerful emotions and creative energies. During these intense emotional highs, a whole variety of psychic and paranormal things happen to the bonded couple. The part that is painful is that the aliens don't seem to have any moral considerations for the matched individuals, whether they are married to other partners or not. These strong bondings can create marital infidelity, divorce, depression, and emotional upheaval.

UR: What kinds of aliens are abducting people and doing these bonding scenarios?

EFL: Most abductees report the grey aliens, the small 3-5 ft. ones. A significant number of abductees I've worked with had reptilian encounters, or a combination of greys, reptilians and human military type of people. Other aliens reported are the small dark robed ones, tall black robed ones with glowing red eyes, insectoids, tall pale thin ones, Nordic types, and tall ones wearing diaphanous robes. The Greys seem to be the main work force. The reptilians have a lot of power and control over the Greys and have been observed to use intimidation and fear tactics of control. In fact, the reptilians may be behind much more alien activity than we even imagined. This is what researchers like Barbara Bartholic and James Bartley have discovered in their work.

UR: What about underground bases? Are our own people involved with the aliens?

EFL: I've had several abductees report being taken to underground facilities where alien greys, human military or white lab-coated people work, and also reptilians. These kinds of abductions seem to involve a human element as well. I've had several abductees recall joint abductions or mutually shared dreams and virtual reality scenarios that they believe took place in underground bases. Often these abductees report surveillance activities, phone tapping clicks, tones, black helicopters, indirect threats, etc.

UR: What can abductees do to cope, avoid abductions and get out of the victim mentality?

EFL: The first thing abductees should do is to find support or like minded individuals who they can freely share experiences with. Secret keeping behavior of multigenerational abductions causes dysfunctional family patterns and emotional isolation. Get out of emotional isolation and talk, read, write and correspond with as many others to get a wide view of the phenomena. As much as the abductee/experiencer would like, do not use a single personal experience to determine the truth of the abduction phenomena. Get to the information where you can observe the numbers of abduction reports from many different researchers.

Knowledge is power. Freedom comes from getting out of the bonds of imposed ignorance. Avoid information that sounds too good to be true or those that make you feel important, special or "feel good" theories. Some abductees have been able to resist abductions through prayer or other mental disciplines. Learn healthy coping skills and communication skills, overcome addictions. Counseling and hypnosis and prayer are useful. Learn lucid dreaming for enhanced dream and abduction recall.

For me, prayer and counseling has been the most useful. Also getting the right information has saved me years worth of suffering and misery! Talk, talk, and talk!

Ms. Lorgen's Abductees Only Internet mailing list is by referral only. For questions or comments concerning her research you can write to:

[LORGEN@aol.com](mailto:LORGEN@aol.com).

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## Kevin McClure and Nazi UFOs

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Subject: Kevin McClure and Nazi UFOs

Mr. McClure makes some very positive statements debunking a great deal of untruths about Nazi UFOs, however I would like to offer him a website and an email whereby he might find more information about Mr. Renato Vesco.

I am a member of Vanguard Science, not Vangard Science, as he has listed. This is a civilian group of folk, here in the Dallas-Ft. Worth TX area that are open-minded about the verity of science and have taken it upon ourselves to study Tesla, Keely, and a host of others we feel have been given the short-end of the stick with respect to technology and applications thereof.

Mr. Jerry Decker and Mr. Church Henderson could much better avail you of information about Mr. Vesco and his work. I personally had an English translation of one of his works I gave away about ten years ago pursuant the German V-7.

My father and his C.O. both saw Foo Fighters over Europe during WWII, so that much is real. Neither my dad or Col. Lasly knew anything about UFOs, nor had any interest in them. What they did say was that between the Foo Fighters and the Me-262s they encountered, they felt they would be killed before the war was over in Europe.

You may, if you so endeavour, pass this on to Mr. McClure as I found this posting on an international UFO site somewhere: he may contact [jdecker@keelynet.com](mailto:jdecker@keelynet.com) and/or [chenders@keelynet.com](mailto:chenders@keelynet.com) or take a gander at the site itself, [keelynet@ix.netcom.com](mailto:keelynet@ix.netcom.com).

I hope that will clear some things up for Mr. McClure with respect to Vanguard Science and Mr. Vesco and hopefully all of us can clear the riddle of the Nazi UFOs from all the smoke and mirrors that unfortunately come to the fore on something of this nature.

Yours truly,

Jack Veach  
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Indeed. However, I would add that if any hard evidence in support of the subjects mentioned above were to surface, I would certainly expect that to be reviewed by the scientific community as well. There are certainly many belief structures within this genre, and attempts to reduce the entire subject to its lowest common denominator seems a bit self-serving (IMHO).

Steve

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### Filer's Files #28-1998

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Filer's Files #28-1998 MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
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Professor Herman Oberth, the German rocket expert considered the father of the space age stated in the American Weekly, October 24, 1954:  
"It is my thesis that flying saucers are real and that they are space ships from another solar system. I think that they possibly are manned by intelligent observers who are members of a race that may have been investigating our earth for centuries."

NEW YORK

A New York Police helicopter and a Plasma UFO were photographed by Alex Cavallari near J. F. Kennedy Airport on July 3, 1998. Alex was outside barbecuing dinner at 5:30 PM when he heard the roar of a helicopter at low altitude heading his way. Alex said, "I had the camera ready, when the helicopter approached heading west over exit # 9 of the Belt Parkway. As I waited for the helicopter to enter my field of view, I noticed flashes and what looked like a big muffin shaped light form. I took pictures as fast as the camera would take them. The helicopter circled around and came back to about the same location as before. I spotted some spherical shaped Plasma objects near or in the cloud height of 7,000 to 10,000 feet. The Orbs all appear to be of the "Standard White Plasma Orb Craft" design but some of the brightest I have observed. They all appeared to be illuminated from within and emitting some form of white optical energy. The intensity of the white color was greater than any other object in the area. There was no glare or light haze seen around the Orbs, but they were emitting light. The appearance of the white Plasma Orbs and craft are distinct and very different from any other light or illumination known making them easy to identify. They have a special "look" all their own. This is not ball lightning or any other known form of lightning discharge.

The photograph clearly shows a "Plasma Muffin" craft which has angular and or curved sides. There is a dark area in the middle and a funnel shaped area under the craft. This "conductive path" appears to lead to an area in the middle of and on top of the plasma muffin. This outline appears to be a formation of electrical pressure that makes a noticeable path through the sky. The plasma technology appears to use a form of electricity as a means to enter and exit our "time and space. Thanks to Alex Cavallari.

Editors Note: When the craft enter our atmosphere they appear to be surrounded by a bubble of Electromagnetic energy or plasma. This energy does not appear to be hot, but balanced in negative and positive charges. This bubble of energy makes photography difficult, but Alex is to be commended for his ability to photograph these UFOs on a regular basis. New scientific theories such as those proposed by Princeton's physicists J. Richard Gott and Li-Xin Li in the U.S. News and World Report's July 20, 1998, article Is Ours the Only Universe?, may help explain what we are photographing in our skies. The article states' "From the eternal mother universe could spring universes such as ours, with expanding frontiers and a one-way arrow of time. Each "normal" cosmos would have other normal universes branching off from it, generated by black holes or inflation or whatever the bang mechanism is ultimately proved to be. If a time traveler could follow the chain of genesis backward, eventually the mother universe would be found. But from that point there would be nowhere to go."

NEW JERSEY

On July 10, 1998, Ed P was walking near his home in Brick, NJ when he spotted an object approaching in the sky. It moved slowly, and never changed speed or

direction. It seemed to be about 1000 feet in altitude and moved over me traveling toward the South East around 8PM. Ed states, "I watched for more than a minute and it appeared larger than a marble, but smaller than a golf ball at arms length. It had no wings or fins. It was saucer shaped and somewhat rounded or spherical. One side was very dark, perhaps black. The other side was brightly lit. The sun had set but it was still very light out. The UFO rotated so the bright side and the dark side became visible during each rotation. Each rotation was about 2 seconds. It did not rotate on any axis you might normally think of. It just tumbled along. The light it gave off was very bright but not as bright as looking at a 75 watt light bulb. The light was white but as it rotated, sometimes I could see a bit of red. I called the local police and the Asbury Park Press to see if anyone else reported it and the answers were negative. This was a very unusual object.

Last summer, I and a neighbor, saw a blinking object go from horizon to horizon in 3 to 5 seconds. Since then, he said he saw it three more times. The blinks were elongated into streaks. Now I am wondering if these sightings were of the same object. The July object if traveling fast could have appeared to streak, because the light was in motion like a rotating beacon. It caused many little spots in my vision to dance around. I looked away and saw from the object into the clear sky and little spots were dancing all over my eyes. I continued to watch the object until it was out of sight. A short time later, I realized that the little spots were all gone. I had never seen spots or little dots before or since. I am a 55 year old Electrical Engineer and I work for the government. This object just defied gravity as it floated along, slowly rotating. I wonder who it belongs to and what it is doing. Our Government knows a lot more than me and I know what I saw so I am wondering what the Government knows. I am wondering why they are so quite on this subject. I am inclined to think this was not part of a black project. I got a good look at this UFO and it was a solid object. I don't mind talking about this, but I want to remain anonymous. Thanks to Ed P.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Stan Gordon reports, "I have received information on yet another UFO sighting which was reported on July 12, 1998 at about 8:45P.M. from Suttersville, PA in Westmoreland County, about 25 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. The witness owns a telescope and is familiar with the planets. He was watching some aircraft when he noticed a bright star like source of light approximately WSW of his location in the generally clear sky. After a short time he went inside to get his telescope to take a better look at it. Through the telescope he saw a solid white globe, but the center was more transparent. Just above the globe was another smaller sphere that was making a continuous back and forth motion, in a somewhat circular fashion over it. The smaller white sphere would move from a 10 o'clock to a 2 o'clock position, then would reverse this motion. It would take about one second to move right, then another second to reverse back. This continued for over two minutes. The globe itself appeared stationary while under observation. The object remained in the telescope eyepiece, and he did not have to move the scope such as when he is observing planets or stars. He tried to have a neighbor look at the object but was unsuccessful. Thanks to Stan Gordon contact information: PA UFO Hotline (24 hrs.) 724-838-7768 snail mail: P.O. Box 936, Greensburg, PA 15601

#### GEORGIA

MUFON's John Thompson reports that many of the best UFO sightings in Georgia have been on water near the Chattahoochee River and West Point Lake. The car size plasma UFO of June 16, 1998, was in my best estimation, real. I have now talked to several other people who have seen this phenomenon of "fireballs" being generated by intense storms. One gentleman I talked to claims that during Hurricane Opal that a Z strip of three feet wide by about 100 feet long was "burned into his turnup-greens by the fire of Opal." This occurred near the same spot that the fireball was seen on Colquitte street in LaGrange. He says the soil was not burned, just a huge brown Z made into his turnup-green patch. To this day--three years later--he says crops do not grow as tall or good if planted in this Z. Another fellow I talked to said he had seen fireballs generated by a lightning strike that "holds on." This appears more of a ball lightning nature that is powered with a lightning "capacitor." The balls generated by the huge discharge of electricity go shooting across the ground he said. There is also a report of a huge rolling fireball during Hurricane Opal that was seen in Cannonville. There seems to be a pattern where the storms track and how UFOs track. On a SW to NE line from Cannonville through LaGrange at Colquitte street and onto Ragland street in east LaGrange, there is an high occurrence of storm "edge-points" and UFO sightings. Could there be some relationship between how severe storms repeatedly track and where UFOs fly? Is there less electrical resistance along these routes? Thanks to John Thompson, MUFON State Section Director.

#### MICHIGAN

On Friday July 10, 1998 at 3:49 pm EST, a woman driving north on US-127 near

Leslie, Michigan (15 miles south of Lansing) noticed "the glint of a silvery object" near a small cumulous cloud. She described the object as the size of a Cessna-type aircraft, but "perfectly round like a steel BB". She further noticed "a shiny band around the middle" of the object. The object seemed to "slide up against the edge of the cumulous cloud, rolled down so that the top reflected a shine and then it rolled up so that the bottom then reflected the shine". She noted that the "shiny band" stayed in the middle of the object which enabled her to determine which side that the reflection came off of. She noted that the object then "slid/flew into the edge" of the cloud from which it never reappeared.

On July 3, 1998, around 3 PM EST, a 14 year old boy had a sighting of a "flashlight UFO" at Blue Lake Fine Arts Music Camp in Twin Lake, ten miles east of Lake Michigan. The boy was in an outdoor pavilion rehearsing on the violin with other orchestra students when he looked up. He saw a strange object that resembled a "metal gray flashlight with a nose bigger than the back end". He could see no windows or lights on it. It was flying in a "straight horizontal line" west towards Lake Michigan. The object was at a high altitude, and at arm's length was as big as his index finger. He saw it for ten seconds before it flew into a very large cloud. When asked if he pointed out the object to any of the others in the orchestra he replied, "No, because the teacher would've said I was disturbing the rehearsal". Thanks to Marilyn Ruben from AAER at <http://www.abduct.com/> and Jeff S. Westover.

#### CANADA

Emerald Lake, Yukon Bill Oliver reports that on July 2, 1998, A man with two or three other co-workers was constructing a log house overlooking Emerald Lake. He paused to look up at a mountainside across the highway to see if he could spot any sheep at 9:45 AM. In a draw or gully running up the mountainside, he noticed an extremely bright reflective object flying around, perhaps 20 feet above the tree tops. When he spotted the UFO, it swooped down the mountainside and zoomed over the worker's heads. In those few seconds all he could say was "look, look, look" and it was gone. The others didn't look up fast enough to see it. It was the size of a softball, highly reflective, almost blinding, and appeared to have a metallic finish. Understandably, the fact that his buddies didn't see the object made him upset. What was worse, a few of the guys made fun of him. So much so that a fight almost ensued. The witness never had an interest in UFOs before this but was convinced that there was some form of intelligence guiding this object. On his drive home to Whitehorse, he shook his fist out the window up at the sky and yelled "come back here!" The witness spent an hour relating his story repeatedly to Lorraine Bretlyn, a Whitehorse UFO investigator. Thanks to Bill Oliver at [boliver@direct.ca](mailto:boliver@direct.ca).

#### ARE THERE MORE UFO SIGHTINGS?

Ufologist Bob Durant writes, "Several years ago I wrote an article for IUR called "Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs." This consisted of rounding up public opinion polls on UFOs taken by the Gallup Organization, Roper, and Audits and Surveys. As of the time of writing, I had 13 polls, the first done in August 1947, the last in 1993. Since then the topic has gotten so "hot" with the media that there are many recent polls. The data was collated and analyzed, then passed to half a dozen ufologists for comment. Mainly, I wanted them to tell me why the public had slowly but steadily increased their belief in the reality of UFOs in the face of overwhelmingly negative positions taken by the government, organized science, and journalism. The final version of my paper included those commentaries. One question asked in many of these polls was, "Have you ever seen a UFO?" The responses varied from poll to poll, but an average of maybe 12% of adult Americans said "yes." That is a statistical starting point for the answer to your question about how many UFO sightings have occurred. Lots of assumptions must be made, such as assuming one sighting per lifetime per "yes" person. That would give 250 million times 12 percent, or 30 million UFO sightings. Is this figure valid if extrapolated for the entire population of the planet? I dunno, because there are no equivalent polls in other countries that I know about. But certainly UFO sightings seem to occur throughout the world, so on a "why not" assumption, 12% of the world's population becomes a staggeringly high number. I won't argue this too long and too hard, but from the U.S. poll figures it is obvious that the UFO data base we ufologists work with is woefully inadequate. How many of the sightings reported by poll respondents would qualify as serious enough for us to study, is another matter entirely. Put another way, how many of the 30 million U.S. sightings are what Navy physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee calls "TRUFOS" -- True UFOs??? Phil Klass would say zero, others would say ten million, and so on. Citing Project bluebook stats is no help, in that from the record they seem to have "explained" a great many cases with preposterous "explanations." But as I understand the question, it was simply a query about how many UFO sightings have we got? Assuming the "we" in this case is the American public at large, and not the government or civilian UFO report collections, I think the 30 million number is about right. Back to the 12% figure, which I find astonishingly high. My opinion/speculation about how

belief that UFOs are "real" went from zero in the time period 1947 through about 1960, and then steadily increased to over 51%, is as follows. When Mr. or Mrs. America sees a UFO, they don't run out and tell the papers or TV about it. They are very circumspect, knowing how the topic has been demeaned and ridiculed. So they tell only those closest to them, the wife, the husband, the very closest friends. In this way the "word" spreads, slowly but surely and with great long term impact. In this way the usual means of communication in our society, the media, has been totally and efficiently bypassed. Thanks to MUFON's Bob Durant and for his great birthday party.

#### MOON MONOLITH

Apparently the Clemontine Navy Spacecraft has just released photographs of spectacular spires or monoliths on the Moon. These spires were first discovered in the mid-1960s, on photographs acquired by both Russia's Luna 9 and America's Orbiter-2 spacecraft. They are grouped together at two widely separated locations on the Moon. Irene McDonald first sent me photographs many years ago of these rather spectacular anomalies. The newer just released photos create more wonder and excitement because they just seem too tall and smooth to be natural phenomena. When first discovered, the Soviet press theorized that they were "stone markers" or alien pillars. A NASA geologist claims that the measurements of the shadows of the spires indicate they are taller than the tallest buildings on Earth. The shadows on my NASA photograph casts huge thin shadows for thousands of feet across the landscape of the moon. I always wonder why there is so little interest in these anomalies, that seem to infer an ancient civilization on the moon.

#### WISCONSIN CROP CIRCLE

Port Washington, Wisconsin Jackie Shanti reports that on July 10, 1998, strange markings were found in a wheat field. Three large circles approximately 90 feet across and connected by a slightly curved line were discovered. There was no sign of an entrance or exit to the field. Their Phone Number: 414-962-9517, Address: 3400 N Frederick Milwaukee WI 53211. Thanks to Jackie Shanti.

#### SOCIETY FOR SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION (SSE) PROPOSES UFO RESEARCH

John Thompson writes, The Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE) panel's recommendations sounds allot like yours, George. Their recommendations for what to do sound like they were taken from your proposal of nearly two years ago. Peter A. Sturrock writes:

##### RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION:

The purpose of this section is to Summarize ideas of what might be done to implement the panel's suggestions that were presented in their Summary Report (Section 1). The panel's observations and recommendations may perhaps be summarized very briefly as follows: The UFO problem is not simple and should receive more attention, with an emphasis on physical evidence; regular contact between UFO investigators and the scientific community would be helpful, as also would institutional support; and the possibility of health risks associated with UFO events should not be ignored. The panel was greatly impressed by work reported from GEPAN/SEPR, the French project originally GEPAN and now known as SEPR (see Appendix 1), and there is no doubt that the best prospect for real advance in our understanding of the UFO problem would be the creation of similar projects in other countries, for the following reasons: 1. Such a project could be mandated to obtain access to relevant data such as police records, radar records, etc. 2. The project could organize and draw upon a network of laboratories and consultants. 3. The project could set up and maintain a central database. 4. The project could construct and operate one or more mobile "observatories" that would include a number of cameras and other detectors including, as a minimum, optical, infrared, spectroscopic, acoustic, magnetic and radiation instruments. 5. New cases could be investigated from the outset purely on the basis of data collected by official channels and procedures. 6. If there is indeed a health hazard associated with some events related to the UFO problem, some government office should offer a response to this hazard. Even the most speculative hypotheses could be evaluated by a well conceived and well supported project. For instance, an analysis of the isotopic composition of material specimens could provide evidence that a specimen is probably of extraterrestrial origin, and analysis of the spectra of stationary objects, if it were to yield evidence of red-shifts or blue-shifts corresponding to a fraction of the speed of light, could indicate that some extraordinary physical process is involved. However, material specimens are rare, and it would take special equipment (that does not now exist) to obtain high-resolution spectra of transient and unpredictable sources. We realize that not every country could duplicate GEPAN/SEPR, since not every country has a national police force similar to the French gendarmerie. Furthermore, the creation of any such project would represent a political act that can be taken only by a national government for its own reasons or in response to public pressure. For these reasons, it is necessary to be realistic and look for more modest approaches that could be initiated without government action. It

would appear that progress is most likely to come about through incremental changes in institutional support and incremental changes in level of interest, these changes occurring symbiotically. We therefore inquire into what small positive changes could be made by scientists and by private institutions such as societies, journals, universities and foundations.

The most important change that could be made by scientists is to become curious. In view of the fact that modern UFO reports began in 1947, in view of the emergence of clear patterns in UFO reports (as was established some time ago by Poher [1973] among others), and in view of great public interest, it is remarkable that the scientific community has exhibited so little curiosity in the past. There is no doubt that this lack of curiosity is due in part to a lack of reliable and accessible information. When Sturrock carried out a survey of members of the American Astronomical Society in 1975, he asked if members would like to obtain more information about the UFO problem, and most respondents replied that they would (Sturrock, 1994; b; c). Sturrock also asked whether members would like to acquire this information from lectures, symposia, books, or journal articles; most respondents wanted only journal articles. At that time, most editors of most scientific journals would not consider accepting an article on the UFO problem. Since that time, the SSE has been founded, and its journal is now in its 12th year of publication. However, the journal can be found in only a few university libraries. Hence the situation persists that it is not easy for scientists to obtain information about the UFO problem by the normal process of going to the library and looking up journal articles. Thanks to Peter A. Sturrock and SSE.

Please send your letters to George A. Filer at [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com).

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## Col. Corso & Hoax Photograph

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 20:45:23 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 08:50:26 -0400  
Subject: Col. Corso & Hoax Photograph

I know that we have debated the reality of his work a number of times, but I just found something that I think is quite disturbing. In the photo section of the book, he has reproduced a number of fairly well know UFO pictures (which makes me ask why he couldn't come up with something we haven't seen before). The caption at the beginning says, "Lt. Col. Corso was never able to confirm the veracity of the following purported UFO surveillance photos, which were in Army Intelligence files as support material for the R&D project to harvest the Roswell alien technology for military purposes."

The very first picture is a a Ford hubcap and has been identified as such from the middle 1950s. The photographer, Guy B. Marquand, Jr., of Riverside, CA. admitted it was a hoax.

Now the question that bothers me about this is how could the "guy on the inside," that is, Corso, not know this was a hoax when everyone elses knows it was a hoax.

And before you argue that it might be real, wouldn't the "guy on the inside" have been aware of the controversy. I mean, he is supposed to know all this stuff that the rest of us didn't know.

Just thought I'd mention it.

KRandle

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## Re: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 21:16:28 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 08:59:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

>From: Graham M. Wilson <[gwilson\\_spur@lineone.net](mailto:gwilson_spur@lineone.net)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: NATO 'Firefly'  
>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 18:59:31 +0100

>The 'Firefly' is one of the current generation of super-stealth  
>aircraft, still part of the black-budget programme.  
>Near silent in operational flight, near silent hover  
>capabilities.

<snip>

>The underside lighting configuration is so designed as to give  
>conflicting eye-witness accounts of the lighting and indeed  
>shape of the craft, the three large circular red lights in each  
>point can converge in the centre to form one very large red or  
>white light.

>The craft is fitted with various psychotronic devices, including  
>certain beam weapons that can induce psychological and  
>physiological effects on humans and animals alike, including  
>pulsed phased lighting effects that can induce a fit,  
>convulsions, or merely varied hallucinagenic states.

>The disrupters, the sound weapons, can disorientate individuals,  
>this can then go on to cause physical displacement, and if the  
>signals are strong enough, prove fatal.

I think this one falls into the "Oh please" category. He provides no documentation, and furthermore, I see no strategic value in such aircraft, especially given the exorbitant amounts of money necessary to develop and maintain them. Since no military develops (or contracts elsewhere for the development of) any aircraft for "the fun of it", I see no purpose for an silently hovering aircraft that makes people feel strange or makes them sick.

Militaries need aircraft to gather information about other countries, to fight their aircraft, to attack strategic locations, or to train pilots to perform these functions, not buzz small towns to give them confusing light shows. Any target can be destroyed from a hundred miles away with cruise missiles.

Stealth fighters accomplished their missions in the Gulf War just fine without "near silent operation".

What could it's purpose possibly be? Unless it carries a payload and drops it on it's target at a hover from tree top level while putting on a light show and making the unfortunate victims below sick first, I'd say it would be pretty useless.

Greg

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## Re: Sturrock Panel

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Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 08:47:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

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>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel  
>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 06:57:21 -0400 >>

Steve, you wrote:

>Getting scientists to admit that there are phenomena that they  
>simply can't explain with traditional scientific explanations is  
>a good step forward.

Agreed. But getting them to care about it may be even more of a challenge. Take the recent discovery of "sprites" and "jets" filmed above thunderstorms in the American midwest. They represent a genuinely new (to science) and unexplained natural phenomenon. They generated quite a bit of excitement, no one questioned their existence, they were filmed numerous times, they were shown on TV and presented in magazines and newspapers all over the world. Now, nobody cares, they remain unexplained and relatively unstudied. This is due in part to their elusive nature: not all thunderstorms generate sprites and jets...probably fewer than those that produce tornadoes. So, I speculate that the difficulty in studying them has led to a decline in interest and funding. Let us hope that the same fate does not await ufology's future...scientists briefly show genuine interest, then disgard the subject for more mundane pursuits, like the mating habits of rodentia.

Greg

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## The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On

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Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 09:15:40 -0400  
Subject: The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On

URL:

<http://www.jse.com/skeptics.html>

The Journal for Scientific Exploration is published by the Society for Scientific Exploration which recently argued that some UFO phenomena need to be taken seriously by scientists.

Stig

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BE SKEPTICAL OF THE "SKEPTICS"

(A commentary by Bernhard Haisch, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Scientific Exploration)

If seeking publicity for the Society had been the purpose of publishing the Sturrock-Rockefeller UFO Report, one could take comfort in the observation of Oscar Wilde: "The only thing worse than being talked about... is not being talked about." Let the critics and self-proclaimed skeptics scoff and ridicule... just so long as they manage to get the SSE website straight. But publicity was never the purpose. The real purposes were advancing science and serving a public eager for credible information.

The San Francisco Chronicle summarized the situation well in an editorial: "The panel chided fellow scientists for shying away from UFOlogy, fearing the ridicule of their colleagues. As a result, 'the problem is in a very unsatisfactory state of ignorance and confusion' the panel said. With more than 60 percent of the American public open-minded and curious about UFO's and space aliens, scientists may never have a better chance to get funding for such research. They should go for it."

The Sturrock-Rockefeller UFO Report is marked by restraint and conservatism. It makes no claims other than that science owes it to itself and the public to not simply dismiss UFO reports out of hand. It concludes without pretense by stating: "The UFO problem is very complex and it is quite impossible to predict what might emerge from research into this area." It states explicitly that the scientists on the panel found no evidence for the involvement of extraterrestrial intelligence in the reports presented to them. It urges further scientific investigation.

A skeptic is one who adheres to the conviction that true knowledge may be uncertain, who suspends judgement, and who is willing to examine new evidence. By this definition, the Report is one of true skepticism.

On the other hand the self-proclaimed skeptics attempting to discredit the Report and the Society are not skeptics by this dictionary definition. Their critiques virtually all consist of scoffing, ridicule, ad hominem attacks, and the amazing claim that their dogmatic beliefs that certain things are impossible

necessarily constitute laws of nature. It is a modern replay of the cardinals refusing to look through Galileo's telescope because truth has already been revealed to them. Interestingly many of the vocal skeptics are not themselves practicing scientists.

The ridiculing posture of the skeptical comments is self-evident. Consider the embarrassingly crude New York Post caricature of the Report: "And the case for little green men making landings all over the farm belt in order to kidnap and then have unusual sex with random hicks in pickup trucks is even more ridiculous."

Ad hominem attacks are cropping up. One magazine somehow twisted serious work --published in prestigious physics journals -- on the quantum vacuum by one physicist involved in the workshop into the absurd claim that he "designs perpetual motion machines." In fact, this scientist has actually tested and debunked a dozen of the "free energy" devices widely touted on the internet.

The "nutty professor" innuendo has been directed at the panel director. Never mind that he won the 1986 Hale Prize in Solar Physics from the American Astronomical Society, the Arctowski medal in 1990 from the National Academy of Sciences, and the 1992 Space Sciences Award from the 40000 member American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for his "major contribution to the fields of geophysics, solar physics and astrophysics, leadership in the space science community, and dedication to the pursuit of knowledge."

Moving beyond ridicule and innuendo, some of the following seemingly serious arguments have also been advanced.

\* According to CSICOP "The release of the report appears well-timed to gain publicity for the SSE and their claims. It occurs a week after the release of the X-Files movie and during the week of Fourth of July when news is slow." But in fact the timing of the release simply followed the standard Journal publication schedule. The Report appeared in the first available issue following its completion. This was the same as the previous several years' publication schedule for the June issue of the Journal.

\* Funding UFO research is predicted to damage mainstream science. Hardly. The total federal civilian research budget is approximately \$35 billion. A mere 0.01 percent of that amount would be more than enough to begin to make progress.

\* The Journal is said to advocate such New Age concepts as reincarnation. In reality the articles published on such topics are not New Age speculation and metaphysics. Rather they have been scientific detective work involving such hard evidence as searching medical records of death wounds on one individual for possible correlation with birthmarks on an individual claiming to remember that previous life. The data are presented and analyzed in scientific fashion without claiming any proof of reincarnation. Similar treatment is given to other topics whose titles are sometimes given a giggle spin by the "skeptics." (Interestingly this same sort of ridiculing of topics used to infuriate the scientific community when Sen. Proxmire used these tactics in his "Golden Fleece Awards" to attack the National Science Foundation.)

The most frequent "skeptical" argument, of course, is that there is "not a shred of evidence" and that UFO claims were long ago carefully and open-mindedly examined and rejected in the Condon Report. What the "skeptics" either never bothered to read or choose to ignore is that there is substantial evidence in the roughly 1000-page body of that report itself and Condon's dismissive summary bears hardly any relation to what the rest of the report says. Condon's aim was to put an end to serious UFO investigation, and that is how he slanted his summary, never mind what was in the actual report. Indeed the rest of the Condon report contains substantial "shreds of evidence." An analysis of the Condon Report by Sturrock was published in Vol. 1. of JSE and will be posted on the web shortly.

Cut through the ridicule and search for factual information in

most of the skeptical commentary and one is usually left with nothing. This is not surprising. After all, how can one rationally object to a call for scientific examination of evidence?

Be skeptical of the "skeptics."

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## Flying Saucers And Frisbees

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 09:19:50 -0400  
Subject: Flying Saucers And Frisbees

From: The Philadelphia Enquirer.

URL:

<http://www.phillynews.com:80/inquirer/98/Jul/16/lifestyle/QUEST16.htm>

Stig

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July 16, 1998

Kids' talk

With Peter Mucha

Here are some questions from past columns.

<snipped>

Q How did Frisbees get their name?

-- John Gilbert, St. William School, Philadelphia

A The name came from the Frisbie Baking Co. of Connecticut. Stamped on the bottom of its pie tins was the name Frisbie. In the 1940s, throwing and catching the tins became popular with students at New England colleges.

Now switch to the 1950s. Americans were fascinated by reports and movies about UFOs, often called flying saucers. So a Californian, Walter Frederick Morrison, invented a toy flying disk. In 1957, the Wham-O Co. started selling his Pluto Platters.

One day, though, while visiting colleges in the East, Wham-O president Richard Knerr was surprised to see students tossing pie tins and calling them "Frisbies." So Knerr trademarked the name Frisbee (with two e's) and used it for Wham-O's toy disks. With a couple of years, sales were flying high.

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## Galileo Reveals Hints Of Ganymede's Past Ocean

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Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 09:21:04 -0400  
Subject: Galileo Reveals Hints Of Ganymede's Past Ocean

AP via CNN. URL:

<http://cnn.com/TECH/space/9807/15/galileo.ganymede.ap/index.html>

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Jupiter's moon Ganymede has crater chain, hints of past ocean

July 15, 1998  
Web posted at 12:37 PM ET

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- New images show Jupiter's giant moon Ganymede has geologic hints of an early subsurface ocean and a chain of 13 craters that could have come from a broken-up comet.

But scientists still can't say whether life ever existed there.

"We don't know and that's why we're out there looking," said James Head, a Brown University planetary scientist. "You have heat, liquid water, organic material coming in from impacts from meteorites. The ingredients are there."

The close-ups of Ganymede's rich geology were being released today by NASA. The unmanned Galileo spacecraft captured them during several flybys, some within just a few hundred miles of the surface, in June 1996 and June 1997.

Ganymede, the largest moon in the solar system, is 3,269 miles in diameter -- bigger than Mercury and three-quarters the size of Mars. About half its surface is bright, clean ice and half dark, heavily-cratered terrain made up of "dirty" ice and rocks. Scientists are looking for signs of liquid water.

The new images suggest that icy volcanoes spewed water instead of the rocky lava seen on Earth, Head, a member of the Galileo imaging team, said Tuesday from his office in Providence, R.I.

Because much of the moon is icy, scientists have wondered whether there is a warmer liquid layer beneath.

"The Galileo images show us quite dramatically that about half of the surface has been renewed by some process that put bright terrain out onto 50 percent of the surface," Head said.

>From images snapped by the Voyager missions of the late 1970s, scientists suspected this was water, Head said. The water-spewing volcanoes suggested by the latest photos could provide the mechanism for how the ice was deposited.

At least 1 billion years into its history, Ganymede very likely had a global ocean, like the one that scientists suspect lies beneath the frozen expanses of another of Jupiter's moons, Europa.

Europa, one of the major targets of the search for life in the solar system, is the focus of the two-year Galileo mission extension.

Galileo is teaching scientists that Ganymede "probably had a global ocean earlier in its history, but didn't continue on with the kind of

activity Europa had and has still today," Head said.

Still, he said the new Ganymede images show several signs of water: large valleys, where it appears water flowed down into surrounding lowlands. Hot water from volcanoes may have melted ice and created the channels.

The images show remains of old craters and basins in dark terrain, believed to date from early in the history of the 4.5 billion-year-old solar system.

Head described the chain of craters, spread over about 93 miles, as like Shoemaker-Levy, the "string of pearls" comet that struck Jupiter piece by piece in 1994.

The Galileo spacecraft, which spent two years orbiting Jupiter and its major moons -- Ganymede, Europa, Io and Callisto -- is more than six months into the Galileo Europa Mission.

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## Upcoming TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

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Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 09:28:01 -0400  
Subject: Upcoming TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

American Artists Film Corporation Announces Agreement with  
Dr. Steven M. Greer

PR Newswire - July 16, 1998 19:16

ATLANTA, July 16 /PRNewswire/ -- American Artists Film Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: AAFC) announced completion of an agreement with Crossing Point, Inc., a company headed by Dr. Steven M. Greer, an authority on the subject of extraterrestrial intelligence. Subject to completion of financing, the agreement calls for AAFC to produce a series of television documentaries featuring Dr. Greer's ideas and opinions regarding the existence of extraterrestrial life. AAFC has six months, with an optional six-month extension, to securing financing.

Dr. Greer is the founder and international director of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence ("CSETI"). According to CSETI, Dr. Greer has met with and provided briefings to senior military, intelligence and government officials in the United States and around the world, including senior CIA officials, Joint Chiefs of Staff, White House staff, senior members of Congress and congressional committees, senior United Nations leadership and diplomats, senior military officials in the United Kingdom and Europe, and cabinet-level staff members of the Japanese government, among others.

"This agreement represents a significant opportunity for American Artists to both showcase our creative talents and abilities and to be associated with the presentation of the ideas and opinions of an authority on the subject of extraterrestrial intelligence," said Robert A. Martinez, Chief Financial Officer of AAFC.

American Artists Film Corporation, based in Atlanta, Georgia, is a multi-faceted entertainment company committed to the creation, production and distribution of original, innovative programming and films for a variety of media. AAFC has focused its efforts on creating and producing programming for a number of venues including television specials, television commercials, corporate/industrial videos, as well as, developing made-for-television and theatrical movies and out-of-home Large Screen Video Display operations.

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## Re: UFO UpDate: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget

From: **Tim Matthews** <[matthews@zetnet.co.uk](mailto:matthews@zetnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 22:03:17 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 09:52:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget

>From: Graham M. Wilson <[gwilson\\_spur@lineone.net](mailto:gwilson_spur@lineone.net)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: NATO 'Firefly'  
>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 18:59:31 +0100

>The craft is an equilateral-shaped triangle, each edge, from tip  
>to tip, is approx. 184ft.

>The 'Firefly' is one of the current generation of super-stealth  
>aircraft, still part of the black-budget programme.

Actually, that's not really true. Firefly was the name given to  
the German stealth project cancelled after US pressure in the  
1980s. I doubt they'd call a new craft by the same name. There  
is stealth or no stealth - not super-stealth. Does this mean  
that you agree with my conclusions that they may use active  
stealth systems, phased conjugated pulse etc.??

>This is not the alleged 'HALO' product, which is a smokescreen  
>designed to lure inquisitive researchers away from the  
>'Firefly', Warton are going to great lengths to keep ufologists  
>interested in that facility and its craft.

Warton has not gone to any lengths at all. In any case, their  
own propaganda and press releases admit their involvement in  
advanced stealth projects. I do not spend my time parked outside  
Warton because for quite some time operations have been taking  
place elsewhere!

Australia is where I'd fly some of these craft.....

I knew about the West Freugh links in 1995 - secret triangular  
a/c were flying out of there in 1970!!!

>Near silent in operational flight, near silent hover  
>capabilities.

Sounds like LTA with these advanced propellers.

>The underside lighting configuration is so designed as to give  
>conflicting eye-witness accounts of the lighting and indeed  
>shape of the craft, the three large circular red lights in each  
>point can converge in the centre to form one very large red or  
>white light.

This seems sensible. Tony Gonsalves came to similar conclusions  
about lighting in 1990. We concluded this very early on.

>  
>The craft is fitted with various psychotronic devices, including  
>certain beam weapons that can induce psychological and  
>physiological effects on humans and animals alike, including  
>pulsed phased lighting effects that can induce a fit,  
>convulsions, or merely varied hallucinagenic states.

This has been possible for years. Non-lethal weapons are very  
popular these days....

>The disrupters, the sound weapons, can disoreintate individuals,

>this can then go on to cause physical displacement, and if the  
>signals are strong enough, prove fatal.

We'll have to see about that but no witness that I have spoken  
to has claimed any side effects (apart from awe) from an FT  
sighting. Perhaps only annoyance when their local UFO group has  
rushed to the press with an alien story.

So who has died as a result of a triangle sighting?

>I am informed that there are two of these craft in Europe in  
>current operation, one is based at Boscombe Down, and shares  
>flight operations with Macrihanish. The other craft is based in  
>Germany.

Where in Germany? Ramstein???

>The USA have two craft, of slightly different  
>configuration. The craft is manned or crewed by NATO personnel,  
>it is believed all participating NATO countries supply flight  
>crew. Flight simulators are located in the UK, Germany and the  
>USA.

This is impossible - far too many people would know and there  
would be no operational reason to have crew from 'every' NATO  
country.....

A 184 foot triangle at Boscombe Down? Which hangar would they  
keep it in? Have you ever been to Macrahanish? It's virtually  
abandoned although it was used for a couple of exercises  
involving paratroops last year (August?).

Remember this, the triangle may well have VTOL ability.  
Therefore the need to operate it from the ever-so-long airfield  
at Macrahanish doesn't make sense.

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## Re: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

From: [RobIrving@aol.com](mailto:RobIrving@aol.com)  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 00:09:58 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 09:35:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

>From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 07:16:46 EDT  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: CE: Open Letter to The Cincinnati Enquirer

Greg,

>It HAS been recorded properly.

Can of worms, and I'm not sure I want to join you in it, but I would be interested in your list of examples - like a 'ten best' characteristics of crop circle 'genuineness'.

>I brought up crop circles to demonstrate the treatment of that >sort of subject by the media.

In general, I think that phenomena gets the media attention its loudest proponents deserve. In the case of crop circles my main complaint is that when the BBC's Late Show interviewed four circlemakers for a feature on 'abject art' it was deemed unworthy of broadcast. Maybe the art world just wasn't ready?

Beyond that, the recent NBC show and others like it notwithstanding, I would argue that the media portrays the subject in more mysterious terms than the facts encourage.

Rob

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## Re: HEATWAVE '98 - British UFO Studies Centre

From: **Rory Lushman** <[PHUFON@compuserve.com](mailto:PHUFON@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 06:27:00 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 10:13:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: HEATWAVE '98 - British UFO Studies Centre

>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 09:16:07 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[el51@dial.pipex.com](mailto:el51@dial.pipex.com)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: BUFOSC - HEATWAVE '98

>From: Tim Matthews <[matthews@zetnet.co.uk](mailto:matthews@zetnet.co.uk)>  
>To: <[rbx32@dial.pipex.com](mailto:rbx32@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Subject: BUFOSC - HEATWAVE '98  
>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 10:51:44 +0100

>Hello all!

>Welcome to HEATWAVE '98 - the warm message of Summer love and  
>affection from the British UFO Studies Centre.

>THE SCUM OF THE EARTH!

>Meanwhile, back in the weird and wonderful world of Ufology  
>attempts to stifle the publication of my forthcoming book  
>entitled 'UFO Revelation' have failed miserably. The same people  
>involved in this pathetic attempt are no doubt in close contact  
>with the people who sabotaged Eric Morris's car only hours  
>before we were due to travel to Sheffield yesterday (14th July)  
>to address the excellent Yorkshire UFO Society.

>A very serious and potentially fatal accident was narrowly  
>avoided.....

>The circumstances are as follows; the crime was committed at  
>Eric's place of work. 'Inside' knowledge that the work car park  
>video camera was operational but that no tape was being used to  
>record events was vital to the commission of the crime. There is  
>no history of vandalism or car theft at the location in question  
>and only ONE person with this information could have committed  
>the crime. This person is also the one behind the libelous  
>'SHADOW' leaflets circulated at the back end of last year and in  
>early 1998. We believe that this specimen has had the support of  
>three other prominent Ufologists, one of them a prominent  
>Midlands UFO groupie, and that they are for whatever reason  
>desperate to halt our progress and to stop our research into  
>man-made UFOs. We also suspect very strongly, and based upon a  
>great deal of information provided by decent people close to  
>this gang of wasters, that they are desperate to attack Eric  
>Morris for reviewing his position on Close Encounters....

>This information is being passed to the local CID.

Dear All,

It is important that the the real facts about Eric's car are  
told. A phrase that Tim Matthews likes to use is "potentially  
libelous" and this statement is not potentially, it is libelous.

Basically, Tim and Eric are accusing me of this. Firstly lets  
get some truths exposed. Tim has only been to Gatley where Eric  
and I work a couple of times. As for the statement that there is  
no history of car crime at the location is totally untrue. Only  
days before Eric had reported on two separate occasions,  
undesirables looking around our car park and one of them had

stuck two fingers up at Eric. They actually broke into one car and slashed another.

The police came and they knew the occupants of the car. We have the registration number of the car. Tim, please feel free to check all this with the police before you spout off about something you have no reliable information on.

This also proves that car thieves will still try to steal from cars, even though there is a camera there. The camera system has NEVER had recording facilities on. Also Eric had conveniently parked his car at the bottom end of the car park, in a blind spot. This particular area is hidden by a fire escape. Eric usually moves his car to the front end of the car park, yet on this night chose not to.

Eric had reported to me, someone in a grey car, driving around the car park, taking down vehicle registrations. This was the very night he got his car vandalised.

Sadly there are quite a number of break in crimes on the car park. I will gladly ask Stockport police to prove that car crime is a regular event. Eric is well aware of this and I will contact the police to prove that Eric actually spoke to the police. If anybody wants to check thefts etc. from our car park,, then please call Stockport police....let's see who is telling the truth.

Isn't it funny how Eric's car got vandalised, the night he decided to give his notice. He claims he left the car park on Monday night, then realised he'd forgot to give his notice, so he reversed, and posted his notice through our letter box at work. The person who ( if any ) broke into his car must have been psychic or this is a spooky coincidence. I was on my day off Tuesday and did not find out until Wednesday that he'd given his notice, am I psychic?

Now funnily enough, I had forgot my house keys and turned around to go back for them, yet I did not see Eric reversing up the car park, to post his notice.

Eric rang me on Wednesday morning and said he'd had problems with his car on the way home but had topped it up. So he was aware of the problem before he set off to Sheffield, yet he still went. He claims the car set on fire, on the way back from the meeting. The police were called and an ambulance to give them oxygen.

I spoke to a Fiat dealer as Eric owns a Fiat, and they told me the most that would happen if an engine ran out of water, would be the cylinder head could blow. Eric, cars are fitted with a thermostat, when the needle points to the red, it means stop or else there will be trouble with the car. Anyone with sense would not plough on, especially as they knew the car had been leaking earlier in the day.

He however told a colleague, that the AA ( Automobile Association ) was at his house on the Tuesday morning, fixing his car. They never made a very good job of this, if it still broke down.

It gets better. I decided to ring the police in Huddersfield and check this claim out. The police have no log of the incident. I have spoke to the CID and they have no record of the incident. Eric has been saying this is attempted murder to colleagues. If it was such a serious crime, why have the CID or SOCO,( Scenes Of Crimes Officers ) not visited the site of the alleged attack. The CID advised me to seek legal help and this is what I am doing.

I have spoke to Stockport police, Northwich police and they gave me the same answer, no incident has been reported.

Anyone of you out there, are quite welcome to check all the above, with the various police stations.

These are the questions that need answering,

- 1, How does Tim know there is no car crime at our car park.
- 2, Which police station was the incident reported to.

- 3, On what date was it reported
- 4, What was the crime number that the police gave them.
- 5, Is there a log for the ambulance dashing to their mercy.  
(This is being checked)
- 6, Where was the car impounded for SOCO tests.
- 7, How did they get the car back home if it was damaged by fire.
- 8, Is there a log or the AA calling to fix Eric's car.
- 9, Why would they try to get somewhere if they knew their car was faulty.

Tim Matthews has tried to link me to Larry O'Hara, he uses the phrase probably. He has written and emailed other people with this information and they have kindly sent it to me. He talks about a smear campaign and yet writes umpteen letters trying to get people to stop associating with us. There is no link between me and Larry O'Hara. Try another one Tim, you've exhausted this angle. Who is Larry O'Hara? He is someone who Tim has had a few run ins with before Tim entered ufology. I will let Tim explain that connection.

He says to others that our group PHUFON is too small to be a threat, so why does he keep on about us if we are so small. He says other groups in Lancashire are small. Obviously Tim believes the Godzilla hype, "Size Does Matter." Does having more members make you a better group.....

This is what Eric says about the Compuserve UFO Forum. He emailed this to a colleague.

>>Chris, I don't have enough hard drive memory to enter the >>UFO Forum. Is there any remedy to put this right I know it's >>a load of rubbish on it, but I would like to enter it for a >>laugh at all these saddened ufologists who think they are >>someone, and have a passion for allegedly going around messing >>up car's, nearly killing the driver's and passenger's.

>>Thank you for the e.mail message, I got it, and although I >>am leaving the cinema, I hope you get the 'chief's' position. >>Don't let them tread on you and take advantage, because the >>scumbags will. I did tell Rory I thought we came worse off >>during the summer holiday's with longer hours and same pay, >>despite the usherette's being paid by the hour.He said that >>he counteracted this by splitting up the day and us going >>home early. Did I have 'missing time' last year?

>>I must have been bloody abducted by John Merryweather's >>alien being's as I did not have slipt days.

>>I do hope everything works out for you, because you deserve >>better than the cinema, honestly, I was surprised when I >>was offered =A3\*\*\*\*p an hour, I can get you at least =A3\* an >>hour, plus travelling >>expenses as well. An agency I hope to >>join pay \*\* per mile after the first ten miles!!!

Note:- I deleted the amounts of pay as this is personal information.

>>I have not heard off the law about Huddersfield tomorrow, >>but I believe you are being called in anyway. >>Watch your car, it could be you next, I am going to find out >>who did my car,already I have received some phone calls naming >>names and I am following their movements up.

>>Please let me know about the hard drive, can it be compressed >>again? Is it games?

>>I will still use you as my consultant computer engineer and >>advertise you.

>>see ya soon hopefully, keep taking the viagra >>eric.

I challenge Eric to name the names.



Now see below what Tim puts in the original message.

>As you may know by now, Eric is a qualified and Registered SEN  
>who has worked for many years as a Psychiatric Nurse. He spent  
>two years running the 'Abduction Research and Counselling  
>Centre' from 1994 and he gained quite a bit of publicity as a  
>result of this bold effort. He concluded, after a great deal of  
>research and having met several dozen 'experiencers', that in  
>all but a two cases nothing real (at least not abduction by  
>aliens whereby 'victims' are taken onboard a 'spaceship',  
>examined, experimented upon and returned to their point of  
>origin) took place.

There is nothing wrong with changing your opinion based on new evidence. However if we take a look at Issue 7 of Eric's magazine, INTELLIGENCE, he says this of abductions on page 9.

>>In recent months, I have met, personally over twenty people  
>>who have been abducted.

In issue 8 of INTELLIGENCE, page 5, Eric writes

>>BUFOSC know from their own investigations that this is a normal  
>>practice during abduction, the hybrid breeding programme and  
>>subsequent bonding between mother and offspring is a common  
>>practice, however cruel and callous it appears to the human  
>>race.

Eric enjoys nursing and I wish him well with that.

I have never tried to stifle Tim's new book, in fact I can't wait for it to come out. Tim obviously needs to take this up with whoever is doing it. I'm sure and I have said to Tim, that it will be popular and if its in his usual style, it will be well written.

I met up with Eric at work back in June and we decided that the hostilities between ourselves should cease. We had kept our end of the deal, yet still we got messages, letter and emails from people, showing us that they had not dropped it.

I ask them to prove their accusations. I am ready to go to court over this and other incidents, are they?

Either put up, or shut up.

So, the choice is theirs, carry on with this line of attack and I will take it further, or drop it. We will get off your case and you get off ours...fair enough.

I intend to inform Stockport police and get them to investigate this further.

Cheers

Rory Lushman.

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## Re: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

From: "Donnie W. Shevlin" <[dshevlin@primary.net](mailto:dshevlin@primary.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 09:06:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 10:31:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

> From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
> Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 21:16:28 EDT  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

> >From: Graham M. Wilson <[gwilson\\_spur@lineone.net](mailto:gwilson_spur@lineone.net)>  
> >To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> >Subject: NATO 'Firefly'  
> >Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 18:59:31 +0100

> >The 'Firefly' is one of the current generation of super-stealth  
> >aircraft, still part of the black-budget programme.  
> >Near silent in operational flight, near silent hover  
> >capabilities.

> <snip>

> I think this one falls into the "Oh please" category. He provides  
> no documentation, and furthermore, I see no strategic value in  
> such aircraft, especially given the exorbitant amounts of money  
> necessary to develop and maintain them. Since no military  
> develops (or contracts elsewhere for the development of) any  
> aircraft for "the fun of it", I see no purpose for an silently  
> hovering aircraft that makes people feel strange or makes them  
> sick.

> Militaries need aircraft to gather information about other  
> countries, to fight their aircraft, to attack strategic  
> locations, or to train pilots to perform these functions, not  
> buzz small towns to give them confusing light shows. Any target  
> can be destroyed from a hundred miles away with cruise missiles.

> Stealth fighters accomplished their missions in the Gulf War just  
> fine without "near silent operation".

> What could it's purpose possibly be? Unless it carries a payload  
> and drops it on it's target at a hover from tree top level while  
> putting on a light show and making the unfortunate victims below  
> sick first, I'd say it would be pretty useless.

> Greg

I agree. It seems to me to be one of those 'I know a man who  
knows a man that says.....' scenarios. And you know that we are  
supposed to accept this verbatim. Yet, if a first party story  
hits here about a possible sighting; photos, documentation, trace  
materials and skin samples would be necessary before anyone would  
even listen to you. I would subject his story to the same  
scrutiny.

Donnie

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## Re: UFOs and Power Loss

From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 08:08:19 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 10:17:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs and Power Loss

>From: Moderator UFO UpDates

>File Name: BLKOUT65.TXT

>

> Key date: 01-15-96

> Keyed by: Errol Bruce-Knapp - UFO UpDates Toronto.

>Excerpted from:

>UFO Sightings, Landings and Abductions - The Documented Evidence

>by

>Yurko Bondarchuk

>Published by: Methuen Publications, Toronto, 1979

>ISBN 0-458-94160-3

>=====

>>From Chapter 9 - The E.M. Effect and Power Blackouts

>>both the UFO and the Soviet satellite explanations:

<snip>

> The spindle-shaped thing could have been a UFO--but it  
> certainly wasn't. It was nothing more than an optical  
> ghost, the result of reflections between the elements  
> of an air-spaced lens.(16)

This is a reference to lens flare. We've all seen this in still pics and in the movies, and it generally takes the form of a series of ghost images in the shape of the lens diaphragm. It is caused by internal reflections of bright light inside the lens.

But this photo was supposed to have been taken during the blackout, or at least that is what the text implies. What would be the bright light source that caused this lens flare????

Has anyone here seen the photo referred to?

Bob

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## Re: Kevin McClure and Nazi UFOs

From: Jean-Luc Rivera <[PSaintc798@aol.com](mailto:PSaintc798@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 11:30:49 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 12:36:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Kevin McClure and Nazi UFOs

Dear Jack,

In a message dated 07/17/1998 8:41:25 AM, you wrote:

>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 17:38:39 -0500  
>From: Jack Veach <[pinegap@flash.net](mailto:pinegap@flash.net)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Kevin McClure and Nazi UFOs

>Mr. McClure makes some very positive statements debunking a  
>great deal of untruths about Nazi UFOs...

<snip>

>I hope that will clear some things up for Mr. McClure with  
>respect to Vanguard Science and Mr. Vesco and hopefully all of  
>us can clear the riddle of the Nazi UFOs from all the smoke and  
>mirrors that unfortunately come to the fore on something of this  
>nature.

>Yours truly,

>Jack Veach  
>[pinegap@flash.net](mailto:pinegap@flash.net)

The above mentioned subject - nazis UFOs - is one of the most enduring myths in ufology.

I would like to inform all french reading list members that the most comprehensive and definitive study as of today is: " Un mythe technologique: la legende du V7 " (A technological myth: the V7 legend) by Joseph Altairac.

He covers extensively the story since its origins after the war, studies all the potential candidates to the title of nazi saucer, has a lot of little known pictures and a great bibliography.

It has been published in: 'Scientifictions' numero 1 - Volume 2, 1997

Editions ENCRAGE  
B.P. 0451  
80004 AMIENS CEDEX 1  
FRANCE

The publication is a beautiful book containing also an article on satanic ritual abuse by Sherrill Mulhern and a very long and detailed study by Michel Meurger 'The Loch Ness monster: From Folklore to Speculative Zoology'.

I strongly recommend the book to all.

Regards.

Jean-Luc Rivera

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## Re: The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On

From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 08:30:21 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 12:42:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On

>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 03:31:43 +0200  
>Subject: The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On Skeptics

>BE SKEPTICAL OF THE "SKEPTICS"

>(A commentary by Bernhard Haisch, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of  
>Scientific Exploration)

>  
>If seeking publicity for the Society had been the purpose of  
>publishing the Sturrock-Rockefeller UFO Report, one could take  
>comfort in the observation of Oscar Wilde: "The only thing worse  
>than being talked about... is not being talked about." Let the  
>critics and self-proclaimed skeptics scoff and ridicule... just  
>so long as they manage to get the SSE website straight. But  
>publicity was never the purpose. The real purposes were  
>advancing science and serving a public eager for credible  
>information.

>The Sturrock-Rockefeller UFO Report is marked by restraint and  
>conservatism. It makes no claims other than that science owes it  
>to itself and the public to not simply dismiss UFO reports out  
>of hand. It concludes without pretense by stating: "The UFO  
>problem is very complex and it is quite impossible to predict  
>what might emerge from research into this area." It states  
>explicitly that the scientists on the panel found no evidence  
>for the involvement of extraterrestrial intelligence in the  
>reports presented to them. It urges further scientific  
>investigation.

>On the other hand the self-proclaimed skeptics attempting to  
>discredit the Report and the Society are not skeptics by this  
>dictionary definition. Their critiques virtually all consist of  
>scoffing, ridicule, ad hominem attacks, and the amazing claim  
>that their dogmatic beliefs that certain things are impossible  
>necessarily constitute laws of nature. It is a modern replay of  
>the cardinals refusing to look through Galileo's telescope  
>because truth has already been revealed to them. Interestingly  
>many of the vocal skeptics are not themselves practicing  
>scientists.

This should surprise no one. Any serious inquiry into the UFO  
subject, going back to day one, when it was first recognized as  
some type of unusual phenomenon, UFOs have been ridiculed. The  
debate has moved well past whether there really are lights that  
are seen in the sky. There are and they have been observed on  
the ground, in the air and on radar screens in a number of cases  
all at the same time.

The only thing that has ever made sense, and I have been saying  
it for years is that some of these cases impact national  
security. The very item that the U.S. Military has said for  
years, that they don't do. And when national security is  
impacted, all the stops are then pulled out. It should be  
obvious to anyone that has studied this for any length of time,  
that the last thing that anyone buried deep in government that  
has a handle on the secrets will want to happen, is to have a

panel of "open minded scientists" to honestly study UFOs and what they "might be". And now the "open minded scientists" are getting a taste of the ridicule factor that we have all experienced, that have been chasing this subject. I was not surprised at all by the above events. Were you?

Don Ecker  
UFO Magazine  
<http://www.ufomagazine.com>

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Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong conclusion with confidence.

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## BULLETIN -- Col. Philip Corso Dies

From: Michael Lindemann <[CNINews1@aol.com](mailto:CNINews1@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 17:32:02 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 18:43:33 -0400  
Subject: BULLETIN -- Col. Philip Corso Dies

CNI NEWS BULLETIN:

Col. Philip J. Corso (U.S. Army, ret.) died at approximately 11:15 pm EDT on Thursday, July 16, 1998. He was 83.

Corso, who was widely known for his controversial 1997 book, "The Day After Roswell," suffered a massive heart attack in early June of this year but made a remarkable recovery. He was at home on July 16 and was said to be feeling fine when he apparently suffered a second heart attack. According to a family source, Col. Corso died at or enroute to a hospital in Palm Beach, Florida.

Details are sketchy at this time. CNI News is awaiting further information from the Corso family.

Meanwhile, condolences may be sent to the family of Philip Corso, Jr., Colonel Corso's son, care of the Roswell UFO Museum. Send attn: Philip Corso Jr., PO Box 2221, Roswell, NM 88202; fax (505) 625-1907; email care of [deon@roswell.net](mailto:deon@roswell.net).

Further information will be posted to the CNI News web site as it becomes available. <http://www.cninews.com>

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## Chat with Alan Boyle, Editor MSNBC's Space News

From: Yvonne Hedenland <[vonni\\_h@email.msn.com](mailto:vonni_h@email.msn.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 13:07:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 22:52:24 -0400  
Subject: Chat with Alan Boyle, Editor MSNBC's Space News

MSNBC sees over 3.8 million hits a day according to recent 3rd party audits and perhaps one of the most popular sections is the Space News division headed up by Alan Boyle. Boyle brings an acute awareness of the public's need for truth and quick information to his role in presenting the news.

In his recent audio interview with the UFO Forum, (available now at <http://forums.msn.com/ufo>) he discusses how valuable the internet has been in presenting instant feedback from the general audience. However, as we pointed out, is this a two edged sword? When incorrect information gets rushed out in order to satisfy our needs, can it damage our understanding of what is truly going on in one of the most influential yet controversial portions of modern science?

Join the UFO Forum and Alan Boyle on Sunday, July 19th, 7pm, PT at <http://forums.msn.com/ufo>

The Briefing Room chat can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

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## Re: 'Sturrock Panel'

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 18:49:30 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:01:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Sturrock Panel'

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Sturrock Panel'  
>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 19:04:44 -0400

>>From: Francis Ridge <[slk@EVANSVILLE.NET](mailto:slk@EVANSVILLE.NET)>  
>>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 07:54:45 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: 'Sturrock Panel'  
>>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

>snip<

>>1) 106,000 sightings on computer (UFOCAT)  
>>2) 3,000-plus sightings from aircraft (Dr. Richard Haines)  
>>3) 489 radar cases, many radar/visual (Dominique Weinstein)  
>>4) 363 radar cases, 76 as R/V!!! (US Air Force records)  
>>5) 5600 trace cases, 4104 with UFO sightings!!!! (CUFOS)  
>>6) 185 E-M cases involving aircraft (Haines)  
>>7) Over 500 cases E-M effects with UFOs (CUFOS)  
>>8) Many hundreds of just GOOD close encounters  
>>9) And 701 Blue Book unknowns of various types

>Indeed. However, I would add that if any hard evidence in  
>support of the subjects mentioned above were to surface, I would  
>certainly expect that to be reviewed by the scientific community  
>as well.

The above mentioned are not "subjects", they are documented cases,  
and they look pretty "surfaced" to me. Why don't you stroll over to the  
water's edge and have a look for yourself?

Greg

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## Lazar Critique By A Physicist

From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 14:58:19 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:00:33 -0400  
Subject: Lazar Critique By A Physicist

On sci.skeptic today, Dr. David Morgan divulged the location of his critique of some of Bob Lazar's statements. The URL is:

<http://www.physics.wm.edu/~morgan/files/critique.html>

Dr. Morgan is a particle physicist and the The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Kind regards,

Keith

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## Re: The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On

From: bruce maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 15:55:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 22:56:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On

>From: [Stig\\_Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk)  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 03:31:43 +0200  
>Subject: The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On Skeptics

>URL:

><http://www.jse.com/skeptics.html>

>The Journal for Scientific Exploration is published by the Society for  
>Scientific Exploration which recently argued that some UFO phenomena  
>need to be taken seriously by scientists.

>Stig

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>BE SKEPTICAL OF THE "SKEPTICS"

>(A commentary by Bernhard Haisch, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of  
>Scientific Exploration)

About ten years ago I wrote a paper entitled "Skeptical of the  
Skeptics." The basic point of the paper was that skeptics had  
modified, distorted or ignored UFO data which would conflict with  
their explanations. I incorporated this work into my paper  
"Still In Default", which I can email to anyone interested.

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## New FUFOR Publications

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 15:30:46 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 22:54:52 -0400  
Subject: New FUFOR Publications

At the risk of breaking into the exciting (multi-threaded) debate that seems to have everyone's attention (please read the previous as sarcasm), I wanted to make sure that several new publications available through FUFOR are now available. This list has been compiled by comparing FUFOR's July, 1998 listing with the list available on their WEB site (which I am in the process of updating. But in the interest of speed I thought I would point them out here:

===== Videotapes:

"Perspectives on the Abduction Phenomenon" -- An abduction panel discussion held at the Prince Georges Community College on 23 August 1997. Panel members: Melanie Green, Dr. Robert Hall, Debby Regimenti, Dr. S. Peter Resta, Susan Swiatek; 60 minutes (VHS) -- \$16.00

"The 1980 Randlesham Forest Encounter" -- A talk given by Col. Charles I. Halt (Ret.) at Prince George's Community College on 23 August 1997 concerning his participation in the infamous Randlesham Forest UFO incident; 60 minutes (VHS) -- \$16.00

Case Investigations:

"Colorado Probe: An Inquiry into the 1995 Salida UFO Sightings and Videotape" by Jennie Zeidman -- These sightings garnered considerable publicity when they occurred. But were UFOs seen or IFOs? The author, a veteran investigator, here reveals her reasons for being skeptical that any spaceships were flying about Salidan skies; 18 pages, illus., center stapled. -- \$8.00

"Aircraft/UFO Encounters: Military, Airliner, Private Pilot's UFO Sightings from 1916 to 1997" by Dominique Weinstein -- A tabular listing of over 900 worldwide aircraft -- UFO encounters arranged chronologically; location, UFO description, and source codes are included for each entry; 46 pages, stapled -- \$5.00

Historical Research

"Government Policy on UFO Information: Its Origins and Status" by Richard Hall -- This collection of essays is the first in a series of ISSUE PAPERS to be offered by the Fund on a variety of issues in UFO research; 89 pages. -- \$18.00

"Index to the Case Files of Project Blue Book" Forward by Don Berliner -- This massive computerized printout of over 12,700 UFO sightings was produced by the University of Colorado UFO study in the late-1960s; data codes associated with each sighting can be deciphered using information provided in the foreward; 270+ pages, perfectbound. -- \$22.00

CD-ROMS & Audiotapes

"FBI & NSA FOIA Information Archive" -- A CD-ROM containing the FOIA UFO "packets" compiled by the FBI and NSA on their web sites, the complete Brookings Institution Study released in 1960, and the 1996 Air Force 2025 Report; Minimum System Requirements: Windows 95 or Windows NT (also requires installation of Adobe Acrobat, which is included) -- \$15.00

"Portage County, Ohio, UFO Chase, April 17, 1966: Quintanilla Tape" -- A 90 minute audio cassette tape of Blue Book chief Maj. Hector Quintanilla and NICAP investigator William Weitzel interviewing witnesses involved in the April 1966 Portage, Ohio UFO sighting; tape accompanied by 28 page booklet with case summary; witness statements, and partial tape transcript. -- \$10.00

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All items are available through the Fund for UFO Research and for details on how they may be ordered, please visit the Fund's web site at <http://www.fufor.org> for shipping costs on ordered materials and an order form that can be printed out to make it easier to make your request.

All profits from the sale of these items will go to help fund research into the UFO phenomenon.

Steve Kaeser  
[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)

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## Re: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

From: **Kerry Ferrand** <[kferrand@rocketmail.com](mailto:kferrand@rocketmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 18:48:06 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:08:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

> From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
> Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 21:16:28 EDT  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

Sounds like some of this is based on garbled information. There was a (until recently) secret West German stealth aircraft project called "Lampyridae" (firefly) in the 1980s. However it was a small single person fighter with a pure air-to-air mission. Interestingly they independently came up with the same faceted surface technology as the F-117. Although full scale mockups were built it never flew and was declassified in 1995.

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## Re: 'Sturrock Panel'

From: bruce maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 15:55:14 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 22:55:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Sturrock Panel'

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>From: Francis Ridge <[slk@EVANSVILLE.NET](mailto:slk@EVANSVILLE.NET)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 07:54:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 'Sturrock Panel'  
>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

>With:

- >1) 106,000 sightings on computer (UFOCAT)
- >2) 3,000-plus sightings from aircraft (Dr. Richard Haines)
- >3) 489 radar cases, many radar/visual (Dominique Weinstein)
- >4) 363 radar cases, 76 as R/V!!! (US Air Force records)
- >5) 5600 trace cases, 4104 with UFO sightings!!!! (CUFOS)
- >6) 185 E-M cases involving aircraft (Haines)
- >7) Over 500 cases E-M effects with UFOs (CUFOS)
- >8) Many hundreds of just GOOD close encounters
- >9) And 701 Blue Book unknowns of various types

>If you're honest and want to get to the bottom of the UFO, you  
>must face the facts.

>Francis Ridge

Tell 'em, Francis!

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## Re: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

From: Max Burns <[AlienHype1@aol.com](mailto:AlienHype1@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 16:22:51 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 22:58:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: NATO 'Firefly' - Black Budget Stealth?

>From: Graham M. Wilson <[gwilson\\_spur@lineone.net](mailto:gwilson_spur@lineone.net)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: NATO 'Firefly'  
>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 18:59:31 +0100

>The 'Firefly' is one of the current generation of super-stealth  
>aircraft, still part of the black-budget programme.  
>Near silent in operational flight, near silent hover  
>capabilities.

<snipped>

Graham if it's stealth how come we can all see these craft?

Max

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## Re: UFOR: Chupacabra Update

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <[pharaoh@web2000.net](mailto:pharaoh@web2000.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 20:07:09 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:07:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOR: Chupacabra Update

>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 11:18:07 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Francisco Lopez - UFOR <[d005734c@dc.seflin.org](mailto:d005734c@dc.seflin.org)>  
>Subject: Chupacabra Crisis Update  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>Maybe the best direct source for information regarding the  
>Chupacabras is Journalist and UFO Researcher Jorge Martin at  
>[jmartin@coqui.net](mailto:jmartin@coqui.net), also, author Scott Corrales at [Lornis@aol.com](mailto:Lornis@aol.com)

<snip>

> Both Martin and Corrales wrote excellent books on this  
> phenomenon.

> Francisco

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## Nua Blather: On the Boyle

From: Dave Walsh <[dave@nua.ie](mailto:dave@nua.ie)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:03:24 -0400  
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ON THE BOYLE

While endeavouring to steer clear of any more weak puns regarding Boyle, Co. Roscommon, things \*do\* appear to have come to a head -- again. A surprisingly hefty article appeared on page 4 of The Irish Independent on Saturday July 11th 1998, containing much apocrypha drawn by journalist Ian Doherty from Eamon Ansbro (of ICUFOS <http://freespace.virgin.net/ic.ufos/>) -- often spoken about in previous Blathers -- and Betty Myler, a spokesperson of the newly formed 15-member Western UFO Society in Boyle (mentioned previously in \*Prophecies Fulfilled\* <http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives2/issue2no6.html>).

Doherty first focuses on Myler; "People never really looked up to the sky before, so they weren't seeing any alien activity," she says. She doesn't say \*before what\*. I will agree that to some extent, that 'people' just don't look up -- those who have lived or worked in the upper floors of buildings will know that passers-by are usually oblivious to the fact that they're being observed from above.

However, besides this, and certainly before the widespread urban and suburban implementation of street lights, people \*certainly\* did look up. In fact, anyone who can escape the pop culture tripwire of the alleged Roswell incident will be aware that humanity has quite a history of skywatching, and a cursory examination of most languages will unearth day-to-day references to the sky, movies \*stars\* etc.

"There are a lot of megalithic tombs around the Boyle area, and Boyle is also placed on a ley line, the invisible magnetic lines that circle the earth.", The Independent reports Myler as saying. Blather had to go outside for a breath of fresh air before considering which face of that statement is best attempted.

Even considering the possibility of hyperbole or misquotation, Myler is saying quite a lot, yet little of use. There are certainly possible connections between ancient sites and UFO sightings -- demonstrated in many cases, notably by the \*Anders\* case in Vallentuna, Sweden on March 23rd 1974 (See an account in \*Perspectives\* by John Spencer, 1989, ISBN 0-7088-4778-1) and Devereux's studies of the Mochras Fault in Wales ( see \*Earthlight Revelations: UFOs and Mystery Lightform Phenomena\* by Paul Devereux, 1989, ISBN: 0-7137-2209-6).

In this case however, I sense a classic case of putting the ufological cart before the megalithic horse. Examples of such cases -- including those mentioned above \*do not\* claim that megalithic sites are popular picnic spots for Betelgeusian tourists, but rather argue that particular sites became important in early times due to environmental phenomena -- i.e. that some such sites may \*cause\*

anomalous phenomena, such as lights. As for ley lines -- referring to them as 'invisible magnetic lines that circle the earth' is nothing less, at this point in time, than new-age claptrap. Alfred Watkins coined the term back in 1921, to describe the apparent alignments of ancient sites in Britain and other countries, the existence of which had already been claimed by 19th-century antiquarians. Aerial photography has since shown that that much of the earlier ley research was inaccurate, calling much of the original faith in exact alignments into question. During the 1960s, the concept got somehow dragged into collusion with the vague concept "earth energies", and hence the off-rack 'magnetic energy lines' bunkum we are stuck with today. I passed Paul Devereux, formerly an editor of \*The Ley-Hunter\* (<http://www.leyhunter.com/leyhunt/welcome.html>) and author of \*Shamanism and the Mystery Lines\* [ISBN: 087542189X], a copy of The Independent article, and his retort was rather illustrative of the situation:

'Leys! I just couldn't keep pace with all the nonsense that comes out about 'ley lines'. Everyday someone gets the wrong idea and plasters it about in public. The subject area is a total mess as far as popular conception goes. I despair. And because of all the nonsense, people who would otherwise take the real core of the subject with interest instead dismiss it all as rubbish. A vicious circle.'

Worse still, Myler continues, these 'ley lines' provide a form of 'air traffic control for alien craft'. "A lot of ancient tombs and ruins happen to be based and built upon these lines. Everybody knows about the lines in Peru, which are built on a ley line and have some obvious UFO connection. We know the tombs in Boyle cross a line and have some significance. We just don't know exactly how."

Myler refers here to, presumably, to the Nazca lines:

(<http://www.peru-explorer.com/nasca.htm>)  
(<http://xensei2.xensei.com/users/john9904/amyst.html>)  
(<http://www.hypergraphia.com/peru/nazca.html>)

The lines, to be found on the pampa of Peru, were popularised by UFO proponent Eric Von Daniken as landing strips for UFOs (a theory that's always amused me, as not not only do the lines run up and down hills, but I'm not sure I've ever read an account of alleged extra-terrestrial visitors who weren't au fait with Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL) technology). After considering the claim that miles of lines in Peruvian pampa are 'on a ley-line', more fresh air was certainly required (how damn wide \*are\* these ley-lines supposed to be?)

As for the Boyle tombs -- I gather that rather than the Rathcroghan group to the south of Boyle, she refers to the 14 Carrowkeel (\*narrow quarter\* - Joyce) passage-graves atop the Bricklieve mountains to the west of Lough Arrow, and to the north of the Curlew mountains, on the Sligo-Roscommon border. I say this as many of the claims of both ICUFOS and IUFOGRA (<http://www.ufoinfo.com/iufopra/>) seem to have centred on the Curlews.

Interestingly, the first person into these graves on their discovery was none other than Robert Lloyd Praeger, whose \*The Way That I Went\* is a regular source of antiquarian commentary for this column (1937, republished 1997 by The Collins Press ISBN 1-898-256-357). His account is purely antiquarian, and doesn't offer much in the way of clues to our inquiries, but the curious can learn more about Carrowkeel on pages 136-141 of \*The Way That I Went\*.

Myler also says that "What some people don't realise is that a clear blue sky with nothing but a large, silent and extremely fast aircraft that looks like nothing we could have invented yet is not a weather balloon or any of the other excuses that sceptics come up with."

Well, call me a sceptic and thump me with a hot-air balloon ballast bag, but I would sincerely be surprised to find out that Mrs Myler, or for that matter, quite a few ETH (Extra-Terrestrial Hypotheses) are expert in the area of aircraft recognition. The nothing-we-could-have-invented-yet claim is a painfully recurring one, I'm afraid. Without claiming that there are such craft over rural Ireland, are these people aware of craft such as the Bombardier Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) (<http://www.services.bombardier.com/htmen/A4A.htm>)?

The rest of the Myler section deals with her \*belief\* that a 'mother ship' is orbiting the Earth (somewhere amidst the satellite debris, apparently), spitting out smaller ships, and about her plans to establish a "Visitor Education Centre" for educating humanity about aliens, and to attract the aliens themselves. She sees it as being a huge financial boon to the area, as well as becoming an embassy of sorts. She's also been in contact with the Industrial Development Authority (<http://www.ida.ie>), and things are apparently "looking good on that front.". I'm sure that Bord Failte (<http://www.ireland.travel.ie>) will be only delighted with this opening up of a whole new tourism market. . .

If some of this sounds familiar to long-time Blather readers, it's because Myler appears to be busking from the same ragged hymn-sheet as Ansbro, who had similar plans for Bantry last year (See Blather 1.11 <http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no11.html>). In fact much of what Myler says, Blather has already heard directly from Ansbro's gob. As pointed out in earlier issues of Blather:

(\*Raining Toads\* <http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no9.html>

\*All Gone Peir Shaped\*

<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no28.html>

\*Skies Alive\*

<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no31.html>)

. . . Ansbro and Co. base their theories on those of a certain Roy Dutton, enabling them to 'predict encounters at specific locations' and 'initiate contact - through meditation'.

As also previously mentioned - in \*Skies Alive\*, Stephen Greer of CSETI (<http://www.cseti.org>)\*also\* bases his theories on Dutton. John Shirley (<http://www.darkecho.com/JohnShirley.html>) in a BOING BOING #15 article, \*The Sceptical Believer\* reckons that 'despite his lisp, Greer is a charismatic, powerfully articulate man, probably one of the best public speakers I've ever heard. And I can definitely say that he's probably the best damn liar I ever heard and this possibly makes him, despite his politically correct trappings, the most dangerous of all UFO cult leaders.'

Back in The Irish Independent article Doherty describes Ansbro as 'most respected Ufologist in Ireland'. Whom by, or dare I ask?

Fair play to the man, for when questioned about increased UFO activity he answered "I don't know about a huge increase in the level of activity, but there is definitely a huge increase in the levels of awareness. For a long time people were walking around with their eyes metaphorically glued to the ground."

Blather can't fault the validity of this statement, but does question the nature of the 'awareness'. He is then quoted as saying that "It's very \*gratifying\* to see people actually coming around to the fact that we are not alone" (Blather's emphasis).

After discussing some of the ICUFOS methods (already discussed in earlier issues of Blather), The Independent tells us that at 23:00 on the night of Tuesday 14th of July, there was to be an 'appearance' of a UFO in the Boyle area, visible for a radius of 15 miles (24km). It should be interesting to hear what happened, if anything at all. Doherty, in The Independent says that 'It is this certainty that unnerves some sceptics'.

Maybe so, but Blather wasn't sufficiently unnerved to miss the an ICUFOS vigil on Bull Island, on December 14th last (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no32.html>). A night of UFOs was indeed forecast, over Dublin, Boyle and Bantry. Blather's Men In Bantry checked out the Coomhola site, and found \*no-one\* from the ICUFOS there (abduction?), and apart from some splendid meteors - the tail end of the Geminids and some excitement over incoming airliners, nothing was seen. Ansbro and Co. in Boyle, of course, saw the predicted UFOs. Blather was told afterwards, by one the ICUFOS people on Bull Island, that remarkable things had appeared in the photographs they had taken of the Dublin sky that night. A promised viewing of these photos has not, as of yet, materialised.

Ansbro reckons that the aliens "are so far ahead of us that they work better through nuance and subtlety".

To digress, for a moment. . . apparently -- according to my Oxford Concise Dictionary, the word \*nuance\* comes from the French \*nuer\* "to shade", ultimately from Latin \*nubes\* "cloud". Of course,

Blather's inclusion of such a definition could be merely subjective. . . or nuance.

"You see that with a lot of encounters where people are primed for a major change in their psychology by a meeting." One word, Eamon: \*Epiphany\*.

When Doherty asks about 'alien abductions that involve experiments and coercive sex', Ansbros counters with "You get back what you put out, if you have a spirit with the potential for love, you will have a pleasant experience. The opposite is true also."

Blather would welcome any helpful correspondence with regard to \*that\* statement. . .

With regard to Ansbros's UFO forecast, it's worth bearing in mind that Astronomy Ireland (<http://ireland.iol.ie/~ai/>), on getting wind of the UFO forecasts, issued press-notice concerning the spectacular conjunction of Jupiter and the Moon.

\*Astronomy & Space's\* (<http://ireland.iol.ie/~ai/astspc/a&sjul.htm> ISSN 0791-8062) Sky Diary for July 1998 tells us that at 2300 on Tuesday 14th 1998 -- the \*exact\* time of Ansbros's forecast -- there was to be a 'spectacular' sighting of Jupiter, which was to be 2.9 degrees off the upper right edge of the 69% sunlit Moon as they rose in the east'. David Moore of Astronomy Ireland told Blather that:

'I stayed up til dawn and only got to see Jupiter through a crack in the clouds, and then the Moon through another crack but \*not simultaneously\*! It would have been spectacular. Other than "normal" predictable events like that above I'm not aware of anything else unusual that happened last night.'

Is it any coincidence that there was a UFO forecast on such a night? I think not.

ERRATA

Two weeks ago, in \*Silly Season - Monsters, UFOs, etc.\* (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives2/issue2no8.html>), I somehow managed to say that Donegal was in 'north-eastern' Ireland. This wasn't due to any geographic ineptitude on my part, it was simply due to common-or-garden carelessness, and I wish to thank Ciaran Conliffe for catching me out.

Dave Walsh  
July 17th 1998

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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 08:45:42 -0400  
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>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 08:30:21 -0700  
>From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On Skeptics

>>BE SKEPTICAL OF THE "SKEPTICS"

>>(A commentary by Bernhard Haisch, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of  
>>Scientific Exploration)

>>If seeking publicity for the Society had been the purpose of  
>>On the other hand the self-proclaimed skeptics attempting to  
>>discredit the Report and the Society are not skeptics by this  
>>dictionary definition. Their critiques virtually all consist of  
>>scoffing, ridicule, ad hominem attacks, and the amazing claim  
>>that their dogmatic beliefs that certain things are impossible  
>>necessarily constitute laws of nature. It is a modern replay of  
>>the cardinals refusing to look through Galileo's telescope.  
>>because truth has already been revealed to them. I

>This should surprise no one. Any serious inquiry into the UFO  
>subject, going back to day one, when it was first recognized as  
>some type of unusual phenomenon, UFOs have been ridiculed. The  
>debate has moved well past whether there really are lights that  
>are seen in the sky. There are and they have been observed on  
>the ground, in the air and on radar screens in a number of cases  
>all at the same time.

>The only thing that has ever made sense, and I have been saying  
>it for years is that some of these cases impact national  
>security. The very item that the U.S. Military has said for  
>years, that they don't do. And when national security is  
>impacted, all the stops are then pulled out.

A careful reading of the early history through fall of 1948 when General Vandenburg rejected the Estimate of the Situation shows just how seriously the top brass considered this UFO problem. As I demonstrated in "The UFO/FBI Connection/ the REAL X- files" (manuscript/book recently reviewed in UFO MAGAZINE), the experts in back-engineering enemy technology or "foreign technology" worked at Wright Patterson AFB for Project Sign, Keep in mind that they were the recognized military authorities for what they did... technical intelligence. They studied the saucer sightings in 1947 and 1948 and concluded that there was no logical earthly explanation. The presented this conclusion to General Vandenburg, Chief of Staff of the Air Force and he essentially told them "Sorry, wrong answer." Although they had used their best logic and analysis, and no doubt were aware of the implications of their report (ET's or EBES, etc.), they felt sufficiently confident to present a report to the General. He told the experts they were wrong... find other answers to the questions "What are they/where do they come from/ what are they doing here?"

This was a "watershed event " in the history of saucers/UFOS, because after this the only answers to these questions that the top brass would allow would within the following general

categories: misidentification, delusion, hoax.

One can only imagine that if Vandenburg HAD accepted the conclusion of the Estimate, that "inteplanetary thinking" would have developed within th military intelligence and by the 1950s the idea of ET's flying around would have leaked out to the general public and there would have been no 50 year cover up.

We are coming up on the 50th anniversary of that legendary document. I propose a toast to the Ait Technical Intelligence operatives who wrote it and suffered the ignominy of being told "That's not the answer I want.. Give me another answer." We now know they were right.

Vandenburg's action was the affirmation of the cover up that (probably) started shortly after Roswell. Not only would hardware be covered up, but also good sightings. We still live with that legacy. So, perhaps we should also raise our glasses high to Vandenburg as well..... for a job well done.... and to General Ramey before him (of Roswell fame) and to General John A. Samford after him. (Samford held the July 28, 1952 press conference in which he called the Washington DC sightings radar temperature inversions and all unexplained sightings he said were natural phenomena..... BUT THIS ISN'T WHAT HIS OFFICE TOLD THE FBI!!!.....see my book.) We have these three gentlemen to thank for the for the situation we are in.

>It should be  
>obvious to anyone that has studied this for any length of time,  
>that the last thing that anyone buried deep in government that  
>has a handle on the secrets will want to happen, is to have a  
>panel of "open minded scientists" to honestly study UFOs and  
>what they "might be". And now the "open minded scientists" are  
>getting a taste of the ridicule factor that we have all  
>experienced, that have been chasing this subject. I was not  
>surprised at all by the above events. Were you?

General Vandenburg's military cover up and the very potent "self-cover up" (which derives from the inner depths of the human soul that doesn't really want to know that there are "omnipotent" creatures zooming around) have combined to create a TRADITION that saucers/TRUFOS are trash... a "tarbaby".... a disease. Anyone touching the subject is immediately tainted, suspected of being somewhat "off" if not just plain loony (unless, of course, said person loudly proclaims the party line).

Hence, as I see, the panel absolutely COULD NOT WOULD NOT even admit to the liklihood that an unexplained case could be evidence of ET. About the most they could do was to admit that at least some sightings are difficult to explain. Can you imagine the hoopla if they had stated the opinion that one (or more) sightings was evidence of ET? Heavens To Betsy... the roof would have caved in on them!! (For a similar reason, don't expect any official government statement... )

So...  
eat, drink,  
make Mary.....uh, merry (or what/whomever)  
for tommorrow they land.

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## Re: The 'SSE' On Skeptics

From: Jean van Gemert <[jeanvg@dds.nl](mailto:jeanvg@dds.nl)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 07:32:47 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 08:58:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'SSE' On Skeptics

>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 15:55:38 -0400  
>From: bruce maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The 'Society For Scientific Exploration' On Skeptics  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>About ten years ago I wrote a paper entitled "Skeptical of the  
>Skeptics." The basic point of the paper was that skeptics had  
>modified, distorted or ignored UFO data which would conflict with  
>their explanations. I incorporated this work into my paper  
>"Still In Default", which I can email to anyone interested.

But rather than emailing Bruce, the paper can easily be  
accessed at:

<http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler/discussion/indefault.htm>

or simply go to the "UFO literature" section of the website via  
the main index page:

<http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler>

and download it from there.

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## New Scientist: ET Bacteria Cause Of Human Diseases?

From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 07:17:46 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 08:55:49 -0400  
Subject: New Scientist: ET Bacteria Cause Of Human Diseases?

URL:

<http://www.newscientist.com:80/ns/980711/nkidney.html>

Stig

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[Archive: 11 July 1998]

News

Mean microbes

By Michael Day

Tiny bacteria may cause kidney stones, a scientist in Finland claims. Olavi Kajander of Kuopio University says these enigmatic "nanobacteria" surround themselves with mineral shells that could cause harmful calcium deposits in the body. He even speculates that the bacteria may have arrived on Earth from elsewhere in the Universe.

Kajander found the bacteria, which are less than 0.7 micrometres long, in the blood of humans and cows. He says they are genetically similar to other established types of bacteria such as Brucella and Bartonella.

In the latest issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (vol 95, p 8274), Kajander and his colleague Neva Eftiglu say the bacteria erect mineral coatings. "They probably provide excellent shelter," says Kajander. Because the mineral coatings are similar to the aggregates found in kidney stones, he suspected they might be the cause of the stones. Sure enough, he found that cells infected with the nanobacteria developed mineral deposits both inside and outside. And tests on 30 human kidney stones showed they all contained the bacteria. "This isn't proof that the nanobacteria cause kidney stones, but it's very strong evidence," says Kajander.

In a commentary on the research in the same journal (vol 95, p 7846), Dennis Carson of the University of California at San Diego says that these bacteria or their close relatives may figure in a host of other human diseases. These include heart disease, some tumours and dementia due to abnormal calcium deposition in the brain.

Killing these bacteria would take some time because they are protected by their mineral coats. But Kajander suggests that long courses of the antibiotic tetracycline might eradicate them.

John Postgate, emeritus professor of microbiology at Sussex University, says the nanobacteria may be common bacteria that have shrunk due to lack of nutrients. However, he would be surprised if they exist in blood. "Cow's blood doesn't sound like a very nutrient-deficient diet," he says. "But we have to keep an open mind on this."

But microbiologist David Roberts of the Natural History Museum in London argues that these shrunken bacteria could be near starvation in

blood, which can be difficult for some microbes to metabolise. He suspects there may well be such unusual bugs in the "nanoscopic" world. "People often fail to realise that life on a microscopic scale is much more varied than life on a macroscopic scale. It's been around a lot longer."

Kajander suggests the nanobacteria may have come from space. Unlike other bacteria, he argues, they could survive the ultraviolet radiation in space thanks to their mineral coats. "I guess a shell like that would help bacteria floating around in space," says David Mackay of NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. But he adds that the idea is wildly speculative at this stage.

Nonetheless, NASA has invited Kajander and Ciftiglu to join its Astrobiology Institute, an interdisciplinary collaboration between scientists all over the globe whose aim is to investigate the possibility of extraterrestrial life and its implications.

NASA hopes to learn from Kajander's technique for culturing nanobacteria. They are similar to small bacteria found in hot springs, where many scientists believe life arose (but see New Scientist, print edition, 11 July 1998, p 10). Nanobacteria may have been among the earliest life forms on Earth, and possibly on other planets.

>From New Scientist, 11 July 1998

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## The Rod

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:17:27 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 09:43:53 -0400  
Subject: The Rod

Is there an expert on "rods" on this list? Until yesterday I was rather of the opinion of Bob Shell, for example, that the "rods" were likely insects whizzing close by the video camera. But then I had a sighting of what seems to fall into that category.

It was in mid afternoon, July 16th, 1998, when I was in my front yard in Corvallis, OR, admiring the blueness of the sky and lack of smoky smog that day. While still admiring the visibility, I looked up to watch a plane go by, N to S, at high elevation angle above the western horizon. While still facing west with my head turned up, I suddenly saw this whitish thing zoom by from nearly overhead traveling straight west in a perfectly straight line till it disappeared in the distance at about 20 degrees elevation angle. But it was only visible for about 2 seconds, or maybe only 1.5 sec., so fast was it going.

It seemed to be at a considerable height, like 500 or 1000 ft, and so to be of a size like no insect! It wasn't much like a rod, but maybe a rod with stubby fins of some sort attached to each side, and though I'm not sure, the front of it (head) I think was tapered. Its rigidity was very noticeable; i.e., no flapping appendages. The linearity of its flight path was the most impressive thing (relative to what an insect or bird would exhibit), combined with its speed. And of course no exhaust, no noise. It was a sort of "misty" white color, with no shaded underside and no highlights reflecting the sunlight. It disappeared by a combination of its angular size becoming too small in the distance, and its contrast with the sky becoming too weak.

Immediately afterwards I moved my eyeballs around while looking up at the sky to see if I had any strange "floater" in an eye, but there were none; but such wouldn't have been the right color or shape, nor visible with both eyes to give depth perception.

Last night I heard a part of the Art Bell show with its interviewing of a "rod" investigator. If I hadn't heard that show, I would have just chalked this up as another UFO sighting and not thought of 'rods', as I've had a few UFO sightings in the past 12 years (described in my web site). In any event, a sighting that only lasts a second or two isn't anything to get too steamed up about -- no time to go looking for another witness or anything.

Easy to dismiss as an anomaly.

Does this fit the "rod" category?

Jim Deardorff  
<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj/index.htm>

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## The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 08:29:29 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 09:46:42 -0400  
Subject: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>From CAUS. Go to

<http://www.caus.org/FOIA/CorsoAffidavit.htm>

Links are preceded by asterisks.

Stig

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY, INC.  
7349 Via Paseo Del Sur #515-194  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258  
(602) 818-8248  
Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF ARMY

Defendant,

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I, Col. Philip J. Corso, (Ret.) do hereby swear, under the penalties of perjury, that the following statements are true:

That at all times hereinafter mentioned, I was a member and officer of the defendant.

That during my tenure with the defendant I was a member of President Eisenhower's National Security Council and former head of the Foreign Technology Desk at defendant's Research & Development department.

That on or about July 6, 1947, while stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, I personally observed a four-foot non-human creature with bizarre-looking four-fingered hands, thin legs and feet, and an oversized incandescent light bulb-shaped head. The eye sockets were oversized and almond shaped and pointed down to its tiny nose. The creature's skull was overgrown to the point where all its facial features were arranged

frontally, occupying only a small circle on the lower part of the head. There were no eyebrows or any indications of facial hair. The creature had only a tiny flat slit for a mouth and it was completely closed, resembling more of a crease or indentation between the nose and the bottom of the chinless skull than a fully functioning orifice.

That in 1961, I came into possession of what I refer to as the 'Roswell File.' This file contained field reports, medical autopsy reports and technological debris from the crash an extraterrestrial vehicle in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

That I have personally read the medical autopsy reports which refer to the autopsy of the previously described creature that I saw in 1947 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

That said autopsy reports indicated the autopsy was performed at Walter Reed Hospital, which was under the authority of the defendant at the time of the autopsy.

That said autopsy report referred to the creature as an 'extraterrestrial biological entity.'

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Colonel Philip J. Corso (ret.)

Sworn before me  
this day of \_\_\_ May, 1998.

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\*Image of the actual page with Coro's signature and Notary seal

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## Re: One For The Conspiracy Theorists

From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:26:57 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 09:49:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: One For The Conspiracy Theorists

> From: Leanne Martin <[leanne\\_martin@hotmail.com](mailto:leanne_martin@hotmail.com)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: One For The Conspiracy Theorists  
> Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 01:09:58 PDT

> Dear list,

> Playing Devil's Advocate - here's one for the conspiracy  
> theorists straight fromn CNN's on-line news.

> The coincidence amazes me but is that all it is?

> Three members of the German rocket team that helped  
> Americans reach the moon died this past week in  
> Alabama. Max Nowak, 89, of Huntsville, Heinrich Paetz,  
> 88, of Grant, and Albert Schuler, 83, of Huntsville helped  
> develop German V-1 and V-2 rockets during World War  
> II and then came to the United States under contract to the  
> U.S. Army. Paetz diedThursday at his home, Schuler died  
> Friday at his home, and Nowak diedTuesday as a Huntsville  
> hospital.

I don't have much truck with conspiracy theories, but it is weird  
that Colonel Corso was also involved with Project Paperclip.

Keith

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## Re: New FUFOR Publications

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 07:02:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 10:12:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: New FUFOR Publications

>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 15:30:46 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>Subject: New FUFOR Publications

>At the risk of breaking into the exciting (multi-threaded)  
>debate that seems to have everyone's attention (please read the  
>previous as sarcasm), I wanted to make sure that several new  
>publications available through FUFOR are now available. . . .

<snip>

In my haste to get this out I erred in this last sentence. It should have read: "I wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of several new publications available through FUFOR are now available."

Steve

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## Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #257

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 07:41:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 10:14:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #257

Apology to MW #257 (For July 18, 1998)

I want to know who has to pay, so I can play my life out true.  
I want the info close, and near at hand. I want a truthfulness  
hard ringing from all the towers on our world. I want to learn,  
perform research, and understand.

My understanding would include appreciation of a rawness in the  
news that we don't get too well, at all. Massaged, manipulated,  
and pre-digested for our use, it obfuscates the issue, and  
performs convenient stalls. Anomaly is ridiculed, and crap is  
spewed prime time by the well coifed talking heads that toe a  
line. Truth is lost in fractured constructs of the narrowly  
conceived; the truth, if seen, is seen a single time!

Have the guts to ring unpleasant, and be damned like Pete Arnett,  
who lifted at the edges of our scab. The \*machine\* will scuttle  
in, and pick the bones of righteous men like a cockroach, or a  
demon, or a crab. Me thinks \*they\* doth protest too much the  
story was untrue -- that poison gas was used to murder . .  
.folks. It's been made for just that purpose, and been purchased  
for its use, or gas production's mythic -- and a joke.

Are things alive that fly our skies while Bill is porkin' 'nika  
<g>? Two human beings in need, they grope -- get sweaty. They do  
something indiscreet in ways as old as driving need . . . then  
lie to pay a freight too harsh and weighty.

And while we spend the money checking Presidential penis, anomaly  
fair flirts, or charms, and teases. The money just won't go there  
'cause the profits more to bear, though the kingdom is much  
nearer -- that's EGREGIOUS. If we knew the final secret we  
might find we had salvation in a wealth of toleration  
unimpaired. It was always here at hand, that precious kingdom,  
understand --and permissiveness its blessing, I declare!!!

You'll see them if you look up, and just simply watch your skies.  
You'll see them dance and caper right before astonished eyes.  
You'll see them float serenely like they haven't wit nor care.  
You'll see them if you'd see them; if you've courage; if you'd  
dare! You'll see them making liars of the skepti-bunky slugs --  
you'll see prevarication from the Phil Klass CSICOP thugs. If  
enough of us would see them they would land right on our yards;  
we'd invite them in for tea, and we'd have them by for cards!!!  
They'd be in our family photos, and they'd stand up at our  
weddings, they'd be friends that we're supposed to never have!  
The man would have conniptions as we wrote his new prescriptions  
for the blisters we'd be raising on his ass <g>.

You can bet our pretty newsmen, and the gals that spread the lies  
are embarrassed by their actions that I'm sure they must  
despise. Those that pull demonic phallus for their ease of \*good\*  
position should evaluate their options for complaint. There's a  
time you might be useless 'cause the paradigms have shifted and  
all that's left (?) is cluelessness, and pain.

And it doesn't have to be that way <I shake my fist right in your  
face> ! It doesn't have to turn out quite like that!! It's never  
had to be that way; the kingdom's here at hand! But assaulted  
by true criminals -- psychopathic human rats! And not the one's

you'd think might come, from the bottom of the pile, but the one astride his shoulders who then bleeds him 'till he's riled! He accumulates his capital with pretension and a smile. We've been lying to our children, so our lips are slick with guile. We teach convenient structures reproductionist in scope. The kids find out, you bet, too late -- are let in on the \*joke\*.

. . . .  
Behold the yawning vastness of the never ending cosmos! Perceive there's so much more of it than you. Understand it, as it happens, that is anything can happen in its length and breadth, and awesome depth -- it's true!!! A heaven and a hell is there to take us on its trip through trackless time and unknown thought and endless space. Dimensions will be traveled like we take a bus uptown, if we live beyond the limits of our present sad disgrace.

[Lehmberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmberg@snowhill.com)

How does one get the raw news -- lurk on transponder signals, or what? When I think of raw news, I think of people like L.M. Howe, or Chuck Shramek. These are two that seem to discover something interesting, and pass it on to the rest of us -- for all their recent vilification and censure. I remain attendant to their camps; however, because they are, I perceive, motivated by guilelessness and honesty.

Look -- somebody comes to ME with something interesting, and I would like to think I would pass it along . . . as THEY have. I'd let you make up your own mind. If the "something interesting" turns out to be a hoax -- then it was STILL my effort that got it the attention it needed to be proven so! IT'S STILL A STEP UP! That's why I want the news raw; it's a step up from the clutches of a manipulated culture, an unethical coercion, or being programmed what to think. Chuck and Linda would do well by me to be just keeping on the way they're keeping on! Jeff Rinse springs to mind -- Laura Lee et. al.; continue to show a courage the mainstreamers don't have the nads for, and keep that twitchy info coming! Keep it RAW! After all the additives, filler, and preservatives the mainstream provides, there is little nourishment, and certainly a lessor amount of truth LEFT!

Restore John Ford!

P.S. -- I heard Drudge (of Drudge report \*fame\*) describe himself as "No Peter Arnett"! Well, let me quickly agree with Mr. Drudge; he is no Peter Arnett. He has none of the rich character, personal integrity, or \*raw\* courage that Arnett displays with unflinching, and casual vigorousness. Certainly more than a garden tool Drudge, a smirking vane for the truly self absorbed, the conveniently and covetously placed -- the plainly sociopathic fat cat rightist. . . <g>!

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Explore the Alien View? <Updated 16 July>

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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## Re: 'Sturrock Panel'

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 06:49:35 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 10:10:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Sturrock Panel'

>From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 18:49:30 EDT  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Sturrock Panel'

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Sturrock Panel'  
>>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 19:04:44 -0400

>>>From: Francis Ridge <[slk@EVANSVILLE.NET](mailto:slk@EVANSVILLE.NET)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 07:54:45 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: 'Sturrock Panel'  
>>>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

><snip>

>>>1) 106,000 sightings on computer (UFOCAT)  
>>>2) 3,000-plus sightings from aircraft (Dr. Richard Haines)  
>>>3) 489 radar cases, many radar/visual (Dominique Weinstein)  
>>>4) 363 radar cases, 76 as R/V!!! (US Air Force records)  
>>>5) 5600 trace cases, 4104 with UFO sightings!!!! (CUFOS)  
>>>6) 185 E-M cases involving aircraft (Haines)  
>>>7) Over 500 cases E-M effects with UFOs (CUFOS)  
>>>8) Many hundreds of just GOOD close encounters  
>>>9) And 701 Blue Book unknowns of various types

>>Indeed. However, I would add that if any hard evidence in  
>>support of the subjects mentioned above were to surface, I would  
>>certainly expect that to be reviewed by the scientific community  
>>as well.

>The above mentioned are not "subjects", they are documented cases,  
>and they look pretty "surfaced" to me. Why don't you stroll over to the  
>water's edge and have a look for yourself?

>Greg

I was referencing the original Easton list, and not the response  
from Fran. Easton's list was comprised of topics, or subjects,  
and not based on specific cases. Sorry that I didn't make it  
more clear. I get fairly close to the "water's edge" each month  
at that FUFOR Executive Committee Meetings (as an advisor, rather  
than officer). But I'm still learning.

Steve

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## Ohio Crop Circle Discovered: July, 1998

From: **Kenny Young** <[task@fuse.net](mailto:task@fuse.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 06:17:08 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 10:08:16 -0400  
Subject: Ohio Crop Circle Discovered: July, 1998

Paulding County Progress (Paulding, Ohio)  
Wednesday, July 15, 1998, [Weekly publication]

Crop circle is discovered in county

By DENISE GEBERS Correspondent

BROUGHTON - Wasn't it just a couple years ago, Fourth of July weekend, that the infamous Paulding County Crop Circle hit the scene and put our little corner of the world on the map? Seems like once isn't enough, because there is another one!

This time, the circle was not found from the air, but by a Grover Hill farmer harvesting wheat July 6. Brian Ruble was combining an 18-acre field in Latty Township when he first glimpsed the phenomena.

He said, "I saw it from a distance and didn't know what it was. When I got closer, I could see it was a crop circle. My 8-year-old daughter has been looking for a crop circle since she and her mom went to see the one at Arend's. I never thought I'd find one."

He combined around it. Later he told his father and his wife, who called landowner Georgia Price.

"I don't know what to make of it," said Price. "I don't believe in outer space stuff. I don't know why anyone would go to this trouble."

She said her family has farmed the land 45 years and it has never before produced such a crop.

A case of vandalism?

Sheriff Dave Harrow said his office received a report of crop vandalism at 6:14 p.m. July 6.

He denied the existence of a crop circle in the county, although he said the vandalism was circular in shape. He said his office has no suspects and because the landowner did not want to press charges, the case is closed.

Ruble said the sheriff came out July 6, compared the formation with those in a book, declared it a hoax, and recommended they to plow the compression under.

In spite of this, one witness said nearly 150 people were on the scene later that evening. This circle has not been roped off and had people inside it before experts arrived on the scene.

Samples taken for study

But, the circle was still intact over the weekend when it was visited July 12 by Roger Sugden and Jeffrey Wilson. Both researchers made trips to Paulding County when the first crop circle was reported.

Sugden said he and Wilson each documented the circle and took samples for study. Sugden took measurements, drew a field

diagram and checked electromagnetic readings (which were higher inside the formation), before taking wheat and soil samples from inside and outside the circle.

Samples taken by Sugden were sent to the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Chicago at the request of John Timmerman from its Lima office; BLT Research in Grass Lake, Mich., at the request of biophysicist Dr. William C. Levengood; and the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a Texas-based research group for which Sugden is a field investigator. He also took aerial and ground-level photographs.

Wilson is an independent crop circle researcher from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) in Ypsilanti, Mich., where he teaches astronomy.

#### Similarities seen

There are many similarities between this circle and that found two years ago in Jackson Township. Both occurred in a field of bearded wheat, are about the same size, (this one is 92 feet in diameter while the first was 93), each has an offset center, and both were centered between ditches. They're only three miles apart (by air, five by roadway). This one spins down in the opposite direction, however.

Sugden said nodes on the plants were enlarged and stretched, which is a good indication of an authentic formation.

He also noted a single thick stemmed dark weed, he thinks perhaps dock, inside the circle. "It is the only thing left standing. It's about two and a half to three feet tall. If this was hoaxed, they wouldn't have seen the weed and it wouldn't be standing," said Sugden.

The formation lies at the back of the field with two north-south ditches running through it and a lot of clover growing in it.

Because of this growth, Sugden feels the circle was made in late June or very early July. He also said the landowner told him the house just south of the field had been struck by lightning June 27. He believes there could be a connection between the two.

#### Awaiting test results

Sugden doesn't believe this formation is a hoax. Wilson didn't have an initial comment. Both are awaiting testing results for confirmation. Sugden, who also works with UFO sightings, said there were no UFO indicators at the site.

Two neighbors in the quiet area two, miles south of Ohio 637 on Road 131 said they neither saw nor heard anything unusual that weekend.

The first crop circle was not hoaxed, but was caused by a type of natural atmospheric disturbance, said Dr. Levengood. In May 1997, he released a report on his findings from crop circle samples, taken from the Arend farm site the previous year.

The report said "the results clearly indicate that this event was not, in fact, man-made. Instead, the findings support Dr. Levengood's theory that very complex, turbulent, thermodynamically unstable atmospheric energy systems are the causative agents ... it is clear that both heat and electromagnetic components were present, of the type that would be expected in association with a highly-charged plasma vortex."

END OF ARTICLE - PHOTOS NOT INCLUDED \_\_\_\_\_

#### Comment:

This article is courtesy of Mr. Jerry Hamm, researcher from Napoleon, Ohio, regarding a recent Crop Circle supposedly located in Paulding, Ohio. One may recall the crop circle found in this vicinity in July of 1996 which made national headlines, and happening during a spate of UFO sightings through the Ohio/Indiana areas timed conveniently with the hype surrounding the opening of the Independence Day movie.

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## Skeptic Spooks

From: Max Burns <[AlienHypel@aol.com](mailto:AlienHypel@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 09:17:19 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 10:19:22 -0400  
Subject: Skeptic Spooks

I pulled this off one of the news groups, thought you all might like a read:

<snip>

Subject: The Explanation Of Skeptics (A Disturbing Trend - Skeptic/Spooks Interfering With Ufology Newsgroups)  
From: Peter Kazlouski <[PeteKaz@erols.com](mailto:PeteKaz@erols.com)>  
Date: 7/17/98 12:35 AM GMT  
Message-id: <[35AE9C52.F17A47C8@erols.com](mailto:35AE9C52.F17A47C8@erols.com)>

THE EXPLANATION OF SKEPTICS (A DISTURBING TREND - SKEPTIC/SPOOKS INTERFERING WITH UFOLOGY NEWSGROUPS)

Tony Veca wrote:

I would like to thank Huber, Schwartz and Nelson for proving something to me. You are right the problem isn't that you can't prove a negative. But you definitely have a blind spot but not the one I always thought it was. That blind spot is called 'preconceived notions'. Your unwillingness to consider any evidence is proof enough that you don't really want to know the truth. Because if you knew the truth, you would have to change your preconceived notions.

Thomas Kuhn, in his book 'The Structure of Scientific Revolutions' he describes the reactions of scientists to new discoveries and how hard it is for them to make changes in their basic beliefs.

Kuhn noticed that scientists would go to any lengths to deny the validity of new theories or the need to change their minds. He describes the symptoms associated with fundamental change:

1. Persistent denial
2. Refusal to consider evidence
3. Reluctance to criticize old ideas
4. Slander of new-thinking colleagues
5. Anger at having to give up cherished dogmas

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Notice how EXACTLY this fits the skeptic/spooks.

And the problem is that the skeptic/spooks are DESPERATELY TRYING TO PROVE THE NEGATIVE, that is, that ETs don't exist and all the evidence that they do exist doesn't exist. In any moderated forum they would be expelled immediately.

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## UPDATE on COL. CORSO'S PASSING

From: [CNINews1@aol.com](mailto:CNINews1@aol.com)  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 14:37:11 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 17:22:48 -0400  
Subject: UPDATE on COL. CORSO'S PASSING

Although we issued a bulletin yesterday on the death of Colonel Philip Corso, I am sending you this update to correct some minor inaccuracies in our first bulletin and to fill in details on this important event.

Best regards,  
Michael Lindemann  
Editor, CNI News

BULLETIN -- COL. PHILIP J. CORSO DIES -- UPDATE

Col. Philip J. Corso (U.S. Army, ret.) died of a heart attack at approximately 11:15 pm EDT on Thursday, July 16, 1998. He was 83.

Corso, who was widely known for his controversial 1997 book, "The Day After Roswell," suffered a massive heart attack in early June of this year but made a remarkable recovery.

"He really wanted to stay," Corso's son, Philip Jr., told CNI News in a phone call on Friday afternoon. "The last three weeks [since the first attack] have been very productive. I knew he had more to say, and he told me a great deal" about the Roswell UFO incident, Philip Jr. said.

Col. Corso was at home on Tuesday, July 15 and was said to be feeling fine when he apparently suffered a second heart attack at about 9:00 a.m. He was taken to a hospital in nearby Palm Beach, Florida for treatment, but his condition deteriorated. Doctors decided to transfer him on Thursday evening to Jupiter Medical Center, where he had been treated for his earlier attack. Col. Corso reportedly died at about the time he reached the Jupiter facility.

Unpublished manuscripts and other UFO-related information left by Col. Corso will be protected and made available in due course to researchers and the public, Philip Jr. said. "This is what my father lived for," he added.

Colonel Corso was a highly decorated soldier, recipient of 30 medals and commendations during his long military career. According to Philip Jr., the Colonel was most proud to have received the Knight Officer Crown of Italy for his exceptional service in Italy during and after World War II. Philip Jr. told CNI News that Col. Corso is the only American soldier to have received this honor from Italy.

Col. Corso will be buried in a military cemetery near Orlando, Florida. He is survived by two children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Condolences may be sent to the family of Philip Corso, Jr., care of the Roswell UFO Museum. Send attn: Philip Corso Jr., PO Box 2221, Roswell, NM 88202; fax (505) 625-1907; email care of [deon@roswell.net](mailto:deon@roswell.net).

In lieu of flowers, Philip Jr. told CNI News that a fund will be established to create a memorial plaque in Col. Corso's name. The memorial will be placed at "the true crash site" of the 1947 Roswell UFO crash, according to Philip Jr. Donations in any

amount for creation of the memorial can be sent to: Col.  
Philip Corso Memorial, c/o Roswell UFO Museum, PO Box 2221,  
Roswell, NM 88202.

Further information will be posted to the CNI News web site as it  
becomes available.

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## Re: Lazar Critique By A Physicist

From: "Mark LeCuyer" <[randydan@wavetech.net](mailto:randydan@wavetech.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 01:31:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 15:02:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Lazar Critique By A Physicist

> From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
> To: "UFO Updates" <[updates@globalseve.net](mailto:updates@globalseve.net)>  
> Subject: Lazar critique by a physicist  
> Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 14:58:19 -0700  
>

> On sci.skeptic today, Dr. David Morgan divulged the location of  
> his critique of some of Bob Lazar's statements. The URL is:

> <http://www.physics.wm.edu/~morgan/files/critique.html>

> Dr. Morgan is a particle physicist and the The College of William  
> & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Hello Everyone:)

QUOTE: "These statements by Lazar are "total nonsense". There is only ONE accepted theory of gravity: General Relativity. In GR, gravity is described as a distortion of spacetime, not as a particle or a wave! (There are phenomena known as "gravitational waves" which exist in GR, but this does not seem to be what Lazar is talking about." UNQUOTE

I believe that scientists who are 'out of the loop' only know and understand what their limited research has proven to be as fact or as theory. I say limited because they haven't had the priveledge of studying extraterrestrial technology. This would open their eyes to a completely different paradigm. What they understand as the accepted physical laws of the universe may very well be only partially correct. And they're only in the very beginning stages of trying to understand dimensional physics.

It's quite evident that advanced alien civilizations have found most if not all of the answers to the physical and dimensional laws of the universe. One example is their ability to bend space and time, allowing them to traverse hundreds, maybe thousands, or possibly even millions of light years in a very short amount of time.

Dr. David Morgan is right when he says QUOTE: "All that I can hope to demonstrate here is that his scenario would require a COMPLETE overhaul of our theories of gravity and particle physics in order to work. Not just some minor changes...I'm talking from the ground up! Mr. Lazar makes no mention of this fact, and he proposes no alternative theories. But, if Lazar's scenario is true, then we will NEED some new theories, because we are wrong about a great many things. We don't understand gravity. We don't understand nuclear interactions. We don't understand spacetime. We don't understand stellar evolution." UNQUOTE

What exciting and adventurous times we have to look forward to.

Read his article at:

<http://www.physics.wm.edu/~morgan/files/critique.html>

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## Re: One For The Conspiracy Theorists

From: Rob Meyer <[robmeyer@sedona.net](mailto:robmeyer@sedona.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 09:34:16 -0700 (MST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 15:08:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: One For The Conspiracy Theorists

>From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: One For The Conspiracy Theorists  
>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:26:57 -0700

>> From: Leanne Martin <[leanne\\_martin@hotmail.com](mailto:leanne_martin@hotmail.com)>  
>> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>> Subject: One For The Conspiracy Theorists  
>> Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 01:09:58 PDT

>> Dear list,

>> Playing Devil's Advocate - here's one for the conspiracy  
>> theorists straight fromn CNN's on-line news.

>> The coincidence amazes me but is that all it is?

>> Three members of the German rocket team that helped  
>> Americans reach the moon died this past week in  
>> Alabama. Max Nowak, 89, of Huntsville, Heinrich Paetz,  
>> 88, of Grant, and Albert Schuler, 83, of Huntsville helped  
>> develop German V-1 and V-2 rockets during World War  
>> II and then came to the United States under contract to the  
>> U.S. Army. Paetz diedThursday at his home, Schuler died  
>> Friday at his home, and Nowak diedTuesday as a Huntsville  
>> hospital.

Did all of these men die on or about the same day and did Corso  
and of the same heart conditions

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## Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@connectmmic.net](mailto:sergesa@connectmmic.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 11:53:17 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 15:06:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

>Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 11:05:29 -0700  
>From: "Kyle R. Mcallister" <[skytracker@geocities.com](mailto:skytracker@geocities.com)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

>I am new to this list, so if someone has already speculated  
>on this, forgive me.

>I was reading about the triangular UFO's sighted over Belgium  
>between 1989 and 1991. One particular report mentions a large,  
>triangular shaped UFO hovering at a total stop, and then  
>'distorting' as if it were viewed under wave filled water, and  
>the three white lights that were on each corner of the triangle  
>converging into a single small light. The structure of the craft  
>vansihed, leaving only the converged light. This light then shot  
>off toward the sky at very high velocity.

>At around the same general time, a Belgian F-16 was dispatched  
>to investigate one of these craft. The radar indicated that the  
>object being pursued had a speed of about 770 knots, slowed to  
>0 knots, and then accelerated to 990 knots in about one second.  
>Such acceleration is not possible with current aircraft  
>technology.

[...]

Kyle,

The 1989 Belgium UFO flap was debated on the List last year. The debate turned out to be the usual: skeptics on one side, truth seekers on the other.

As usual, the skeptics kept throwing in the half-truths and the wrong facts. As usual, the good guys kept coming at them to tell the untold stories. One skeptic tried to get an edge by showing he could read French (Le Duc de Mendoza, je crois), but he was surprised at how many people could do more than that: they could understand French.

As usual, the skeptics, when showed the evidence, picked up their marbles and quietly went into silent mode. Since a skeptic's attitude is not based upon the facts but upon belief, there was no loss for them here.

Serge

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## Re: The Rod

From: Greg St.Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 17:00:10 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 15:44:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Rod

>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:17:27 -0700 (PDT)  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: The Rod >>

Dear Jim,

I am by no means a "rod expert", but I've tried the video technique you're referring too, and have some results and thoughts of my own.

In Jan. '97, I bought a video camera for the express purpose of trying to catch some of these things on tape, if they were actually there. My first attempt was only 25 seconds long, because I had to leave, and was sans tripod. Later I reviewed the tape, and though it was shaky I did see a few seemingly distant streaks, and couldn't wait to try it again. Next time, I filmed (on a tripod) from an open garage door for an hour, and got some really interesting stuff. I froze my posterior while doing so, because it was ten degrees above zero. Then I realized that the temperature was working to my advantage, since most insects become dormant (some die) at that temp, and that would seem to preclude any taped objects being bugs. Also, I chose a partially cloud filled sky, to show perspective, especially if one of these things flew behind one (several did). I used partial zoom with focus to infinity. That would also seem to rule out any dust near the camera lens being filmed, since they could not be in focus. The objects I taped are pretty well defined, to the extent my cameras resolution allowed.

I still have mixed feelings about this, because not all the things have been done that are necessary to eliminate other possibilities. I'd like to try setting up TWO cameras at some distance apart, aimed at the same portion of sky. If a "rod" shows up on one but not the other, the object's distance would fall somewhere before where the two camera angles intercept, i.e. close to the camera, not distant in the sky, and so probably dust or some airborne critter. If anyone has tried this, I'd like to know the results....I'm not likely to get another camera soon. I have seen bugs I've caught on tape that look a lot like rods...appendages and all, hence the mixed feelings. A single frame of tape captures several wingbeats, and elongates the body of the insect. And I know they were insects because I watched them fly by.

Just some thoughts....any more out there?

Greg

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## MAGONIA ETH BULLETIN #5

From: Mark Pilkington <[m.pilkington@virgin.net](mailto:m.pilkington@virgin.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 21:23:23 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 15:40:03 -0400  
Subject: MAGONIA ETH BULLETIN #5

----- MAGONIA ETH BULLETIN No. 5, July 1998

Editor: JOHN HARNEY

### EDITORIAL

Several people have told me that they enjoy reading this publication, especially those among the privileged few who receive printed copies by snail mail. They have also told me that they are thinking about writing articles for it. The sooner they send me their excellent and eagerly awaited writings the better, so that we can maintain our position at the cutting edge of armchair ufology.

### WHY A CLOSE ENCOUNTER CAN BE QUITE A HEADACHE

#### Signs and symptoms

In some close-encounter cases witnesses report bizarre experiences, which are sometimes followed by signs and symptoms, such as violent headaches, nausea and vomiting, and diarrhoea. In most cases, though, symptoms following the experience appear to be minimal or completely absent. Where unpleasant symptoms do appear, many ufologists tend to attribute them to the effects of getting too close to the UFO and being subject to some mysterious, harmful radiation. It does not occur to them that there could be more mundane explanations for at least some of those close encounters which are not obvious hoaxes.

#### Classical migraine

Consider the following incident which is reported to have taken place in Brazil in 1965. A 15-year-old boy was lagging behind a party of youths who were going to a cinema. As he passed across a piece of open ground he heard a strange hum and saw two cones of white light in the sky and then saw two roundish craft land not far from him. Entities emerged, inspected one of the craft, then re-entered and the craft took off at a fantastic speed, disappearing in a few seconds. The boy joined his companions in the cinema, but soon developed a violent headache, which lasted for five days. (1)

Here we have a very strange experience, followed by a prolonged headache. We are not told if there were any other symptoms but we are informed that a doctor eventually treated the boy for a disturbed heart. However, this report appears to be a description of what is known as a classical migraine. Most people are aware that migraine usually consists of a violent headache accompanied by nausea - a sick headache. However, in a classical migraine these symptoms are preceded by what is called an aura, which usually consists of disturbances of vision, but can in some cases be of a highly complex nature.

#### Examples

The information about migraine for this paper is taken from the book *Migraine* by Dr Oliver Sacks. (2) It is interesting to compare some of his case histories with other accounts which have been interpreted as encounters with UFOs. For example,



compare the following reports. The first is taken from an account by one of Dr Sacks's patients. (3) The second and third are taken from the UFO literature. (4)

It was a late summer afternoon, and I was winding along a country road on my motorbike. An extraordinary sense of stillness came upon me . . . I felt that this summer afternoon had always existed and that I was arrested in an endless moment. When I got off the bike, a few minutes later, I had an extraordinarily powerful tingling in my hands, nose, lips and tongue. It seemed to be a continuation of the vibration of the motorbike . . . the vibrating sensation was growing stronger every moment . . . My sense of vision was then affected . . . The hum of crickets was all around me, and when I closed my eyes, this was immediately translated into a hum of colour . . . After about 20 minutes . . . the visual world resumed its normal appearance . . . I had a come-down feeling and the beginnings of a headache.

Clay, Alabama - Summer 1962, 1800

Dean Self was walking home along the Clay-Palmerdale road after visiting a friend, when he heard a sound like a wind in a pine tree , then an unnatural silence. Looking up he was terrified to see an object 30 m above him. It was 12 m long, with a cabin about 2 m high at the front. It had a smooth white surface with multicoloured lights on the underside, which pulsated in rhythm with a muted

throbbing sound which seemed to affect his whole body. The object suddenly vanished, the wind was heard again, then the natural sounds returned.

Sandling, near Saltwood, Kent, England - August 1962, 2330

Bruce Leggatt (17) had just ridden past Sandling station on his scooter on this very warm night, when the air turned cold. He became afraid and accelerated. Looking over his shoulder, he glimpsed a yellow oval object, rough in outline, which extended over the width of the road (c. 6 m). He became more afraid, feeling that he was being watched. This feeling persisted for some time after he turned on to a main road.

It must be realised that these descriptions are not necessarily accurate accounts of what was experienced at the time, because of the difficulty of recalling and describing them clearly. Dr Sacks writes of . . . free-wheeling states of hallucinosis, illusion, or dreaming" which may be experienced during intense migraine auras, and be manifest as confused or confabulatory states of which the patient retains imperfect recollection. These states are composed of coherent, dramatically-organised series of images, and are usually compared by patients to intense, involuntary daydreams or daymares. (5) Dr Sacks also emphasises the exceedingly strange nature of many aura phenomena and he notes that . . . the sense of strangeness is frequently accompanied by a sense of profoundly-disturbed time perception . (6)

Scotomata

A type of visual hallucination commonly associated with migraine auras is the scotoma, which develops as it appears to move across the field of vision. The advancing margin of the scotoma often displays the gross zig-zag appearance which justifies the term fortification spectrum . . . (7) A report from the UFO literature, of a case investigated by BUFORA, which seems to describe migraine scotomata, concerns a man who recalled having seen a ball with spikes coming out over Lake Lucerne while on a school trip about 30 years ago. His recent sighting occurred one evening when he saw through his kitchen window an object on a patch of soil in the garden which was wine red in colour and about the size of a drinks tray . It remained on the ground for a few minutes, then suddenly . . . it took off, like a coin being flipped, and spun up into the air, revealing its underside with a series of reinforcements" on the rim. It then seemed to head for the window and gave out a blue flash. (8)

The report of this sighting is accompanied by a small sketch showing an oval object surrounded by zigzags. It bears a remarkable resemblance to a reproduction of a painting described

as a classical zigzag fortification pattern in Sacks's book.

#### Isolated auras

In this case the witness reported that he suffered no ill effects, which means that, if it was a migraine aura, it was not followed by the usual headache, or other symptoms and signs. This is an important point. Sacks points out that it has been estimated that the incidence of classical migraine is about one per cent of the general population, but this gives no indication of the incidence of isolated auras, which are probably much more common. Obviously, if the aura is not followed by any unpleasant symptoms it is unlikely to be diagnosed as migraine or anything else. Most people do not like to consult their doctors when they have no

symptoms. Sacks mentions discussing the subject with a colleague, who immediately recognised his diagram of a scintillating scotoma and said that he had often seen this himself as a young man, but that it never occurred to him that there was anything unusual about them; he presumed that everybody saw such things. (9)

#### More than one witness

Many ufologists will no doubt consider it odd that that I should propose migraine as an explanation for close-encounter UFO reports in view of the fact that a high proportion of them involve two or more witnesses. However, the presence of other persons does not necessarily rule out migraine as a factor involved in generating the reports. Few of the write-ups of multi-witness cases give any detailed, separate

accounts by all of the witnesses. Sometimes other alleged witnesses are strangely reluctant to talk to investigators. In other cases one suspects that the witnesses have concocted a dramatic story from a minor incident by a process, perhaps unconscious, of confabulation, aided by faulty and confused memories. Also, the strange behaviour of the person experiencing a migraine aura could evoke hysterical reactions from other people present. Someone with a forceful personality might persuade others that an unusual or unexpected light is really a flying saucer. (This effect will be familiar to many who have indulged in UFO skywatches.) There are many such possibilities.

#### Conclusions

I am not suggesting that all, or most, close-encounter reports have anything to do with migraine. I have no time for catch-all explanations which can be force-fitted to any case that comes to hand. There are many rational explanations for UFO reports and I think that this one should be added to the list. I merely offer this paper as a basis for discussion and investigation. All I am saying is that there appears to be much in common between descriptions of migraine auras and many reports of experiences which have been interpreted as close encounters with UFOs.

I suggest that those who wish to argue about this subject should read Dr Sacks's book first, if possible. Comments and information are welcome, particularly from medically qualified readers.

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#### IS THE ETH FALSIFIABLE? Martin S. Kottmeyer

There have been individuals frustrated by the behaviour of ufologists who level the charge that their beliefs are unfalsifiable. Advocates say this or that case is unexplainable or this or that pattern cannot be explained by conventional means. Solve the case, show the pattern is explicable, do they accept this negates their position? They will probably just come up with a new case or pattern. This is annoying behaviour, but does it really constitute evidence of unfalsifiability? We are dealing with the proposition that intelligent beings are surreptitiously flying around the world and are actively trying to prevent their detection. Maybe the evidence is ambiguous, but aren't we allowed the faith that someday someone will build the better mousetrap that will capture the proof that will silence the cynics?

Efforts to find them in photographic sky surveys have met with no success. Efforts to videotape aliens capturing repeat abductees don't seem to be working. One

researcher has suggested that maybe we can put radar-tracking devices on abductees and capture their transport to hovering craft. Maybe someday spy satellites can be used to monitor potential abduction sites and capture images of their craft. Okay, what if these are implemented and also fail? Will the advocates accept defeat or fall back on selective visibility and other magical supertechnology? Is there any conceivable test that will prove the ETH wrong?

If the ambition is for an absolute all-doubts-and-all-potential-excuses-removed surefire alien mousetrap, I suspect such a thing is indeed inconceivable and the ETH potentially unfalsifiable. Let's suggest however that a more modest conception of falsification can be said to exist. Call it a more pragmatic and operational, a what-have-you-done-for-me-lately? approach to falsification. Has the ETH provided us with anything useful or interesting in the way of prediction?

The answer to this is surely no. Nobody has yet come up with a working saucer drive mechanism from a consideration of the testimony of witnesses despite several

attempts. (1) ETH proponents have offered theories that they hoped would predict when the next flap would take place. Early proponents talked about UFOs monitoring atomic tests and the Air Force even set up a reporting net at a test site to test that possibility. Nothing was seen at the test site. Predictions that saucer reports would increase in response to future scheduled tests were total failures. Some offered predictions that saucer sightings increased when Mars got close to Earth. The bolder predictions failed and the weaker ones got results equivalent to random chance. Still weaker interpretations involving flaps as a way to desensitise humans to their fearful presence are not consistent with well-known findings in human psychology. Recent flap scholars are silent about these failures and seem to insist flaps are not psychosocial in nature, yet they have proposed nothing to suggest the ETH can explain the timing of flaps. Jerome Clark has recommended Bullard to me as my superior in these matters, so, Challenge Time! How about it, Eddie, can you give us a useful ETH theory of flaps? (2)

Proponents have repeatedly proposed that the phenomenon was escalating in a pattern that suggested we would soon either be invaded, there would soon be a mass landing, or there would soon be no doubt of their existence. (3, 4) All have failed. There have been many suggestions that flying saucers are, in one sense or another, omens for potential catastrophes. Each ufologist seems to offer a new variant: supernova (Heard), magnetic fission of the planet (Scully), Earth knocked out of orbit (Keyhoe), mass A-bomb attack (Keyhoe), cosmoplastic Earth nova caused by L-bombs (Wilkins), extermination due to inferior ethics (Michel), cosmic storm (Jessup), catastrophic changes in the Earth's surface (Lorenzens), war of the worlds (Steiger and Whritenour), a disaster beyond imagination (Fawcett), the violence of the final generation (Keel), climactic confrontation

between Good and Evil involving the inner earth (Trench), collapse of civilisation (Clark and Coleman, Rogerson), Binder (rampaging natural forces), nuclear Armageddon with psychic time ripples (Randles), black hole collision generating a universal dissolution to which not even the gods are immune (Andrews), sterility (Fowler), environmental collapse and death of living Earth (Mack), catastrophe, hybrid integration and takeover, and control by big-bug aliens (Jacobs). (5, 6) All have failed to date, thank goodness.

As early as the 1947 Wave, there was already talk that the government would soon reveal what the saucers were. Louis E. Starr, commander-in-chief of the Veterans

of Foreign Wars, revealed on 5 July of that year that he was expecting a telegram concerning the fleets of flying saucers and it would help explain the discs . (7) Keyhoe, in his first book, thought he saw a pattern in Air Force statements that suggested to him the government had an intricate program to prepare America - and the world - for the secret of the disks . In his view, The official explanation may be imminent . (8) This has been a continuing refrain among ufologists (FSR, 1957; Lorenzen, 1974; the Blums, 1974; Walter Andrus, 1983). (9) (Psychics, contactees, and numerous minor figures have also predicted this, (10, 11) but these should probably be considered off the ledger in assessing the value of the ETH in serious ufology.) A very significant possibility for why these predictions fail is that the ETH is false and the government has no more to reveal than it already has.

The upshot is that the ETH has generated dozens of predictions which time has tested and found invalid. It has been falsified consistently where it counts - how will it prove its importance to mankind. The landing never comes. The invasion is postponed. The flaps don't conform to schedule. The government stays mum. The revolutionary saucer drive is never built. The world doesn't end. This may not be falsification in an absolute sense, but it is surely falsification in the ways that matter

most.

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along the flight paths. No explosions. (Report of Operation 3-4 April 1945, HQ 21st Bomber Command)

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## Re: 'Sturrock Panel'

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>I was referencing the original Easton list, and not the response  
>from Fran. Easton's list was comprised of topics, or subjects,  
>and not based on specific cases. Sorry that I didn't make it  
>more clear. I get fairly close to the "water's edge" each month  
>at that FUFOR Executive Committee Meetings (as an advisor, rather  
>than officer). But I'm still learning.

>Steve

Steve,

Understood.....I withdraw the suggestion.

Greg

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On Skeptics

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>>About ten years ago I wrote a paper entitled "Skeptical of the  
>>Skeptics." The basic point of the paper was that skeptics had  
>>modified, distorted or ignored UFO data which would conflict with  
>>their explanations. I incorporated this work into my paper  
>>"Still In Default", which I can email to anyone interested..

>But rather than emailing Bruce, the paper can easily be  
>accessed at:

><http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler/discussion/indefault.htm>

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## Ham Radio Expert Assists SETI Search

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Ham radio expert assists search for  
intelligent life in outer space

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As the narrow asphalt drive ascends the hill, it becomes a forbiddingly rugged gravel road. It passes a "Private Property" sign on a tree before curving to the left and into a clearing.

Atop a hill near Roland and Pinnacle Mountain, a radio tower rises 100 feet into the air. Next to the tower's base stands a black satellite dish 12 feet in diameter. Next to that is Steve Carver's house.

Inside the house, Carver's 15-year-old stepdaughter watches television, but the program is disrupted by a disembodied voice intruding on the audio.

It's Carver talking on his ham radio again as he sits in the basement at his table of computers, radios and an oscilloscope.

Carver doesn't just talk over the airwaves. He keeps his dish trained on his favorite constellation, Drago, 24 hours a day, listening for a signal from intelligent life elsewhere in the universe.

Carver is a volunteer coordinator for the nonprofit Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence League Inc. Members around the world operate 57 listening stations.

Carver's station is the only one he knows of in Arkansas.

The group's goal, Carver says, is to get 5,000 stations running worldwide. Then the Earth would be like a fly's eye, able to look in all directions at once, he explains.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration engaged in SETI research until Congress cut its funding in 1993, according to the league's Internet site. Since then, the league has been creating a network of volunteers to continue the work.

The league recruits ham radio operators like Carver to listen for signals. It enlists computer whizzes who analyze

irregularities in the data.

Carver knows it's unlikely that the computer in his basement will pick up an alien signal out of the noise his dish constantly receives. He likens his hobby to playing the lottery.

"Chances of winning are so low, you might as well not do it. But if you don't play, you can't win. And somebody who plays will win."

Carver believes that if enough amateur radio operators around the world build listening stations like his, someone will catch that fateful signal.

"The odds are just intimidating, but the answer is force in numbers. Before I die, I want to make contact. I want to make it happen. That's my only goal right now."

A patent lawyer, Carver has worked as an electrical engineer for the Federal Communications Commission and radio stations. He's been a ham radio operator for 40 years.

His antenna tower is for communicating with other people by radio.

Growing up, Carver lived in 17 different cities because of his father's job with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ham radio proved to be a reliable companion, giving him the power to talk with people in other countries.

He didn't get into SETI until a couple years ago when he picked up a faint Morse code message from Romania. It convinced him he could catch signals that would usually be impossible to hear.

"It all came to me one day that this will work. It takes a special interest in radio to do this and a special background in radio. This is my thing, picking up weak signals."

He's also convinced it's a mathematical certainty that intelligent life is out there. He believes humans will first discover it by hearing signals from an uninhabited space probe that may pass close enough to Earth for detection.

Carver raves about the rapid development of technology that he says makes it increasingly affordable for amateurs to join the search.

Standard desktop computers can now handle the task of receiving data.

"Signal-to-noise ratio, that's a concept that has perplexed me all my life. You can hear a signal, but it's too noisy," he says. "Computers can now instantly divide up a signal into a million little slices."

Old satellite dishes made for television reception cost almost nothing because better models are replacing them, he says. For now, Carver says, no license is required just to listen for signals and not transmit any.

Carver built his four-bedroom house on the remote hill partly so his equipment won't interfere with neighbors' small appliances.

Regardless of that, his wife, Nancy, says a few neighbors occasionally have a cordless phone conversation invaded by Carver's ham radio chatting.

Nancy says she usually ends up helping Steve install antennas and dishes in the yard. "Oh dear," she says at the thought of how many more trees he may want to cut so he can erect more gear.

"His hobbies become obsessions," she says. "He'll be obsessed with one for a couple years. As long as he has his interests and he's happy, that's good."

"I'm not sure I believe that we're going to make contact with people from outer space. But I do think it's valid to try. For his sake, I hope we will. He would be so excited."

Carver says people sometimes tell him their alien abduction

stories when they find out he's in SETI. But he hasn't seen enough evidence to believe aliens have visited this planet.

"I've never seen a UFO. I've never been on a UFO. I've never been abducted by aliens," he stresses.

If a SETI member picks up that first message, he says, it will be sent up the ranks in SETI for verification. Then, he says, he doesn't know what SETI or the government may do with the information and whether it will be possible to decode.

As he explains SETI's activities, he occasionally refers to the movie Contact starring Jodie Foster, who played a scientist involved with a similar project to find alien intelligence.

"When it happens, it won't be as dramatic as the movie, not as filmable. It's going to be just a little blip on a screen."

"But the most profound message we will ever see is that we are not alone," he says.

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There's a lot more on this week than there has been recently...Rosie O'Donnell is scheduled to air her segment with author Whitley Strieber on Monday. TNT is running a bunch of 1970s paranormal documentaries at 9:00 AM this week. That was a period when you could count on going to your local theatre to see a Sunn Classic film that would bring you "the incredible truth" about something or other. The kind of thing with more question marks than quotations..."Did aliens create the Los Angeles freeway system? Is it possible that Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster are one and the same? What reason would anyone to have to make something like that up?"

Times are generally Pacific unless stated otherwise.

### TELEVISION

#### THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Sunday, July 19, 3:00 PM, SCIENCE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE: ALIENS, WHERE ARE THEY?  
Sunday, July 19, 5:00 PM, SCIENCE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE: INVISIBLE FORCES (remote viewing, etc.)  
Sunday, July 26 (one week from today), 1:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: MESSAGES FROM THE DEAD  
Sunday, July 26 (one week from today), 1:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: ARE ALIENS TRYING TO CONTACT US? (includes the Face on Mars)

#### THE HISTORY CHANNEL

Friday, July 24, 11:00 AM, 20TH CENTURY WITH MIKE WALLACE: ARE WE ALONE? (UFOs)  
Friday, July 24, 4:00 PM, 20TH CENTURY WITH MIKE WALLACE: ARE WE ALONE? (UFOs)

#### THE LEARNING CHANNEL

Sunday, July 26 (a week from today), 6:00 PM. UFO: STORIES OF ABDUCTION  
Sunday, July 26 (a week from today), 9:00 PM. UFO: STORIES OF ABDUCTION  
Tuesday, July 28 (a week from this Tuesday), 7:00 PM, ALIEN HUNTERS (UFO documentary: I think it will include the recent Russian giant case, but don't count on it)  
Tuesday, July 28 (a week from this Tuesday), 10:00 PM, ALIEN HUNTERS (UFO documentary: I think it will include the recent Russian giant case, but don't count on it)  
Wednesday, July 29 (a week from this Wednesday), 7:00 PM, SKYWATCHERS (UFO enthusiasts)  
Wednesday, July 29 (a week from this Wednesday), 10:00 PM, SKYWATCHERS (UFO enthusiasts)

#### PBS

You can't count on any scheduling here, but look for FULL CIRCLE WITH MICHAEL PALIN: VIETNAM AND THE PHILIPPINES (the Monty Python alum with visit with a psychic surgeon, among other things)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

They've increased the SIGHTINGS re-runs, although they've gotten a bit quirky with the schedule. Figure 9:00 AM, 4:00 PM, and 8:00 PM most weekdays. Sundays are typically 8:00 AM and 11:00 PM.

THE SCIENCE CHANNEL

Runs weird programming at 6:00 AM, 6:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 10:00 PM, and 10:30 PM.

SYNDICATED

THE ROSIE O'DONNELL SHOW, Monday, July 20, guests include Whitley Strieber. The tabloids are saying Rosie suggests that she has been abducted.

TNT

Monday, July 20, 9:00 AM, BEYOND BELIEF

Tuesday, July 21, 9:00 AM, ENCOUNTER WITH THE UNKNOWN (featuring Rod Serling)

Wednesday, July 22, 9:00 AM, MYSTERIES FROM BEYOND EARTH (From the "golden era" of the 1970s paranormal documentary. Not only UFOs, but other things as well).

Thursday, July 22, 9:00 AM, OVERLORDS OF THE UFO (a great, kind of tacky, "documentary", again from the mid-seventies).

Friday, July 23, 9:00 AM, UFO (this one is something a bit different, going back to 1956)

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This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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> UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
> THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

> CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY, INC.  
> 7349 Via Paseo Del Sur #515-194  
> Scottsdale, Arizona 85258  
> (602) 818-8248  
> Plaintiff,

> v.

> DEPARTMENT OF ARMY

> Defendant,

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> )  
> ) CIV98-0538PHXROS

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> )  
> ) AFFIDAVIT

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> )

> I, Col. Philip J. Corso, (Ret.) do hereby swear, under the penalties of  
> perjury, that the following statements are true:

> That at all times hereinafter mentioned, I was a member and officer of  
> the defendant.

> That during my tenure with the defendant I was a member of President  
> Eisenhower's National Security Council and former head of the Foreign  
> Technology Desk at defendant's Research & Development department.

> That on or about July 6, 1947, while stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, I  
> personally observed a four-foot non-human creature with bizarre-looking  
> four-fingered hands, thin legs and feet, and an oversized incandescent  
> light bulb-shaped head. The eye sockets were oversized and almond  
> shaped and pointed down to its tiny nose. The creature's skull was



> overgrown to the point where all its facial features were arranged  
> frontally, occupying only a small circle on the lower part of the head.  
> There were no eyebrows or any indications of facial hair. The creature  
> had only a tiny flat slit for a mouth and it was completely closed,  
> resembling more of a crease or indentation between the nose and the  
> bottom of the chinless skull than a fully functioning orifice.

> That in 1961, I came into possession of what I refer to as the 'Roswell  
> File.' This file contained field reports, medical autopsy reports and  
> technological debris from the crash an extraterrestrial vehicle in  
> Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

> That I have personally read the medical autopsy reports which refer to  
> the autopsy of the previously described creature that I saw in 1947 at  
> Fort Riley, Kansas.

> That said autopsy reports indicated the autopsy was performed at Walter  
> Reed Hospital, which was under the authority of the defendant at the  
> time of the autopsy.

> That said autopsy report referred to the creature as an  
> 'extraterrestrial biological entity.'

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> Colonel Philip J. Corso (ret.)

> Sworn before me  
> this day of \_\_\_ May, 1998.

According to the Eisenhower Library, Colonel Corso was NEVER a member of the National Security Council and did NOT attend any of its meetings. He was connected with a subgroup. In addition according to the Roster of the R and D unit under General Trudeau, there only 2 members in the foreign technology Div. Lt. Colonel Corso was the junior officer. He claimed to have been head of the group. In other words, there seems to have been some very serious misrepresentation. According to Peter Gersten, Corso and his son, when asked if the statement about his being an NSC member would be deleted from the affidavit, both said no.

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## Roswell 'Flowered Tape' Mentioned At The Get-Go

From: Stig Agermose <[wanderer@post8.tele.dk](mailto:wanderer@post8.tele.dk)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 01:49:53 +0200  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 05:22:37 -0400  
Subject: Roswell 'Flowered Tape' Mentioned At The Get-Go

Received from Larry Clark via New York MUFON's mailing list

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Date: 19 Jul 1998 02:02:12 -0000  
Return-Path: <[NYMUFON-return-@listbot.com](mailto:NYMUFON-return-@listbot.com)>  
From: "Larry Clark" <[lclark@ibm.net](mailto:lclark@ibm.net)>

<snip>

Subject: Mum's the word  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 17:56:27 -0400

NY Mutual UFO Network Postings - <http://www.nymufon.org>

What's new on the state site:

1) Regarding Roswell in the Schenectady Union Star / 1947:  
[July 9, 1947]

July 9: Army, Navy Launch Campaign to Halt 'Flying Disc' Rumors  
Mentions aftermath of Roswell reports and statements by Haught &  
Ramey. Also mentioned: "Those who saw the object said it had a  
flowered paper tape around it bearing the initials 'D.P.'."

Apparantly, the 'flowered tape' is not a new discovery, but was  
mentioned at the get-go.

2) Removed the Amsterdam 7/9/1947 entry. Located more clippings  
with pics today, and it appears to have been a meteor that had  
about a fistfull of material remaining when it struck the  
ground.

3) Search a number of weeks of issues for items related to T.  
Beckley the Silencers, in a period described as hot in his book.  
While the Scenectady papers were still reporting sightings well  
past that time, there were none for the period mentioned. More  
significant was his sensational claim of a sighting by two boys,  
followed by the discovery of a dead boy nearby found frozen in  
the ice the next day. Checked the whole month and there was no  
such death reported. I forgot to bring the book along, but there  
was another checkable instance of a report of the husband of an  
investigator dying suddenly after encountering a MIB in a  
Schenectady diner. No doubt hoagy also. (Unless of course, those  
nefarious MIBs deleted the obituary entry.) Better to check this  
stuff out than go around speading tabloid stories as 'research'  
:?)

So out the Silencer derived references go tonight.

4) While clipping fishing, also turned up two new reports from  
the general time frame.

Regards,

Larry Clark

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## UK Crop Circle Conference

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Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 01:54:06 +0200  
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Subject: UK Crop Circle Conference

From The BBC.

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[http://news.bbc.co.uk:80/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_134000/134862.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk:80/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_134000/134862.stm)

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Saturday, July 18, 1998 Published at 13:11 GMT 14:11 UK

Sci/Tech

Unravelling crop circles

(Image: Crop circles: stunning designs)

(Audio: Clinton Rodgers reports)

A conference is being organised in the West Country in Britain to try to make sense of one of the great untold mysteries of our time - crop circles.

Experts from all over the world are meeting near Pewsey in Wiltshire to study the phenomenon that has baffled science for years.

(Audio: Crop circle enthusiast Rod Bearcloud: Historical importance)

Many people claim crop circles are really elaborate hoaxes. But those attending the conference say that is a cynical view based on ignorance.

The organisers do not believe the conference will provide all the answers, but see it as a useful exchange of views among those who believe greater forces are at work.

Fitting location

(Image: Could aliens be behind crop circles?)

The organisers could not have picked a more fitting location for the conference. Already this year, 40 crop circles have sprung up in fields across Wiltshire.

The West Country has long been the focal point of those in Britain who believe that crop circles are the work of extra terrestrial forces.

(Audio: Conference organiser Francine Blake: Greater forces at work)

Thousands of crop circles have been reported throughout the world, with 90% coming from Britain. Enthusiasts say many more go unreported.

#### Hoax claim

In 1991 two landscape painters, David Chorley, 62, and Douglas Bower, 67, claimed they were behind the phenomenon. They said they conceived their hoax in 1978, while sitting in a pub.

The duo said that for the past 13 years they had been sneaking around southern England at night, fashioning as many as 25 to 30 new circles each growing season.

Their efforts apparently inspired copycats. Other individuals and groups have come forward claiming to be behind hundreds of crop circles both in Britain and abroad.

But enthusiasts maintain crop circles are the work of forces we do not understand.

There is a new scientific discipline based around the study of crop circles. It is known as cereology.

#### Internet Links

\*Crop circle database

\*UK UFO Network

\*Circlemakers: England crop circle makers

\*The Crop Circular: Research on crop circles

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## Why Migranes Don'T Explain UFOs

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>

Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 23:01:54 -0400

Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 05:47:47 -0400

Subject: Why Migranes Don'T Explain UFOs

The hypothesis advanced in the recently posted Magonia claims that some close encounters may be the result of migraine or migraine-like phenomena, in keeping with the theory that UFOs are accounted for by the Misperception, Hallucination, and Hoax Hypothesis (MHH).

The problem with the hypothesis is that the presented migraine case and the comparison UFO cases differ in significant aspects:

1) The migraine account does not present any definite visual phenomenon. By comparison, the UFO accounts present definite and long-lasting visual phenomena which are clearly differentiated from their background.

2) The migraine account reports a sort of free-floating, quiet emotion. By comparison, the UFO witnesses primary emotion in the comparison cases is fear.

3) UFO accounts similar to those presented for comparison also manifest physical trace evidence, and are reported with multiple independent accounts obtained on the record from witnesses. No migraine headache which generates physical trace evidence exists or can exist. Multiple simultaneous migranes are unheard of, and multiple simultaneous hallucinations with the same content are also not part of the mainstream psychological literature.

4) No information has been presented to indicate that any migraine visual disturbance has any close parallel to the visual perception of a UFO. One would expect the migraine literature to be replete with complex structured visual hallucinations if this were the case. However, one must wonder why the author neglected to select such a case to present against the UFO cases. Surely not all "UFO migranes" are reported as UFO cases and none as the effect of migranes. Surely there would be a continuum of more and more UFO-like migranes if this were a valid explanation of even some close encounters.

As far as scientific thinking goes, the migraine hypothesis is pretty bad. Though at least we get a hypothesis:

- Migranes cause some close encounters; for instance, those where the witness reports a headache afterward. -

But what evidence is used to support the hypothesis?

Why, anecdotal evidence from migraine sufferers. While anecdotal testimony from UFO witnesses is commonly scorned by MHH proponents, it is presumably acceptable when it supports MHH.

Second, the anecdotal evidence presented, presumably the best available - that is, the closest possible to a UFO experience - bears little or no resemblance to a UFO account. In fact, about the most that can be said of it is that it describes an experience where the sufferer felt calm, tingly, heard a hum from crickets that somehow manifested itself as color, and continued to have these feelings for about 20 minutes. In fact, not only does this have almost no point of similarity with reliable UFO accounts from the literature, it also has no resemblance to the UFO accounts provided for comparison. For instance, in those UFO accounts, the witness reports unnatural

silence, while the migrane account refers to the sound of the crickets. The UFO accounts refer to an object of specific appearance, dimensions, location, and behavior, while the migrane account refers only to a generally altered sense of reality. The UFO accounts describe fear on the part of the witness, while a tranquil emotion is reported by the migrane sufferer.

The author then states, attempting to support by suggestion what was not supported by the evidence: "Sacks writes of . . . 'free-wheeling states of hallucinosis, illusion, or dreaming' which may be experienced during intense migraine auras, and be manifest as confused or confabulatory states of which the patient retains imperfect recollection. These states are composed of coherent, dramatically-organised series of images, and are usually compared by patients to intense, involuntary daydreams or daymares."

One must wonder why the author did not choose one of those accounts rather than the poorly matched one presented, if the other accounts are such "coherent, dramatically-organised series of images, [which] are usually compared by patients to intense, involuntary daydreams or daymares." One can only suppose that none of these are reported in the literature, or that none of those reported have any resemblance to UFO material. In either case, the contention that migrane symptoms approximate UFO phenomena remains unsupported

Now an obvious and important discriminator for the truth of this hypothesis would be the presence, somewhere in the hundreds or thousands of hours of laboratory observation of migrane sufferers, of one close encounter hallucination. The absence of such an account makes it seem likely that no such experience exists.

Yet another discriminator would be the presence of a likeness between UFO reports which cannot be explained by this mechanism and those which presumably can. If this likeness exists, one must account for why the explanatory cause does not have distinguishing characteristics. Clearly, this has not been done. Yet there are many UFO reports, identical to those indicated to be explained by the migrane hypothesis, which have multiple witnesses, physical trace effects, and even photographs. In some cases there are headaches, in some not. Why are those accounts not caused by migrane similar in nature to those which presumably are? In any other science, this would be a broad hint that the hypothesis is incorrect, and that a more fundamental cause for UFO reports must be sought.

The author then draws a tenuous analogy between a crisp description of a UFO and another variant of a migrane experience. The connection rests solely on the presence of "zig-zag" lines perceived as part of the migraine scotomata. Anyone with experience of this phenomenon knows that it is similar to enlarging the blind spot to slowly cover from the entire eye, and cannot be confused with "an object on a patch of soil in the garden which was wine red in colour and about the size of a drinks tray [which] remained on the ground for a few minutes, then suddenly . . . took off, like a coin being flipped, and spun up into the air, revealing its underside with a series of reinforcements on the rim [and] then seemed to head for the window [where it] gave out a blue flash".

Now, science requires the following:

- 1.Observe something which needs explaining (the observation).
- 2.Formulate a mechanism which explains it (the hypothesis).
- 3.Determine characteristics which differentiate an observation consistent with the hypothesis from one which is inconsistent with the hypothesis (the differentiator) . 4.Formulate an experiment or an observation which will identify if the differentiator is present.
- 5.Perform the experiment or observation.
- 6.Record and publish the results for comment and attempted reproduction by others. If the differentiator is confirmed, then the hypothesis may be considered correct, otherwise it is considered incorrect.

The author of the Magonia article put forward 1 and 2, but fails to perform 3, 4, and 5. That being the case, 6 is moot, and the Magonia article is not science. It is no better than what many call "pseudoscience". In fact, the contrast of the MHH explanations with science is clear, since MHH explanations seem to operate as follows:

1. Select an isolated aspect of the UFO phenomenon. Ignore all of the rest of the data. Ignore any cross phenomenon patterns.
2. Find any natural, medical or optical phenomenon that bears even a tiny resemblance to the isolated aspect.
3. Claim that the vague resemblance demonstrates that the explanation must be true for at least some subset of UFO reports.
4. Do not provide any discriminator. Require opponents to do so. Evade any discriminators or results which tend to discredit the explanation.
5. If any explanation is discredited, claim it applies to some other case, or that some variation on the explanation works, or switch to a completely different explanation and maintain that the original explanation was never intended to apply to the specific case, but that some other one does, and that the proposed explanation applies to other cases.

The weakest part of these sort of "explanations" is the need to have a wide variety of physical, optical, psychological and medical phenomena produce an observable result which has a fairly uniform appearance and behavior with widespread patterns across demographic and cultural groups (not to mention photographs, physical traces, and medical traces, which are also reasonably uniform). Why should migranes, mirages, delusions, and hoaxes all produce UFOs - and, more importantly, the same kind of UFOs? The obvious answer is - they don't. We'll have to look deeper than the superficial MHH for answers to UFOs.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
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Author of SF novels available at...  
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## Re: One For The Conspiracy Theorists

From: "Keith Woodard" <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 01:36:43 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 05:50:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: One For The Conspiracy Theorists

> Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 09:34:16 -0700 (MST)  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> From: Rob Meyer <[robmeyer@sedona.net](mailto:robmeyer@sedona.net)>  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: One For The Conspiracy Theorists

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> Did all of these men die on or about the same day and did Corso  
> and of the same heart conditions

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> did Corso and of the same heart conditions?

Corso died Thursday, July 16, a week after Paetz. Everything else I know  
is at:

<http://www.latimes.com/sbin/iawrapper?NS-search-set=/35b2f/aaaa0023pb2fb02&NS-doc-offset=0&NS-adv-search=0&>

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## Re: The Rod

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Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 21:56:40 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 05:45:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Rod

>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 17:08:11 -0700  
>From: Terry Blanton <[commengr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commengr@bellsouth.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The Rod

>You can compare your sighting with rod photographs on:

><http://www.roswellrods.com/>

>Joe and his wife are the best experts on the phenomenon and  
>respond to any email sent from the web site.

>Also Jim Peters knows a bit about rods. You can reach him at:

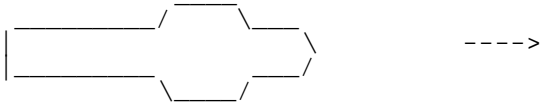
>[James.Peters@compuserve.com](mailto:James.Peters@compuserve.com)

>I must admit that I was quite skeptical about these high speed  
>thingies; but, the information on the web page has forced me to  
>keep an open mind about it.

>Terry

Terry,

Thanks for the information. I looked at Joe's web site; what I saw seems to fall somewhere in between his "insect," "white" and "spear" categories. What I saw had a shape somewhat like:



But I saw it so briefly I'm not sure of any of the angles on it, but it had angular corners, not rounded ones. Its perfect bilateral symmetry stood out.

Thanks for your note too, Greg (St. Pierre). I don't know what to think if you get quite a few potential rods on just a 45-min. video tape the first or second times you try it, while most of us go all our lives without seeing one. It could only mean, if they're the real things, that they behave like other UFOI and show themselves only when and to whom they wish.

Jim Deardorff

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Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 02:58:53 +0200  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 05:32:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Down-To-Earth About Aliens (On MUFON)

To those abduction researchers who consider Roger Leir's course of action dubious, I would like to say that this email is sent with the express intention of informing and not as an endorsement. It is taken from Sunday's Los Angeles Times and the URL is:

<http://www.latimes.com/HOME/NEWS/VENTURA/VCNEWS/t000066331.html>

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Sunday, July 19, 1998

Down-to-Earth About Aliens

Mystery: Like it or not, the Mutual UFO Network is peopled by folks like your neighbors, friends and you.

By JOEL P. ENGARDIO, Special to The Times

THOUSAND OAKS--Your real estate agent, airline pilot, even your doctor: They are the faces of the Mutual UFO Network, a national group of 5,000 everyday people and working professionals who like to talk about space aliens.

Determined to prove the existence of extraterrestrials, they track the skies armed with binoculars, a toll-free number and an insatiable desire to reconcile truth with conspiracy.

At MUFON chapters across the country--such as the one that meets each month at the Thousand Oaks library--members gather to hear lectures on crop circles, ancient bacteria on martian rocks or any other mystery that would inspire a good "X-Files" episode.

The curious sit among the convinced, as professed alien abduction survivors swap stories with the hypnotherapists who treat them.

The Ventura/Santa Barbara County chapter is one of MUFON's more active--and interesting--with more than 100 members.

There is "Ellen," who sells high-end property in Santa Barbara and says she has been the victim of multiple alien abductions. The most convincing time, she said, was the night her husband was awakened by a blinding light and noticed she was missing from the bed. A safe subject at MUFON, but she wouldn't dare tell her clients.

Joe Vallejo, a commercial airline pilot from Westlake Village, recalls the flight from Los Angeles to Denver when he and his cockpit crew watched an unidentified aircraft fly next to the 727, doing maneuvers that seemingly defied physics.

But the local member with the most talked-about claim--one that gets him booked on the UFO lecture circuit from Tucson to Tampa--is chapter president and Thousand Oaks podiatrist Roger K. Leir.

He caused a stir after announcing he surgically removed apparent alien implants from some of his patients' feet.

Call them wacky, but these UFO enthusiasts hold respectable day jobs and don't seem any different from your next-door neighbor. That is the way MUFON founder and national director Walt Andrus intended it.

"We don't contribute to the kook factor," Andrus said. "Our membership is by invitation only, based on professional occupation and education. We keep the kooks out. And if one slips in, they'll be dropped immediately."

Andrus tries to distance his group from the "Roswell or bust" bumper sticker movement that drives UFO mania today. The Internet has spawned a cavalcade of conspiracy-peddling Web sites offering the latest alien update via direct mail videotape, while carnival-like UFO conventions draw thousands to hotels across the country. The hype, Andrus says, gives UFOs a bad name.

"There are fools and charlatans born every minute. People will say anything if they think they can make some money," Andrus said. "But we want to investigate and resolve the UFO phenomenon using scientific means."

Indeed, UFO enthusiasts got a boost last month when a panel of scientists from Stanford, Cornell and Princeton universities--along with institutions in Germany and France--suggested that some UFO sightings do include unexplained physical evidence and deserve serious scientific study.

The first independent scientific review of UFOs in nearly 30 years, the study concluded that scientists might learn more--either to better understand or debunk alleged UFO sightings--if they can get past the ridicule that has prevented credible study in the past.

"This is a wake-up call that scientists better stop tee-heeing because the public is demanding a serious look at their claims," Leir said.

#### MUFON Is Born

The UFO culture was just as outrageous--though less sophisticated--as it is now when Andrus helped start MUFON in 1969. It was the year the U.S. Air Force decided to stop officially investigating UFOs after an Air Force-commissioned study by the University of Colorado recommended that UFOs did not warrant further research.

The report noted the absurdity surrounding the subject, even surveying a UFO convention that sold hair from dogs from the planet Venus.

"They went to one circus convention and were put off by the malarkey," Andrus said. "They got a bad impression at the worst place they could go."

So Andrus, who worked as a plant manager for Motorola, and a few of his friends--including a university chemistry professor and an aerospace engineer for McDonnell Douglas--organized MUFON in an effort to shape up the UFO counterculture and pick up where the Air Force left off in credible investigations.

For 30 years, Andrus has run the group as its only full-time staff member at the national headquarters in Seguin, Texas. Andrus himself answers the toll-free UFO hotline--which rings about a dozen times a day--while three part-time workers help transfer into a computer database tens of thousands of cases stuffed in file cabinets that clutter the small office.

Andrus talks regularly to MUFON's state directors, trying to get a handle on the latest UFO trend.

Local chapters train members to become field investigators, following a meticulous protocol used to track sightings, interview witnesses, make drawings and comb the ground for evidence. The Ventura/Santa Barbara County chapter plans a training session later this summer.

Before thinking flying saucer, Andrus said, investigators are taught to first try to rule out anything else the sighting might have been.

Though a firm believer in UFOs and even alien abductions, Andrus admits that 90% of the reports his group investigates are nothing more than a meteor shower or the Goodyear blimp. Not to mention all the kids who place prank calls to the hotline.

"It's that 10% that defies any earthly explanation we call UFOs," he said.

### 'The Aliens and the Scalpel'

A thousand UFO enthusiasts packed a Greensboro, N.C., auditorium at MUFON's national symposium two years ago, rapt by images of the surgical extraction of tiny, T-shaped objects--in the minds of audience members, alien implants--embedded deep in feet that both doctor and patient swear had never been operated on before.

After cheers and a standing ovation, the crowd swarmed the podium, pressing programs toward the presenting doctor for his autograph. Roger Leir, the 61-year-old podiatrist from Thousand Oaks, had come out of the UFO closet to a celebrity's welcome.

"It was a bit disconcerting at first," said Leir, who initially used the moniker Dr. X to protect his reputation and the 30-year podiatry practice he had built. "I didn't want problems with my patients or colleagues. People might think I was a kook if word got out I was working in a field looked at by some with a jaundiced eye."

While attending a UFO convention in 1995, Leir was asked to read some foot X-rays. The podiatrist noted he saw some foreign bodies that looked like wires or screws; typical remnants of reconstructive foot surgery. But medical records did not indicate any operation, and the patient claimed to be a victim of alien abduction. Leir was intrigued.

Using the justification that the patient clearly had something foreign in her foot, Leir decided to operate. Whether it was of alien origin or simply a carpet nail she stepped on didn't matter.

He sent the little T-shaped objects, covered in a dense, shiny membrane, to New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, commonly known as New Mexico Tech, for analysis in the metallurgical engineering department. One word in the lab report--"meteorite"--convinced Leir he was on to something. It was real scientific proof, he said, that he used as the highlight of his UFO lectures.

"The lab says particles of meteorite, and my patient sure hasn't been stepping on any meteors," Leir told his audiences.

But New Mexico Tech associate professor Paul A. Fuierer, the author of the metallurgical study, said the meteorite theory has been taken out of context.

"The object reminded me of what could be meteorite material, but I'm not prepared to say it is meteorite," Fuierer said, noting that the objects consisted of common elements such as aluminum and iron. "I have to admit they were odd-looking samples, but I'm by no means saying these are alien implants."

Despite the controversy, the mystery surrounding the objects created such a buzz that X-rays began pouring into Leir's office. And it wasn't just feet anymore. There were films of hands, legs, even jaws.

Limited as a podiatrist, Leir enlisted the help of three colleagues in the Los Angeles area--a dentist, a radiologist and a general surgeon--who were willing to read X-rays and MRIs, pass on their medical opinion and perform more operations.

There have been seven such procedures, with plans for more. But Leir is cautious.

"They have to do more than just say they have implants before I'll consider them a surgical candidate," said Leir, who ends up rejecting most cases because perceived anomalies in the X-rays can be explained more often than not.

"If they think something is still there, they can pursue it somewhere else. It's up to hard science--not me--to determine what the objects are. I'm just looking for real evidence, not to prove someone's abduction was real."

#### Going Mainstream

Despite his continued plunge into UFO research, Leir still maintains two podiatry offices in Thousand Oaks and Camarillo that serve 200 patients. He cut back to a four-day workweek when he was named the local MUFON president but is protective of his profession.

"I don't involve my practice with my hobby," Leir said. "No one wants to go to the doctor and be dragged into UFO talk."

But Leir's otherworldly pursuits are no secret among his patients, considering his appearance on the TV show "Hard Copy," his Web site and the 250-page manuscript he has been shopping around to book publishers. "The Alien and the Scalpel" is the working title.

Leir's interest in UFOs dates to July 1947, when, as a young boy, he remembers his father reading aloud a newspaper article with the headline "Air Force Captures Flying Disc."

That early news report about an alleged alien crash-landing outside Roswell, N.M., became the touchstone of the modern UFO movement.

"My dad was really upset when the Air Force came out and denied it the next day," Leir recalled. "He threw down the paper and yelled, 'I'm not falling for that! They know the difference between a weather balloon and a UFO.' His reaction made an impression on me."

Leir said deciding to go public was easier when he saw national polls such as one done by Newsweek magazine that said half of Americans believe UFOs are real and think the government knows about it, too.

"I also believe," he said. "And I wouldn't be surprised if we've been secretly [studying and possibly utilizing] alien technology all along."

With extraterrestrial talk jumping from the supermarket tabloids into highly successful TV series and movies such as "The X-Files" and "Men in Black," Leir said today's UFO-friendly climate lets him worry less about people thinking he is "nuts."

"Years ago, if you said you saw a UFO, it was, 'Yeah, sure, you saw swamp gas and were drunk,'" Leir said. "Now you see little aliens selling Volkswagens on TV commercials. People accept the notion, and it's the skeptics and debunkers who are more likely to be laughed at now."

#### The Future of MUFON

More than 60 people attended last month's local MUFON meeting at the Thousand Oaks library, many of them first-timers who signed up as members.

Brian Noble and his fiancée Jeannie Casse, both of Camarillo, went to their first meeting. She is a believer, he is a skeptic.

"I feel there might be extraterrestrial life somewhere, but I don't think they've made it down to Earth yet," Noble said.

"He wants proof, but I just know," Casse said. "I'm sure there are hoaxes out there, but they are just helping camouflage the truth."

Noble said he was apprehensive about MUFON, expecting to find a group of eccentrics. But after looking around the room and reading the chapter newsletter, he changed his mind.

"I see everyday, normal people from all walks of life," Noble said. "And there are some scientific people here, which impresses me."

Bobbie Lambert of Thousand Oaks also became a new member last month. She had already attended several meetings and found them fascinating. As for the inevitable fringe element associated with UFOs, Lambert said that is easy to ignore, since a bit of "wackiness will attach itself to anything controversial." She keeps her new interest mostly to herself, though.

"I'm cautious about who I tell because it's not completely accepted by the mainstream yet," Lambert said. "But if you just put out a little feeler, it's amazing to discover the people you would never expect who end up having a whole lifetime of experiences. They're just being cautious, too."

MUFON founder Andrus said the more people begin to talk openly about UFOs, the better the chance of finding some definitive answers.

After 30 years of gradually helping move UFOs into the consciousness of pop culture and now the scientific community, Andrus said he looks forward to a time when MUFON has no reason to exist.

"If we could resolve the UFO phenomenon tomorrow, we'd close down," he said. "And that's just more incentive to keep digging."

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## Re: The Rod

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Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 21:25:47 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 05:35:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Rod

> Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 17:08:11 -0700  
> From: Terry Blanton <[commengr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commengr@bellsouth.net)>  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The Rod

> I must admit that I was quite skeptical about these high speed  
> thingies; but, the information on the web page has forced me to  
> keep an open mind about it.

Are you suggesting that being skeptical precludes one from having an open mind?

Rebecca

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## P1947: NASA and film about space debris/UFOs

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Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 20:22:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 06:30:02 -0400  
Subject: P1947: NASA and film about space debris/UFOs

>Hi List,

>I hope that anyone can help me in the following matter. Years ago I has  
>haer the rumor that the NASA has produced a half hour film about space  
>debris and UFOs. Do anyone known more about this matter?

>Werner

Hi Werner and List:

There is indeed a short 10-minute (not half hour) production of  
"UFOs" (mostly IFOs) filmed by astronauts in the Gemini and  
Apollo missions. It's titled "Photo Aberrations, Debris & UFO's"  
and it was put together at the Johnson Space Center in 1979.

I have it as well as an index card of all the film clips used,  
and a mostly debunking text written by James Oberg explaining the  
images (the film itself is silent with no narration or music).

Most of the images are undoubtedly IFOs (lensflares, space  
debris, etc.) but a few are interesting, particularly the last  
image showing an oval, cloud-like object right over the Moon,  
listed in the NASA index card simply as, "Object above moon".

Many of these film clips have been used in countless TV shows,  
usually without the IFO explanation.

Regards,  
Antonio Huneus

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## P1947: Publications of Note

From: Robert Swiatek <[swiman@POP.DN.NET](mailto:swiman@POP.DN.NET)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 23:57:29 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 06:04:47 -0400  
Subject: P1947: Publications of Note

List members--

It's a long, hot Summer, with no immediate promise of cool weather, so I thought this a good time to regale you with a few new (and obscure?) publications you might not have encountered.

They are, in no particular order:

1) DER UFO-ABSTURZ BEI CORONA by Don Berliner and Stan Friedman (this is the German edition of CRASH AT CORONA). It's a hardcover, 255-page volume published by Jochen Kopp Verlag of Rottenburg, Germany. Don't know the price but it looks like it would go for about \$20 here in the States. Typical of European books (I think), it lacks a dust jacket but has a colorful illustration of a crashed UFO imprinted on the cover.

2) ROSWELL: THE DECLASSIFIED EVIDENCE. This is a video/book package I found in a Borders bookstore. It consists of the Air Force's ROSWELL REPORT: CASE CLOSED as well as a 31-minute video incorporating the four minutes of MOGUL footage the Air Force released concurrently with last year's report. It's put out by One Twenty West, LLC, of Louisville, KY, and distributed by Declassified Videos Inc. of Sunrise, FL. Their phone number is 1-800-523-9663; their URL is <[www.TopSecrets.com](http://www.TopSecrets.com)>. I paid \$25 for it. The book is interesting in that the publishers saw fit to include a transcript of the AF's 24 June 1997 press conference featuring Col. Haynes and Capt. McAndrew.

3) UNGEBETENE GASTE by Richard Hall (the German edition of UNINVITED GUESTS). It, too, is published by Jochen Kopp Verlag and is a 382-page hardcover volume with no dust jacket but a cover illustration. Verlag's telephone no. is: (07472)9 12 65. Again, I don't know the price in either dollars or DMs.

4) CHANCE VOUGHT V-173 AND XF5U-1 FLYING PANCAKES by Art Schoeni and Tommy Thomason. This 34-page, stapled, softcover booklet contains many B & W pictures of manmade flying discs. It appears to be self-published at an unknown price (I got mine from Don Berliner several months ago). The copyright date is 1992. The publisher seems to be one Steve Ginter of 1754 Warfield Circle, Simi Valley, California 93063. No phone number or ordering information is given. It's worth trying to obtain this small volume, however.

I can try to answer any questions; you all know my e-mail address.

--Rob Swiatek

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## Re: Foo-Fighters: The German view

From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@CYBERZONE.NET](mailto:jan@CYBERZONE.NET)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 23:20:34 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 06:12:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Foo-Fighters: The German view

Greetings James,

I don't mind if you sent this to Jenny. There has been some good information published over the years about "foo-fighters". More awaits publication. However, ufology, like coinage, seems to be governed by a variant of Gresham's Law. "Bad information drives out good."

James Easton wrote:

>Regarding...

>>Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 00:21:43 -0700  
>>From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@CYBERZONE.NET](mailto:jan@CYBERZONE.NET)>  
>>Subject: Re: Foo-Fighters: The German view  
>>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

>Jan wrote:

>>Greetings James,

>>>...in Jenny Randles latest book, 'UFO Retrievals', she mentions:

>>>"UK comedian Michael Bentine, then an intelligence officer  
>>>supervising the polish forces, told me of the debriefing he carried  
>>>out in the late 1944 on aircrew who had seen the lights during  
>>>raids on the secret V-rocket base at Peenemunde and the intense  
>>>interest in them shown by US intelligence staff".

>>Not at all surprising since everything about Peenemunde was of great  
>>interest to the Allies.

>Jan,

>Very much so, the point was that this may have referred to a  
>previously undocumented encounter and there are possibly others. I  
>have asked Jenny if there's more specific information she might have  
>recorded.

Yes, please do.

>>>In Time-Life's 'The UFO Phenomenon', it's claimed:

>>>"...the notion that these fireballs might be secret weapons soon  
>>>faded, since none had ever harmed an Allied plane. Also, as  
>>>Americans learned after the war, German pilots saw them, too - and  
>>>assumed they were Allied secret weapons".

>>I very much doubt if Time-Life did much research other than to  
>>synthesize material from the current UFO literature which repeats  
>>this line over and over again.

>Yes, I'm sure that's the case. The fact this wasn't substantiated by  
>any evidence didn't contend otherwise.

>>>I would have thought it unlikely that the Nazis had perfected such  
>>>technology and if they had, why wouldn't they have made these  
>>>'explosive' devices rather than psyops weapons?

>>[...]

>>I have seen references to three small wing or disc shaped weapons,  
>>however none had anything like ionizing jets. To say I am dubious  
>>of Haribson is about the understatement of this decade.

>Likewise, as I said, "If the papers allegedly uncovered are ever  
>published, they might lend more substance to the story".

Perhaps, but I would rather believe that the Rebel Reptilian  
Grand Fleet was responsible for Bentwaters than the clap-trap  
that Harbiston is trying to sell.

>>The Germans did tow pieces of aircraft above Allied formations and  
>>released them into the formations, many times detonating an explosive  
>>on the part. The Allied aircrews called these "scare crows." Or the  
>>Germans and Japanese tried aerial bombardment, dropping bombs in to  
>>the formations. In many case the object was simply psychological.

>Noted and further questions why they would resort to such 'primitive'  
>methods if having the technology Harbison claims.

>>>Jenny continues:

>>>"According to Harbison, this was only the beginning of the story...

>>>[...]

>>Good story! But Nazi saucers stories are a dime a dozen. They were  
>>a favorite subject in some German magazines after the war. There are  
>>plenty of letter to the American authorities offering such  
>>information for a price, a trip to American. Considering the  
>>conditions in Germany right after the war, we should be surprised?

>Agreed, I've seen some of these letters.

>>>Greenwood's [Barry Greenwood] independent search of Foo Fighter  
>>>records, many years after Harbinson's book appeared, found that all  
>>>cases from February 1945 focused closely around that specific date".

>>No, not so....in any case lots more have been found for lots of  
>>different dates.

>That's important, thanks for the clarification.

>>>Jenny adds a note of caution:

>>>"Harbinson's claims enter more contentious territory when he  
>>>speculates about the Antarctic bases where the Foo Fighters was  
>>>developed further by renegade Nazis who escaped the fall of Germany  
>>>and whose research was to become the source of subsequent UFO  
>>>encounters".

>>Really, just a note of caution?

>Jenny hardly posts a warning and it's arguable whether it's even a  
>cautious note!

>I had maybe interpreted that it should be?

>>About this time the whole thing should go into the trash.

>I wouldn't disagree, Jan.

>>When did reports of 'Foo Fighters' cease - were there none at all  
>>after a definitive date?

>>That is not so easy. Ferry pilots supposedly were still reporting  
>>them in the North Atlantic after the war was over.

>I suspected this wasn't definitive and there were probably subsequent,  
>sporadic reports.

>My conclusions, I'm sure like many others, were that the 'Foo Fighter'  
>reports evidenced a factual phenomenon, definitely not a secret German  
>weapon and that an explanation might lie in the realms of 'ball  
>lightning', or something [even remotely] similar.

If you read Lindell, he will lead you to his current thoughts  
that foo fighters were night perception problems brought on by  
the lack of reference points in the dark, acceleration effects  
on the eyes and the body's balance system. These causes people

to think that disembodied lights like stars are doing all sort of unusual maneuvers.

There are, in fact, such problems involved in night flying. The US Navy did a multi-year, multi-million dollar study on such problems. WW II was at the beginning of the era, and if that were the case, then we would also expect the Germans, Italians and Japanese to report similar effects. Ditto, for electrical phenomena. This was the idea of Alvarez and Robertson. Griggs apparently did not agree, and both the two other scientists bowed to his superior knowledge of "foo-fighters."

>I wonder how many later 'UFO' reports from aircraft crews/passengers >might be unconnected, but actually comparable with the 'Foo Fighter' >phenomenon?

I expect that UFOs, that is the residuum of unexplained reports, have multiple causes which are not current well understood nor well investigated. About the same idea that the Sturrock panel announced as the indications they saw. My thoughts in 1959 and today.

>>I must suggest that you get some better sources than you quote here.

>Although Jenny is hardly a world authority on 'Foo Fighters', I trust >you agree that her reference to Michael Bentine's experiences were >relevant.

Certainly, but Wilkins, Time-Life, and Nazi saucer tails are not of the best quality.

>It also wasn't accidental that I preceded the mention of Jenny's >comments in her latest book, assuming that these wouldn't be well >known, with the words, "For information".

>As Jenny included a reference to Schriever and this might have been >of interest to David, who was "looking into the activities of >engineers like Miethe, Schriever...", it was as stated, simply for >information.

>Despite the recognised caution re Wilkins' claims, he does give some >quite specific details (are none of his 'Foo Fighter' reports >authentic?) and it was mentioned he referred to the 'American Legion >Magazine' as being an 'excellent' source, which is apparently correct.

Wilkins basically re-worked Jo Chamberlin's article. Primary sources would be interviews with the aircrews or official reports, the secondary source, Jo Chamberlin's article which was derived from the primary material, and finally with Wilkins we are already working on a third level sources. Since Chamberlin's article is of some importance, I have asked permission to reproduct it in my foo-fighter report.

>The authenticity of the Time-Life photograph also seems unresolved.

No, the authenticity of the Time-Life photograph is not demonstrated. In fact, it was in dispute by one of Japan's most reliable UFO investigators, Jun-Ichi Takanashi. Unless someone can come up with some reliable information it must be considered dubious...not a good advertisement for Time-Life's research, but that was not the point, selling slick books with flashy visuals was.

>It's recognised there are more authoritative sources, however there >are less authoritative sources who publish to a wide and uninformed >audience.

Again Gresham's Law works for ufological information.

>Presuming that Ivo, Jean-Luc, Werner [all comments greatly >appreciated] and yourself have no objections, I will pass on to Jenny >copies of the source material you respectively recommend and I'm sure >she will welcome the further insight.

Be my guest. I would be happy if better information about this period got out to the public. Even at this late date, it is still possible to interview veterans about these experiences. I did one last year. Many times these things left a lasting impression that did not go away over the long years.

I would think that information, referred to by Jones, should be

Re: Foo-Fighters: The German view

available with the proper sort of research in the UK official records. Just don't go looking for under the name "foo-fighter."

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## Skywatch: New Clues To Marree Man Mystery

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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 06:27:09 -0400  
Subject: Skywatch: New Clues To Marree Man Mystery

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To: sky open list <[skyopen@unix.ltlb.com](mailto:skyopen@unix.ltlb.com)>  
Date: Sunday, July 19, 1998 2:51 PM  
Subject: (Skyopen) Fw: New Clues To Mystery (Marree Man)

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Date: Saturday, July 18, 1998 9:14 PM  
Subject: New Clues To Mystery (Marree Man)

A Follow Up on the South Australian Huge Drawing in the Dirt By  
CRAIG CLARKE 19jul98 The Sunday Mail (Adelaide)

DETECTIVES are closing in on the creators of the mysterious  
Marree Man.

Police have confirmed they are following strong clues in the  
hunt for whoever etched the 4km-long drawing of an Aboriginal  
warrior on to a desert plateau outside Marree, 200km north of  
Port Augusta.

As the world spotlight on Marree intensifies:

William Creek Hotel, 200km north-west of Marree, claims they  
threw away an anonymous fax six weeks ago describing artwork and  
its location.

'We thought it was a joke and threw it out,' said Mr Shane  
Anderson, whose family runs the pub.

Heavy Outback rain threatens to erase sections of the Marree Man  
before tourists begin flocking to the site.

Rain is expected to again fall across the State's Far North  
tomorrow. Speculation continued in Marree yesterday as to who  
ploughed the desert portrait, which has angered Aborigines, who  
claim it is poking fun at their culture.

The State Government has given the naked man a temporary  
reprieve, refusing to bulldoze it from the rough landscape.

Locals believe whoever created the Marree Man - discovered early  
last week by a local charter pilot - needed satellite  
photographs and a sophisticated global positioning system (GPS)  
to map the giant artwork. The creators - who Marree residents  
agree wasn't a local - needed a transporter to truck in the  
plough and plenty of fuel.

Mrs. Suzy Walsh, who works at Marree's Outback Roadhouse and  
General Store, is convinced she would have unwittingly served  
the culprits.

"We get locals and people passing through buying several 44  
gallon drums of fuel at a time, so we wouldn't have batted an  
eyelid," Mrs. Walsh said.

"I probably served them without realising it."

Mrs. Walsh said the artists gained access to the site in a truck via a dried up creek bed, before climbing onto the plateau.

They would have used the heavy vehicle traffic from Woomera as cover. Investigations into the Marree Man are being handled by detectives in Port Augusta.

Marree police are "fed up" with the world media spotlight on their tiny three-man Outback station.

Journalists from around the world have inundated the station with requests for interviews since the story broke.

"We've been getting calls all day and all night and we're fed up," an unnamed officer said.

He referred all inquiries back to Adelaide police, who confirmed Port Augusta detectives were getting closer in the search.

Marree identity, Mr Ray Goss, said: "This has put Marree on the map. We've never had so many journalists here."

"The theory among locals is that it's an eccentric artists who has carved it - it's too good a job for one of us."

Police last week interviewed Melbourne artist Christopher Headley, the only man in Australia who creates "land drawings".

Mr Headley, who has been refused permission to work in the area, said he was incapable of carrying out the work.

Mr Lyall Oldfield, a local businessman and booking agent for scenic flights, said he hoped the rain would stop soon to allow tourists to flock to the site.

Notification of the drawing may have been timed to coincide with the school holidays, which end today.

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Date: Sunday, July 19, 1998 1:04 PM  
Subject: New Clues To Mystery (Marree Man)

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Reports coming in. Although there not what I hoped, some of the reports are beginning to sort what hat may have happened.

I can't believe that Mr Shane Anderson of the William Creek Hotel, 200km north-west of Marree, had thrown away an anonymous fax six weeks ago describing artwork and its location. That doesn't make sense. I would assume that whomever drew this figure would have come prepared with all the necessary equipment and materials to do so. Sounds like either a opportunist or a debunking move.

Like I had posted a day or so previously, Heavy Outback rain will threaten to erase sections of the Marree Man. Rain is expected to again fall across the State's Far North tomorrow. So why go through all the trouble to draw this figure when rain in the region will surely wash it away? I can't go with the notion that Aborigines are angry about this figure. Why would they be angry? Perhaps the Aborigines have something to say about this figure but it is being rumored that they don't. The Aborigines are a very ancient people. Their mythology is quite interesting, with stories including blue reptilian type demons and one especially strange story of egg shaped thingys that fly? I'll have to dig that information up.

Again, the story of Mrs. Suzy Walsh, who works at Marree's Outback Roadhouse and General Store, saying that she is convinced that she could have served the unwittingly culprits is a little far fetched in itself. This project obviously relied on speed and secrecy. Now why would the creators of the figure go

out and either buy fuel or grab a quick bite to eat in an area where people are? They were there to create the figure and get out without being detected. It doesn't make sense for these 'persons' to be roaming around town in plain view of the public. Mrs. Walsh also said the artists gained access to the site in a truck via a dried up creek bed, before climbing onto the plateau? How does she know this? Could it be that the investigators didn't find any tracks or markings on how equipment was transported up to the plateau? How did equipment get up there then, did it fly?

I also find it a little odd that detectives in Port Augusta are even investigating the figure. This to me, at the most, is a minor trespassing charge. But I am interested in the Marree police remarks of being "fed up" with the world media spotlight on their tiny three-man Outback station. Maybe the figure is getting more worldwide attention than 'some' would like? After all, the area in which this figure is located in some 400 miles southeast of Pine Gap, the alleged military underground base that, in my opinion, is one of the main facilities for testing advanced aircraft technology. Mr Ray Goss, said: "This has put Marree on the map." We've never had so many journalists here. Perhaps the stories of the locals being fed-up with all the attention of journalists in the area is really a concern of some others who feel that too many cameras and too many people are in a general area where green fireballs, UFOs and noises such as explosions in the skies have been reported?

What bothers me about this is that officials have already begun to dig up a person by the name Christopher Headley, a artist from Melbourne who is said to be the only man in Australia who creates "land drawings". Mr Headley, said he was incapable of carrying out this work. This reminds me of the crop circle stories coming out of England where they had found 2 men who said that they were responsible for all if not most of the crop circles springing up all around the English countryside. The video, "Mysteries of the Crop Circles" was a all out attempt to debunk crop circles as being everything but unknown in origin. I believe that that the same disinformationism may be forming here.

Lastly, I find it strange that State Government has given the naked man a temporary reprieve, refusing to bulldoze it from the rough landscape. Why would they want to bulldoze it if rains that are predicted in the area within the next few days may wash it all away anyways? Is it because the 'nakedness' of the figure is immoral or is the reason possibly that they would like to literally "cover up" this thing, erasing its very existence and its evidence from public view? This makes me wonder now if this figure wasn't plowed, but rather burned into the ground. To cover over it would simply hide it and not dispose of it. Perhaps investigations into the figure has more to do with the technique by which it was created rather than like I assumed, a simply trespassing offense.

Hangtime55  
Canoga Park, Ca

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"... Learning is the remembering of a wisdom that the soul enjoyed prior to its incarnation..." Plato

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Chris Carter, are you updating your scripts?

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## Ancient Indian Astronomers Knew Speed Of Light?

From: Moderator, UFO UpDates  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 06:38:58 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 06:38:58 -0400  
Subject: Ancient Indian Astronomers Knew Speed Of Light?

The UFOMind Mailing List at:  
<http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1998/jul/d18-001.shtml>

From: Glenn Campbell <[campbell@ufomind.com](mailto:campbell@ufomind.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 00:15:27 -0800

This evening (July 17) I was listening to the BBC World Service on shortwave radio -- a highly regarded source of news. I was listening to a science news program; I don't recall its name.

A segment of the program said that Vedic astronomers in 14th Century India had accurately predicted both the speed of light and the age of the universe.

I remember only the general outline of the claims...

A modern Indian scholar, while researching ancient Vedic texts, came across a hymn to the sun which specified the speed at which the sun's light travels to the earth. When the ancient measurement system was translated into modern units, it came to some 300,000 km/second, which is the figure we know today. Related texts seem to estimate the age of the universe -- about 8 billion years.

The question is, how would they have known this figure?

The program was vague about how the ancient astronomers might have measured this. However, the possibility of random coincidence was ruled out.

The program said that Western science began to measure the speed of light in the 17th century and didn't have an accurate figure until the 19th century.

The program assigned no great significance to the finding; it was presented simply as a scientific oddity. Certainly no extraterrestrial theory was offered.

I tried a web search for more info about this specific claim but haven't found anything yet - however, I did create a web page for Vedic astrology at:

[www.ufomind.com/para/spirit/astrology/vedic/](http://www.ufomind.com/para/spirit/astrology/vedic/)

Does anyone know how to further investigate this? Certainly there must be a news story in print somewhere on the recent discovery.

It smells like an interesting anomaly.

Glenn

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## Scientists To Map Out Astrobiology Strategy

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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 05:34:31 -0400  
Subject: Scientists To Map Out Astrobiology Strategy

Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 03:20:23 +0200

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news:[16JUL199817334390@kelvin.jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:16JUL199817334390@kelvin.jpl.nasa.gov)

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Leading Scientists Meet To Map Out Astrobiology  
Strategy

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NOTE TO EDITORS: N98-46

LEADING SCIENTISTS MEET TO MAP OUT ASTROBIOLOGY  
STRATEGY

Leading scientists from around the world will meet next week in a critical first step in planning NASA's emerging astrobiology program. In a three-day "roadmapping" session, participants will discuss development of a five-year strategic plan for astrobiology research, next-generation missions and technology requirements.

The goal of the workshop is to provide direction and set the tone for astrobiology research and its impact on NASA's missions, both in the near term and looking ahead to the year 2020. Astrobiology is the search for the origin, evolution and destiny of life in the universe. It involves research to gain understanding of the origins of life in the universe, the formation and evolution of habitable worlds, life's evolution and the biogeochemical cycles in the Earth's oceans and atmosphere, and the potential for biological evolution beyond an organism's planet of origin.

The roadmap team will define top-level mission and technology requirements to achieve astrobiology science goals and map these requirements onto NASA's future missions and technology development programs. Topics for discussion include life's molecular roots, the cosmic context for life, the origin of terrestrial life and the prospects for life beyond the planet of origin.

The three-day planning workshop will be held July 20-22, 1998, at NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA. Media representatives are invited to attend the workshop's opening sessions, which run from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m. PDT on July 20 in the Moffett Training and Conference Center (Building 3). Contact the Ames Public Affairs Office at 650/604-1731 for media access information.

"Future Shock" author Alvin Toffler will lead a dialogue about the "fourth wave" and astrobiology. Other speakers will include Michael Meyer, astrobiology discipline scientist; Henry McDonald, Ames center director; David Morrison, Ames director of space; and Scott Hubbard, interim manager of the NASA Astrobiology Institute based at Ames.

Workshop attendees will include top multidisciplinary researchers from around the nation, including Nobel laureates Dr. Walter Gilbert of Harvard University and Dr. Stanley N. Cohen of the Stanford University School of Medicine. Other attendees will include National Academy of Science members and representatives from leading research institutions and universities. Represented disciplines will range from astronomy and astrophysics, to biology, chemistry and planetary geology. Scientists in all fields are working toward the common goal of discovering the role of life in the universe.

Members of NASA's recently formed virtual Astrobiology Institute will participate in this exercise. This highly interdisciplinary group comes from 11 selected institutions which include: Arizona State University; Carnegie Institution; Harvard University; Pennsylvania State University; Scripps Research Institute; the University of Colorado; the University of California, Los Angeles; Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory; Ames; and NASA's Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX, and Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA.

Information about astrobiology at Ames can be found on the world wide web at:

<http://astrobiology.arc.nasa.gov/>

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### Meier Pictures

From: **Andy Dene - A.U.R.A.** <[aura@telekabel2.nl](mailto:aura@telekabel2.nl)>  
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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 07:13:03 -0400  
Subject: Meier Pictures

[Apologies to Andy for the delay in posting this --ebk]

Hi People,

As promised some time ago, here's an update on the Billy Meier-case. First of all I'd like to mention the fact that, even though he offered to do lend a hand he never mailed me back. A disappointing experience...

Anyway, after he and Luc Buergin came with new revelations in the Meier case, I decided to call the Semjase Silver Star Center to see what Meier or FiGU (as if there was a difference...) had to say about these accusations. Here's a piece of that conversation as it took place:

A.D.: Meier claims the Men in Black forged his photographs in order to discredit him, but what proof comes along to support this wild claims?

SSSC: We have the contact-notes and the fact Ptaah (who only 'appears' to Meier!) told us (sic) so!

A.D.: So Meier NEVER created UFO-pictures himself? He has not now nor ever hoaxed UFO-pictures?

SSSC: No. Not to our knowledge...No never.

A.D.: What about the scale-models seen at the SSSC by many?"

SSSC: Hold on... (and after a quick discussion amongst the FiGU-memebers:) ...well, we don't know about that... There are no models used to my knowledge, never. Although people will never believe.."

A.D.: What about the fact that Billy is seen purchasing helium before? I think that's a rather suspicious activity in his case...

SSSC: Oh...you're talking about that...er..I mean...well, Billy admits to that, and so do we...see, we heard a lot about how Meier faked with helium, so we decided one day that we would try to make one ourselves.

The rest not worth mentioning because it was a mixture of aggressive bashing of Korff or anyone that doesn't believe Meier's ludicrous claims on the one hand and trying to convince me of their "Mission". "The prophet of the New Age" as his followers call Meier is actually planning to thank Korff and Buergin for the free publicity, said the spokesman of the SSSC.

Have you noticed that in the conversation above there is a HUGE contradiction: First there was claimed Meier NEVER made any fake pictures him self. Then two questions later they practically ADMIT he very well faked pictures!

This behaviour can be interpreted as sectarian, cult-like behaviour only! Also we did a new analysis of a couple of Meier-pics ALSO found on their website.(Just so the good ol' MiB-excuse won't work this time ;-)) What we obviously noted was the following:

Picture 200: Made taken March 8, 1976

After we enhanced the image we noted that the pixels in the background were defiantly different from those on the craft...rather sloppy work I'd say...but after we decided to erase the back-ground we ALSO noticed a white edge, clearly a result of "cut and paste"!

and:

Picture 829: Made on march 26, 1981

Actually we didn't even really have to 'analyse' that pic. Just a good look at it is enough to make you roll on the floor. I'm not talking about the shape which I think would hardly make it over the Alps, let alone out of our atmosphere. No, but if you look at the upper side of the 'UFO' you can see it's somewhat blurry. Strange thing is though, that the trees which are supposed to be even FURTHER away are MUCH more IN FOCUS.

And if that all isn't enough, Meier still trying to manipulate the minds of his somewhat naive followers.

This time a MIB tried to shoot him from close range. To prove this Meier came up with a .22 bullet stuck in a tree. Of course Meier had no other witnesses of this "attack". In my opinion those MIB in question must've been terrible rookies or drunk, if they weren't capable of hitting him at an 8 meter distance!

Btw: Does anybody know the caliber of the guns the Swiss Army has? Bet ya it's .22!

I guess it's useless wasting anymore time on Meier and his cult, although I feel sorry for his followers who need to believe in something...

With Kind Regards,

Andy Denne  
(A.U.R.A.)

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## Re: Roswell 'Flowered Tape' Mentioned At The Get-Go

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 08:30:35 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 07:44:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'Flowered Tape' Mentioned At The Get-Go

> From: Stig Agermose <[wanderer@post8.tele.dk](mailto:wanderer@post8.tele.dk)>  
> Subject: Roswell: Flowered Tape Mentioned At The Get-Go  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 01:49:53 +0200

> Received from Larry Clark via New York MUFON's mailing list  
> Stig

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> Date: 19 Jul 1998 02:02:12 -0000  
> Return-Path: <[NYMUFON-return-@listbot.com](mailto:NYMUFON-return-@listbot.com)>  
> From: "Larry Clark" <[lclark@ibm.net](mailto:lclark@ibm.net)>

> <snip>

> Subject: Mum's the word  
> Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 17:56:27 -0400

> NY Mutual UFO Network Postings - <http://www.nymufon.org>

> What's new on the state site:

> 1) Regarding Roswell in the Schenectady Union Star / 1947:  
> [July 9, 1947]

> July 9: Army, Navy Launch Campaign to Halt 'Flying Disc' Rumors  
> Mentions aftermath of Roswell reports and statements by Haught &  
> Ramey. Also mentioned: "Those who saw the object said it had a  
> flowered paper tape around it bearing the initials 'D.P.'."

<snip>

The flowered tape and bundles of sticks etc. stuff did indeed appear on July nine, in a story that went all over, AFTER Brazel had been indoctrinated with a new story mentioning June 14 ... even though the earlier story had said found last week.

Probably a record for a cover story working for 51 years!!

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## Re: The Rod

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Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 06:56:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 07:33:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Rod

>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 17:08:11 -0700  
>From: Terry Blanton <[commengr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commengr@bellsouth.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalseve.net](mailto:updates@globalseve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The Rod

>> Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:17:27 -0700 (PDT)  
>> To: [updates@globalseve.net](mailto:updates@globalseve.net)  
>> From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>> Subject: The Rod

>> Is there an expert on "rods" on this list?

><snip>

>You can compare your sighting with rod photographs on:

><http://www.roswellrods.com/>

>Joe and his wife are the best experts on the phenomenon and  
>respond to any email sent from the web site.

>Also Jim Peters knows a bit about rods. You can reach him at:

>[James.Peters@compuserve.com](mailto:James.Peters@compuserve.com)

>I must admit that I was quite skeptical about these high speed  
>thingies; but, the information on the web page has forced me to  
>keep an open mind about it.

>Terry

Some time ago I challenged Jose to "put up or shut up" on this  
subject by sending me his tape for study. Nothing happened, so  
I just sort of forgot about it.

I just wanted to say that to his credit Jose did send me the tape  
last week. I have not had time to study it yet, but will do so.

Bob

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 3, Number 29

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Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 3, Number 29

UFO ROUNDUP  
Volume 3, Number 29  
June 19, 1998  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

CROP CIRCLES SHOW UP  
IN USA AND UK

During the past month, an incredible number of crop circles have appeared in the USA and the United Kingdom.

On Friday, June 19, 1998, a crop circle measuring 180 feet (55 meters) in diameter appeared in a wheat field in Eltopia, Washington (population 200), a small town about 225 miles (360 kilometers) east of Seattle.

According to cerealogist Ilyes, the circle was discovered by farmer Craig Schaefer, who discovered it "in a field of Steven's wheat--a 'beaded' variety of winter wheat" which Schaefer planted in October 1997.

Ilyes reported "an interesting color variation within the circle, as half of the circle was still green, half about golden ripe." The farmer reportedly told her "that his eye was caught by the circles in the crop, by the precise, well-defined circumference of the circle, and the way the wheat seemed deliberately organized." (Many thanks to Ilyes for this news story.)

Also in June, a crop circle shaped like a dumbbell was reported in Waverly, Nebraska (population 1,869), a town on Highway 6 approximately 11 miles (18 kilometers) northeast of Lincoln, the state capital. Waverly was the site of a crop circle in 1997.

On Friday, July 10, 1998, a giant swastika was found in a cornfield in Washington Township, New Jersey (population 8,000), located 5 miles (8 kilometers) southeast of Princeton.

According to the New York Post, "The swastika is about 100 yards by 100 yards and visible from the air." Washington Township mayor Glen Beebe "said the symbol appeared to have been cut in the field about three weeks ago, judging from the height of corn regrowth."

"The Mercer County prosecutor is investigating the incident as a hate crime. Beebe quoted police as saying they had no suspects."

"Jewish leaders expressed horror yesterday (June 12, 1998) at (the) football-field sized swastika... 'I'm horrified by this. I can't believe someone in our community could do this,' Yvette Kovsky, president of the 650-family Congregation Beth Chaim in (nearby) West Windsor, said." (See the New York Post for July 13, 1998, "Jews appalled by giant swastika in N.J. cornfield.")

Meanwhile, in the United Kingdom, a record number of crop circles have appeared this summer, with 30 of them in Avebury alone. Prominent Avebury crop circles include those at Beckhampton, Bishops Cannings, Avebury Trusloe and West Kennet.

According to cerealogist Paul Vigay, crop circles have appeared elsewhere in the UK, in Dorset, Wiltshire,

Hampshire, North Somerset, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, and at Shepton Mallet near Glastonbury.

On Thursday, July 9, 1998, at 7 a.m., a crop circle appeared in Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, UK. According to cerealogist Colin Andrews, the formation was "a Kock Fractal 'Snowflake' pattern, like two others seen nearby during 1997. This one has over 140 small circles surrounding the snowflake and is 300 feet across."

The "snowflake" appeared in East Field in Alton Barnes, at the foot of a prehistoric burial tumulus known locally as Adam's Grave. (Many thanks to Colin Andrews and Eroll Bruce-Knapp for this news story.)

On Monday, July 9, 1998, farmer Brian Roble was running a combine machine through an 18-acre wheat field in Latty, Ohio (population 200), a small town on Route 613 near the Indiana state line when he sighted a crop circle.

Roble "said, 'I had seen it from a distance and hadn't known what it was. When I got closer, I could see it was a crop circle. My eight-year-old daughter has been looking for crop circles since she and her mom went to see the one at Arend's (in 1996--J.T.). I never thought I'd find one.'"

Roble telephoned the field's owner, Georgia Price, and "she said her family had farmed that field for 45 years and it had never before produced such a crop."

"Sheriff Dave Harrow said his office received a report of crop vandalism at 6:14 p.m. on July 6. He denied the existence of a crop circle in the county, although he said the vandalism was circular in shape. He said his office has no suspects and because the landowner did not want to press charges, the case is closed."

"Roble said the sheriff came out July 6, compared the formation with those in a book, declared it a hoax and recommended they plow the compression under."

On Sunday, July 12, 1998, cerealogists Roger Sugden and Jeffrey Wilson investigated the scene. The men "took measurements, drew a field diagram, checked electromagnetic readings and collected wheat and soil samples." (See the Ohio newspaper Paulding County Progress for July 15, 1998, "Crop circle is discovered in county." Many thanks to Kenneth Young of Tri-States Advocates for Scientific Knowledge, T.A.S.K., for forwarding the newspaper article.)

#### UFOs HOVER OVER MOUNTAIN CITIES IN UMBRIA, ITALY

On Monday, July 13, 1998, at 11 p.m., an "unidentified craft" flew over the small city of Gualda Tadino in northeastern Umbria province, Italy. The UFO "circled the city at high velocity," and then hovered for about two minutes before flying away to the north. The UFO "flew below the clouds" and had "a great luminosity."

Minutes later, the UFO flew over the nearby city of Gubbio, in the Appenine Mountains. Witnesses described the UFO as "resembling a glowing soccer ball" and said "it flew from the north-northeast to the north-northwest," and, after aerobatic maneuvers lasting "about five minutes, and left in a northerly direction. The phenomenon was seen by four witnesses in one location, and another seven people confirmed this sighting."

Gubbio and Gualda Tadino are east of Perugia, located about 150 kilometers (90 miles) north of Rome. (Grazie a Squadra Film Spaziale d'Italia per questo rapporto.)

#### LUMINOUS UFO FLIES OVER CREWE IN THE UK

On Saturday, July 11, 1998, at 12:30 a.m., Paul R., age 27, and his mother, Patricia R., age 54, were out walking their dog in a west-southwesterly direction along Remer Street in Crewe, Cheshire, UK when a sudden bright flash captured Paul's gaze.

The incident took place just two hours after the light phenomenon over Belfast, Northern Ireland.

"My eyes had already been directed skyward by seeing something flare up," Paul reported, "I figured it was probably the sun reflecting off some solar panel

or other. About a minute later, I saw this flickering fuzzy blob dash across the sky. The object was about the size of a two-pence piece (held at arm's length)."

"After noticing it flare up, I pointed it out to my mother, and we watched it for about 15 to 20 seconds until it faded out." The UFO "appeared to be at about 50 degrees above the horizon" and "was traveling in the same flight path as the first, south to north."

"I only saw it for five to seven seconds before it disappeared out of view behind the houses."

Crewe, Cheshire is located about 130 miles (208 kilometers) northwest of London. (Email Interview)

#### FAST UFO FLYBY OVER LELYSTAD, NETHERLANDS

On Tuesday, July 7, 1998, a film crew shooting a TV movie on the dikes at Blocq van Kuffeler in Oostelijk Flevoland, Netherlands accidentally shot footage of a UFO speeding overhead.

According to Dutch ufologist Keet Veling, "At the upper white corner of the frame, a white dot appears. It races through the film at great speed. The dot disappears behind (actor) Kuno's head. You expect the dot to appear over on the left of the frame but it does not."

The UFO was flying from Almene to Lelystad, a city 60 kilometers (36 miles) northeast of Amsterdam. (Many thanks to Keet Veling for this news story.)

#### TRIANGULAR UFO SPOTTED IN SELKIRK, MANITOBA

On Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at 4 a.m., Arthur P. was looking north from his home in Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada, when he spotted three strange bluish-white lights in the sky.

"What I saw was a (triangular) shape in bluish-white lights. It came down across the street from my house and made no sound. Of course, my heart was beating too loudly for me to hear it. Then it went straight back up and was gone."

Arthur described the configuration of lights as looking like this:

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"I observed the UFO for four minutes," he added, "It was very, very slow in descent. Very slow as well as it ascended. I did not hear any sound as being associated with the UFO."

Asked if he observed any structural details, Arthur responded, "No, the light was too bright, and frankly I was too frightened." He added that there was definitely a luminous glow around the lights.

Selkirk is on Manitoba Provincial Highway 9 approximately 15 miles (24 kilometers) north of Winnipeg. (Email Interview)

#### MYSTERIOUS CRASH PROBED IN NORTHERN TEXAS

On Saturday, July 11, 1998, at 11:20 p.m., Texas ufologist Duff B. and his wife "were driving into the Fort Worth, Tex. area. We were about eight to ten miles west of Azle (population 8,868) and saw a bright falling object. My wife noted a blue and green 'light' below the object as it was falling. I watched it and was concentrating wholly on the large 'fireball' effect surrounding the object."

Since this "was nothing like we had ever seen before," Duff and his wife drove into Azle, hoping for a better look. They soon found "the road blocked at an underpass" and a large number of fire engines and emergency vehicles. Rolling down the window, Duff asked an officer what was going on.

"Is this fire related to the flash in the sky a while ago?" he asked.

"No," the officer said bluntly.



"Is this a wreck?" Duff asked.

After "pausing a few seconds, 'Yes,' he said."

"We went down the service road and tried to see across the median to see what all the commotion was about," Duff reported, "I saw a large number of fire trucks, care ambulances and a wrecker. However, what I didn't see was any damaged vehicle. In fact, there was nothing on the road but emergency personnel and vehicles."

The investigation is continuing. Azle is on Texas Highway 199 about 10 miles (16 kilometers) northwest of Fort Worth. (Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for this news story.)

UFOs APPEAR TWICE IN  
RURAL MICHIGAN

On Friday, July 3, 1998, at 3 p.m., a 14-year-old boy was practicing at the outdoor amphitheatre at Blue Lake Fine Arts Music Camp in rural Twin Lake, Michigan (population 1,328), about 200 miles (320 kilometers) west of Detroit, when he spotted a UFO in the sky.

The witness was rehearsing with other members of the orchestra when "he looked up" and "saw a strange object that resembled 'a metal gray flashlight (torch in UK) with a nose bigger than the back end.' He could see no windows or lights on it."

"It was flying a 'straight horizontal line' west towards Lake Michigan. The object was at a high altitude 'as high as a plane can go,' and at arm's length it was as big as his index finger."

"He observed it for approximately ten seconds before 'it flew into a very large cloud that took up a lot of the sky.' When asked if he pointed out the object to any of the others in the orchestra, he replied, 'No, because the teacher would be mad at me disturbing the rehearsal.'"

(Editor's Comment: An experience like this gives a whole new meaning to the expression music of the spheres.)

A week later, on Friday, July 10, 1998, at 3:49 p.m., "a woman driving north on US (Highway) 127 near Leslie, Michigan (population 1,872)" when he spotted "the glint of a silvery object" in the sky.

"She described the object as the size of a Cessna-type aircraft, but 'perfectly round like a steel BB'" pellet.

"She further noted 'a shiny band around the middle' of the object."

"The object seemed to 'slide up against the edge of the cumulous cloud, rolled down so that the top (half) reflected the shine, then rolled up so that the bottom half reflected the shine' She noticed that the 'shiny band' stayed at the middle of the object, which enabled her to determine" which hemisphere reflected the shine.

"She watched then as the object 'slid/flew into the edge' of the cloud, from which it did not return."

Leslie is located 29 miles (46 kilometers) south of Lansing, the state capital. (Many thanks to Marilyn Ruben of Alien Abductions Experience and Research and Jeffrey S. Westover of Michigan MUFON for these news stories.)

AMATEUR ASTRONOMER  
SPIES A UFO SOUTH OF  
PITTSBURGH

On Sunday night, July 12, 1998, an amateur astronomer doing some backyard observations spotted a UFO over Sutersville, Pennsylvania (population 755), located 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of Pittsburgh.

The witness, "who owns a telescope and is familiar with the planets," stated he was "watching some aircraft when I noticed a bright, star-like source of light approximately west-southwest" of his location "in the generally clear sky."

The witness went indoors to fetch his telescope. Soon he had it in focus and "saw what appeared to be

a solid white globe, but the center of it appeared to be more transparent. The globe itself appeared stationary while under observation. Just above the globe was another smaller sphere that was making a continuous back-and-forth motion, in a somewhat circular fashion over it."

According to the witness, the smaller sphere "moved from a 10 o'clock position to a 2 o'clock position (above the white globe) and then would reverse the motion. This continued for over two minutes." Then both UFOs departed. (Many thanks to Pennsylvania ufologist Stan Gordon for this news story.)

MAGAZINE HAS INTRIGUING  
PHOTOS FROM THE MARS  
GLOBAL SURVEYOR

The August 1998 issue of Sky & Telescope has a very interesting selection of photos from the Mars Global Surveyor, as part of a great article by Samantha Parker entitled "The Triumphant Turnaround of Mars Global Surveyor."

After looking at the photos with a trusty magnifying glass, and using a mirror set at 90 degrees for a 3-D effect, your editor found some intriguing features that I'd like to pass on to UFO Roundup readers.

(1) Niagara Falls of Mars - Note the three horseshoe-shaped "bites" out of the plain above Ophir Chasma. The semi-circular recession, the outwash debris in the chasm, and the dendritic dried-up riverbeds leading to the edge suggest that a large waterfall, similar to the USA's Niagara Falls or Angel Falls in Venezuela, was present in the planet's distant past. Check the 2 o'clock position in the upper left photo on page 44.

(2) Lake Huron of Mars - The flat plain with the orderly rows of sand dunes in Hebes Chasma is actually a dry lakebed that rivals present-day Lake Huron in size. Note the wave-cut headlands and promontories on the left shore. There's also evidence of shore terracing in the embayments of the lower center photo on page 46.

(3) Twin Pyramids - The region called Medusa Fossae is full of surprises. Check out the upper left photo on page 45. At a 5 o'clock position relative to the recent impact crater at the top of the photo are two pyramid-shaped features. Nearby are another 10 smaller circular hills or mounds.

(4) Space Baby - Medusa Fossae has an interesting landform. Check out the upper left corner of the photo on page 45, at an 8 o'clock position relative to the large crater with the central peak. From space, the mountain resembles a human baby sucking the thumb of his right hand. It reminded me of the final scene of the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey. (Don't tell me there are Stanley Kubrick fans on Mars--J.T.)

NASA RELEASES GALILEO  
PHOTOS OF GANYMEDE

"Jupiter's moon Ganymede appears to have had an ocean fed by volcanoes that spewed lava-like water."

"Dramatic new photos from NASA's Galileo probe, taken in June 1996 and June 1997 and released Wednesday (June 15, 1998), do not reveal any signs of life. But it is possible that life could have existed in Ganymede's watery depths billions of years ago."

"The ingredients for life are all there," says James Head, a Brown University planetary scientist and Galileo team member. "It had the water, it had the heat and it has organic material coming in from outer space in the form of comets."

The Galileo photos "show parallel rows of linear mountainlike ranges that stretch for hundreds of miles, and a valley system of volcanoes that replenished the ocean with water early in Ganymede's

history."

"The pictures also reveal a chain of craters on Ganymede that probably were caused by impacts from a broken comet similar to the Shoemaker-Levy comet that smashed into Jupiter in 1994."

"Earlier data from Galileo found combinations of oxygen, carbon, sulfur, hydrogen and nitrogen trapped in Ganymede's crust."

"Galileo's images also show unusual pedestal-like formations, icy volcanic flows, dark rings from impacts and evidence of 'moon-quakes.'"

"Ganymede is thought to have formed about 4.5 billion years ago. It is the largest moon in the solar system, about the size of Mercury or a third the size of Earth."

"It is the only moon with a magnetic field. It has a metallic core and a thin hydrogen atmosphere."

"Ganymede lies 665,000 miles (1,060,000 kilometers) from Jupiter--more than twice as far as the Moon is from Earth."

"The images are the last closeups scientists are expecting from Ganymede. The Galileo spacecraft, which has spent two-and-a-half years orbiting Jupiter and its four largest moons, wrapped up its primary mission last December (1997). Its extended mission will continue through December 1999 and includes either flybys of Europa, four flybys of Callisto and one or two of Io."

"'This is a tantalizing last glimpse at Ganymede from Galileo,' Head says. 'We've learned a lot and it's been amazing. In the future, we'll need to get even closer and maybe even send a spacecraft to land there to really see what it's like.' (See USA Today for July 16, 1998, "Photos suggest life could have existed on Jupiter's moon," by Paul Hoversten.)

from the UFO Files...

1947: DAYLIGHT DISCS SWEEP  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

One of the best-documented multiple repeated sightings of UFOs during the Flap of 1947 occurred in Norman, Oklahoma, located about 15 miles (24 kilometers) south of Oklahoma City.

W.H. Carson, who was dean of engineering at the University of Oklahoma from 1937 to 1962, was the first to see the flying discs.

"The strange objects were reported being seen flying over Norman about 6 p.m. on July 6 (1947). Carson said he was resting in a hammock back of his home at 943 Chautauqua Avenue when he saw a silver object at an estimated height of 15,000 to 20,000 feet."

"When his wife Emma joined him, Carson mentioned the unusual object. About that time, two more appeared and were witnessed by Mrs. Carson and the neighbors."

"'I don't know what they were, but we saw them,' Carson told The Transcript."

"Carson, who died in 1969, said the objects were traveling from east to west into the setting sun."

"Another story that appeared in the July 7 (1947) edition of The Transcript described 'a big noise' heard by a large number of Normanites the same evening as Carson's sighting."

"Police made an extensive check of the west and southwestern parts of town after the sound, which shook walls and made windows tremble."

"In another local incident, Mrs. Dewey Clawson of 321 North Flood Avenue reported seeing a falling object that bore no resemblance to a falling star just before 'good dark' on July 7, according to the July 9, 1947 edition of The Transcript."

"Mrs. Clawson said she was sitting on her back porch when she noticed the object falling from the sky. It had the appearance of being approximately 6 to 8 inches in diameter and appeared to disintegrate as it fell earthward, she said."

"Mrs. Clawson said her son, Stuart, saw a similar object on July 5. He initially believed it was

a firefly but later realized it was too large." (See the Norman, Okla. Transcript for July 9, 1997, "Norman had its own UFOs 50 years ago." See also back issues of the Transcript for July 7, July 8 and July 9, 1947. Many thanks to Lou Farish of UFO NEWSCLIPPING SERVICE for this story.)

FUN UFO WEBSITES:

For more on the crop circle in Eltopia, Wash., log in at <http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/inter98/eltopia-pasco98.html>

The one in Waverly, Neb. can be found at <http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/inter98/waverly98.html>

For more on the Lelystad UFO image, log in at <http://www.captainvideo.nl/patrick/index-e.html>

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This week marks the 32nd anniversary of the flight of the Gemini 10. On July 21, 1966, astronauts John Young and Michael Collins flew the black-and-white Gemini 10 space capsule through two simulated docking missions with orbiting space targets. On this mission, Collins performed two spacewalks, also known as extravehicular activities (EVAs).

Three years after Gemini 10, Collins piloted the Apollo 11 command module in orbit around the Moon as Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin landed on the lunar surface.

We'll be back next week with more saucer news from "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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## Re: Meier Pictures

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 08:58:15 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 09:41:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 1997 17:34:42 +0200  
>From: Andy Dene - A.U.R.A. <[aura@telekabel2.nl](mailto:aura@telekabel2.nl)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Meier-Pictures.

<snip>

>Btw: Does anybody know the caliber of the guns the Swiss Army  
>has? Bet ya it's .22!

I don't know about the Swiss Army, but military weapons are usually of a larger caliber than that. However, the .22 is usually used by trained marksmen (which would certainly include trained "Snipers").

However, I would never suggest that this fact might lend credence to Meier's claim.

>I guess it's useless wasting anymore time on Meier and his cult,  
>although I feel sorry for his followers who need to believe in  
>something...

Agreed!

Steve

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## Re: Lazar Critique By A Physicist

From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 07:47:43 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 11:56:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Lazar Critique By A Physicist

> From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Lazar Critique By A Physicist  
> Date: Friday, July 17, 1998 8:00 PM

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> To: "UFO Updates" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> Subject: Lazar critique by a physicist  
> Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 14:58:19 -0700

<snip>

I have been advised by Dr. Morgan that his critique of Lazar may not remain much longer at the William and Mary website. However, it has apparently found a permanent home on Tom Mahood's site, Bluefire.

Anyone interested in Lazar should in any case be familiar with the eye-opening Bluefire material. The URL is:

<http://www.serve.com/mahood/bluefire.htm>

And, of course, the UFOmind Lazar link page at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/people/l/lazar/>

is the other base camp for exploration of the tangled skein enveloping the figure of Bob Lazar.

Kind regards,

Keith

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## Re: Meier Pictures

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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 11:59:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 1997 17:34:42 +0200  
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>>has? Bet ya it's .22!

>I don't know about the Swiss Army, but military weapons are  
>usually of a larger caliber than that. However, the .22 is  
>usually used by trained marksmen (which would certainly include  
>trained "Snipers").

Actually, Canada, the United States and Many other countries use .223  
caliber weapons, NOT .22 Its almost the same diameter bullet as your  
standard groundhog killing kid gun, but has a much longer shell, with about  
5 times the amount of powder. (BTW for interest, calibre is measured in  
decimals of an inch so a 22 is 0.22 of an inch. which is approx. equivalent  
to 5.56 mm. Generally outside of the States, metric is used.)

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## Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

From: [jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net) (Jan Aldrich)  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 10:26:34 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 12:03:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>From: Stanton T. Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 13:40:12 -0300  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 16:54:48 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>> From: Stig Agermose <[Stig\\_Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
>> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>> Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 08:29:29 +0200  
>> Subject: The Affidavit for Col. Philip Corso (ret.)

Stan (see below):

>> >From CAUS. Go to  
>> <http://www.caus.org/FOIA/CorsoAffidavit.htm>

>> Links are preceded by asterisks.

>> Stig

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>> THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

>> CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY, INC.  
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>> Scottsdale, Arizona 85258  
>> (602) 818-8248  
>> Plaintiff,

>> v.

>> DEPARTMENT OF ARMY

>> Defendant,  
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>> )  
>> ) CIV98-0538PHXROS  
>> )  
>> )  
>> ) AFFIDAVIT  
>> )  
>> )

>> I, Col. Philip J. Corso, (Ret.) do hereby swear, under the  
>>penalties of perjury, that the following statements are true:

>> That at all times hereinafter mentioned, I was a member and  
>>officer of the defendant.

>> That during my tenure with the defendant I was a member of  
>>President Eisenhower's National Security Council and former



>>head of the Foreign Technology Desk at defendant's Research &  
>>Development department.

>> That on or about July 6, 1947, while stationed at Fort Riley,  
>>Kansas, I  
>> personally observed a four-foot non-human creature with  
>>bizarre-looking four-fingered hands, thin legs and feet, and  
>>an oversized incandescent light bulb-shaped head. The eye  
>>sockets were oversized and almond  
>> shaped and pointed down to its tiny nose. The creature's skull  
>>was overgrown to the point where all its facial features were  
>>arranged frontally, occupying only a small circle on the lower  
>>part of the head. There were no eyebrows or any indications  
>>of facial hair. The creature  
>> had only a tiny flat slit for a mouth and it was completely  
>>closed, resembling more of a crease or indentation between the  
>>nose and the bottom of the chinless skull than a fully  
>>functioning orifice.

>> That in 1961, I came into possession of what I refer to as the  
>>'Roswell File.' This file contained field reports, medical  
>>autopsy reports and technological debris from the crash an  
>>extraterrestrial vehicle in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

>> That I have personally read the medical autopsy reports  
>>which refer to the autopsy of the previously described creature  
>>that I saw in 1947 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

>> That said autopsy reports indicated the autopsy was performed  
>>at Walter Reed Hospital, which was under the authority of the  
>>defendant at the time of the autopsy.

>> That said autopsy report referred to the creature as an  
>> 'extraterrestrial biological entity.'

>> \_\_\_\_\_

>> Colonel Philip J. Corso (ret.)

>> Sworn before me  
>> this day of \_\_\_ May, 1998.

>According to the Eisenhower Library, Colonel Corso was NEVER a  
>member of the National Security Council and did NOT attend any  
>of its meetings. He was connected with a subgroup. In addition  
>according to the Roster of the R and D unit under General  
>Trudeau, there only 2 members in the foreign technology Div. Lt.  
>Colonel Corso was the junior officer. He claimed to have been  
>head of the group. In other words, there seems to have been some  
>very serious misrepresentation. According to Peter Gersten,  
>Corso and his son, when asked if the statement about his being  
>an NSC member should be deleted from the affidavit, both said  
>no.

Lieutenant Colonel Corso--I find no record of his advancement on  
the retired list and when he recently testified before Congress  
on POW matters it was as Lieutenant Colonel Corso, US Army retired--  
was according to his Officer Qualification Record, Department of  
the Army Form 66, indeed chief of the Foreign Technology Division  
from 18 April 1962 to 18 June 1962. This 90 day period was enough  
time to give him an officer evaluation report for this position.

(Speculation: he was put in this position to enhance his records  
before a promotion board as he was also, during this short period,  
awarded a General Staff Identifier and awarded the Military  
Occupational Speciality of Research and Development, Coordinator.  
There is no indications of promotion boards or non-selections on  
DA Form 66. Such items would be in his Personnel File.)

He was \*not\* Chief of the Foreign Technology Division for two  
years as he claimed in his book. This and other inflations don't  
seem to bother people at all.

[Shoot the messenger points:

Stan Friedman 50 pts.

Jan Aldrich 20 pts.

Take your shots now!]

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Jan Aldrich

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## P-1947: Fred Whiting on Roswell

From: Herb Taylor <[HerbUFO@AOL.COM](mailto:HerbUFO@AOL.COM)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 11:58:21 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 12:53:41 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: Fred Whiting on Roswell

Greetings to the List:

"The Roswell case is a Cautionary Tale. It teaches us not to believe everything you read in the newspapers or even hear from first-hand "witnesses". It also shows that some in the UFO field are pursuing(sic) an agenda that is not necessarily congruent with the truth".

These are not my words, though I am in complete agreement with them. They are the words of Fred Whiting, formerly a prominent UFO researcher held in high regard by his peers, no longer active in ufology. For many years he played a leading role in the Fund for UFO Research, first as a member of the Executive Committee, and later also as the Secretary-Treasurer. He also played a leading role in that organization's activities as it related to the Roswell matter. Noteworthy is the fact that for many years he held the view that Roswell was an event of considerable importance, only to become a firm skeptic when he realized that he had been misled by misrepresentation and misinterpretation of the data by persons he had believed to be giving us the straight story. Further clarification of Fred Whiting's current views are as follows;

"I am convinced that the debris recovered on the Brazel ranch was from Project Mogul. This became apparent to me when Charles Moore explained the "alien writing" on the 'I-beams' as tape from a novelty store with flowers - exactly the description of several people (including Mac Brazel's daughter) who handled the material.

"All of the sensational claims of alien bodies and craft have come from unreliable witnesses whose testimony has been thoroughly discredited. That some of these witnesses have been enthusiastically supported and promoted by self-styled UFO "investigators" is shameful. I accept some measure of blame myself for including the testimony of Gerald Anderson in the 'Recollections of Roswell' video (although I note that he was the ONLY Roswell witness to have taken - and passed - a polygraph examination).

"I guess the most persuasive evidence was Glenn Dennis's story about the nurse. He was, as you know, a very credible witness - even though his testimony was second-hand. The fact that there was no evidence that the nurse ever existed eventually made his account very problematic.

"When you get right down to it, however, there never was very much credible evidence about bodies and an extraterrestrial craft. Only tantalizing stories told by not-very-credible witnesses like Gerald Anderson, Frank Kauffman and Frankie Rowe, or second-hand accounts by people who were dead ('Pappy' Henderson and Melvin Brown, for example)."

His comments as to why he left the Fund (and ufology) are worth noting;

"...I was becoming rather weary of both the Fund and the UFO subject. I was spent on the Roswell case, satisfied with what we had managed to accomplish (to initiate a congressional inquiry

that led to a definitive answer of what crashed in 1947), but disappointed with the behavior of many in the field - including people I had considered to be friends and colleagues.

"When it became apparent that there was a prosaic explanation for Roswell, I was astonished to learn that a number of folks with the Fund seemed to unwilling to accept what had become patently obvious.

"That and their rejection of Karl Pflock as the harbinger of this 'bad news' suggested to me that Truth had become a casualty."

Whereas Kent Jeffrey went public with his change of heart on Roswell, Fred Whiting chose to take a low profile. It is most important that his succinct views on Roswell are now on the record.

Regards, Herb Taylor

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## Re: The Rod

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Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 13:55:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 13:53:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Rod

>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 06:56:53 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Rod

>>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 17:08:11 -0700  
>>From: Terry Blanton <[commengr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commengr@bellsouth.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The Rod

>>> Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:17:27 -0700 (PDT)  
>>> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>> From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>> Subject: The Rod

>>> Is there an expert on "rods" on this list?

<snip>

>>I must admit that I was quite skeptical about these high speed  
>>thingies; but, the information on the web page has forced me to  
>>keep an open mind about it.

>>Terry

>Some time ago I challenged Jose to "put up or shut up" on this  
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Hi Bob,

Hope you will be posting results of your study to the list. I look forward to reading it. I had one sighting of what can be described as a "rod" during the (second) major blackout in New York. (70's) Myself and my landlords daughter had walked a half a block from where we resided to an avenue in Brooklyn that allows you to see the tops of the two World Trade Center towers as well as several other tall buildings in the downtown area. We had gone down there to see if there were any lights on in the buildings in Manhattan. We figured if Manhattan was back online that our power would soon be restored.

We were both greeted by a shocking sight when we arrived at the corner and looked over at the Trade Center. My landlords daughter let out a squeal as she asked me, "what is that thing?" We were both seeing a long (about a 1/4 to a 1/2 mile long, white, pencil thin, "object" floating slowly in a westerly direction directly over the Trade Center. There was a brilliant flash (like a picture was being taken) and the "object" was gone! We both looked at each other and the girl (who was seventeen or eighteen at the time) ran up the block screaming for her father.

I spent the evening with a transistor radio pressed to my ear

trying to catch a news report about the thing we had seen. No mention at all on any of the newscasts. It must have been about 1:30 AM that I was getting ready to give up and go to sleep when a call came in to live radio show that was doing 'live' coverage of the blackout. It was woman who lived in Manhattan. Her voice was trembling as she asked if anyone else had seen that long cigarette thing and the flash. (her description) I jumped out of my skin man. I spent the next two-and-a-half hours repeatedly dialing the number of the call-in show so I could corroborate the ladies sighting. Couldn't get through. It was frustrating as shit for me.

Many years later I saw a photo in a Life Magazine article of the Manhattan skyline during the same NY blackout. In the left of the frame was a long white pencil thin object hanging in the sky! Does anyone else remember this Life Mag photo? It is around on the web on one or two UFO sites although I can't recall which ones. That bugger was real! I saw it, someone who was standing right next to me saw it, and that lady who called in to the radio show saw it! Someone photographed it! Yup, I'm curious about "rod" shaped craft myself. And for good reason! <G>

Peace,

John Velez, Repeated UFO sighting 'victim'

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: Max Burns <[AlienHypel@aol.com](mailto:AlienHypel@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 15:24:26 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:23:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

In a message dated 7/20/98 11:08:51 AM GMT, you write:

>Subject: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs  
>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 23:01:54 -0400  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>The hypothesis advanced in the recently posted Magonia claims  
>that some close encounters may be the result of migraine or  
>migraine-like phenomena, in keeping with the theory that UFOs  
>are accounted for by the Misperception, Hallucination, and  
>Hoax Hypothesis (MHH).

<snip>

I work with a couple of abductees in the UK and one of these  
abductees has been to an abductee support group, it has become  
apparent that out of the 20 who attend the monthly meeting 14  
have been diagnosed as having M.E.. as well as other usual  
medical probes, associated with the scenario....

Either the abduction scenario is a side effect of the medical  
problem M.E. which I very much doubt.

Or I believe that we may have stumbled on to something here..

comments please..

Max Burns [Alienhypel@aol.com](mailto:Alienhypel@aol.com)

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## Re: The Rod

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 14:40:54 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:23:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Rod

> Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 13:55:51 -0500  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Rod

> >Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 06:56:53 -0400  
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> >From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Rod

> >>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 17:08:11 -0700  
> >>From: Terry Blanton <[commengr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commengr@bellsouth.net)>  
> >>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> >>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The Rod

> >>> Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 23:17:27 -0700 (PDT)  
> >>> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> >>> From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
> >>> Subject: The Rod

> >>> Is there an expert on "rods" on this list?

> <snip>

> >>I must admit that I was quite skeptical about these high speed  
> >>thingies; but, the information on the web page has forced me to  
> >>keep an open mind about it.

> >>Terry

> >>Some time ago I challenged Jose to "put up or shut up" on this  
> >>subject by sending me his tape for study. Nothing happened, so  
> >>I just sort of forgot about it.

> >>I just wanted to say that to his credit Jose did send me the tape  
> >>last week. I have not had time to study it yet, but will do so.>

> >>Bob

And, though it doesn't have to mean a thing to you, your personal  
stock just went up with me, sir.

> Hi Bob,

> Hope you will be posting results of your study to the list. I  
> look forward to reading it.

<reluctant snip of UFO account regarding sighting of slow moving rod>

> We both looked at each other and the girl (who was  
> seventeen or eighteen at the time) ran up the block screaming  
> for her father.

>John Velez

And there you have it! A better example of the meaning for "Spare  
the rod and spoil the child." <g>--

Explore the Alien View? <Updated 18 July>



<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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## Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

From: Joachim Koch <[koch@wad.berlin.fido.de](mailto:koch@wad.berlin.fido.de)>  
Date: 20 Jul 98 12:12:00 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:23:28 -0400  
Subject: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 16:05:13 -0700  
>From: [jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net) (Jan Aldrich)  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Foo-Fighters--A German View

>A recent exchange (slightly edited) from the Project 1947 List is  
>below.

>=====

>Subject: Foo-Fighters: The German view  
>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 16:20:22 -0400  
>From: Werner Walter <[113236.1604@COMPUSERVE.COM](mailto:113236.1604@COMPUSERVE.COM)>  
>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

>Hi List;

>The foo fighter-scenario is very interessting for me as a German.  
>Fromtime to time I read short articles about this "objects" in the  
>UFO-press

<snip>

>I'm now 25 years active here in Germany on the UFO-field as  
>researcher and case-investigator but never found a man which  
>has reported me a foo fighter-sighting - on the other side few  
>people come up which has phantastic storys about their works on  
>the socalled Nazi-saucer (but these men were all crackpots).

>Werner

>=====

Hello Errol, Hello List,

Though I know that "personalities" are not quite the topic of this list, I think I should inform you that two individuals have shown up here recently who had caused very much damage to a greater public in their fields of activity.

I know that everyone has his right to take part in this list and that it is also the right of everyone here to express controversial opinions. I attended this list since a long time and have learned a lot from what was presented here. I think, for various reasons, at least you should know with whom you are dealing here because not many of you know about Mr. Werner Walter (Germany) and Mr. Robert Irving (UK).

This is meant not to start a discussion but to share information.

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Mr. Werner Walter estimates himself to be the main and most important debunker of Germany. He has only one idol: Mr. Phil Klass. He even wants to be better. Whenever someone claims to have seen an UFO or something unusual happens, Mr. Walter is present and starts to explain away everything. Whenever the German media needs someone to ridicule the UFO research in general or researchers in particular (such as above: "...but these men were all crackpots...") they ask Mr. Walter who loves to see himself in the spotlight.

Mr. Walter has left all borders behind and has no difficulty in defaming people whenever it is appropriate for his needs. He has no scientific background and the organisation which he is running here in Germany is a tiny one and has only a few members. He claims to have "researched" several hundred cases worldwide and has found no evidence of any UFO. Of course, most of his "research" was done theoretically by watching pictures and videos at home in his room.

One of his "highlights" is the debunking of the Belgium UFO wave. According to Mr. Walter, the Belgium UFO organisation SOBEPS, the Belgium Air Force and the hundreds of people around an in the town of Eupen or by the big water reservoir nearby were all fools. What they had seen with their own eyes or what was seen on the radar screens of the F16's or what the two gendarmes were following with their car - this was all rubbish because Mr. Walter later was able to identify from some video at home in his room what was in the skies over Belgium at that time: ultra-light aeroplanes.

Mr. Walter has the worst reputation here in Germany (numerous researchers would confirm this), has caused major damage to serious German UFO research and is continuing to do so.

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Mr. Robert Irving is widely known as one of the main crop circle hoaxers of Great Britain. He has worked alone and together with other hoaxers such as Jim Schnabel. He has caused major damage to the serious crop circle research for example by infiltrating a serious research group such as the famous "Beckhampton Group" in the early nineties. He has fooled thousands of good-willing and trusting people worldwide by creating elaborate crop circle hoaxes up to today. He has issued a handbook for hoaxers and faked a photograph of an UFO inside a hangar in Italy for a British magazine. He sucks information from where and whom he can to use it for his dark activities as he has started discussions even here in this list. In England, he knows, it is better for him not to come too close to certain British farmers or researchers.

-.-.-.-

Joachim Koch  
International Roswell Initiative, Germany

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## Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

From: Robert Todd <[RTodd12191@aol.com](mailto:RTodd12191@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 15:35:57 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:23:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 10:26:34 -0700  
>From: [jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net) (Jan Aldrich)  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>>From: Stanton T. Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 13:40:12 -0300  
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 16:54:48 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>>> From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
>>> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>> Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 08:29:29 +0200  
>>> Subject: The Affidavit for Col. Philip Corso (ret.)

Jan (see below):

>Stan (see below):

<snip>

>>> Colonel Philip J. Corso (ret.)

>>According to the Eisenhower Library, Colonel Corso was NEVER a  
>>member of the National Security Council and did NOT attend any  
>>of its meetings. He was connected with a subgroup. In addition  
>>according to the Roster of the R and D unit under General  
>>Trudeau, there only 2 members in the foreign technology Div. Lt.  
>>Colonel Corso was the junior officer. He claimed to have been  
>>head of the group. In other words, there seems to have been some  
>>very serious misrepresentation. According to Peter Gersten,  
>>Corso and his son, when asked if the statement about his being  
>>an NSC member should be deleted from the affidavit, both said  
>>no.

Isn't it interesting that Stanton "I've Been To More Archives Than Anybody In The World" Friedman only believes documents when they say what he wants them to say? And since it seems doubtful anybody who works at the Eisenhower Library was on the National Security Council at the time Corso claimed to be a member, the Eisenhower Library personnel had to rely on records for their information. Perhaps Corso's involvement with the NSC was so secret that the information was removed from the NSC records to conceal his involvement, or perhaps nobody on the NSC had the "need to know" that Corso was a member of the NSC, or, more likely, the NSC records consulted by the Eisenhower Library personnel were incomplete. After all, isn't Stan always telling us about the hundreds of thousands of pages of NSC records that haven't even been reviewed yet for declassification? And what's that pithy little saying he keeps spouting, "Absence of evidence is not evidence for absence." Sure, Corso was a member of the NSC, and that fact would be revealed if we only had access to those hundreds of thousands of pages of still-classified NSC records.

Now that Corso has passed on to that great R&D lab in (we may presume) the sky, the complete contents of his military personnel file should be available for inspection. Surely that

record will show he was a member of the NSC. But even if it doesn't, so what? We reasonably can suppose, using the "logic" of Friedman, Rudiak, Rqandle, and others of their ilk, that the records are incomplete, and that, if they were complete, they would show that Corso was a member of the NSC. Again, "absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." Friedman should give Corso the same benefit of any supposed doubt he extends to Major Marcel.

>Lieutenant Colonel Corso--I find no record of his advancement on  
>the retired list and when he recently testified before Congress  
>on POW matters it was as Lieutenant Colonel Corso, US Army retired--  
>was according to his Officer Qualification Record, Department of  
>the Army Form 66, indeed chief of the Foreign Technology Division  
>from 18 April 1962 to 18 June 1962. This 90 day period was enough  
>time to give him an officer evaluation report for this position.

>(Speculation: he was put in this position to enhance his records  
>before a promotion board as he was also, during this short period,  
>awarded a General Staff Identifier and awarded the Military  
>Occupational Speciality of Research and Development, Coordinator.  
>There is no indications of promotion boards or non-selections on  
>DA Form 66. Such items would be in his Personnel File.)

>He was \*not\* Chief of the Foreign Technology Division for two  
>years as he claimed in his book. This and other inflations don't  
>seem to bother people at all.

Jan, after seeing how Major Marcel's "inflations" didn't seem to bother anybody, does this really come as any surprise? Hell, that mental giant, David Rudiak, dubbed me the "civilian point man in the Air Force's smear campaign against Marcel." This is the same David Rudiak who Friedman claims produced a point-by-point refutation of my expose on Marcel, thereby allegedly negating everything I claimed Marcel "inflated." Fact is, Marcel "inflated" through his teeth, but that's not what most of the UFO field wants to hear -- certainly not Friedman, who has fattened his purse on Roswell, and no doubt hopes to fatten it some more. Apparently he can't stand the competition from Corso.

>[Shoot the messenger points:  
    Bob Todd 1000 pts.  
> Stan Friedman 50 pts.  
> Jan Aldrich 20 pts.  
>Take your shots now!]  
>--  
>Jan Aldrich

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Bob "Testosterone" Todd  
("Testy" to my friends)

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## Conference Focuses on Life in Space

From: **Rebecca** <[RSchatte@aol.com](mailto:RSchatte@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 21:17:55 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:57:18 -0400  
Subject: Conference Focuses on Life in Space

Subject: Conference Focuses on Life in Space  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 21:14:41 EDT

Conference Focuses on Life in Space

.c The Associated Press

By CATALINA ORTIZ

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) - For a long time, scientists speculated that life existed beyond the Earth. In recent years, they discovered evidence that it might and developed better tools for the search.

Now, they're ready to start looking.

Scientists gathered at NASA Ames Research Center on Monday to begin drawing up an astrobiological 'roadmap', the first step in deciding where and how they should seek Earth-like planets where life may have evolved.

A three-day conference will examine the biological basis for distant life, technological challenges in detecting it and possible missions - based on Earth or in space - to find it. Participants hope to reach consensus and draw up a report in the next couple of months.

"The workshop is being held to identify the exciting opportunities to bring space technology to bear on the fundamental question about the origin, evolution and future of life", said NASA astronomer David Morrison, co-chair of the event.

"We believe astrobiology asks questions which we are now able to answer - or try to answer", he said.

More than 100 scientists are taking part in the workshop.

Fueling scientists' desire for the quest are a number of discoveries in recent years. For instance, researchers have found that life on Earth can exist under extreme conditions - in blocks of Antarctic ice, in hot springs, inside rocks. If microbes can live there, perhaps they could live on seemingly dead planets.

Data from the Galileo spacecraft detected signs of water under the surface of Europa, a moon of Jupiter. Another discovery exciting astrobiologists are possible fossils of bacteria inside a Mars rock, although that finding is in dispute.

"Together they make an amazing statement - life may not be uncommon", said NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin, who addressed the audience via videotape. "We may not be alone"

Causing the most excitement, however, is the discovery of planets beyond our own solar system. Scientists believe some, if they meet the right conditions, could foster life.

Such planets would have to be in what researchers call the "habitable zone", of a certain size orbiting a star like our sun

in an Earth-like orbit. Without those conditions, liquid water -  
considered essential for life - could not exist.

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## Re: Why Migranes Don't Explain UFOs

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:33:36 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 23:10:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migranes Don't Explain UFOs

> Subject: Why Migranes Don't Explain UFOs  
> From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
> Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 23:01:54 -0400  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

> The hypothesis advanced in the recently posted Magonia claims  
> that some close encounters may be the result of migraine or  
> migraine-like phenomena, in keeping with the theory that UFOs are  
> accounted for by the Misperception, Hallucination, and Hoax  
> Hypothesis (MHH).

<snip>

> As far as scientific thinking goes, the migraine hypothesis is  
> pretty bad. Though at least we get a hypothesis:

<snip>

Kudos to Mark for this excellent well reasoned and rational  
discussion of the Migrane "hypothesis". Psuedoscience is indeed  
the right term.

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## Tactical Techniques Of UFOs

From: **Jennifer Jarvis** <[fierycelt@full-moon.com](mailto:fierycelt@full-moon.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 16:43:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:43:46 -0400  
Subject: Tactical Techniques Of UFOs

Hi Errol and list.

A paper that T. Roy Dutton has recently written entitled:  
'Global Ufo Activity - A Study Of Tactical Techniques'  
has been added to our ORBWATCH website.

We hope that this is of some interest to researchers.

There is a link to the paper at the bottom of the the Home page  
of ORBWATCH.

Best wishes.

Jennifer Jarvis

"It's a kind of magic, it's a kind of magic,  
A kind of magic...One dream, one soul,  
One prize, one goal...  
One golden glance of what should be."

From: QUEEN "A Kind of Magic" album (1986)

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## Chat with Linda Moulton Howe

From: Yvonne Hedenland <[yvonne\\_h@email.msn.com](mailto:yvonne_h@email.msn.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 16:04:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:45:03 -0400  
Subject: Chat with Linda Moulton Howe

Glimpses of Other Realities, II: High Strangeness

Join the UFO Forum and Linda Moulton Howe on Tuesday, July 21st at 6pm, PT for a chat on her latest book: "High Strangness" as well her her current research.

Long known for her explorations into the 'stranger' side of the UFO phenomenon, her latest excursion include information on the military's knowledge of UFOs, abductions, connections between other possible beings and ourselves as well as issues surrounding death experiences.

In the UFO Forum's audio interview with Howe, she discusses her theories on why the military has kept silent about the phenomenon for so long. The audio interviews will be available as of Monday evening at 9:30pm, ET - 6:30pm, PT. Howe will also discuss her conversations with the late Col. Philip Corso.

This chat is available at <http://forums.msn.com/UFO>  
The Briefing Room chat can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

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## Re: Fred Whiting on Roswell

From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 06:15:42 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 06:47:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Fred Whiting on Roswell

Herb Taylor writes:

>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 11:58:21 EDT  
>From: Herb Taylor <[HerbUFO@AOL.COM](mailto:HerbUFO@AOL.COM)>  
>Subject: Fred Whiting on Roswell  
>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

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>Further clarification of Fred  
>Whiting's current views are as follows;

>"I am convinced that the debris recovered on the Brazel ranch  
>was from Project Mogul. This became apparent to me when Charles  
>Moore explained the "alien writing" on the 'I-beams' as tape  
>from a novelty store with flowers - exactly the description of  
>several people (including Mac Brazel's daughter) who handled the  
>material.

It could be argued, though, that the testimony mentioned is contaminated by news stories that ran nationwide July 9 1947, describing the object as a weather balloon with flowered tape on it. Cf. the Roswell Daily Record, URL

<http://www.roswell-record.com/rancher.html>

or this one from the Las Vegas Review-Journal, URL

<http://www.txdirect.net/~area51/resources/disctale.html>

"Headquarters of the 8th army at Fort Worth, Texas, announced that the wreckage of a tin-foil covered object found on a New Mexico ranch was nothing more than the remnants of a weather ballon.

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8. Those men who saw the object said it had a flowered paper tape around it bearing the initials "D.P."

Stig

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## UFO\*BC - Naval Report 1922

From: Bill Oliver - UFO\*BC <[boliver@direct.ca](mailto:boliver@direct.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:03:06 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 06:44:21 -0400  
Subject: UFO\*BC - Naval Report 1922

Check out our growing historical archives at <http://www.ufobc.org>  
Latest sightings, Prince George photos and much more!

Enclosed is a copy of an article by Admiral R.E.S.Bidwell Royal Canadian Navy which was printed in the official R.C.N. Magazine "Crow'snest" in June 1952 [Vol.4 NO.8].

Admiral Bidwell was the Admiral commanding the Atlantic Naval Forces at the time of this printing. I knew the Admiral and can vouch for the fact that he was a serious minded and thoroughly proficient officer.

Admiral Bidwell is now dead but thankfully he has left us with a record of his sighting of an UFO.

Yours sincerely,  
George R. MacFarlane

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Flying Saucers

The other day I picked up from a news stand a book called "The Flying Saucers Are Real", which gave numerous highly authenticated stories of the appearance and behaviour of these phenomena.

I suddenly remembered having seen, many years ago, something which might well have been a flying saucer (if these exist) and I not only saw it but made a record of it in my Midshipman's Log.

I was a Sub-Lieutenant at the time, but I continued to write up my log, though it was considerably more informal than in the days when it had to be inspected weekly by the "Snotties' Nurse." Here is the entry, verbatim, written in faded ink and dated:

H.M.C.S. Aurora Dominica to Barbados January 6th, 1922.

'We sailed in the evening and I kept the first watch (traded with H. for the morning). Extraordinary incident took place at 10 p.m. when we were just off the North West corner of Martinique. A brilliant green light appeared on port bow. Looked quite close and was moving rapidly astern. It went out, came on again, and then finally went out. Its movement was quite even, not in a trajectory, but level. I can't explain it.

I can well remember this incident. The green light in question looked to be the size of a soccer football and was about 500 feet up in the air, travelling very rapidly in level flight. My immediate reaction was that it must be a rocket or star shell (it looked far too close to be a shooting star) but I immediately realized that had it been either of these it would be moving in a trajectory

I recollect turning to my Signal man, who had been watching this

thing open-mouthed, and saying to him, "Do you think we should report this to the Captain!" He shook his head and said, "Better not, sir," and I did not, but contented myself with recording the incident in my Log.

Yours truly,  
R. E. S. Bidwell,  
REAR-ADMIRAL

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## Sightings From ELUFON U.K.

From: Roy Hale <[roy\\_hale@yahoo.com](mailto:roy_hale@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 21:52:39 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 06:48:42 -0400  
Subject: Sightings From ELUFON U.K.

Hi All:

I thought I would share, some recent sightings with you all.

MONDAY 12th July 98: Royston, Hertfordshire, 7:10pm

A witness reported, seeing 8-10 football size disks, hovering above a field, along side the main A505 Rd, coming from Royston to Baldock.

The witness, was driving at the time of veiwing the objects, and had first veiwed them from the A10 Royston roundabout. The objects were, interacting with each other, and were seemingly contained in a circle of air.

At no time, did the objects move from the same space, and their movement seemed, UN flowing and electrical?.

The objects were, hovering just above the peak of the hill. ELUFON has checked out the hill, which has turned out to be a public golf course. We held a sky watch, on the course this Saturday night, and were treated to a spectacular view of the whole area.

The witness sighting, lasted approx, 2mins. As it was still early evening and was pretty light out, the objects were catching the fading sunlight. As the witness described, a silver and white colour coming off of the objects.

The witness said, in no way were these seagulls, or balloons, because the movement was so unusual.

We are currently hoping for more reports, from the mentioned area. When the area was checked out, it seems that the golf course may be part of an ancient landscape. The witness was unable to stop, due to the busy nature of the road, the A505 is a main artery road from Baldock, to Cambridge. We will post further updates on this sighting when and as they arrive.

SUNDAY 19th July 98: Vauxhall, Central London 3:30am

Two witnesses, reported seeing, two golden orange luminous looking objects, as they were leaving a friends house.

The objects came from the South and were heading East. At first they, thought it may have been a strobe light of some kind, but were taken aback by the, movements of the objects.

The objects seemed, to be almost as one object, and would then split apart and then, act pretty wild in their movements. The witnesses, said they had never seen anything like it before, and are now convinced that they were, not from here.

The objects were, veiwed for about 1 minute:45 seconds, and then dissappeared over the adjoining, buildings. This sighting, sounds very much like the one, that appears on the Quest Video, Hard Evidence 2, with the report coming from the Sheffield area, please correct me if I am wrong.

At this time, we are ruling out light Aircraft, although London City Airport, is only 10 mins, away but this is not on their flight path. We are waiting, for an more in depth interview, and will update the info on this case as it arrives.

Kindest Regards to All

Roy..

( Proof by Perseverance: Watch The Skies )

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## Clinton's UFO Circle

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 08:45:25 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 07:11:47 -0400  
Subject: Clinton's UFO Circle

This news item is about Vincent Foster, but interestingly enough says:  
"Foster became a symbol of the travails of the Arkansas circle around the Clintons. He became a cult figure among some of the same people obsessed by the John F. Kennedy assassination and Roswell UFOs."

>From the Washington Post via the Contra Costa Times URL:

<http://www.hotcoco.com/news/frontstories/alx71170.htm>

Stig

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Published on July 20, 1998

Suicide altered history

\*Vince Foster's death five years ago today was an event that forever changed the Clinton presidency in perception and reality

\*Lott questions efforts to keep Secret Service from testifying on Lewinsky matter. B1

By Peter Baker  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON -- After a cheeseburger lunch at his desk, Vincent W. Foster Jr. left his office around 1 p.m., saying he would be back.

Five hours later, his lifeless body was found next to a Civil War cannon in a Virginia park. As his compatriots at the White House struggled to absorb the shock, one senior official told a colleague, "I don't know that it'll ever be the same after this."

Few statements have been so prescient. Five years ago today, the man who grew up with President Clinton and practiced law with Hillary Rodham Clinton drove across the Potomac River, shot himself and altered the course of a presidency.

What was certainly a personal tragedy for his friends and family became a defining event for a young administration, one that robbed any remaining innocence from the fresh-faced crew that had arrived in Washington six months earlier, one that permanently colored how the nation's leader looks at its capital and its culture, and one that spawned an enduring climate of suspicion and a cottage industry of conspiracy theories.

Even now, the aftermath of Vince Foster's suicide continues to ripple through the Clinton White House, whether it be a new book examining the events surrounding his death or a ruling by the Supreme Court a few weeks ago setting a national precedent on the bounds of attorney-client privilege.

Foster became a symbol of the travails of the Arkansas circle around the Clintons. He became a cult figure among some of the same people obsessed by the John F. Kennedy assassination and Roswell UFOs. But there are those looking back now who believe that had Foster lived, the

story of the Clinton presidency would be different in tangible ways -- albeit for vastly divergent reasons.

"I thought his death changed history in some respects," Bernard Nussbaum, who was White House counsel and Foster's boss at the time, said in an interview last week.

In the months after Foster died, as the controversy over Whitewater bloomed into a full-fledged Washington scandal, Nussbaum was the lone voice in the upper ranks of the White House resisting the call for the appointment of a special prosecutor, arguing it would lead to a never-ending search for crimes where they did not exist.

Nussbaum lost the fight. Clinton reluctantly agreed to an investigation into his real estate dealings in Arkansas, leading to the appointment of independent counsel Robert B. Fiske Jr. and his successor, Kenneth W. Starr, and the resulting years of subpoenas, indictments and court battles that touched on everything from FBI files to Foster's death to Clinton's alleged sexual adventures.

"If Vince had been around to support that position, if I hadn't been the only one among his senior aides to take that position, he would have had a big impact," Nussbaum said.

A former investigator who looked into many of those issues has reached the same conclusion from another vantage point.

The way the White House seemed to stand in the way of the Justice Department and others investigating Foster's death and the belated discovery that Whitewater files had been removed from his office generated a brushfire of speculation that there must be something the Clintons were hiding.

"I don't think the suicide per se was the significant thing," said the investigator, who declined to be identified for fear it might affect his current business. "I think the handling of the Department of Justice by the White House counsel's office in the days after the suicide ignited Whitewater. Had that not happened, the whole thing might never have triggered all the interest in Congress and ultimately the independent counsel."

Foster's six months as deputy White House counsel were marked by unaccustomed controversy -- failed nominations for attorney general, challenges to the secrecy of the first lady's health care task force and, finally, the travel office affair in which longtime employees were fired while business was steered to the president's allies.

He took the criticism far more seriously than many, and in words that effectively became his epitaph, he wrote in a note found ripped up after his death that while neither he nor anyone in the White House violated any law, "the public will never believe the innocence of the Clintons and their loyal staff. =85 I was not meant for the job or the spotlight of public life in Washington. Here ruining people is considered sport."

Perhaps the chief irony of Foster's death is that a man who so hated the spotlight will forever be remembered by some as the center of a bizarre conspiracy.

There will always be people convinced Foster was murdered in a safe house in Northern Virginia. That his body was rolled up in a carpet and moved to Fort Marcy Park. That he had been involved in a CIA-sponsored drug-smuggling operation.

In retrospect, according to some people close to him and the White House, the fuel for that fire resulted from the confluence of three factors -- speculation about Foster's relationship with Hillary Clinton, the Whitewater connection and the seemingly hurried initial investigation hindered by White House-erected obstacles.

The White House search of Foster's office the night of his death continues to cause mystery.

During the formal search two days later, Nussbaum insisted on looking through all the papers himself, contrary to an earlier agreement, while angry Justice Department and police investigators looked on and were shown only what the White House counsel deemed relevant.

The White House did not disclose the discovery of the torn-up note until days later, after notifying Foster's family. Five months later, the White House acknowledged Foster had a file on Whitewater. Two years

after his death, the White House produced handwritten notes in which Foster wrote that Whitewater was "a can of worms you shouldn't open." In January 1996, the White House discovered and turned over long-missing Rose firm billing records last thought to be in Foster's possession.

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## Home PC's Help SETI Search For ETs

From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
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From the Houston Chronicle. URL:

<http://www.chron.com/cgi-bin/auth/story.mpl/content/interactive/space/news/98/980720a.html>

Links are preceded by asterisks.

Stig

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8:40 AM 7/20/1998

PCs to help SETI listen for extra-terrestrials  
by Pierre Celerier

LOS ANGELES, July 20 (AFP) - Thousands of volunteers around the world are putting their personal computers at the disposition of US researchers hoping to find signs of extra-terrestrial intelligence.

Want to join the effort? Learn more at \*the SETI@home website. The cyber-volunteers will help scientists in the project, known as the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence at Home, or SETI@home, said Dr. David Anderson of the University of California at Berkeley.

"We have 115,000 people signed up," Anderson said. "I don't have statistics, but I believe a large fraction are international," with most from Europe.

"Each participant will have the slight but captivating possibility that his or her computer will detect the faint murmur of a civilization beyond Earth," he said.

The PCs around the world will create a virtual super computer by using the SETI@home program, a kind of screensaver.

"Like other screensavers it starts up when you leave your computer unattended, and it shuts down as soon as you return to work," the researchers say on their Internet site.

"What it does in the interim is unique. While you are getting coffee, or having lunch or sleeping, your computer will be helping the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence by analyzing data specially captured by the world's largest radio telescope," the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico.

Existing SETI projects use custom signal processing hardware, listening to the real-time telescope output on millions of frequency channels simultaneously.

But that only skims the surface. Researchers say volunteers will help the project analyze smaller parts of frequency spectrums more thoroughly.

SETI has been functioning for two decades, financed at a number of US universities through private donations. The 1997 Hollywood film "Contact" starred Jodie Foster as a SETI researcher who

stumbles across a signal from another planet.

"No one has been able to do a search this sensitive before because it takes a huge amount of computing power," said Dan Werthimer of the Search for Extraterrestrial Radio Emissions from nearby Developed Intelligent Populations, or SERENDIP.

>From the Arecibo telescope, SERENDIP instruments listen to 168 million frequencies simultaneously.

"The signals we are searching for are likely to be very weak, because they have traveled such long distances," said Werthimer. "So we've made SETI@home 10 times more sensitive to weak signals than our present search."

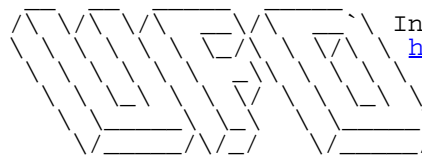
"In the last two years, many new planets have been found, some of these orbit stars similar to our sun," Anderson said. "So it now looks like the galaxy is teeming with planets."

"Some of these planets will have the required temperature and environment for life."


Cybernauts can go to

<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/>

on the Internet to find out how they can join the effort.



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## Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 03:47:31 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 07:30:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 06:01:11 +0200  
>Subject: Upcoming TV Documentaries Based On Steven Greer's Ideas

>American Artists Film Corporation Announces Agreement with  
>Dr. Steven M. Greer

>PR Newswire - July 16, 1998 19:16

>ATLANTA, July 16 /PRNewswire/ -- American Artists Film  
>Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: AAFC) announced completion of  
>an agreement with Crossing Point, Inc., a company headed by Dr.  
>Steven M. Greer, an authority on the subject of extraterrestrial  
>intelligence. Subject to completion of financing, the agreement  
>calls for AAFC to produce a series of television documentaries  
>featuring Dr. Greer's ideas and opinions regarding the existence  
>of extraterrestrial life. AAFC has six months, with an optional  
>six-month extension, to securing financing.

So what we seem to be discussing is Ross Perot style "paid  
informercials" so to speak, depending on who is going to bank  
roll the project(s).

Unless Greer buys primetime like Perot did, these shows will  
only be seen between 1-4 in the morning.

>Dr. Greer is the founder and international director of the  
>Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence  
( "CSETI" ). >According to CSETI, Dr. Greer has met with and  
provided >briefings to senior military, intelligence and  
government >officials in the United States and around the world,  
including >senior CIA officials, Joint Chiefs of Staff, White  
House staff, >senior members of Congress and congressional  
committees, senior >United Nations leadership and diplomats,  
senior military >officials in the United Kingdom and Europe, and  
cabinet-level >staff members of the Japanese government, among  
others.

This paragraph is what I have heard the PR/press release writers  
call a "stress the importance of that person with whatever  
propaganda/information can be unloaded in a paragraph. Notice  
they didn't bother to mention Steve's breathless claims how ETs  
and special forces were involved in some kind of operation  
involving allegedly involving Sarin in Colorado's San Luis  
Valley.

>"This agreement represents a significant opportunity for  
>American Artists to both showcase our creative talents and  
>abilities and to be associated with the presentation of the  
>ideas and opinions of an authority on the subject of  
>extraterrestrial intelligence," said Robert A. Martinez, Chief  
>Financial Officer of AAFC.

Personally I think people like Jerry Clark, Walt Andrus,  
Christopher O'Brien and others are more "of an authority" than  
Greer is. American Artists may be seeing this as a way to get  
themselves out in the forefront with a special on UFOs.

>American Artists Film Corporation, based in Atlanta, Georgia, is  
>a multi-faceted entertainment company committed to the creation,  
>production and distribution of original, innovative programming  
>and films for a variety of media. AAFC has focused its efforts  
>on creating and producing programming for a number of venues  
>including television specials, television commercials,  
>corporate/industrial videos, as well as, developing  
>made-for-television and theatrical movies and out-of-home Large  
>Screen Video Display operations.

In major TV production circles this would be referred to as a  
mom and pop operation.

>Forward-Looking Statements:

>Except for the historical information contained herein, this  
>news release may contain forward-looking statements within the  
>meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1934, as  
>amended, and may involve risks and uncertainties, including  
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>resources, the availability of management, production and  
>creative personnel, access to suitable distribution channels for  
>the Company's entertainment products, and favorable reaction to  
>those products by media, advertisers and audiences, as well as  
>other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC  
>reports, including reports on Form 10-KSB for the year ended  
>July 31, 1997 and Form 10-QSB for the quarters ended April 30,  
>1998, January 31, 1998 and October 31, 1997.

Nothing like a risk and uncertainty disclaimer as a forward  
looking statement.

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>Bob Schu of Desmond Towey & Associates,

Probably the PR firm who wrote the release.

Cheers,  
Robert

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### Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston Chronicle

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Subject: Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston Chronicle

In connection with the 50th anniversary of the Roswell crash the Houston Chronicle interviewed some of the principal witnesses. Text as well as RealAudio versions are available online, but as I haven't seen them quoted elsewhere I'll bring some of the most interesting ones.

Links to all of the interviews can be found at

<http://www.chron.com/voyager/ufo/people.html>

but I would like to start with Robert Shirkey. The URL is

<http://www.chron.com/voyager/ufo/shirkey.html>

Stig

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\*RealAudio of Robert Shirkey

ROBERT SHIRKEY

By Stephen Johnson  
Houston Chronicle  
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509th Bomb Group operations officer Robert Shirkey first learned that something unusual was being flown to Fort Worth when he returned from lunch July 8, 1947 and wonders if his interest in it caused him to be transferred unexpectedly to a non-existent job days later.

"I entered the Operations building and asked the civilian clerk on duty what was going on and he said, 'We just got an order from Col. Blanchard to have a B-29 go to Fort Worth.'

"I walked out towards the ramp on the south side of the building and watched the B-29 pull up by the building and shut its engines off.

"I walked back in to (say) the plane was there and a voice behind me said, 'Where's my airplane?' and it was Col. Blanchard who had come in through the front door. He stepped back into the hallway and waved at several people who were standing outside. They came into the front door and down the hallway and Blanchard stepped back into the doorway.

"I said to him, 'Colonel, turn sideways I want to see too.' Of course he gave me his usual scowl and we stood belt buckle-to-belt buckle with our heads turned, watching these people go through the hallway carrying boxes of this material they picked up.

"Maj. Marcel came along with an open cardboard box with several pieces of this aluminum-like material with one of the I-beams sticking up in the corner...with characters written on a portion of it. What the characters were I cannot recall at all.



"Another gentleman in a civilian suit was walking along with a piece stuck under his arm like a poster board."

"The group went out on the ramp and across to the airplane. Col. Blanchard and I watched them hand the boxes up through the wheel well and they climbed the ladder and shut the door."

At the same time a staff car came up to the back end of the airplane and was handing some boxes up to the rear door. It left and the aircraft started up its engines and taxied over to the runway and we stood there until we saw it leave the ground and start its turn toward Fort Worth."

Shirkey said the debris that he saw loaded aboard the bomber looked nothing like weather balloons he saw launched from the weather building located near his own office at Roswell Army Airfield.

Shortly after this event, Shirkey, who was awaiting promotion to captain and assignment to a new job at Roswell air base, shortly afterward received some startling news.

"Nine days later I got a telegram from the Eighth Air Force sending me to Clark Field in the Philippines to fill the request the 13th Air Force had made for a weights and balance officer," said Shirkey.

His orders, oddly enough, were signed by Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey, the Eighth Air Force commander who ordered Marcel to pose next to the debris that Marcel said was not what he had recovered.

If Shirkey felt he was being shuffled away from Roswell unceremoniously he found himself receiving unusually grand treatment in the way he was to fly to Hamilton Field, Calif., on the way to the Far East.

Deputy Base Commander Lt. Col. Payne Jennings, who flew the B-29 with the debris aboard to Fort Worth, informed Shirkey that he would personally fly him to California for his next assignment.

"He told me, 'Take a few days off and next Sunday give me a call and I'll take you to California.'"

"A week or two later, Lt. Col. Payne Jennings - the deputy base commander - flew me as a first lieutenant to my next station in California before going overseas.

"As we were flying along at altitude I asked him why are you making this flight colonel and he said, 'Just to take you to your next base.'"

"When was the last time you heard of a first lieutenant being taxied by a deputy base commander in a B-29 to his next station?" asked Shirkey.

When he arrived at Clark Field in the Philippines he had another surprise when he was informed that no such job vacancy existed.

Shirkey was told the 13th Air Force had a weights and balance officer and didn't need one. He would instead be made assistant operations officer in a photo reconnaissance unit.

As far as Shirkey's concerned, his inexplicable departure from Roswell "was part of the cover-up" of the saucer crash.

Today, Shirkey teaches oil field safety techniques at a junior college branch of Eastern New Mexico University located on the grounds of the former Roswell Army Airfield.

Nearby is the one-time operations center, where Shirkey worked. It is today used by an aviation firm.

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The Walter Haut interview is at

<http://www.chron.com/voyager/ufo/haut.html>

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\*RealAudio of Walter Haut

WALTER HAUT

By Stephen Johnson Houston Chronicle [stephen.johnson@chron.com](mailto:stephen.johnson@chron.com)

On July 8, 1947 Walter Haut found himself at the epicenter of the most sensational and shortest news flap of his career as an Army Air Force public relations officer.

I got a call around 10:30 a.m. from Col. Blanchard's office saying he wanted to see me so I immediately drove over to base headquarters and went into to see him," said Haut, 75.

"He told me that he wanted me to put out a press release and take it to town and hand-deliver it to the news media.

"He told me exactly what he wanted in the press release -- in essence that we had in our possession a flying saucer that had crashed north of town and that Maj. (Jesse) Marcel, our intelligence officer, had flown the material to Fort Worth.

"I did not ask him (Blanchard) any questions," said Haut.

"This was the 509th bomb group which was a very secretive organization. (Even) I could not get close to an airplane that had the configuration to carry an atomic bomb in its bomb bay.

"At that point in time if you needed to know they told you. If you wanted to know -- don't ask -- or you might end up being transferred to a nice place like Thule (Greenland)."

"I did exactly what he told me and delivered it to two newspapers and a radio station. I came home and had lunch. I went back to the base and the phone was ringing. The enlisted personnel said it had been ringing like mad.

"I picked up (the phone) and they wanted to know primarily how Maj. Marcel knew how to fly the object," laughed Haut.

The release was worded in such a that it made it sound like Marcel had flown the mystery craft to Eighth Air Force Headquarters. Haut explained to reporters that only fragments of the craft were flown aboard a plane to Fort Worth.

"We were through with it (the saucer story) when I put out that release," he said. "When (Brig.) Gen. (Roger) Ramey came out with the statement that it was not a flying saucer, that killed it."

Ramey was commander of the Eighth Air Force at Fort Worth Army Airfield at the time and oversaw the new and improved explanation of what the rancher William "Mac" Brazel had discovered.

"It (the story) died a quick and sudden death," said Haut who was then exposed to some ribbing by his colleagues.

"Some of my fellow officers said you sure blew that one didn't you? I said, 'Not me! It was the boss!'"

Except for one, side comment, Blanchard said nothing at all to Haut about what had happened.

The Monday following the (issuance of the now-famous) press release we were in a staff meeting," said Haut. "I happened to be sitting close to him in the chair at the end of the table and he leaned over to me and said, 'We sure blew that one didn't we?'"

"We never talked about it. I never asked him and he never told me."

Blanchard was based again at Roswell from 1951-1953 allowing the two to continue their friendship over occasional luncheon and dinner meetings.

During this period Haut would occasionally serve as base public relations officer at Blanchard's request.

One extremely odd circumstance continued for years after the 1947 flying saucer episode in the form of visits that Haut and his wife "Pete" received over the years from an Air Force

intelligence officer Haut knew from his days in the service.

"Anytime there was a flap over UFO sightings in the news anywhere in the country he would show up," said Mrs. Haut still irritated by the visits.

"He would always say he had some business at the base and he wanted to come by for a visit and he would spend a lot of time talking about how the Air Force had explained away this UFO sighting or that one."

"I really got tired of it," she said.

Haut said visits eventually stopped and a UFO researcher inquired about the intelligence officer only to be told curtly by the Pentagon that the man had died.

Today, Haut is distressed by those who don't take the mystery of the Roswell incident seriously by either debunking the event or by embellishing stories about what happened.

"People are trying to make a farce out of it" said Haut. "The people I know who were in a position to see and handle the material were not a bunch of weirdos seeking any sort of notoriety.

He recalled the then-Maj. Jesse Marcel as a capable and professional officer who lived two blocks from his own home. The two would occasionally drive to work together.

"Based on the fact they were in the 509th, their attitude was different than (that of) the normal personnel. When you handle atomic weapons you didn't go around flipping out about this, that or the next thing.

To this day, Haut believes that what Blanchard told him was something that his commander absolutely believed. The press release, said Haut, is something that described precisely what happened.

The events surrounding Blanchard's announcement about the recovery of a space craft apparently had no impact on Blanchard's career since he attained the rank of general at the age of 40 and four-star rank at 50.

The official debunking of Blanchard's announcement about flying discs was "orchestrated" by higher headquarters and acquiesced to by Blanchard, the quintessential professional soldier, believes Haut.

And what does Haut believe was found in the hills south of Corona?

"A vehicle of some sort, probably coming from outer space," said the retired insurance man. "Or, perhaps some foreign country may have had an (aircraft) that crashed, but I don't think that's feasible."

"I sincerely do not think in my lifetime or your lifetime that they (the Air Force) will come out with anything new (on this). I think they've had egg on their face for so long there's no way they can wipe it off."

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The piece on Colonel Blanchard can be found at

<http://www.chron.com/voyager/ufo/blanchard.html>

and is partly based on an interview with Haut.

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COL. WILLIAM "BUTCH" BLANCHARD  
By Stephen Johnson Houston Chronicle [stephen.johnson@chron.com](mailto:stephen.johnson@chron.com)

Col. William "Butch" Blanchard was commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Roswell Army Airfield during the now-famous discovery of the mysterious wreckage near Corona, N.M.

The extraordinary career of the highly-decorated West Point graduate -- who rose to the top of the ranks before his death at 50 -- made it seem that Blanchard would know the difference between a balloon and an alien space craft.

Born in 1916 to a physician and his wife, Blanchard would ultimately rise to four-star rank in the United States Air Force before dying suddenly in 1966 of a heart attack at the Pentagon.

During World War II, he commanded the 58th Bomb Wing in the China-Burma-India Theater. In 1944 he flew the first B-29 into China from India to begin bombing operations against Japanese Army forces. He later commanded strategic bombing missions against Japan from the Marianas Islands.

It was during the war that Blanchard began a close professional and personal relationship with B-29 navigator Walter Haut who would later become his public relations officer at Roswell Army Air Field.

It was to Haut that Blanchard would dictate the announcement that a space craft had been recovered by the Air Force.

As commander of the 509th Bomb Wing, Blanchard oversaw the only U.S. military unit capable of delivering America's then-small arsenal of nuclear weapons. He would later command the bomb wing during its participation in live nuclear weapon tests at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

A tall man, Blanchard was a perfectionist and a demanding leader. Those who served under him remembered he could turn steely cold if he found something done improperly.

Haut recalls that Blanchard would sometimes interrogate subordinate staff officers mercilessly to test their knowledge and get to the absolute bottom of a problem.

Those beneath him learned to obey him instantly and completely.

When Blanchard called Haut into his office and dictated to him the press release about the discovery of a "flying disc", Haut took the information down, repeated it to Blanchard for confirmation and issued it to local news organizations.

That was the way you did business with Col. Blanchard, said Haut. If Blanchard said it, it was the gospel.

"He was a good guy," Haut says of Blanchard. "But you never crossed him. He didn't put up with foolishness. With him it was 'do it and do it right'."

"I think he was a hand's-on officer. He knew what was going on on the base. He would ask questions of all his squadron commanders and provost marshals I remember at staff meetings he would almost grill someone (asking), "Why did you do it that way."

"When he wanted information he wanted it then and he wanted it accurately."

"He was a very fine officer," said Haut whose relationship with Blanchard ran so deep that when his former superior died in 1966, Blanchard's widow requested that Haut be notified before any public announcement was made.

Haut, who lives in Roswell where he ran his own insurance business, recalled his surprise when a uniformed colonel came to his home to inform him of Blanchard's death.

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The Robert Porter interview is at

<http://www.chron.com/voyager/ufo/porter.html>

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B-29 FLIGHT ENGINEER ROBERT PORTER  
By Stephen Johnson Houston Chronicle [stephen.johnson@chron.com](mailto:stephen.johnson@chron.com)

New Mexico native Army Air Force flight engineer Robert Porter knew nothing of his sister Loretta Proctor being asked by William "Mac" Brazel to look at a piece of unusual debris when he was asked to help fly the wreckage to Fort Worth on July 8, 1947.

Retired from the Air Force and now living in Great Falls, Mt., Porter remembers being told to man a B-29 carrying the wreckage to Eighth Air Force headquarters in Fort Worth.

The 76-year-old Porter said he'd heard nothing about the so-called saucer crash when he was ordered to man a B-29 bomber for a flight to Wright Field, Ohio with a stop at Fort Worth.

"They handed it (the debris) through the hatch," he recalled. It was real light and wrapped in brown wrapping paper and taped."

"There wasn't more than about four or five pieces of it and one triangular piece about 18 inches across by two feet and the rest was in boxes like shoe boxes."

Porter said he and his fellow crew members stayed on the field until the material was unexpectedly transferred to a smaller B-25 bomber that flew on to Wright Field.

"We just turned around and went back to Roswell," said Porter.

Porter said that shortly after the flight he and his sister discussed what Brazel had shown her and they decided that it must have been what he and his fellow crew members flew to Fort Worth.

Porter also knew Brazel, describing him as a "quiet" man. "You could believe anything he said."

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## Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #257

From: Jakes Louw <[louwje@telkom.co.za](mailto:louwje@telkom.co.za)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 11:32:58 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 07:45:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #257

>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 07:41:37 -0500  
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #257

Alfred,

I repeatedly expound to anybody that will listen that we are moving to the next Revolution (as in Industrial, and so on), and that is the Informational Revolution, where the Truth \*WILL\* be known by the populace of the World, or else governments will fall.....

The Internet, like the factory, is going to revolutionize (that word again) what people know, how they know it, and how much they \*want\* to know.

It's time. The human race as a species must move on, if only so that our habitat can be saved by truth and knowledge. Otherwise, as I posted to Updates a while back, we will go down, and good riddance....

regards

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## Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

From: "A.U.R.A." <[aura@telekabel2.nl](mailto:aura@telekabel2.nl)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Jul 1997 13:09:07 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 07:52:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

> From: Joachim Koch <[koch@wad.berlin.fido.de](mailto:koch@wad.berlin.fido.de)>  
> Date: 20 Jul 98 12:12:00 +0000  
> Subject: Mr. W. Walter and his reality  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

> Though I know that "personalities" are not quite the topic of this  
> list, I think I should inform you that two individuals have shown up  
> here recently who had caused very much damage to a greater public in  
> their fields of activity.

> I know that everyone has his right to take part in this list and that  
> it is also the right of everyone here to express controversial  
> opinions. I attended this list since a long time and have learned a  
> lot from what was presented here. I think, for various reasons, at  
> least you should know with whom you are dealing here because not many  
> of you know about Mr. Werner Walter (Germany) and Mr. Robert Irving  
> (UK).

> This is meant not to start a discussion but to share information.

<snip>

Hi Joachim,

First of all I agree with you: Personalities should NOT be an  
issue! But since we're going there anyway. How about the  
Lesotho-crash?

How about communicating with cropcircles (or their makers)?

Seems to me we all have our own weirdness ;-) But somehow it  
seems to me it's better to spend time researching cases instead  
of people!

A well it keeps the world from being grey and boring :)

Andy Denne

+++++++Judge not, unless.... :)

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## Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

From: Philip Mantle <[e151@dial.pipex.com](mailto:e151@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 09:56:41 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 07:56:43 -0400  
Subject: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I have to inform you that I am pulling out of ufology for an indefinite period. This has not been an easy decision to reach as I have been actively involved for nearly 20 years.

My reasons are many and varied but they mainly boil down to the fact that my wife Sue has osteo-arthritis (spelling) and she may at some point in the not too distant future require a hip replacement operation. In the meantime at the tender age of 42 she has to restrict certain activities, such as gardening etc, and rely on me instead. Added to this, our eldest daughter Sarah (9) has just auditioned for a scholarship with the Royal Ballet. As well as her normal education she attends a theatre school 3 or 4 times a week all of which is very time consuming. Our youngest daughter Shona (5) looks like following in her sisters footsteps and will be joining the same theatre school later this year.

Again, all of this takes up my time, time which I cannot now devote to ufology.

I have a number of projects to complete, such as the publication of my first book 'WITHOUT CONSENT' in the USA, along with a couple of UFO documentaries I am consulting on. I will work on these until they are finished but I will not be taking on any more work in the meantime.

I'll be staying on-line for a few months but my e-mail will be cancelled before the end of this year. After that I will still be able to be contacted at my normal home address or telephone number.

Like I said at the beginning, this decision has not been reached lightly but it is something I have to do and my wife and family must come first.

For those of you receiving this message that have become friends of mine as well as colleagues, I'd ask you not to become strangers just because I am no longer involved in ufology. I'll always have an interest in the subject no matter what.

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Mantle.

20 July, 1998.

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## P-1947: Project SIGN Research Center

From: Wendy Connors <[wendy.connors@MCI2000.COM](mailto:wendy.connors@MCI2000.COM)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 13:49:13 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 08:16:54 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: Project SIGN Research Center

Hi Everyone!

The Project SIGN Research Center's web page has undergone some changes. There are also seven new photos in the Photographic Archives. Two new research articles will be appearing soon. For those who wanted to be able to see the "old bat's" face a little better can now download one for dart practise! :)

<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/Sign.html>

Wendy

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## P-1947: Congratulations to Fred Whiting

From: Greg Long <[greglong@PACIFICHARBOR.COM](mailto:greglong@PACIFICHARBOR.COM)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 20:54:57 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 08:16:38 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: Congratulations to Fred Whiting

I want to congratulate Fred Whiting on his conclusion that the Roswell debris was Project Mogul debris. This, too, is my conclusion. I always found it patently ridiculous that the "alien artifacts" of Roswell would turn out to be balsa-wood-like material.

The Roswell story is a very intriguing, interesting tale, but nonetheless, it is second-hand and with no evidence of any substantial nature to support the contention that a spacecraft crashed in the desert. No photos of debris. No photos of alien bodies. No bodies. Etcetera.

Should Kevin Randall want to actually prove Roswell, he might be advised to turn his attention to proving a government conspiracy to hide the truth of Roswell and stop touting second and third-hand "remembrances."

Roswell has served one good purpose: it has stimulated public interest in UFOs. However, beyond that accomplishment, Roswell is fiction.

After I saw unexplained lights on Mary's Peak in western Oregon in August and December 1995, I, for the first time, became an actual UFO witness.

I now know that Roswell, in contrast to my own sightings, is nothing but a science-fiction-like tale.

Once I learned that Donald Schmitt was a liar about his personal background, I discarded Roswell as nothing but a money-making effort by Randle and Schmitt.

I should tell this list that the moment I see any [Roswell--ebk] message posted on the Project 1947 list, I immediately delete it, unread.

What I like about this list is the occasional postings, usually by Jan Aldrich, of actual SIGHTING REPORTS from the 1947 period. These are a million times more valuable than endless hot hair about Roswell.

I should also say that I instantly delete about 85% of the other postings that deal with inter-personal rivalry, insults, diatribes, and displays of intellectual wit and repartee.

I notice that usually when Aldrich leaves on a field trip, this list rapidly degenerates into mindless and vapid babble.

I'll keep scanning each message rapidly and annihilating them as I look for the actual UFO reports, the meat of the UFO "experience."

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## Subscribers Posting To Other Lists

From: **Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 08:35:33 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 08:35:33 -0400  
Subject: Subscribers Posting To Other Lists

There are many subscribers to UpDates who post to other Lists - this is addressed to them.

Please, be aware that I also subscribe to other Lists. My mail program has both filters and label making capabilities. Other List messages appear, sorted and coloured according to those Lists, in my 'In-box'.

Because of the amount of traffic I receive, I may not get to messages you have sent to UpDates as part of multiple-address header.

To ensure that I see messages intended for UFO UpDates and that they get posted to this List, please send this address a separate copy of your messages.

In appreciation,

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## Major updates to the Temporal Doorway UFO Section

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 00:13:32 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 08:18:49 -0400  
Subject: Major updates to the Temporal Doorway UFO Section

Here on the other side of The Temporal Doorway, there have been many changes for those interested in UFOs. First, please note that we now have our own domain name:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>

If you link to The Temporal Doorway, it is recommended that you alter any links which point to pages whose URLs start with <http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Lofts/5623> or <http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman> to start with the new URL <http://www.temporaldoorway.com>.

This will insulate you against future changes to the location of those pages (please note that no move is contemplated at present).

All of the following updates can be accessed from links on The Temporal Doorway "What's New" page at

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/whatsnew.htm>

The Analysis of UFO Luminosity has been updated with more detail on classification of luminosity and some speculation as to how and why the luminosity is generated.

Additions have been made to the following reports:

1. Blenheim NZ, 1959 (step by step breakdown of luminous behavior)
2. Selma AL, 1957 (diagram of luminous behavior)
3. Sherman TX, 1965 (additional analysis of photos)
4. Vins FR, 1957 (diagram showing position of witnesses and appearance of the object)
5. Lavonia GA, 1964 (drawing by witness, showing object appearance)

Nw reports have been added:

1. Socorro, 1964 - the first occupant report to gain acceptance in the United States. Includes physical trace evidence, one image of which is included at this site. Also a rare on-site shot of the view from the sighting location.
2. La Madera, NM, 1964 - a report of an object similar to that observed at Socorro.
3. Caldwell KS, 1965 - Police officers observe enormous "Levelland class" elliptical object after radar tracking by weather service.

A new Catalog of Evidential Cases has been added, containing multiple witness cases with physical, medical, or photographic evidence or from which measurements have been derived. ("10 best case" devotees will find material here of use).

New categories have been added to the Correlated Case Catalog: Levelland and Socorro class "ellipse".

The Project 1947 Catalog Of Electromagnetic Effects From UFOs has been updated. There are now 513 cases of effects from UFOs on vehicles, radio, television, and other apparent electrodynamic and electrostatic effects available from the site (approximately 100 more than at the last release). Some of the cases are from the BUFORA Vehicle Interference Catalog, which is currently being added to the catalog database.

Thanks as always for visiting The Temporal Doorway!

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -  
Author of SF novels available at...  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/library.htm>  
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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: John Rimmer <[j\\_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk](mailto:j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 13:17:07 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 08:38:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

Just a reminder that the P.L.A. Driftwood Organization is still around and keeping an eye on things.

Before people get too worked up about John Harney's "Migraine Hypothesis" I suggest they re-read the paragraph towards the end of the article in Magonia ETH Bulletin which states:

>I am not suggesting that all, or most, close-encounter reports  
>have anything to do with migraine. I have no time for catch-all  
>explanations which can be force-fitted to any case that comes to  
>hand. There are many rational explanations to UFO reports and I  
>thing that this one should be added to the list.

Mark Cashman suggests that if Harney's proposal has any validity we should "expect the migraine literature to be replete with complex, structured visual hallucinations". I am not familiar with the migraine literature - I do not know indeed if there is a great deal of it. Certainly Sacks' book is the only popular account accessible to the layman. However, just how much of the UFO literature is actually "replete" with structured craft? There certainly are plenty of such accounts, but there are probably more which sound like the "freewheeling states of hallucinosis, illusion or dreaming" that Sacks talks about.

I find it difficult to believe that Cashman has not come across UFO close encounter reports where the percipients have heard humming and buzzing noises. I agree that the silent "Oz Factor" is a feature of many accounts, but in many others percipients are first alerted that something odd is going on by "whirring sounds", "a noise like a like a swarm of bees", etc, etc.

Harney puts forward migraine as a possible causative factor which should be considered when other mundane explanations do not fit the bill, it is \*not\* proposed as an explanation for \*all\* close encounter narratives. Those familiar with the case might like to consider that it could have been a causative factor in Elsie Oakensen's experiences.

In the meantime I suggest that Mark Cashman and others read Sacks' book before taking this argument further.

John Rimmer  
Magonia Online, [www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

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## P-1947 Re: Fred Whiting on Roswell

From: Larry Clark <[lclark@IBM.NET](mailto:lclark@IBM.NET)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 21:51:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 08:15:03 -0400  
Subject: P-1947 Re: Fred Whiting on Roswell

Even way back when the tape was a known item of the debris (at least of the stuff photographed:

. Regarding Roswell in the Schentady Union Star / 1947:

July 9: Army, Navy Launch Campaign to Halt 'Flying Disc' Rumors  
Mentions aftermath of Roswell reports and statements by Haught & Ramey. Also mentioned : "Those who saw the object said it had a flowered paper tape around it bearing the initials 'D.P.'."

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## C-E: The Great Wave: October, 1973

From: **Kenny Young** <[task@FUSE.NET](mailto:task@FUSE.NET)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 00:40:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 09:03:58 -0400  
Subject: C-E: The Great Wave: October, 1973

Web-Project planned - assistance requested

This message is to announce the creation of a new website which will be introduced on October 1, 1998, giving - for the first time - graphic information regarding one of the most sensational and mysterious UFO events of this century. The site will be a compilation of material from a widespread network of researchers, investigators and organizational concerns, devoted to celebrating the 25th anniversary of "The Great Wave" of October, 1973.

This web-site will track the unusual low-level UFO sightings and landings, sonic disruptions, crop circle reports, cattle mutilations and UFO-occupant reports which were generated across Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana during this bizarre time period from October 4 through October 27, when such unusual circumstances were afoot that to this day remain baffling.

The material utilized at this site will be contributed from a vast number independent researchers and organisations, some of whom have undertaken localized 'LIBRARY INVESTIGATIONS' to retrieve microfilm/newspaper articles from their respective cities.

Although some coordination with certain researchers has already been underway, this effort will still require more extensive planning and cooperation so that the data is comprehensive and coverage will be... hopefully... unprecedented.

By networking with other researchers via the internet forum, we are again realizing the widespread nature of the UFO situation during October of 1973, the last of the great UFO waves.

In review of the information already available, the details are mind boggling. How much more can we yet learn from this event? Just imagine if an event of this magnitude took place in our present day of the internet and the video camera.

All researchers are encouraged to conduct a library investigation within their areas to retrieve UFO related data from October of 1973. The material may be comprised of report forms and most enjoyably... newspaper articles from within this time frame. Full credit will be given to those researchers for their submissions to this website.

If you could assist with this project, please send e-mail to the address listed on this message. Feel free to partake!

Sincerely,  
KENNY YOUNG  
[task@fuse.net](mailto:task@fuse.net)  
UFO Research  
<http://home.fuse.net/task/>

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## Skywatch: Marree Man

From: Skywatch International <[jhickman@itlnet.net](mailto:jhickman@itlnet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 16:51:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 09:28:54 -0400  
Subject: Skywatch: Marree Man

-----Original Message-----

From: D Harrison <[ufoicq@fan.net.au](mailto:ufoicq@fan.net.au)>  
To: [skypost@unix.ltlb.com](mailto:skypost@unix.ltlb.com) <[skypost@unix.ltlb.com](mailto:skypost@unix.ltlb.com)>  
Date: Monday, July 20, 1998 9:03 AM  
Subject: Marree Man

[ufoicq@fan.net.au](mailto:ufoicq@fan.net.au)  
Aboriginal Man Marree

Well folks it seems the Marree man will go down has an Aussie 'Who Dunit?'

Channel 9 Ray Martin 6.30 Report:

Channel 9 went out to Marree and did there own investigation into the how the Marree man got there.

This is what I could make of their report:

- 1.They found pegs, marking out where to plough the soil.
2. The publican, who did see a truck with farm equipment going through town but thought nothing of it, has trucks passing by all the time.
3. The Locals are absolutely chuffed [thrilled to pieces -ebk] and say, it's the best thing to have happened to the town, the tourists are flocking in.
4. The Local pilot is making a killing with scenic flights. They say that he has the most to gain hummm?
5. It was a rumour that there are 2 land claims both being 2 separate Aboriginal Tribes in the area of the drawing.
6. It is said that there is going to be a water pipe line laid through the land.
7. Now the Locals want to keep the drawing, they say it has put their little town on the world map, and they are willing to maintain it.
8. The Locals think a 'Mad Artist' did it and would like to buy him a beer.

SUNDAY Mail July 19.  
Half a page story/ full colour picture "WOW"

1. The Marree man was first spotted by a freelance pilot on his way from Coober Pedy to Marree on 26 June.
2. Mr. Smith was puzzled as to why he had not been told of the new tourist attraction but said, "when I went into Marree the locals didn't seem to be interested."

3. Then the a fax was sent to a business in Marree describing the drawing, it claimed the drawing to be twice the size of the largest drawing in Peru and 24 times larger than the Chalk Hill carving.
4. Then the bottle was found containing a note with the words "Stuart's Giant" an American flag and a reference to the US Branch Davidian cult.
5. Police say it has finger, toes, eyes , ears, beard, genitals.
6. Estimated to have been there from 4 to 8 weeks.
7. It was made by some kind of implement, perhaps a plough or a ripper, depth 20 to 30cm into the earth.
8. Mike Durdett a surveyor said "whoever did it was a professional, it was quite an exercise."
9. The perimeter would be 15km or so.
10. Whoever created it has sparked a controversy between South Australian Aborigines and Tourism Operators.
11. Outback Manager for SA Tourism Commission Mr. Andrew Beare said he hopes whoever did it owns up so he can "shout them a slab of beer - we love it".
12. Flights have increased over the site but the Aborigines have taken legal advice to stop the flights.
13. The Dieri people want the figure erased, stating the drawing was exploiting the Dreaming of the people and it had caused them great harm.
14. South Australian Aboriginal Affairs chef executive David Rathmann branded the image "Graffiti" and our Environment Minister, Dorothy Kotz, attacked the etching as "Environmental Vandalism".

Well there you have it, if I DUNIT, I wouldn't own up. Would you? They're out for his/her blood.

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## Re: Marree Man

From: **Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 09:56:00 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 09:56:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Marree Man

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/state/4256655.htm>

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THE mystery of the Marree Man deepened yesterday with the arrival of another anonymous fax at The Advertiser.

The fax, headed "Update No.2", said that the site for Marree Man, or Stuart's Giant, as it is also called, was chosen because of its unique characteristics.

"It is uniquely sited to deliver a world class tourist attraction to SA in its flatness, uniform appearance, lack of vegetation and, in particular, the presence throughout the plateau of white chalk just 6" beneath the brown soil," the fax says.

"If the soil is scraped away in the area currently marked by the figure, a dramatic white figure of considerably greater visibility will be created."

A photograph sent to The Advertiser has been outlined in white to show how the figure - which has been ploughed into soil 60km west of Marree - may appear if the white chalk were exposed. A small pit dug near the figure which contained a note and an American flag in a bottle, was dug to a depth to show the chalk layer beneath the soil.

The fax extols the tourism benefits which could be gained from the figure if the soil was removed to show the white chalk.

"The international attention achieved by the existing sepia figure gives a mere taste of the interest that would be gained by a white chalk carving of this scale," the fax says.

It says that funding to scrape the soil from the figure could be provided through either the private or government sector, or through a public subscription.

It also says local Aborigines could benefit through the charging of ground access fees.

Official investigations into who created the figure are continuing.

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## Marree Man Photo

From: **Doc Barry in Phoenix** <[authority@webtv.net](mailto:authority@webtv.net)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 07:39:48 -0700 (MST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 11:09:46 -0400  
Subject: Marree Man Photo

For an enlarged photo, taken from the air, of the two and one-half mile long desert drawing, which is the world's largest artwork (five times larger than the largest Peru drawings), go to:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Stargate/5518/abman400.html>

Doc Barry  
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Stargate/5518/>

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 10:08:44 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 11:13:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 13:17:07 +0100  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> From: John Rimmer <[j\\_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk](mailto:j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk)>  
> Subject: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> Harney puts forward migraine as a possible causative factor which  
> should be considered when other mundane explanations do not fit  
> the bill, it is \*not\* proposed as an explanation for \*all\* close  
> encounter narratives. Those familiar with the case might like to  
> consider that it could have been a causative factor in Elsie  
> Oakensen's experiences.

> In the meantime I suggest that Mark Cashman and others read  
> Sacks' book before taking this argument further.

I already made the point that this hypothesis cannot be considered because it does not provide a discriminator, and that it also shows no reason to be considered an explanation of UFOs since the migraine case cited, presumably the best (i.e. closest to the UFO experience) has no UFO content, and since the author of the hypothesis presents no support for the existence of a continuum between regular migranes and "close encounter migranes".

It is not my objection that all close encounters cannot be explained by the migraine hypothesis, it is that the author of the hypothesis has given us no reason to believe that any are. Perhaps Mr. Rimmer fails to understand that it is required as part of science that the proposer of a hypothesis demonstrate a clear causal connection between their proposal and the observation to be explained.

One might equally well use tintinnus to explain UFOs, since it causes odd noises to be heard. Of course one might actually also consider that UFOs actually emit sounds. But that would be a use of Ockham's Razor which would be unpleasant in this context.

Mr. Rimmer also misses the point that my message pointed out that the burden falls on anti-OEH proponents to deal with why it should be that a variety of completely unrelated physical, optical, mental, and medical causes lead to a single result: the UFO.

As for reading a book on migranes, why? I didn't read Corso's book either, and as far as I can tell from the Magonia article, Sacks' book has about as much relationship to UFOs as Corso's did.

Remember, I don't have to disprove the hypothesis (though I did), the proponent must prove it. That's science.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -  
Author of SF novels available at...  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/library.htm>  
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## Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

From: **Werner Walter** <[113236.1604@compuserve.com](mailto:113236.1604@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 16:29:33 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 01:33:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

Hi List,

I=B4m very afraid to seen Joachim Koch=B4s message here in my mail.  
I big oops come about my mouth. =3D)

I=B4m very astounded because Joachim Koch was never my  
correspondent-partner and has never received my monthly CENAP  
REPORT. I has never meet him on a personal base. From that sight  
of view her bring up strong calibers agins me.

I=B4m a private UFO-researcher with a great deal of personal  
experience won through own research-activitys here and abroad.  
I=B4m not a UFO-theorist but a practical working man with the  
background which you can easy call "learning by doing". Now I=B4m  
has 25 years of work (self-financed work) on my humble back...  
;)

I has built up one of the greatest archives here in Germany and  
read all important UFO-papers and books on a international level  
also the book of Joachim Koch about self-styled kiddish corn  
circle for a personal contact to beings from outer space. But  
thats another matter...

I=B4m estimates me not as the main and most important debunker  
here in Germany - thats a matter which has built up the medias.  
One for shure: I=B4m only a very interessted UFO-researcher and  
case-investigator with a great background knowledge about the  
whole affair. Shure is: The most cases find a naturally or  
ordinary explanations - thats it. It is not my problem when  
other UFO-peoples are to enthusiastic and blened by own concepts  
and X-file-like ideas.

In the medias I shown up only that bad work of UFOlogyst here  
which was from this groups or individuals is self produced.  
Again thats not my problem...

Shure is that I=B4m not found a evidence for a nut and bold UFO  
but I think this "problem" is one with which the most members on  
this list has to fight. Or? :)

I and my fried Rudolf Henke has worked hard on the  
Belgium-UFO-weave and we have published a bookled called "UFOs  
2000 - Die Eskalation" - based on the original SOBEPS-report  
which is very interessting in the case of desorganisation. This  
desorganisation has bring up the factor desorientation. And  
based of this we has found many errors in the original  
SOBEPS-report - thats all. Everyone which can read should read  
my arguments - Joachim Koch has never ordered the bookled but  
bring up the big cry. I=B4m wonder... - but this is the sytle of  
attacks to me here in Germany. Nobody known correct my work but  
all cry up about this. I=B4m not shure but is this the right  
way??? Yes few sightings were ULs (which self SOBEPS has to  
say!) but not all. Again: Read the paper and make not up  
incorrect statements. Alone on the base because I=B4m self do this  
not and collect my arguments on the base...

Shure is also that I=B4m not everybodys darling because I often  
find the hidden stinky corpses in the basement of the arguments  
from the self-declared UFO-enthusiasts and say it loud. Thats  
the "major damage" in the credibility of few big names in the

Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

german scene. I can=B4t not support the falsh pictures which are  
bulted around few personalitys.

Greeting from Germany

Werner

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## 11th Annual 'The UFO Experience' Conference

From: John White <[JWhite8011@aol.com](mailto:JWhite8011@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 19:04:36 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 01:53:34 -0400  
Subject: 11th Annual 'The UFO Experience' Conference

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UFO CONFERENCE TO FEATURE APOLLO 14 ASTRONAUT EDGAR MITCHELL

The sixth man on the moon, Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell, will be the featured speaker among a dozen UFO investigators discussing the latest developments in ufology at the 11th annual international conference on "The UFO Experience" on October 10-11, 1998 at the Holiday Inn in North Haven, Connecticut, USA.

The conference will offer a comprehensive look at the UFO phenomenon. Eminent researchers and experiencers from around the U.S. and Europe will present their findings and considered opinions about what UFOs are, where they come from, why they are here, and what the government knows about it and why it is covering up. In February 1971, Mitchell became the sixth man to walk on the moon. He holds a doctorate in aeronautics and astronautics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On Saturday night, October 11, he will discuss "Alien Presence=97Yes or No?," giving an account of his personal investigations into the existence of extraterrestrial life forms and the evidence for alien visitation to Earth.

Other speakers on the program are:

Dan Brookes and John Dorazio, Connecticut ufologists who will discuss "UFOs in Connecticut=97A Grassroots Investigation." Brookes and Dorazio are cofounders of the UFO Research and Study Organization (UFORSO), a Connecticut-based public membership group which investigates UFO reports and actively searches for UFOs.

Michael Hesemann, a ufologist and cultural anthropologist from Germany, will speak on "UFOs=97The Secret History." His presentation will discuss the government-military involvement with UFOs from the 1940s to the present. Hesemann is coauthor of Beyond Roswell, a recently published investigation of the so-called "alien autopsy" and other aspects of the famed 1947 Roswell, New Mexico, UFO crash and several other crashes which are lesser known.

Linda Moulton Howe, M.S., an Emmy-winning television producer who has investigated the phenomenon of animal mutilation and UFOs, will speak on "Glimpses of Other Realities=971998 Update." The author of several documentaries and books on the subject, including Strange Harvest and High Strangeness, Howe lives in Pennsylvania.

Philip Imbrogno, M.S., a ufologist and coauthor of Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Mystery, will report on "Contact of the Fifth Kind." He contends there is a silent alien invasion under way and the U.S. government knows of it. He will present evidence to demonstrate his claim. A science educator in New York state, Imbrogno holds a B.S. degree in astronomy, an M.S. in science education and is a Ph.D. candidate.

Jack Kewaunee Lapsertitis, M.S., author of the just-published book The Psychic Sasquatch: A UFO Connection, will discuss his research into the Sasquatch people, popularly known as Bigfoot, and their relation to UFOs. Lapsertitis, who claims to have had 20 years of personal contact with Sasquatch, is a social scientist-anthropologist. He lives in Arizona.

Joe Lewels, Ph.D., will discuss "Aliens or Angels: The Controversy Over the God Hypothesis." Dr. Lewels' research with more than 100 abductees leads him to conclude that UFOs and their occupants have been responsible for most, if not all, world religions, and their purpose today is to salvage human DNA before the human species becomes extinct. He was formerly a professor of journalism and mass communications at University of Texas at El Paso.

Michael Mannion, a New York City author, will discuss "Media Manipulation and Public Perception of UFOs," based on his just-published book, Project Mindshift, which looks at how public opinion and public perception of the UFO phenomenon is influenced by direct and by stealthy means. Hollywood, television, science and government, including covert government disinformation operations, will be covered.

Derrel Sims, an "alien hunter" from Houston, Texas, will present "Medical and Scientific Evidence of Alien Contact" gathered by him over 34 years of research. Slides, videotape and actual physical objects apparently "alien" in nature will be shown, along with a demonstration of Sims' discovery of a fluorescing compound which is found on abductees after physical contact with aliens.

Daved Rubien, state director of the Mutual UFO Network for Rhode Island, will speak on "The ETs We Encounter Today." His research with abductees indicates there are many types of ETs beyond the so-called "grays" which are often depicted on television and in film. He will describe them and their activities, as revealed through his abduction research.

Robert Wood, Ph.D., a retired aerospace engineer-scientist, will talk about "Cosmic Watergate: New Evidence of Crashed UFOs Recovered by the Government." Dr. Wood has researched a recently leaked 1954 Special Operations Manual used to guide U.S. military personnel in recovery and disposal of UFOs and their occupants.

John White, internationally known researcher of paranormal phenomena and author of 15 books, will chair the conference. His books and articles have been published in nine languages.

A UFO photo exhibit will also be featured, along with the speakers' books for autographing.

Begun in 1987 by John White, "The UFO Experience" is an annual October conference offering a wide-ranging, balanced look at the UFO phenomenon.

Presentations are given by eminent investigators and famous UFO contactees and abductees, who share their personal experiences, their research data, and their insights and considered opinions about what UFOs are, where they come from, why they are here. Attendees learn about the range of UFO encounters and theories, how professional investigators conduct their investigations, and how the public should handle UFO sightings for maximum effectiveness in the ongoing search for answers. The proceedings of each year=92s program are available in audiotape and videotape format, and a free brochure is available at the address below which describes the lectures and the speakers.

The conference also offers a supportive setting for people to "unburden" themselves if they feel they have had UFO experiences but are afraid to talk about them. People can share their UFO experiences with others who are sympathetic and knowledgeable. The conference offers contact with support groups who can provide ongoing help for those trying to recover from unusual, difficult

and often terrifying experiences. Others believe they are "Star People" whose true home is not Earth but some other planet or solar system. Star People likewise find the conference helpful to them.

Admission is by registration only. The registration fee is \$125 until June 30, \$145 until August 30 and \$175 thereafter. The fee does not include lodging or meals. To register or for further information, write to Omega Communications, P. O. Box 2051, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410-5051, USA. Or visit the conference web site at <http://www.ufoexperience.com>. If space allows at conference time, admission will be permitted at \$90 per day or \$20 per event.

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## Re: Meier Pictures

From: **The Duke of Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith** <[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 23:43:58 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:42:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 2009 11:06:15 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Sean Liddle - Quinte-Eco <[ecocon@intranet.ca](mailto:ecocon@intranet.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Meier Pictures

>>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 1997 17:34:42 +0200  
>>From: Andy Dene - A.U.R.A. <[aura@telekabel2.nl](mailto:aura@telekabel2.nl)>  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Subject: Meier-Pictures

>Actually, Canada, the United States and Many other  
>countries use .223 caliber weapons, NOT .22 Its almost  
>the same diameter bullet as your standard groundhog  
>killing kid gun, but has a much longer shell, with about  
>5 times the amount of powder.

Couldn't resist this one. That above is true except that

(a) a crucial difference is the .223 is a jacketed round, while  
.22 Long Rifle is a bare lead bullet (though it may be copper  
washed); .22 WMR is a jacketed round, however, and is deadly - it  
actually carries more kinetic energy than a .45 Colt ACP, and is  
the preferred pistol round for Mossad terminators: as it happens,  
I used to have an S&W Model 48 in that calibre;

(b) the Swiss Army's issue rifle is in an idiosyncratic, non-NATO  
(Switzerland is not in NATO) calibre - 7.5mm. However, it ain't  
no sniper's piece. Most of those are in 7.62mm, and the usual  
standard of accuracy is a 4-in group at 600 yards.

I did consider freaking out the members of the Stoke Newington  
Vegetarian Front on this list with a long discussion of calibres  
and weapons suitable for the assassination of ufological frauds -  
or anyone else, now I come to think of it. However, I felt this  
might be liable to misunderstanding. But, first, no sane assassin  
would think of using a .22LR for a hit job (a sniper, or anyone  
else with any sense, also \*practises\* with the round they will  
carry in the field, on the street, or wherever). Second, the  
national sport in Switzerland is shooting, Swiss gun laws are  
admirably liberal, and .22 weapons are easily acquired. Third,  
the Meier groupies freely admit they have firearms (big deal,  
it's SOP for Swiss households).

The key question is: did Meier report this "assassination  
attempt" to the police?

No? Really? You amaze me.

best wishes  
Pyrodex D. Martini-Action  
Esprit d'Escalier

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## Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

From: **The Duke of Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith** <[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 22:56:04 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:38:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@connectmmic.net](mailto:sergesa@connectmmic.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Triangular UFOs over Belgium  
>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 11:53:17 -0400

>>Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 11:05:29 -0700  
>>From: "Kyle R. Mcallister" <[skytracker@geocities.com](mailto:skytracker@geocities.com)>  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Subject: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

>The 1989 Belgium UFO flap was debated on the List last year. The  
>debate turned out to be the usual: skeptics on one side, truth  
>seekers on the other.

No argument with that, and it wasn't hard to predict. But if the rest of this post is an example of "truth" as sought by ufologists, then Serge is hereby appointed Archbishop of the Church of St Ananias and the Latterday Martyrs of Ufodom. His Most Reverence's administrative duties will include taking confession from the Boy Bishop of Canby, reciting to him Biblical passages on the virtues of humility, and ensuring that he puts on a clean hair shirt every day. Bishop Jerome will return the favor by giving Archbishop Salvolatile daily instruction in the ethics of accurate reporting, and taking a measure of the Archbishop's bullshit quotient twice a day, with powerful enemas to be administered immediately should the reading exceed 3 parts per million. You can look forward to a long course of treatment, Serge.

I suggest Kyle looks up the discussion of the Belgian flap on the Ufomind/UpDates Web archive (address below), where he will find "truth" seekers inventing such items as supersonic balloons and putting them into the mouths of skeptics. He will also find Mendoza saying he thought the evidence for there being an actual FT craft involved was inconclusive, and that little was proven one way or the other, or words to that effect. And Kyle will also be able to decide for himself who was most driven by their beliefs, as opposed to the available evidence, and who not.

If skeptics "picked up their marbles and quietly went into silent mode" - cringing away into crepuscular liminality, where no doubt their souls murmur together in despair and self-loathing at the place where the tides cross - there is now some doubt whether "truth" seekers of the Archbishop's communion ever had any marbles at all.

Bishop Jerome belongs to an altogether higher church, of course, where incense (sometimes used as a verb as well as a ritual fragrance) and casuistry are much in vogue.

Yrs &c  
Paymaster D. Manichee  
Knight Commander & Revenant, Legions of the AntiChrist

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## Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

From: [jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net) (Jan Aldrich)  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 19:36:25 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:33:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

>From: Joachim Koch <[koch@wad.berlin.fido.de](mailto:koch@wad.berlin.fido.de)>  
>Date: 20 Jul 98 12:12:00 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 22:23:28 -0400  
>Subject: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

>>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 16:05:13 -0700  
>>From: [jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net) (Jan Aldrich)  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Subject: Foo-Fighters--A German View

>>A recent exchange (slightly edited) from the Project 1947 List is  
>>below.

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>>Subject: Foo-Fighters: The German view  
>>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 16:20:22 -0400  
>>From: Werner Walter <[113236.1604@COMPUSERVE.COM](mailto:113236.1604@COMPUSERVE.COM)>  
>>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

>>Hi List;

>>The foo fighter-scenario is very interessting for me as a German.  
>>Fromtime to time I read short articles about this "objects" in the  
>>UFO-press

>><snip>

>>I'm now 25 years active here in Germany on the UFO-field as  
>>researcher and case-investigator but never found a man which  
>>has reported me a foo fighter-sighting - on the other side few  
>>people come up which has phantastic storys about their works on  
>>the socalled Nazi-saucer (but these men were all crackpots).

>>Werner

>>=====

>Hello Errol, Hello List,

>Though I know that "personalities" are not quite the topic of this  
>list, I think I should inform you that two individuals have shown up  
>here recently who had caused very much damage to a greater public in  
>their fields of activity.

>I know that everyone has his right to take part in this list and that  
>it is also the right of everyone here to express controversial  
>opinions. I attended this list since a long time and have learned a  
>lot from what was presented here. I think, for various reasons, at  
>least you should know with whom you are dealing here because not many  
>of you know about Mr. Werner Walter (Germany) and Mr. Robert Irving  
>(UK).

>This is meant not to start a discussion but to share information.

> -.-.-.-

>Mr. Werner Walter estimates himself to be the main and most  
>important debunker of Germany. He has only one idol: Mr. Phil  
>Klass.

<Big Snip>

Be that as it may, the original topic was "Foo-Fighters" and more specifically the seeming lack of foo-fighters reported by the Luftwaffe aircrews. We would welcome any information you have on the subject.

The Project 1947 List is a research vehicle not a debating society--but sometimes we have clashes, also. However, members are told to check their beliefs at the door; we don't care as long as you do credible research. Werner Walter is doing such research on foo-fighters in the Bundesarchiv. If others have done archive research or interviewed aircrews, we would like to hear about it.

If so, perhaps the way to show Hr. Werner up is to demonstrate reliable German "foo-fighter" accounts and credible research already done in this area by German researchers.

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## Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

From: Jakes Louw <[louwje@telkom.co.za](mailto:louwje@telkom.co.za)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:20:39 +0200  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:56:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

>Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 16:29:33 -0400  
>From: Werner Walter <[113236.1604@compuserve.com](mailto:113236.1604@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

I have to sympathize with Werner, as it would seem that Mr. Joachim Koch has some hidden agenda regarding UFO research in Germany.

I do not consider Joachim to be a reliable source for the following reason:

Despite repeated requests for facts and detail around 2 alleged crash/retrievals in the Southern Africa region, he has failed to respond.

I challenged him on this list to enlarge on his claims of "further information", but have as yet seen nothing further, except stunning silence.

Here is what Cynthia Hind has to say about the 2 incidents:

"Dear Jakes, Thanks for your e-mail. As far as I am concerned, the alleged UFO crash on the South African/Botswana Border was not a UFO: it was the testing of an advanced weapon (probably, laser) which landed where it should not have been! The Leribe/Lesotho crash was a total scam from beginning to end as Michael Hesemann, one of the top investigators from Germany, actually went to Leribe with Kenny MacKinnon of SAUFORA (based in Johannesburg). None of the people supposedly involved were traceable, nor were any of the South African Intelligence Officers named. I do edit a small magazine called UFO AFRINEWS which explains both cases in detail. I am pretty certain that in these two incidents, the whole story, faked documents etc. were engineered by James van Gruenen(sic), a young man who was involved with UFOs from the age of 16 when he joined MUFON.

It is a long and complicated story but I have gone into it very thoroughly in UFO AFRINEWS No 3(May 1990), No. 4 (March 1991) and No. 5 (January 1992) And the Lesotho story is in No 14 (January 1996). "

<snip>

"I have veritable proof of the hoaxing from fairly high-up personages, and yet, the public and some investigators and magazines, persist in believing that UFOs crashed in both of these places. What can one do?

All the best, Cynthia Hind."

I hope to receive copies of Cynthia's articles soon, and then perhaps Mr. Koch and I can have a little debate regarding the incidents?

regards

Re: Mr. Werner Walter And His Reality

Jakes E. Louw  
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## Re: Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston

From: **Bob Shell** <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 07:21:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:57:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston

This is why I am still interested in Roswell.

There are far too many witnesses, many just now finally getting the courage to come forward or speaking reluctantly after being tracked down by investigators, for absolutely nothing to have happened.

Men were transferred abruptly, others were silenced by threats. This for a Mogul balloon? That just does not make sense.

Even if a "hot rod" (a plane carrying a nuke) had crashed it would not justify the level of coverup that we see in this case.

No, I am fairly well convinced that SOMETHING very out of the ordinary happened. The question is what? And why does the coverup continue?

Bob

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: [RobIrving@aol.com](mailto:RobIrving@aol.com)  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 22:21:12 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:34:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs  
> From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
> Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 10:08:44 -0400  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

Mark,

> > In the meantime I suggest that Mark Cashman and others read  
> > Sacks' book before taking this argument further.

> I already made the point that this hypothesis cannot be  
> considered because it does not provide a discriminator, and that  
> it also shows no reason to be considered an explanation of UFOs  
> since the migraine case cited, presumably the best (i.e. closest  
> to the UFO experience) has no UFO content, and since the author  
> of the hypothesis presents no support for the existence of a  
> continuum between regular migranes and "close encounter  
> migranes".

Firstly, I have no opinion on whether migraines account for  
UFO-type experiences (I've never had migraines), but it seems  
curious that you appear to so anxious to dismiss the idea without  
bothering to read up on it.

It may interest you to know that in his book 'The Man Who Mistook  
His Wife For A Hat' Sacks cites earlier studies (Singer 1958)  
with regard to the visions of St Hildegard. I seem to recall  
that representations of these visions taken from her C12th  
manuscript Scivas have cropped up in UFO literature.

Singer writes: 'In all a prominent feature is a point or a group  
of points of light, which shimmer and move, usually in a  
wave-like manner, and are most often interpreted as stars or  
flaming eyes. In quite a number of cases one light, larger than  
the rest exhibits a series of concentric circular figures of  
wavering form...'

St Hildegard writes: 'The visions which I saw beheld neither in  
sleep, nor in dreams, nor in madness, nor with my carnal eyes,  
nor with the ears of the flesh, nor in hidden places; but wakeful  
and alert...'

Rob

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## Alfred's Odd Ode #258

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 07:10:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 10:08:27 -0400  
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #258

Apology to MW #258 (For July 22, 1998)

A pox upon Jack Schulman, may he writhe in cyber hell; may his failure be complete for all the lies that he would sell. Afflict him with a fungus, let his crops be et by bugs -- have him waylaid by some highwayman, have him set upon by thugs. Make his family, then, disown him. Make them turn in raw disgust. Make him sorry he conspired to betray the public trust. Make him wear a bramble shirt; make him wander without shoes; a man without a country, make him outcast -- make him lose!

Make him pay a reparation for the trouble that he caused! Make him pay for his disturbance to the peace. Make him libel for the bald faced lies he told to sell his business. He's the reason for the FOG that just goes on without surcease!

Afflict him with diseases like Jehovah brought on Job. Fevers, boils, and blisters, or a neural toxin toad. Let vermin claim his body with a brand new kind of lice. Let him feed upon their droppings as he eats his sour rice. I hope remaining hair falls out -- smells bad behind his ears -- hope his business goes all wacky, and his bills are in arrears. He shouldn't be allowed outside. We should put him in a cell. We should feed him bread and water -- make him answer John Ford's bells. Make him wait on Stanton Friedman, make him shine my dog dirt shoes, make him tell it on the Jeff Rense show-- make him REALLY sing the blues.

Make him pay a reparation for the trouble that he caused! Make him pay for his disturbance to the peace. Make him libel for the bald faced lies he told to sell his business. He's the reason for the FOG that just goes on without surcease!

I can hope that he's abducted, and they break the probe clean off! I can hope that they experiment -- make him turn his head and cough. I can hope he lives the nightmares that he made some folks live through when they took him at his word that all the things he said were true. I can hope he feels nothing but the wages of despair. I can hope he'll get comeuppance, Bubba's bitch -- that he'd so dare! I can hope this liar Schulman has a crack inside his shell, but failing that -- eats shit and dies, then goes right straight to hell.

Make him pay a reparation for the trouble that he caused! Make him pay for his disturbance to the peace. Make him libel for the bald faced lies he told to sell his business. He's the reason for the FOG that just goes on without surcease!

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

Jack Schulman strongly implied that his computers were kissed by the cosmic technology of alien beings from another world. I'm sure he would define it as a novel marketing ploy. Our society will allow him to get by with it. John Ford will slide further into madness. Who is the real criminal?

You see what I mean? You see how this works? You see how the atmosphere is just a little harder to peer through? You see how the mud sucks a little harder at your shoes? Do you feel, a little stronger now, that conditioning imperative to give up looking up? And you feel a little foolish for being taken in

-- beginning to think that there might be something to this  
Trans-capacitor foolishness? Burned again -- and now \_two\_  
(maybe three) times shy?

It's all part of the plan for our arbitrary and convenient  
manipulation! The money does its talking, and the bullshit (its  
job done) does its usual walking.

And he will likely walk away from this a little \_richer\_ for his  
trouble, like the vast majority of his ilk do . . . Michael  
Milken, Ivan Boesky, and the Clan Bush relieved frail granny  
ladies of billions of their precious dollars, but walk  
unabashedly free.

But that's our culture for ya'. Jerk a human being back and  
forth across the line of credulity often enough, and she won't  
know what to think. Schulman has been a \_useful\_ tool.

I believe anyone who bought a computer from this man has grounds  
for a full refund PLUS damages. If I owned one, I'd want \_my\_  
money back! I think he defrauded the public to sell his  
unremarkable, lackluster, and very ordinary product -- I would  
have thought he had broken the law. Hah. No, he didn't BREAK the  
law. But he provided a wonderful example of why, many times, the  
law gets broken!

Restore John Ford!

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Explore the Alien View? <Updated 18 July>

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from  
afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the  
fundamentalist's stake.

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## Astronaut Alan Shepard Passes Away

From: **Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 10:59:05 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 10:59:05 -0400  
Subject: Astronaut Alan Shepard Passes Away

According to CNN [at 10:48 EST] Astronaut Rear-Admiral Alan Shepard, the first American in space, has died at the age of 74. He had suffered from Leukemia for the past couple of years

He spent 11 minutes in the first manned sub-orbital Mercury flight and later set foot on the Moon as a member of the Apollo Project, chipping the first golf shot there.

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## P-1947: Death of Alan Shepard

From: Wendy Connors <[wendy.connors@MCI2000.COM](mailto:wendy.connors@MCI2000.COM)>

Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 08:56:47 -0600

Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 11:14:56 -0400

Subject: P-1947: Death of Alan Shepard

God's speed Alan Shepard - your newest journey has begun. I thank you for your courage and taking the first step for all mankind.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 11:25:46 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 12:25:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 03:47:31 EDT  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Upcoming TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

>>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 06:01:11 +0200  
>>Subject: Upcoming TV Documentaries Based On Steven Greer's Ideas

>>American Artists Film Corporation Announces Agreement with  
>>Dr. Steven M. Greer

>>PR Newswire - July 16, 1998 19:16

IT would appear that we are in for more

'Entertainment Masquerading As Research'....

(there's a phrase we should post in every review of UFO  
documentaries, etc.

You heard it here first, folks!)

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 11:30:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 12:17:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

>Subject: Why Migranes Don'T Explain UFOs  
>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 23:01:54 -0400  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>The hypothesis advanced in the recently posted Magonia claims  
>that some close encounters may be the result of migraine or  
>migrane-like phenomena, in keeping with the theory that UFOs are  
>accounted for by the Misperception, Hallucination, and Hoax  
>Hypothesis (MHH).

>The problem with the hypothesis is that the presented migraine  
>case and the comparison UFO cases differ in significant aspects:

<snip>

I can hardly add anything to Mark Cashman's "trenchant  
discussion, some might say 'destruction'" of the MUH (Migraine  
UFO Hypothesis).

(Historical note: the phrase "trenchant discussion, some might  
say 'destruction' "was used by a skeptic to refer to a paper I  
wrote about 10 years ago which was published in Applied Optics  
magazine.) However, I would like to say that my mother back in  
th 50's had migraine headaches, yet never once referred to a  
close encounter type experience or a "sighting "of anything,  
even though she knew that her mother had, in fact, claimed to  
have seen not one, but two flying saucers in 1947. Grandma was  
not having a headache at the time of her sighting in Greenfield,  
Mass. Instead she was outside hanging up the laundry. She saw  
two, round shiny objects from from the east and make a "right  
angle turn"to the north. (A sighting from Greenfield is listed  
in Bloecher's 1947 Wave book... reported by someone else)

>The author then draws a tenuous analogy between a crisp  
>description of a UFO and another variant of a migraine  
>"zig-zag"lines perceived as part of the migraine scotomata.  
>Anyone with experience of this phenomenon knows that it is  
>similar to enlarging the blind spot to slowly cover from the  
>entire eye, and cannot be confused with "an object on a patch of  
>soil in the garden which was wine red in colour and about the  
>size of a drinks tray [which] remained on the ground for a few  
>.minutes, then suddenly...took off, like a coin being  
>flipped, and spun up into the air, revealing its underside with  
>a series of reinforcements on the rim [and] then seemed to head  
>for the window [where it] gave out a blue flash".

I have not had migraine headaches. However, I have had  
"optical migraine"experiences.Nothing at all like a  
"close encounter"or a "sighting".My mother told me that her  
father also had them.... what he called "the z's"where images  
took on a zigzag shape.

I must say the first time it happened I was startled and  
worried. A tiny "light"came on at one point in my visual field  
and then this "light"grew in size.If I could characterise a  
color it was pale yellow, and it OVERLAYED everything a looked  
at. My immediate reaction was to lose my eyes to see if I was  
seeing a light from somewhere....although I couldn't imagine

where.....since I was inside my house at the time. The "give away" that this wasn't some weird UFO sighting was that when I closed my eyes and turned my eyeballs back and forth it was STILL THERE!. (Of course, I must admit that the idea of a UFO sighting never even crossed my mind. (Of course) the MHH hadn't been invented yet, so I wasn't prepared to concentrate on UFO-like aspects of this "experience.")

This "light" or "glow" grew to nearly cover my field of view and then faded. This took a "long time", maybe a minute (you know, like the really good UFO sightings), during which I was in a state of...apprehension, shall we say...wondering if I was going blind. After it was all over my vision was normal. At no time had I felt any pain.

That was some 20 years ago. Since then I had a couple of episodes of the loss of central vision with a weird zig-zag shaped "pattern" of faint "light" in my eyes that grows from the central vision outwards toward one side of my field of view. This happened once when I was recovering from sedation in a hospital.

Believe me, it is weird when suddenly you can't see "straight ahead." Try reading words on a page when you can see the letter(s) at the beginning and at the end of a word...but not the letters in the middle. (for those of you who can't decode optical migraine "visions", the words are "but not the letters in the middle")

Anyway, I appreciate the inventor - some might say perpetrator - of the MHH for giving me the opportunity to place my UMO (unidentified migraine object) on the record.

>Now, science requires the following:

>1. Observe something which needs explaining (the observation).

>2. Formulate a mechanism which explains it (the hypothesis).

This is what I would call the creation of Candidate Explanatory Hypotheses (CEP) based on the rough comparison of the characteristics reported for the "UFO" and the known characteristics of some natural or manmade phenomena

>3. Determine characteristics which differentiate an observation consistent with the hypothesis from one which is inconsistent with the hypothesis (the differentiator).

Make an accurate comparison between reported characteristics and those of the CEP.

> 4. Formulate an experiment or an observation which will identify if the differentiator is present.

Try to narrow down on the best-fitting CEP.

>5. Perform the experiment or observation.

Determine which is the best CEP or if all fail upon careful analysis (skeptics fail at this step)

>6. Record and publish the results for comment and attempted reproduction by others. If the differentiator is confirmed, then the hypothesis may be considered correct, otherwise it is considered incorrect.

>The author of the Magonia article put forward 1 and 2, but fails to perform 3, 4, and 5. That being the case, 6 is moot, and the Magonia article is not science. It is no better than what many call "pseudoscience". In fact, the contrast of the MHH explanations with science is clear, since MHH explanations seem to operate as follows:>

>1. Select an isolated aspect of the UFO phenomenon. Ignore all of the rest of the data. Ignore any cross phenomenon patterns.

typical skeptic/debunker "trick"

>2. Find any natural, medical or optical phenomenon that bears even a tiny resemblance to the isolated aspect.

Create CEP which have only one characteristic (or none?) in common with the reported UFO. This greatly enlarges the number of "possible" explanations - consistent with Debunker Rule #2 below

>3. Claim that the vague resemblance demonstrates that the explanation must be true for at least some subset of UFO reports.

>4. Do not provide any discriminator. Require opponents to do so. Evade any discriminators or results which tend to discredit the explanation.

Yes... skeptics leave it up to "believers" to apply the scientific method to their hypotheses (as I have done with Menzel's explanations in my "Still In Default" paper)

>5. If any explanation is discredited, claim it applies to some other case, or that some variation on the explanation works, or switch to a completely different explanation and maintain that the original explanation was never intended to apply to the specific case, but that some other one does, and that the proposed explanation applies to other cases.

>The weakest part of these sort of "explanations" is the need to have a wide variety of physical, optical, psychological and medical phenomena produce an observable result which has a fairly uniform appearance and behavior with widespread patterns across demographic and cultural groups (not to mention photographs, physical traces, and medical traces, which are also reasonably uniform). Why should migraines, mirages, delusions, and hoaxes all produce UFOs - and, more importantly, the same kind of UFOs? The obvious answer is - they don't. We'll have to look deeper than the superficial MHH for answers to UFOs.

It should be evident from the above discussion that Mark Cashman is one of the clearest thinkers in this UFO 'business'. In outlining the scientific method and then comparing it with what the skeptics do he has presented in detail what I have claimed for years: "skeptics fail to test their hypotheses".

There is not much I could add to what Cashman has written except I would add the following to his second list:

5b) If the first explanation seems unconvincing (or you get minor complaints from the "straight" scientific community) then propose another.

6) (Maccabee's Second Rule of Debunking:) the more explanations proposed the more likely it is that the sighting can be explained and the more convincing will it appear to the outside world that the sighting can be or has been explained.

(Note: Maccabee's First Rule of Debunking: any explanation is better than none. Naturally, the application of the first rule allows the debunker to create at least one explanation, no matter how "hokey", i.e., no matter how tenuous is the connection between the observed phenomenon and the proposed CEP.)

The second rule (above) allows for the creation of explanations galore, and they pop up like mushrooms in the rain. As Mark well knows, the first Grand Applicator of these rules... some 25 years before I formulated them... was Dr. Donald Menzel who, in his later and wiser years, made a list of possible UFOs which included, if I recall correctly, dust in the atmosphere, lightning, tornados, bugs... you name it. Anything could be a UFO. PJK has also applied these rules on occasion. And, apparently the MHH author is also aware of them.)

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## Goldin on the death of Alan Shepard

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Subject: Goldin on the death of Alan Shepard

Brian Welch  
Headquarters, Washington DC July 22, 1998  
(Phone: 202/358-1600)

RELEASE: 98-128

STATEMENT OF NASA ADMINISTRATOR DANIEL S. GOLDIN ON THE DEATH OF  
ALAN SHEPARD

The entire NASA family is deeply saddened by the passing of  
Alan Shepard. NASA has lost one of its greatest pioneers; America  
has lost a shining star.

Alan Shepard will be remembered, always, for his  
accomplishments of the past: being one of the original seven  
Mercury astronauts, for being the first American to fly in space,  
and for being one of only 12 Americans ever to step on the Moon.  
He should also be remembered as someone who, even in his final  
days, never lost sight of the future.

On behalf of the space program Alan Shepard helped launch,  
and all those that space program has and will inspire, we send our  
deepest condolences to his wife Louise, their children, and the  
rest of the Shepard family.

Alan Shepard lived to explore the heavens. On this his final  
journey, we wish him Godspeed.

- end -

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## Team Atlantis Online

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Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 02:59:18 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:47:02 -0400  
Subject: Team Atlantis Online

Greetings:

I hope you will consider sharing this with your website visitors and listmembers:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - July 17, 1998  
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Greetings From Team Atlantis (<http://www.teamatlantis.com>)...

From July 23-August 14, 1998, our underwater archaeological research team will be traveling to the southern islands of Japan as we create a broadcast television feature documentary revealing recently discovered man-made monuments deep below the surface of the Pacific Ocean. Amid colorful corals and hammerhead sharks, our team will make history as humankind's ancient past is revealed.

The underwater structures are located at a depth of approximately 100 feet below the surface, with the main site nearby the tiny island of Yonaguni, the southernmost member of the Ryukyu archipelago:

Image Gallery:

<http://www.teamatlantis.com/plan/gallery.html>

The most current geological theories suggest that Earth's ocean levels rose as much as 300 feet at the end of the last ice age. Thus, the structures, if man-made, would have last been above the surface at least 12,000 years ago. These may be the oldest man-made structures ever discovered, predating the Great Pyramid by all but the most unconventional estimates! The monuments are simply incredible to behold and their existence raises serious questions about the currently held notions of human history.

You can learn all about the expedition at:

<http://www.teamatlantis.com> Team Atlantis Online

Our team includes, but is not limited to:

Boris Said, producer of Team Atlantis: Yonaguni Expedition '98 (produced the Emmy Award winning "Mystery of the Sphinx")

Michael Arbuthnot, amateur underwater archaeologist and project director for Team Atlantis.

Vince Pace, President of Pace Technologies, underwater lighting and film experts (recently did underwater camera and lighting for "Titanic")

Dr. Robert Schoch, Boston University geologist (appeared in "Mystery of the Sphinx").

Dr. John T. Dorwin, Ball State University underwater archaeologist

Dr. James J. Hurtak, president of the Academy for Future

Sciences

Dr. Masaaki Kimura, Marine Geologist with the University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa.

Kihachiro Aratake, the scuba diver who discovered the underwater monuments.

Images and team details are located here:

[http://www.teamatlantis.com/plan/no\\_frames\\_team.html](http://www.teamatlantis.com/plan/no_frames_team.html)

Professional divers and underwater archaeologists from several Japanese universities will accompany Team Atlantis on all dives.

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Further, we're expecting millions of website visitors during the course of our adventure due to its extraordinary and universal appeal. Our website will feature daily underwater photography and audio updates as well as live and on-demand RealVideo feeds streamed directly onto the Internet from underwater:

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## Re: Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston

From: Donnie W. Shevlin <[dshevlin@primary.net](mailto:dshevlin@primary.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:47:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston

> Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 07:21:07 -0400  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston Chronicle

> This is why I am still interested in Roswell.

> There are far too many witnesses, many just now finally getting  
> the courage to come forward or speaking reluctantly after being  
> tracked down by investigators, for absolutely nothing to have  
> happened.

> Men were transferred abruptly, others were silenced by threats.  
> This for a Mogul balloon? That just does not make sense.

> Even if a "hot rod" (a plane carrying a nuke) had crashed it  
> would not justify the level of coverup that we see in this case.

> No, I am fairly well convinced that SOMETHING very out of the  
> ordinary happened. The question is what? And why does the  
> coverup continue?

> Bob

Agreed. Bob, although I have never posted arguments (difference in opinions) that I have with you on occasion. I would like to post one here that we agree.

The government has lied far to many times on this issue to be coming clean anytime soon.

I don't have the Houston article at hand but what I recall, the PR officer was given explicate instructions as to what to write in that first news release. These gentlemen, base commander etc., knew what a weather balloon was and more than likely would be able to identify one from a distance. Inflated, deflated, crashed or even mauled by tigers, they know the difference between a balloon and a crashed unknown vehicle.

Donnie

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## Re: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

From: Sean Jones <[Tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:Tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 22:52:52 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:47:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 09:56:41 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[el51@dial.pipex.com](mailto:el51@dial.pipex.com)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Signing Off

>Dear Friends and Colleagues,

>I have to inform you that I am pulling out of ufology for an  
>indefinite period. This has not been an easy decision to reach  
>as I have been actively involved for nearly 20 years.

<snipped>

>Like I said at the beginning, this decision has not been reached  
>lightly but it is something I have to do and my wife and  
>family must come first.

Family IS!

>For those of you receiving this message that have become friends  
>of mine as well as colleagues, I'd ask you not to become  
>strangers just because I am no longer involved in ufology. I'll  
>always have an interest in the subject no matter what.

>Yours Sincerely,

>Philip Mantle.

>20 July, 1998.

Hi Philip

Although I don't know you personally I fully respect your  
decision. Please stay in touch with the UFO scene. I doubt (IMHO)  
that you will be able to leave ufology completely because of the  
nature of the animal.

However I wish you the very best.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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## Re: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:47:45 -0400  
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>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 09:56:41 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[e151@dial.pipex.com](mailto:e151@dial.pipex.com)>  
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>Subject: Signing Off

>Dear Friends and Colleagues,

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>indefinite period. This has not been an easy decision to reach  
>as I have been actively involved for nearly 20 years.

Hello Philip,

On behalf of myself, Budd and all of the members of IF we  
wish you and your family the very best for your future.

I'll miss your 'regular requests' for people, names, addresses,  
books, films, articles, e-mail addresses, websites, archives,  
researchers, and every other manner of UFO related information.  
I've always envisioned you in my head sitting in the middle of  
a cluttered little office surrounded by tall stacks of papers  
and files while you work feverishly on several things at once.  
<VBG>

Best of luck to you and yours Mr Mantle,

"Live long and prosper!"

John Velez, Webmaster, IF-AIC

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## Skeptics, 17th Century Style

From: Greg Sandow <[gsandow@prodigy.net](mailto:gsandow@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 14:34:40 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:47:36 -0400  
Subject: Skeptics, 17th Century Style

The following passage is from God's Fires, a fine science fiction novel by Patricia Anthony about alien abductions in 17th century Portugal.

Anthony is the only SF writer I've read who draws repeatedly on the abduction literature. One of her earliest books, Brother Termite, is almost a dramatization of David Jacobs's The Threat; it's about sometime in the near future when the abduction aliens have overtly taken over.

Another, Cold Allies (one of her best), combines foo fighters and abductions, telling the story of a future war in which combatants are observed by odd balls of blue light.

In God's Fires, the familiar gray abductors show up in Portugal during the reign of feeble-minded King Alfonso, at the height of the Inquisition. They float through walls, and make women inexplicably pregnant. Their ships are seen lighting up the sky at light, and one even crashes. Two of the aliens are imprisoned in a village jail, along with the corpse of a third.

Because this is the 17th century, people think they're seeing God and angels. That draws the Inquisition's interest, and there's a formal heresy trial, complete with torture and the threat of burning at the stake.

Midway through comes this very amusing conversation. Bernardo, a young, tormented monk serves as scribe for the chief inquisitor. He tends to believe the aliens are angels, but can't say so openly. With him during a meal are two secular lawyers, forced to serve the Inquisition at low pay, whose main interest is to get the whole thing finished with as little fuss as possible. They try to find a rational explanation. Bernardo can never remember their names, and to himself calls them Scarecrow and Goatee, after their appearance.

Here's the passage, beginning in the midst of a discussion of the aliens' hypnotic eyes:

"Their eyes are dark and featureless, therefore . . ."

"Yes, yes." Scarecrow said, "I get your meaning. The viewers imagine something in their own reflections. Precisely."

Goatee, fork in one hand, knife in the other, stared down at the sacrificial apple. "But then, if [the beings are] not supernatural, what?"

"Animals. Lord knows there are enough strange animals in Africa, in Brazil, in the Spanish New World."

"Ah!" Goatee hoisted his knife. "Of course! Brilliant, Tadeo! A Spanish plot! They find the strange animals in some New World colony, see that they are very like human, and . . . they drop them where? Precisely where they know the king to be. They planned this all along, the disgracados!"

Scarecrow sawed into his polenta. "How?"

Goatee leaned forward, cupped his ear.

"How did they drop them here?"

Goatee slapped the table. "Catapulted!"

"Ah, good! Yes! Well, then. All decided. A Spanish plot."

Bernardo said. "What about the wornen?" [who had said they'd seen lights in the sky]

Goatee leaned over, cupped an ear.

"The women's story." Bernardo put down his silverware. "What about that? And although Gregorio Neves is not here to testify, he told Senhor MagalhAes that he saw the selfsame star hang in the air above his fields before darting away the same direction it had come. Is such a thing possible with a catapult?"

Goatee and Scarecrow looked at each other. Goatee sucked a tooth. "Ah! The catapulted acorn came over the field, thus." He demonstrated a slow arc with his hand. -And when it reached its apex, from the perspective seen below . . ."

"Of course." Scarecrow nodded. "It seemed to hang. A trick of the eye."

Goatee's hand came down, fingers meeting the table. "And so it fell, a long ways away, thus was never discovered. Who knows how many acorns they shot? Apparently the aim is not exact."

Scarecrow crossed himself. "Lauda Dei."

"Praise God, indeed. And the women? Well, perhaps they lie."

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:47:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> From: [RobIrving@aol.com](mailto:RobIrving@aol.com)  
> Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 22:21:12 EDT  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Re: UFO Update: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> Firstly, I have no opinion on whether migraines account for  
> UFO-type experiences (I've never had migraines), but it seems  
> curious that you appear to so anxious to dismiss the idea without  
> bothering to read up on it.

It seems curious to me that anyone would be willing to pay attention to something so unscientific as a hypothesis without a discriminator and without reasonable analogy in the literature. I only did so because it seemed a perfect example of anti-OEH pseudoscience.

A 12th century saint seems pretty far to reach when there must have been thousands of hours of migraine research in the modern world.

And yet, not one laboratory reproduced close encounter among them, apparently.

Not that the saint's experience seems like it could account for anything more than fleeting lights. And absent a diagnosis that the saint actually suffered from migraine (based on modern scientific examination), your assertion or the assertion by the author of a book that the saint's experience was caused by migraine is no more than that - an unsubstantiated assertion.

You know, it takes more than saying, gee, these symptoms as written about, usually in a self-report, sound a lot like how I read a close encounter as appearing. First, you must prove that the close encounter reporter suffers from migraine. Then you must prove that the representation of migraine sufferers among close encounter witnesses is higher than could be accounted for by chance. Then you must demonstrate a causal connection in the form of a continuum of migraine experiences from the most headache like to the most close encounter-like. Then, preferably, you should have laboratory supervised close encounter migraines, with MRI and other brain data demonstrating that a migraine was actually in progress at the time of the hallucination.

And by the way, hyperventilation, a blow on the head, or a variety of psychotropic drugs, including ergot (occasionally prevalent in the 12th century, BTW) could have caused an experience of seeing waves of specks of lights. The hypothesizer must demonstrate that migraine experiences are also differentiable from those experiences. And note that the saint's description isn't much like that of any actual, reliable, close encounter in the literature.

As I said, I have a lot to read, and until someone shows that migraines have more relationship to UFOs than did the Corso fantasy, I just don't have the time or money to waste. I didn't read Corso, either.

The onus is on the proposer to show the connection.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -  
Author of SF novels available at...  
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## Bond Johnson & Regher on Bell

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From: [RONALD.REGEHR@Aerojet.com](mailto:RONALD.REGEHR@Aerojet.com) (Regehr, Ronald)  
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Subject: ART BELL FINAL CONFIRMATION  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 10:50:03 -0700

The crap shoot is over. YO!

Tonight Bond and I will be on Art Bell's show at 11:00 p.m. This is confirmed both by Art and by LMH. So...if you have ANY questions, comments, ??, concerns send them ASAP to BOTH Bond and my home e-mail ([regehrrs@exo.com](mailto:regehrrs@exo.com)). Anything you DO NOT want revealed should also be pointed out. I do not know whether we will be on for the "duration" or only for an hour--that is Art's call.

Ron

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## NASA: On Alan Shepard, First American Astronaut

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ALAN SHEPARD, FIRST AMERICAN ASTRONAUT, DIES AT 74

Alan B. Shepard, Jr., the first American to fly in space and one of only 12 humans who walked on the Moon, died Tuesday night after a lengthy illness in Monterey, CA. He was 74.

Shepard died at Community Hospital on the Monterey Peninsula, according to his family. The cause of death was not disclosed. Funeral services are pending.

"The entire NASA family is deeply saddened by the passing of Alan Shepard. NASA has lost one of its greatest pioneers; America has lost a shining star," said NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin.

"Alan Shepard will be remembered, always, for his accomplishments of the past; being one of the original Mercury astronauts, for being the first American to fly in space, and for being one of only 12 Americans ever to step on the Moon. He should also be remembered as someone who, even in his final days, never lost sight of the future," Goldin added.

"On behalf of the space program Alan Shepard helped launch, and all those that the space program has and will inspire, we send our deepest condolences to his wife, Louise, their children, and the rest of the Shepard family.

Alan Shepard lived to explore the heavens. On this final journey, we wish him Godspeed."

"Alan Shepard is a true American hero, a pioneer, an original. He was part of a courageous corps of astronauts that allowed us to reach out into space and venture into the unknown," said George W.S. Abbey, Director of the Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX. "Alan Shepard gave all of us the privilege to participate in the beginnings of America's great adventure of human space exploration. He will be greatly missed. The program has lost one of its greatest supporters and a true friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Louise, and their family."

Named as one of the nation's original seven Mercury astronauts

in 1959, Shepard became the first to carry America's banner into space on May 5, 1961, riding a Redstone rocket on a 15-minute suborbital flight that took him and his Freedom 7 Mercury capsule 115 miles in altitude and 302 miles downrange from Cape Canaveral, FL.

His flight followed by three weeks the launch of Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, who on April 12, 1961, became the first human space traveler on a one-orbit flight lasting 108 minutes.

Although the flight of Freedom 7 was brief, it nevertheless was a major step forward for the U.S. in a rapidly-accelerating race with the Soviet Union for dominance in the new arena of space.

Buoyed by the overwhelming response to Shepard's flight, which made the astronaut an instant hero and a household name, President John F. Kennedy set the nation on a course to the Moon, declaring before a joint session of Congress just three weeks later, "I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before the decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

Over a three and a half year period from July 1969 to December 1972, a dozen Americans explored the lunar surface. Shepard was the fifth man to walk on the Moon, and the oldest, at the age of 47.

Shepard, however, was almost bypassed for a trip to the moon. He had to overcome an inner ear problem called Meuniere's syndrome that grounded him for several years following his initial pioneering flight.

An operation eventually cured the problem and Shepard was named to command the Apollo 14 mission. On January 31, 1971, Shepard, Command Module pilot Stuart Roosa and Lunar Module pilot Edgar Mitchell embarked for the Moon atop a Saturn 5 rocket. Shepard and Mitchell landed the lunar module Antares on February 5 in the Fra Mauro highlands while Roosa orbited overhead in the command ship Kitty Hawk.

Shepard planted his feet on the lunar surface a few hours later, declaring, "Al is on the surface, and it's been a long way, but we're here." During two excursions on the surface totaling nine hours, Shepard and Mitchell set up a science station, collected 92 pounds of rocks and gathered soil samples from the mountainous region.

Near the end of the second moonwalk, and just before entering the lunar module for the last time, Shepard (an avid golfer) hit two golf balls with a makeshift club. The first landed in a nearby crater. The second was hit squarely, and in the one-sixth gravity of the moon, Shepard said it traveled "miles and miles and miles."

Shepard's death leaves only four survivors among the original Mercury 7 astronauts: Sen. John Glenn, Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper and Walter Schirra.

Born Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr. on Nov. 18, 1923, in East Derry, NH, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1944. Upon graduation, he married Louise Brewer, whom he met while at Annapolis. Shepard received his wings as a Naval aviator in 1947 and served several tours aboard aircraft carriers. In 1950, he attended Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, MDS, and became a test pilot and instructor there. He later attended the Naval War College at Newport, RI, and after graduating, was assigned to the staff of the commander-in-chief, Atlantic Fleet, as an aircraft readiness officer.

In August 1974, Shepard, then a rear admiral, retired from both NASA and the Navy and became chairman of Marathon Construction Corp. in Houston. He later founded his own business company, Seven Fourteen Enterprises, named for his two missions on Freedom 7 and Apollo 14.

In 1984, he and the other surviving Mercury astronauts, along with Betty Grissom, the widow of astronaut Virgil I. (Gus) Grissom, founded the Mercury Seven Foundation to raise money for scholarships for science and engineering students in college. In 1995, the organization was renamed the Astronaut Scholarship

Foundation. Shepard was elected president and chairman of the foundation, posts he held until October 1997, when he turned over both positions to former astronaut James A. Lovell.

Survivors include his widow, Louise, daughters Julie, Laura and Alice and six grandchildren.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, 6225 Vectorspace Boulevard, Titusville, FL, 32780.

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## Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

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Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 14:08:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:47:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 03:47:31 EDT  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Upcoming TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

>>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 17 Jul 1998 06:01:11 +0200  
>>Subject: Upcoming TV Documentaries Based On Steven Greer's Ideas

>>American Artists Film Corporation Announces Agreement with  
>>Dr. Steven M. Greer

>>PR Newswire - July 16, 1998 19:16

>>ATLANTA, July 16 /PRNewswire/ -- American Artists Film  
>>Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: AAFC) announced completion of  
>>an agreement with Crossing Point, Inc., a company headed by Dr.  
>>Steven M. Greer, an authority on the subject of extraterrestrial  
>>intelligence. Subject to completion of financing, the agreement  
>>calls for AAFC to produce a series of television documentaries  
>>featuring Dr. Greer's ideas and opinions regarding the existence  
>>of extraterrestrial life. AAFC has six months, with an optional  
>>six-month extension, to securing financing.

>So what we seem to be discussing is Ross Perot style "paid  
>informercials" so to speak, depending on who is going to bank  
>roll the project(s).

Hi Bob, hi All,

Couldn't have said it better myself! This guy is a 'horror' of  
self-promotion and agrandizement. Greer has \_appointed himself\_  
the "peoples representative" in Washington. Again, and loudly I  
say, "BALLS!" This guy Greer needs a serious wake-up call. I feel  
sorry for those who "follow him" unquestioningly and blindly.  
People gotta learn to ask pertinent, and revealing questions.  
Believing everything you 'hear' from Greer is no way to go  
through life! <EG>

John Velez

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### Re: Triangular UFOs in the Quinte Area

From: Sean Liddle Quinte-Eco <[ecocon@intranet.ca](mailto:ecocon@intranet.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 2009 13:32:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:50:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Triangular UFOs in the Quinte Area

Hidelee ho neighbors:

With all the talk about Belgium and their triangular UFO flap in 1989, I thought I would let you all in on some sightings in the Belleville to Brighton Ontario (Canada)..

In 1981, a 40 year old man was camping with his family (okay I admit it, it was my father) at Presquile Provincial Park, Brighton, Ontario. On numerous occasions this man and others including park rangers and at least one Ontario Provincial Police office had seen your typical orb like lights moving about over Lake Ontario. These were seen often by many campers and reported to the local Military Base at Trenton Ontario. On one such occasion, two C130 Hercules aircraft were seen by 10 plus campers to fly out over the lake (following reports of lights by fellow campers) using high intensity search lights, only to return back towards base following 15 minutes of flying in a pattern over the water (the lights had disappeared into the water shortly before the aircraft appeared). A little while later, the lights re-appeared. A phone call to the base resulted in a denial of aircraft being sent out.

A few nights later, after we had all gone to our tents, my father had begun to put out the campfire. Suddenly, he noticed that all animal/frog and insect noises had stopped. He felt movement above and looked up.. What he saw was "a triangular section of darkness blotting out the stars" it started as a point of darkvess (45 degree angle) which increased in size until the sky above our site was blotted out. It moved silently to the west (towards high bluff island) and started increasing speed until it was above the water entirely. He moved to the roadway and watched it as it rapidly moved upward at an approximately 35 degree angle, then the black area diminished until he could no longer discern its location. No other witnesses were present as this was the end of the camping season and a night in the middle of the week. Sighting time approx 1:00, hight of object approx. 300ft (100 metres), size ??large, over 100 ft (30 M).

When I stared QAPRA (Quinte Aerial Phenomenon Research Association) in 1994, I was contacted by my father and other residents of the Stirling area that he knew. Apparently they had been seeing slow moving objects above their (rural) homes late at night that were apparently small (under 50') with a series of lights beneath them, moving from the north to southwest.. From their descriptions, I assumed they were Stealth aircraft moving from Canadian Forces Base Ottawa to CFB Trenton and paid no more attention. I asked a few friend who worked on the base who were of no help (being usless administration wogs :) ) as they knew nothing of incoming foreign aircraft they working only in daylight hours. They said they would call if they heard of anything. They never did.

I then received a similar call in he same week from a Registered Nurse whose husband was of a similar professional career, who lived North of Trenton. Well, this appeared to me to be at first thought, the same terrestrial aircraft until she mentioned that one time, they followed the craft as it flew at excessively slow speeds (less than 80km/h) at low altitudes over local

residences. This plus the fact that the lights were turned off at one point and they had to follow the object by its appearance against the night sky.

I don't want to jump to any conclusions about these sightings given the proximity to the Air Base, but it sounds to me like I should have persued this a little more with my father prior to his death in late 1994.

Sean Liddle  
QAPRA

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## Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

From: Stanton T. Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>>  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 17:43:46 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:47:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>From: Robert Todd <[RTodd12191@aol.com](mailto:RTodd12191@aol.com)>>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 15:35:57 EDT  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 10:26:34 -0700  
>>From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>Jan (see below):

>>Stan (see below):

><snip>>

>>>>Colonel Philip J. Corso (ret.)

>>>>According to the Eisenhower Library, Colonel Corso was NEVER a  
>>>>member of the National Security Council and did NOT attend any  
>>>>of its meetings. He was connected with a subgroup. In addition  
>>>>according to the Roster of the R and D unit under General  
>>>>Trudeau, there only 2 members in the foreign technology Div. Lt.  
>>>>Colonel Corso was the junior officer. He claimed to have been  
>>>>head of the group. In other words, there seems to have been some  
>>>>very serious misrep-resentation. According to Peter Gersten,  
>>>>Corso and his son, when asked if the statement about his being  
>>>>an NSC member whould be deleted from the affidavit, both said  
>>>>no.

>Isn't it interesting that Stanton "I've Been To More Archives  
>Than Anybody In The World" Friedman only believes documents when  
>they say what he wants them to say? And since it seems doubtful  
>anybody who works at the Eisenhower Library was on the National  
>Security Council at the time Corso claimed to be a member, the  
>Eisenhower Library personnel had to rely on records for their  
>information. Perhaps Corso's involvement with the NSC was \_so\_  
>secret that the information was removed from the NSC records to  
>conceal his involvement, or perhaps nobody on the NSC had the  
>"need to know" that Corso was a member of the NSC, or, more  
>likely, the NSC records consulted by the Eisenhower Library  
>personnel were incomplete. After all, isn't Stan always telling  
>us about the hundreds of thousands of pages of NSC records that  
>haven't even been reviewed yet for declassification? And what's  
>that pithy little saying he keeps spouting, "Absence of evidence  
>is not evidence for absence." Sure, Corso was a member of the  
>NSC, and that fact would be revealed if we only had access to  
>those hundreds of thousands of pages of still- classified NSC  
>records.

>Now that Corso has passed on to that great R&D lab in (we may  
>presume) the sky, the complete contents of his military  
>personnel file should be available for inspection. Surely that  
>record will show he was a member of the NSC. But even if it  
>doesn't, so what? We reasonably can suppose, using the "logic"  
>of Friedman, Rudiak, Rqandle, and others of their ilk, that the  
>records are incomplete, and that, if they were complete, they  
>would show that Corso was a member of the NSC. Again, "absence

>of evidence is not evidence of absence." Friedman should give  
>Corso the same benefit of any supposed doubt he extends to Major  
>Marcel.

>>Lieutenant Colonel Corso--I find no record of his advancement on  
>>the retired list and when he recently testified before Congress  
>>on POW matters it was as Lieutenant Colonel Corso, US Army retired--  
>>was according to his Officer Qualification Record, Department of  
>>the Army Form 66, indeed chief of the Foreign Technology Division  
>>from 18 April 1962 to 18 June 1962. This 90 day period was enough  
>>time to give him an officer evaluation report for this position.

>>(Speculation: he was put in this position to enhance his records  
>>before a promotion board as he was also, during this short period,  
>>awarded a General Staff Identifier and awarded the Military  
>>Occupational Speciality of Research and Development, Coordinator.  
>>There is no indications of promotion boards or non-selections on  
>>DA Form 66. Such items would be in his Personnel File.)

>>He was \*not\* Chief of the Foreign Technology Division for two  
>>years as he claimed in his book. This and other inflations don't  
>>seem to bother people at all.

>Jan, after seeing how Major Marcel's "inflations" didn't seem to  
>bother anybody, does this really come as any surprise? Hell,  
>that mental giant, David Rudiak, dubbed me the "civilian point  
>man in the Air Force's smear campaign against Marcel." This is  
>the same David Rudiak who Friedman claims produced a point-  
>by-point refutation of my expose on Marcel, thereby allegedly  
>negating everything I claimed Marcel "inflated." Fact is, Marcel  
>"inflated" through his teeth, but that's not what most of the UFO  
>field wants to hear -- certainly not Friedman, who has fattened  
>his purse on Roswell, and no doubt hopes to fatten it some more.  
>Apparently he can't stand the competition from Corso.

I suppose I should be pleased that Bob Todd has come out of  
retirement to once again demonstrate his psychic skills and the  
fact that he hasn't gone to any archives, but is a splendid  
armchair theorist.

Corso's connection with the NSC wasn't classified. The NSC is a  
Statutory organization..

Here is the text which I had faxed to Gersten, Birnes,  
Lindemann, The Roswell Museum etc.:

"This is in response to your inquiry of June 2. According to the  
information found in our files, Col. Philip J. Corso was not a  
member of the National Security Council or its ancillary agency,  
the Operations Coordinating Board, during the Eisenhower  
Administration. Mr. Corso served on the staff of the  
Psychological Strategy Board and its successor, the Operations  
Coordinating Board, from August 1953 to September 1956. He  
served on a number of OCB working groups including the POW  
Working group. We have not located any evidence that he ever  
attended an actual NSC meeting....."

Herbert L. Pankratz Archivist,  
Eisenhower Library.  
June 5.1998

Last I heard, there were 11 different finders Aids for the NSC  
files alone of about 250,000 pages. At one time 50,000 pages  
were still classified.. but major effort is being made to review  
those. It is really a great place to do research. Bob and other  
armchair theorists ought to try it. Phil Klass might have saved  
himself the 1000\$ he paid me for providing 10+ NSC documents  
done in the large Pica Type, if he had gone there instead of ,  
like Bob, doing his research from his armchair and claiming that  
elite type was it at the NSC. A copy of the correspondence and  
the check is in my "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12."  
Anybody who uses libraries to check out PM newspapers from July  
8, 1947, would also note, though foolishly denied by armchair  
theorist Bob, that the Brazel wreckage had been found "last  
week", not on June 14 as required for the MOGUL disinformation.  
explanation.



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## Re: WARNING: Incorrect Information On The Artbell

From: William Hand <[ufotruth@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ufotruth@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 20:52:39 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 00:17:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: WARNING: Incorrect Information On The Artbell

Everyone,

Tonight James Bond Johnson is going to be on the Art Bell show. By now most of you should know the incorrect information that James Bond Johnson has been trying to spread. He has tried to prove, through lousy photo-enhancements, that the weather balloon JUNK in that General Ramey showed the press in his office was really the REAL WRECKAGE from the Roswell Crash. This idea is absolutely ABSURD!

(I could go into detail about how his idea is absurd but others on this list have made the reasons very clear and have explained the reasons much more clearly than I ever could.)

Apparently, James Bond Johnson is going on the Art Bell show tonight and try to make people believe that the FAKE WEATHER BALLOON JUNK, that Ramey showed the press to try and make them think that only a weather balloon had crashed, was really the real wreckage.

We all need to try and do something about this! Everyone needs to try and contact Art Bell and ask him to have someone like Kevin Randall or Stanton Friedman on the show tonight to refute Jame Bond Johnsons incorrect claims and information!

If you are reading this Kevin Randall and Stanton Friedman then please try to contact Art Bell and get on the show so you can prevent the public from believeing the incorrect information that James Bond Johnson is going to try and spread!

We need you now Kevin Randall and Stanton Friedman!

Best Regards,  
William

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## P-1947: Project 1947 on Sightings Radio

From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@CYBERZONE.NET](mailto:jan@CYBERZONE.NET)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 18:33:34 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 00:49:18 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: Project 1947 on Sightings Radio

Greetings List,

I will appear on Jeff Rense's show Friday, 7-24. The show is from 7-10 pm Pacific. This should be a long show. I don't know if people can take me for two to three hours.

Regards,

Jan

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Jan Aldrich  
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## Re: Sheriff Sees Prank And No Aliens In Crop Circle

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Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 03:24:40 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 02:09:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Sheriff Sees Prank And No Aliens In Crop Circle

From: The Toledo Blade.

URL:

<http://www.toledoblade.com:80/editorial/spot98/8g22crop.htm>

Stig

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Sheriff just sees a prank and no aliens in crop circle

July 22, 1998

BY MIKE TRESSLER  
Blade Staff Writer

BROUGHTON, O. - A so-called "crop circle" has some Paulding County residents scratching their heads - again.

Is it man-made? The creation of a mysterious natural force? The impression of an alien spaceship?

(The sheriff says vandals created the latest crop circle. Toledo Blade photo by Lisa Dutton.)

In X-Files fashion, investigators of the paranormal have come and gone in Latty Township, as they did exactly two years ago to another field south of Paulding.

They peered, probed, and collected dirt and stalks where wheat was mashed flat in a perfect circle.

While they returned to laboratories to analyze samples and ponder data, Paulding County Sheriff Dave Harrow looked the site over and made his conclusion.

"It looks like a case of vandalism of wheat," the sheriff said. "It does not look like the work of extraterrestrial beings."

The round patch of flattened wheat was discovered by farmer Brian Ruble on July 6 while he was harvesting wheat on a farm owned by Georgia Price.

The mysterious ring is three miles from where an identical crop circle was found in July, 1996.

Mrs. Price herself inspected the 92-foot circle. There were noticeable footsteps leading to the circle. But she said they were from people traipsing the wheat field to stare at the ring.

"The wheat was flattened to the ground, all bent over in one direction, counterclockwise," she said.

What is it? What caused it? That's what observers ask every time a crop circle appears.

Theories abound among students of the paranormal. Are crop circles weather phenomena? Landing pads for unidentified flying objects? The result of quirky winds or magnetic energy forces?

Or are they hoaxes, made by jokesters?

In 1996, spectators flocked to see the circle on a field farmed by Dan, Don, and Dave Arends. Investigators studied soil and wrote reports. T-shirts were sold.

This time, not as many noticed. "Curious people came to look the first few days," Mrs. Price said.

"I don't know what the circle is. Most folks around here think it's weather-related or something, or maybe it's caused by them little green men from outer space.

"We joke about that, but we don't really know."

Sheriff Harrow does not have those doubts.

"It looks like vandalism to me," he said. "The case is closed."

Crop circles have cropped up on farms since they first were found in England in the 1970s. Since then, thousands of them have appeared there.

The rings, of all sizes, have been investigated by organizations which look for evidence of paranormal activity or clues to the existence of unidentified flying objects.

An investigator from the Mutual UFO Network, Roger Sugden, and an Eastern Michigan University professor, Jeffrey Wilson, were on the scene one recent day, Mrs. Price said.

But most crop circles have proved to be hoaxes, perpetrated by practical jokers.

It was concluded that the 1996 Paulding County ring was man-made.

One investigator, Joe Nickell of the nonprofit Skeptical Inquirer, declared, "They're all hoaxes."

Likewise, a 1996 crop circle in Allen County was declared a fake.

In 1995, several crop circles were discovered in Michigan's Lenawee County, prompting speculation about alien landings and supernatural forces.

Five teens confessed to walking in circles to trample the wheat.

And in England, two men were found to have mapped and made many circles using string and boards to flatten the stalks.

Still, UFO enthusiasts and sleuths of the paranormal prick up their ears whenever a new crop circle is found. Not all could be bogus, they say.

"Sure, some are hoaxes, but some are unexplained," said Richard Thielmann of Toledo, a Mutual UFO Network member.

"Our organization has analyzed wheat and found chemical changes in stalks and how grain was broken off that could not have been done by pranksters," he said.

Sheriff Harrow has studied the topic since the 1996 crop circle caused an uproar in his county.

"I've read documents about them and I went out there to look and I'm satisfied it was made by people," the sheriff said.

He says he especially does not believe it is UFO-related.

"I personally think if intelligent extraterrestrial beings evaded radar and other detection, they would not make a mark by landing

Re: Sheriff Sees Prank And No Aliens In Crop Circle

in a wheat field when there are so many empty paved parking lots  
for them to land on."

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## Klass Question

From: Scott Jordan <[sjordan@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjordan@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:01:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 12:44:52 -0400  
Subject: Klass Question

Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
Can anyone answer this ?

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## Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

From: **Greg St. Peirre** <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 06:52:18 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 13:02:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

Dear list,

For what it's worth, Steven Greer claims to have aquired a great deal of video footage from his "CE-5s". He will not release any of this footage or allow it to be studied independently. I saw one or two seconds of it on a TV show, and admittedly it looked interesting, but that's ALL I've ever seen. Anyone ever see more?

Greg

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## Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin 03

From: **Greg Sandow** <[gsandow@prodigy.net](mailto:gsandow@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 01:52:12 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 13:04:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin 03

> Date: Sat, 16 May 1998 17:44:24 -0400  
> From: Mendoza <[101653.2205@compuserve.com](mailto:101653.2205@compuserve.com)> [Peter Brookesmith]  
> Subject: MAGONIA ETH Bulletin 03  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

> In Britain, Christopher Kenworthy and his fellow researchers have  
> tried a similar experiment. Some of the subjects remembered being  
> abducted, but when the tapes were played back they were seen to  
> have been in bed all the time. However, on two separate nights  
> which tally with their abduction memories, two of our  
> experimenters were seen getting up and leaving the bedroom. In  
> both cases they look asleep as they walk. In both cases they are  
> missing for exactly three hours and 27 minutes. And then, still  
> asleep, they walk back in and climb into bed. (4)

> 4. Kenworthy, Christopher. Abduction Evidence , Alien Encounters,  
> No. 25, 1998, 68

I'd love to read this piece. Can anyone point me toward a copy of  
the publication?

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston

From: **Bob Shell** <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 06:49:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 13:01:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston

>Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 11:58:48 -0500  
>From: Donnie W. Shevlin <[dshevlin@primary.net](mailto:dshevlin@primary.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell Witnesses Interviewed By Houston Chronicle

>Agreed. Bob, although I have never posted arguments (difference  
>in opinions) that I have with you on occasion. I would like to  
>post one here that we agree.

>The government has lied far to many times on this issue to be  
>coming clean anytime soon.

>I don't have the Houston article at hand but what I recall, the  
>PR officer was given explicate instructions as to what to write  
>in that first news release. These gentlemen, base commander etc.,  
>knew what a weather balloon was and more than likely would be  
>able to identify one from a distance. Inflated, deflated, crashed  
>or even mauled by tigers, they know the difference between a  
>balloon and a crashed unknown vehicle.

>Donnie

Thanks .

As anyone who knows me well will tell you, I am honest and not shy about expressing my opinions. I don't expect everyone to agree with me, and my mind is not closed to other ideas and interpretations.

Like anyone else, I like it when I am right, but am willing to admit it when I am wrong. So far I have seen nothing to make me think that I am wrong about Roswell.

They really should have used a crashed B-29 as a cover story. There were some crashes, and that would have worked a lot better than this absurd balloon concoction they came up with. You are right, the most important point is that everyone involved from Brazel on to Ramey knew damned well what crashed balloons looked like, and this did not look like one.

Bob

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: **Greg Sandow** <[gsandow@prodigy.net](mailto:gsandow@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 10:49:35 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 13:12:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> From: [RobIrving@aol.com](mailto:RobIrving@aol.com)  
> Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 22:21:12 EDT  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Re: UFO Update: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

Rob Irving castigates Mark Cashman:

> Firstly, I have no opinion on whether migraines account for  
> UFO-type experiences (I've never had migraines), but it seems  
> curious that you appear to so anxious to dismiss the idea without  
> bothering to read up on it.

And, in the essay that started this delightful spat, John Harney had written:

"I suggest that those who wish to argue about this subject should read Dr Sacks's book first, if possible. Comments and information are welcome, particularly from medically qualified readers."

Trouble is, the two gentlemen are talking about different books. Harney based his essay on Sacks's book on migraines, while Rob wants Mark to rush off and read the touching five-page tribute to Hildegard of Bingen in Sacks's "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat."

Hildegard, a 12th century poet, mystic, and (let's not forget) musician, is famous for her visions, which Sacks says are beyond doubt "migrainous," though he gives no reason for saying so. Because he gives no reason -- and above all because he's written a separate, complete book on the subject -- his rather sweet essay isn't much of a source for the effects of migraines. I might add that most of it isn't about migraines at all, but instead about his support of Hildegard's mysticism. Even if her visions had a purely biological cause, he says, she made something wonderful of them.

What's most important, though, is Rob's thorough misunderstanding of exactly Mark said. Mark didn't dismiss the idea that UFO experiences might possibly be caused by migraines. He dismissed Harney's argument for that, which he thought was unscientific in the extreme.

And now Rob comes along and says, "Lo! Do your reading! Read an Oliver Sacks book that isn't even the one Harney cited in his notes, and isn't even mentioned anywhere in Harney's essay!"

This ought to give Mark yet another skeptics' trait to cite, next time he demolishes some skeptical thinking.

Very perceptively - amusingly, too - Mark had talked about a charming habit of skeptics, their way of insisting that their opponents find the scientific "descriptor." Skeptics, in other words, sometimes put forth idle theories, like Harney's on migraines. Harney, having read some UFO reports and a book on migraines, essentially says "Whoa! Look at that! Some similarities here, don't you think?"

What Mark points out is that Harney hasn't supplied the

descriptor - the traits that would take the discussion beyond anecdotes, and precisely distinguish a visual experience caused by migraines from one caused by something else. With such a descriptor, we might establish not that UFO experiences MIGHT be caused by migraines, but that they really are.

And in return, Harney's supporters prove Mark's point about skeptics, by rushing in to say (in effect) "You say UFO sightings can't be caused by migraines? (Which Mark didn't say, of course.) You haven't proved that they're not!" In other words, suddenly the burden of proof is on Mark, and his thorough demolishing of Harney's logic is entirely ignored.

But Rob has now taken this to another level .Mark criticizes Harney, saying his citations from Oliver Sacks don't prove his point. Rob jumps in, saying "But you didn't read this OTHER Sacks book," one Harney hadn't even mentioned. So it's not enough for skeptics to ask Mark to find Harney's missing (and crucial) descriptor. Now they want him to do Harney's research!

Laughing very hard,

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Meier Pictures

From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 09:41:31 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 13:17:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

>From: The Duke of Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith <[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Meier Pictures  
>Sender: The Duke of Mendoza <[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>Couldn't resist this one. That above is true except that

>(a) a crucial difference is the .223 is a jacketed round, while  
>.22 Long Rifle is a bare lead bullet (though it may be copper  
>washed);

That is correct. I have fired thousands of rounds of both types.  
Plus the fact that the .223 (or 5.56 mm velocity is about 3200  
feet per second from the barrel of an M 16 rifle. The .22  
caliber LR round out of a standard .22 caliber rifle is a bit of  
1000 feet per second.

>.22 WMR is a jacketed round, however, and is deadly - it  
>actually carries more kinetic energy than a .45 Colt ACP, and is  
>the preferred pistol round for Mossad terminators:

Dear Duke.... wrong and wrong. I carried and used a .45 ACP for  
years both in the U.S. Army and while a police officer. The  
standard .45 ACP (it means Automatic Colt Pistol) round is a 234  
Grn. jacketed slug. Standard velocity is around 870 feet per  
second. Maxium range (not effective range, although even at this  
I would not wish to be hit even at this range) is 1,500 meters.  
EFFECTIVE Range is between 50 and 60 meters depending on the  
skill of the operator. I have hit targets at 100 meters with a  
.45 ACP however. If you use "controlled expansion ammunition  
then everything goes out the window. Winchester has made a round  
called the "silvertip" which imparts awsome wound  
characteristics. It is in the range of 185 Grns. weight.

The Mossad used a .22 caliber weapon for "executive actions",  
but it was a Berreta (sp?) in a .22 caliber SHORT. But back to  
the reason I wrote this, the idea of comparing a .22 WMR to a  
.45 ACP as carrying more kinetic energy is just patently  
ridiculous. Kind of like comparing a small stone to a huge block  
of granite.Don (love that .45 ACP) Ecker Been there, and DONE  
THAT!

-- Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong  
conclusion with confidence.

Don Ecker  
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## Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

From: Robert Todd <[RTodd12191@aol.com](mailto:RTodd12191@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:50:04 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 12:58:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 17:43:46 -0300  
>From: Stanton T. Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>>From: Robert Todd <[RTodd12191@aol.com](mailto:RTodd12191@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 15:35:57 EDT  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>>>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 10:26:34 -0700  
>>>From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>>Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

Friedman wrote:

<snip>

>I suppose I should be pleased that Bob Todd has come out of  
>retirement to once again demonstrate his psychic skills and the  
>fact that he hasn't gone to any archives, but is a splendid  
>armchair theorist.

Thank you, Stan, I think you mean that.

>Corso's connection with the NSC wasn't classified. The NSC is a  
>Statutory organization..

Stan, have you become a member of the government's cover-up?  
Surely Corso could have had an unclassified involvement with the  
NSC, and a highly-classified part not reflected in the merely  
top-secret stuff, in much the same way that Twining, in  
reporting to his superiors, lied about not having any crashed  
saucers in the possession of the Air Force. Hell, if Twining  
would lie to his superiors as you and Randle allege, why  
wouldn't the NSC lie to other members of the NSC, and doctor the  
official records to conceal Corso's super-duper,  
tippy-top-secret duties with the NSC? They wouldn't even have to  
doctor the records, but just keep the super-duper-secret stuff  
out of the hands of the Eisenhower Library. Absence of evidence  
is not evidence of absence. If it's good enough for MJ-12, then,  
dammit, it's good enough for Corso too.

>Here is the text which I had faxed to Gersten, Birnes,  
>Lindemann, The Roswell Museum etc.:

>"This is in response to your inquiry of June 2. According to the  
>information found in our files, Col. Philip J. Corso was not a  
>member of the National Security Council or its ancillary agency,  
>the Operations Coordinating Board, during the Eisenhower  
>Administration. Mr. Corso served on the staff of the  
>Psychological Strategy Board and its successor, the Operations  
>Coordinating Board, from August 1953 to September 1956. He  
>served on a number of OCB working groups including the POW  
>Working group. We have not located any evidence that he ever  
>attended an actual NSC meeting....."



>Herbert L. Pankratz Archivist,  
>Eisenhower Library.  
>June 5.1998

Irrelevant. Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.

I'm certain that, like the mythical MJ-12, Corso's real duties with the NSC were so tippy-top-secret that you aren't going to find them among the merely top-secret holdings of the NSC. You're gonna have to peek at the SCI and ESI stuff -- but we all know MJ-12 will never let that happen, although I'm certain there are members of the current MJ-12 who really want the truth to come out - you know, the guys who helped you and Bill Moore out by furnishing all those Top Secret/Majic documents.

I shudder to think what nefarious activities Corso was involved in that the NSC and MJ-12 feel they must hide the details of his true involvement with the NSC. I think we have a second Cosmic Watergate here. Maybe Corso was deeply involved officially with crashed saucers a lot earlier than he led us to believe in his book. I understand he imparted startling information to his son just prior to his death. Maybe he even had records to support his statements, and perhaps his son will release them in the not-too-distant future.

Besides, not all NSC records were transferred to the Eisenhower Library. Maybe the records detailing Corso's real, super-duper, tippy-top-secret duties are still held by the NSC. If I were you, I'd file a FOIA with the NSC. And, if necessary, you can take it all the way to the Supreme Court, just like you did with the CAUS lawsuit against the NSA. If anybody can do it, you can. I have faith in you, and I know you won't let me down.

>Last I heard, there were 11 different finders Aids for the NSC  
>files alone of about 250,000 pages. At one time 50,000 pages  
>were still classified.. but major effort is being made to review  
>those.

Ahhh, that's what they want you to believe. And they probably have withheld only those records dealing with MJ-12 and Corso's tippy-top-secret NSC duties, which are not reflected in the merely top-secret records. Surely they must consider Corso as important as your "ground breaking" research into the MJ-12 documents.

>It is really a great place to do research. Bob and other  
>armchair theorists ought to try it.

This armchair researcher can out-research you any day of the week.

>Phil Klass might have saved  
>himself the 1000\$ he paid me for providing 10+ NSC documents  
>done in the large Pica Type, if he had gone there instead of ,  
>like Bob, doing his research from his armchair and claiming that  
>elite type was it at the NSC.

Be careful with your wording there, Stan. Don't claim that I ever claimed anything about pica or elite type, as might be assumed from your (deliberately?) poorly worded sentence.

You keep rubbing Klass' nose in this as though his stupid bet somehow makes Roswell and MJ-12 true. Must be some of that superior logic you employ.

>A copy of the correspondence and the check is in my "Final  
>Report on Operation Majestic 12."

What's the matter, Stan? Why didn't you include your address where your \$16,000 report can be purchased?

>Anybody who uses libraries to check out PM newspapers from July  
>8, 1947, would also note, though foolishly denied by armchair  
>theorist Bob, that the Brazel wreckage had been found "last  
>week", not on June 14 as required for the MOGUL disinformation.  
>explanation.

I never denied that some newspapers said "last week." And insofar as the source of the balloon debris is concerned, it really doesn't matter if Brazil found it on June 14th or later. The "MOGUL disinformation explanation" doesn't depend on the

date when Brazil found the debris.

It's as much selective choice of data for you as you claim it is for me.

Remember, absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. You just gotta keep looking, Stan. Trust me. Corso's secret involvement with the NSC is every bit as important to ufology as your MJ-12 is.

Long live Roswell!

Bob "Testy" Todd

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## Sheriff Sees A Prank And No Aliens In Crop Circle

From: **Kenny Young** <[task@fuse.net](mailto:task@fuse.net)>  
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Subject: Sheriff Sees A Prank And No Aliens In Crop Circle

Sheriff just sees a prank and no aliens in crop circle

The Toledo Blade  
July 22, 1998

BY MIKE TRESSLER Blade Staff Writer

BROUGHTON, O. - A so-called "crop circle" has some Paulding County residents scratching their heads - again.

Is it man-made? The creation of a mysterious natural force? The impression of an alien spaceship?

In X-Files fashion, investigators of the paranormal have come and gone in Latty Township, as they did exactly two years ago to another field south of Paulding.

They peered, probed, and collected dirt and stalks where wheat was mashed flat in a perfect circle.

While they returned to laboratories to analyze samples and ponder data, Paulding County Sheriff Dave Harrow looked the site over and made his conclusion.

"It looks like a case of vandalism of wheat," the sheriff said. "It does not look like the work of extraterrestrial beings."

The round patch of flattened wheat was discovered by farmer Brian Ruble on July 6 while he was harvesting wheat on a farm owned by Georgia Price.

The mysterious ring is three miles from where an identical crop circle was found in July, 1996.

Mrs. Price herself inspected the 92-foot circle. There were noticeable footsteps leading to the circle. But she said they were from people traipsing the wheat field to stare at the ring.

"The wheat was flattened to the ground, all bent over in one direction, counterclockwise," she said.

What is it? What caused it? That's what observers ask every time a crop circle appears.

Theories abound among students of the paranormal. Are crop circles weather phenomena? Landing pads for unidentified flying objects? The result of quirky winds or magnetic energy forces?

Or are they hoaxes, made by jokesters?

In 1996, spectators flocked to see the circle on a field farmed by Dan, Don, and Dave Arends. Investigators studied soil and wrote reports. T-shirts were sold.

This time, not as many noticed. "Curious people came to look the first few days," Mrs. Price said.

"I don't know what the circle is. Most folks around here think it's weather-related or something, or maybe it's caused by them little green men from outer space.

"We joke about that, but we don't really know."

Sheriff Harrow does not have those doubts.

"It looks like vandalism to me," he said. "The case is closed."

Crop circles have cropped up on farms since they first were found in England in the 1970s. Since then, thousands of them have appeared there.

The rings, of all sizes, have been investigated by organizations which look for evidence of paranormal activity or clues to the existence of unidentified flying objects.

An investigator from the Mutual UFO Network, Roger Sugden, and an Eastern Michigan University professor, Jeffrey Wilson, were on the scene one recent day, Mrs. Price said.

But most crop circles have proved to be hoaxes, perpetrated by practical jokers.

It was concluded that the 1996 Paulding County ring was man-made.

One investigator, Joe Nickell of the nonprofit Skeptical Inquirer, declared, "They're all hoaxes."

Likewise, a 1996 crop circle in Allen County was declared a fake.

In 1995, several crop circles were discovered in Michigan's Lenawee County, prompting speculation about alien landings and supernatural forces.

Five teens confessed to walking in circles to trample the wheat.

And in England, two men were found to have mapped and made many circles using string and boards to flatten the stalks.

Still, UFO enthusiasts and sleuths of the paranormal prick up their ears whenever a new crop circle is found. Not all could be bogus, they say.

"Sure, some are hoaxes, but some are unexplained," said Richard Thielmann of Toledo, a Mutual UFO Network member.

"Our organization has analyzed wheat and found chemical changes in stalks and how grain was broken off that could not have been done by pranksters," he said.

Sheriff Harrow has studied the topic since the 1996 crop circle caused an uproar in his county.

"I've read documents about them and I went out there to look and I'm satisfied it was made by people," the sheriff said.

He says he especially does not believe it is UFO-related.

"I personally think if intelligent extraterrestrial beings evaded radar and other detection, they would not make a mark by landing in a wheat field when there are so many empty paved parking lots for them to land on."

End of article

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Comment:

Special thanks to researcher Jerry Hamm of Napoleon, Ohio for following this story. A small photograph of this situation is available at: [http://members.tripod.com/~task\\_2/Paulding2.htm](http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Paulding2.htm)

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 14:02:15 -0400  
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>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 11:33:12 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

For the benefit of a number of people on this list, may I repeat: John Harney is not proposing a universal theory of UFO origin, merely suggesting that some otherwise puzzling UFO report might be explained by some of the medical symptoms of migraine.

Cashman seems curiously over-eager to discount the possibility that any UFO reports could be the result of migraine, to the extent of refusing to read the only easily accessible book on the topic.

He is keen to point out all the things an investigator should do to prove a linkage between UFO experiences and migraine:

>first you must prove the close encounter reporter suffers from  
>migraine.

I agree, but Sacks' book suggests that this might not be as easy to find out as Cashman thinks. Perhaps he should read the book after all. He'd be very scathing if I said I wouldn't read any astronomy textbooks because I'd already decided the topic had nothing to do with UFOs.

He also suggest that we should demonstrate 'a continuum of migraine experiences from the most headache like to the most close encounter-like'. Well hang on a minute. We've only been talking about this for a couple of days and you want a full research programme already? I thought the idea of putting a suggestion like this up on a mailing list was so that people could look at whether or not evidence existed. The particular case which John Harney mentioned in "ETH Bulletin" was not presented as "best evidence", simply a convenient comparison which was to hand and seemed to have a number of relevant features. I would still say that the Elsie Oakenson case bears looking at.

Rob Irving's contribution about St Hildegard also suggests a possible line of study. The wicked old PSHers of course would say it was typical that a strange and disturbing experience would be interpreted as a religious vision by a 12th Century mystic, and something entirely different by an inhabitant of a modern technological society.

Are the ETH-as-a-possible-explanation crew really so closed-minded that they have to jump, with very heavy boots, on other theories?

Yours openmindedly  
John Rimmer

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## Re: Klass Question

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 13:24:40 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 19:25:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:01:38 -0400  
>From: Scott Jordan <[sjordan@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjordan@sympatico.ca)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Klass Question

>Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
>Can anyone answer this ?

Yes. No, he's not. See Jim Schnabel's book "Dark White."

Dennis

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## Re: Klass Question

From: **Greg Sandow** <[gsandow@prodigy.net](mailto:gsandow@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 14:29:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 19:27:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

> Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:01:38 -0400  
> From: Scott Jordan <[sjordan@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjordan@sympatico.ca)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Klass Question

> Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
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No. He spent most of his professional life as a writer and editor for Aviation Week magazine. He's now retired.

Greg Sandow

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From: [KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 15:00:43 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 19:28:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:01:38 -0400  
>From: Scott Jordan <[sjordan@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjordan@sympatico.ca)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Klass Question

>Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
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Believe it or not, that was a different Philip Klass.

KRandle

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## Re: Klass Question

From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 12:30:00 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:17:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:01:38 -0400  
>From: Scott Jordan <[sjordan@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjordan@sympatico.ca)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Klass Question

>Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
>Can anyone answer this ?

The short answer is yes.

Don Ecker

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Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong conclusion  
with confidence.

Don Ecker  
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## Re: Klass Question

From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 15:47:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:20:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:01:38 -0400  
>From: Scott Jordan <[sjordan@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjordan@sympatico.ca)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Klass Question

>Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
>Can anyone answer this ?

Yes, I can answer. No, he isn't.

Bob

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## Re: Klass Question

From: Paul B. Thompson - ParaScope <[MrApol@aol.com](mailto:MrApol@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 17:23:39 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:29:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

No, Philip Klass, the aviation writer and UFO skeptic, is no the same man as William Tenn, a mathematics professor who wrote science fiction under the pseudohym, 'Philip Klass'.

Paul B. Thompson  
ParaScope

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## Re: Sheriff Sees Prank And No Aliens In Crop Circle

From: [RobIrving@aol.com](mailto:RobIrving@aol.com)  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 17:17:48 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:23:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Sheriff Sees Prank And No Aliens In Crop Circle

> From: Stig Agermose <[Stig\\_Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 03:24:40 +0200  
> Subject: Sheriff Sees Prank And No Aliens In Crop Circle

> From: The Toledo Blade.

> Sheriff just sees a prank and no aliens in crop circle

<snip>

> One investigator, Joe Nickell of the nonprofit Skeptical  
> Inquirer, declared, "They're all hoaxes."

> Likewise, a 1996 crop circle in Allen County was declared a  
> fake.

Not at all likewise. If Joe Nickell is right in saying that all crop circles are man-made, then man-made circles are the genuine phenomenon. The 'fakes' would have to be made by something else entirely.

Rob

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## Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

From: [dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca) (Donald Ledger)  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 17:10:55 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:21:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

> From: Greg St. Peirre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
> Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 06:52:18 EDT  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

> Dear list,

> For what it's worth, Steven Greer claims to have aquired a great  
> deal of video footage from his "CE-5s". He will not release any  
> of this footage or allow it to be studied independently.

That last sentence is good enough reason to blow it off right  
there Greg. Though I suppose there are those out there that can  
think of reasons why Greer should keep the stuff close to his  
chest.

Don Ledger

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### Re: Freedom of Information Bill in the UK?

From: **Tim Matthews** <[matthews@zetnet.co.uk](mailto:matthews@zetnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 10:39:39 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:38:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Bill in the UK?

The British Labour Government, elected in 1997, has made various promises relating to a future Freedom of Information Bill. This proposed legislation would be not unlike the US FOIA. I understand that although the general principles of the legislation are agreed upon there is much argument by civil servants and ministers behind closed doors about the nature of the material that would emerge.

Clearly this bill could mean that recent UK 'UFO' files might be made available for our perusal....

Whitehall mandarins, the men in grey suits, have apparently made their position known regarding information that might be 'damaging to the National Interest' - should it be released. They seem to be fighting a rearguard action at the highest level.

Under these circumstances, and given the many problems encountered by advocates of this long overdue legislation, I was pleasantly surprised to learn today that Ann Taylor (Member of Parliament for Dewsbury, President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons) would be presenting a 'draft bill' in Autumn this year.

The challenge for British Ufologists is clear. We must put what little pressure we can on our elected representatives to ensure that 'UFO' files, those opened by S4, DS8 and latterly Sec AS2a, are made available to us via the PRO and by request. Given the OFFICIAL position (and I emphasize the word official) that UFOs are 'of no defence significance' then there can be no legitimate reason to withhold them.

In addition, and this might be a point worth making in depositions, as much other (and recent) UFO-related material, for instance Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) files, should also be made available.

I can understand why UK Ufologists might feel that mundane activities such as letter writing and visiting MPs at their surgeries might not be profitable. Nevertheless, my and others experience of such efforts have been rather enlightening! In addition, we have every reason to believe that a range of fascinating 'UFO' files could be made available to us under the provisions of a future UK FOI Bill.....

It doesn't matter what we think 'UFOs' are - both the skeptic and believer must have an equal interest in knowing what new information on this subject is to emerge. I hope that people will take this opportunity to make common cause with other pressure groups in order to ensure that this opportunity is not allowed to slip through our fingers...

Get writing! Make history, not excuses!

Tim Matthews,  
Lancashire UFO Society,  
British UFO Studies Centre.

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## P-1947: The Sturrock Panel: The Next Step

From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 16:24:48 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:35:16 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: The Sturrock Panel: The Next Step

Greetings List Members,

RE: THE STURROCK PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

There are not as yet any answers to the request concerning the Sturrock Panel, and what the next step should be. There always seems to be complaints and criticisms after someone in ufology does or proposes something. There always seems to be few recommended courses of actions before the fact, but great amounts of criticism and complaints after the fact.

The main reactions to the Sturrock Panel seems to be the debate whether or not the panel precluded the ETH, if some of the panel members were nut cases, if some list members had the wrong attitude toward the panel, or if Sturrock had acted properly. The panel is over, that is the real world! All the arguments about how the panel \*should have been conducted\* are moot. Perhaps the way to focus on the problem is from a military-like point of view.

I have 25+ years in the military. Generally, in the military, if one is given a tasking, it will contain the mission statement or question, assumptions (or conditions) which contain the parameters within which the question should be answered, and intelligence (or information) which should be considered in formulating the answer.

Obviously, this is not the military, so no one can be ordered to come up with an answer. If you don't like the mission or the assumptions, don't answer, or start a thread of your own. For those others, who like Mission Impossible, "Your mission should you choose to accept it is:"

### I. Tasking:

What actions should now be taken to implement the Sturrock Panel's main recommendation that UFO deserve serious scientific consideration?

### II. Assumptions.

A. There is no definitive critical information currently available that will settle the UFO problem once and for all. (Or restated for the conspiracy minded: Those "in the know" will not be revealing critical information. So you will not be able to inspect any crashed saucers soon.)

B. Most of the official, scientific, and media establishments will remain dubious or skeptical of UFOs.

C. There will be a slim possibility of limited cooperation with official and scientific organizations (FAA, weather bureau, access to unofficial tracking networks and records).

D. Political action is not within the scope of this recommendation.

E. Funding will be extremely limited with \$500,000 being at the upper limit.

III. Intelligence.

Visit the JSE site for information on the panel. You have 50 years of information in books, newsletters and on the Internet.

Now let's see what ufology can come up with.

Best regards,

Jan

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## ORB activity on Lake Ontario

From: **Jennifer Jarvis** <[fierycelt@full-moon.com](mailto:fierycelt@full-moon.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 20:50:14 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 00:03:27 -0400  
Subject: ORB activity on Lake Ontario

Hi Errol and list,

We have put up some stills from video that I filmed on June 8th from Niagara on the Lake, plus a short report.

The link to these images and report is on the Home Page of ORBWATCH.

I hope that these are of some interest.

Best wishes.

JJ

"It is a strange place where ships, planes and people vanish into thin air, where weird fogs and globes of light abound, where ominous waters shroud sinister events."

Hugh Cochrane, "Gateway to Oblivion."

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## Re: Researcher Presents Case For Liquid Water On

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 01:27:36 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:50:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Researcher Presents Case For Liquid Water On

URL: <http://www.biospherics.com/pressrelease/pr072098.htm>

The full published paper is at

<http://www.biospherics.com/mars/spie2/spie98.htm>

Links are preceded by asterisks.

Stig

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July 20, 1998

### RESEARCHER PRESENTS CASE FOR LIQUID WATER ON MARS

Dr. Gilbert V. Levin, Mars Viking Experimenter, today reported on his study that water exists on the red planet's surface in sufficient amounts to sustain microbial life. His \*findings (link to full published paper - Stig) were presented to the Annual Meeting of the Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE) in San Diego. Dr. Levin, President of Biospherics in Beltsville, Maryland, shared authorship with his son, Dr. Ron Levin, physicist at the MIT Lincoln Laboratory in Boston. The importance of the study, Dr. Gilbert Levin said, is that it clinches the case that his Viking LR experiment found life on Mars in 1976, a conclusion that he announced in 1997.

In recent years, all arguments against the LR experiment had been eliminated except the claim that there was no life-requiring liquid water on the surface of the red planet. Last February, in discussing Mars against the background of startling new findings of life in hostile Earth environments, Dr. Wesley Huntress, NASA's Associate Administrator for Space Science, said: "We used to think that life was fragile, but wherever liquid water and chemical energy are found, there is life. There is no exception. Life may be a cosmic imperative."

Dr. Levin described a dynamic daily cycle on Mars in which the extreme cold of the Martian atmosphere greatly restricts its ability to hold water vapor. Thus, the scant water vapor on Mars

is forced down to the surface, where it is deposited in frozen form. As the sun rises, the ice melts, but its evaporation is restricted by the low vapor capacity of the overlying cold atmosphere. Levin cited Pathfinder's results to show that the atmosphere immediately above the surface warms considerably, equaling a spring day on Earth, but, just a couple of feet above the surface, temperatures are sub-freezing. The warmed surface layer of air absorbs water vapor until saturated. No more water can then evaporate from the surface, and the ice remaining there melts into liquid water. As the sun mounts, the temperature of the atmosphere above the surface warms sufficiently to permit any remaining water and ice to evaporate. However, during this daily cycle, the soil has been moistened with enough water to sustain microorganisms.

Dr. Levin explained: "Based on Viking and Pathfinder data, and consistent with the principles of thermodynamics of the triple point of water, a model has been created for a diurnal water cycle on Mars. The model predicts the presence of several tenths of a percent to one percent water moisture in the topmost layer of the surface material over large regions of Mars. Images taken by the Viking Lander cameras show nightly deposits of surface water frost, even snow, verifying the prediction of the model. Terrestrial experiments in natural environments, including the Death Valley sand dunes of California, demonstrated that the amount of soil water moisture predicted by the model is sufficient to sustain survival and growth of common soil microorganisms." Levin states: "This model removes the final constraint preventing acceptance of the biological interpretation of the Viking LR Mars data as having detected living microorganisms in the soil of Mars. It comes at a time when a growing body of evidence from the Earth and space are supporting the presence of life not only on Mars, but on many celestial bodies." As a result, Levin pressed for early Mars biology missions, none of which is currently planned by NASA, to verify and study life forms, and for caution in current plans for returning a Mars sample to Earth.

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## Re: Klass Question

From: **Karl T. Pflock** <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 20:07:20 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 00:01:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

GREETINGS, LIST SLAVES --

Scott Jordan asked:

>Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
>Can anyone answer this?

Nope, different guy altogether--altho' "our" Phil does write a lot of (bad) science fiction without labeling it as such.

-- Cheers, KARL

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## Re: Meier Pictures

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 21:03:29 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 00:16:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 09:41:31 -0700  
>From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
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>>Subject: Meier Pictures  
>>Sender: The Duke of Mendoza <[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>>

>>Couldn't resist this one. That above is true except that

>>(a) a crucial difference is the .223 is a jacketed round, while  
>>.22 Long Rifle is a bare lead bullet (though it may be copper  
>>washed);

>That is correct. I have fired thousands of rounds of both types.  
>Plus the fact that the .223 (or 5.56 mm velocity is about 3200  
>feet per second from the barrel of an M 16 rifle. The .22  
>caliber LR round out of a standard .22 caliber rifle is a bit of  
>1000 feet per second.

>>.22 WMR is a jacketed round, however, and is deadly - it  
>>actually carries more kinetic energy than a .45 Colt ACP...

>Dear Duke.... wrong

<snip>

> But back to  
>the reason I wrote this, the idea of comparing a .22 WMR to a  
>.45 ACP as carrying more kinetic energy is just patently  
>ridiculous. Kind of like comparing a small stone to a huge block  
>of granite. Don (love that .45 ACP) Ecker Been there, and DONE  
>THAT!

Don't forget that the definition of "kinetic energy" is the  
product of the mass times the velocity squared. If I knew th  
speed and mass of the .22 WNR I could calculate its K.E. and  
compare with the 45 (234 grain, 870 ft/sec; KE = 234 x 870^2 =  
177,114,600 in the appropriate units.

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## Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

From: **Jennifer Jarvis** <[fierycelt@full-moon.com](mailto:fierycelt@full-moon.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 22:24:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 00:21:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

> From: Greg St. Peirre  
> Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 06:52:18 EDT  
> Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 13:02:57 -0400  
> Subject: Re: TV Documentaries On Greer's Ideas

> Dear list,

> For what it's worth, Steven Greer claims to have aquired a great  
> deal of video footage from his "CE-5s". He will not release any  
> of this footage or allow it to be studied independently. I saw  
> one or two seconds of it on a TV show, and admittedly it looked  
> interesting, but that's ALL I've ever seen. Anyone ever see  
> more?

> Greg

Hi Greg et al.

I have seen lots. I worked with Steven in Crestone, Co. in 1996. We saw lots.

There were numerous disks at zenith, playing games and moving around. A large crown-like craft appeared from the south over Alamosa, and various strange lights appeared over the Sangre de Cristo mountains, and then just bumbled off again.

It would seem that wherever Steven is, STUFF HAPPENS.

Just my threepence worth!

JJ

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"It is a strange place where ships, planes and people vanish into thin air, where weird fogs and globes of light abound, where ominous waters shroud sinister events."

Hugh Cochrane, "Gateway to Oblivion."

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## New Web Site for Stanton Friedman

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 22:12:39 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 00:33:35 -0400  
Subject: New Web Site for Stanton Friedman

I would like to inform those on this list, and any others who might be interested, that, thanks to the efforts of Dave Vetterick and Joshua Shapiro, I once again have a web site:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html>.

My previous partner had left town. It will include short pieces as well as my lecture schedule in Australia for 11 cities in August..

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 00:08:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 00:24:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 18:31:34 +0100  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>From: John Rimmer <[j\\_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk](mailto:j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk)>  
>Subject: Migraines and UFOs

>>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 11:33:12 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>For the benefit of a number of people on this list, may I  
>repeat: John Harney is not proposing a universal theory of UFO  
>origin, merely suggesting that some otherwise puzzling UFO  
>report might be explained by some of the medical symptoms of  
>migraine.

I'm not going to spend a lot of time on this sort of thing. I can't think of anyone who misunderstood the degree to which Mr. Harney attempted to apply his explanation. For that matter, I put several paragraphs of analysis as to why that was a problem - specifically those paragraphs referring to the burden shouldered by those who claim that wildly dissimilar causes generate a similar phenomenon - UFOs. Perhaps Mr. Rimmer failed to read that material.

>Cashman seems curiously over-eager to discount the possibility  
>that any UFO reports could be the result of migraine, to the  
>extent of refusing to read the only easily accessible book on  
>the topic.

It is not "curiously over-eager to discount the possibility" to point out what scientific rigor requires of the hypothesizer. That burden was not met by the author of the hypothesis. I don't need to know anything about migranes to know when someone isn't following the scientific method. I provided several paragraphs of methodological critique addressing that very point, but apparently the only part which was read by Mr. Rimmer (or Mr. Irving), was the part where I said I wasn't going to bother to read the book.

I would appreciate it if, in the future, those who think my criticism was too harsh or was inappropriate would demonstrate how the article's hypothesis was formulated in accordance with commonly accepted scientific principles, since I have clearly demonstrated that it was not.

>He is keen to point out all the things an investigator should do  
>to prove a linkage between UFO experiences and migraine:

No, I am keen to point out what is required of anyone who makes the claim that any UFO report is caused by migraine if they wish their claim to be taken seriously. Perhaps things work differently in whatever community Magonia is presented, but in the scientific community, certain things are required when a hypothesis is advanced. See my original message for details on what those things are.

>I agree, but Sacks' book suggests that this might not be as easy  
>to find out as Cashman thinks.

The hypothesis should not have been advanced if no substantiation exists.

>Perhaps he should read the book  
>after all. He'd be very scathing if I said I wouldn't read any  
>astronomy textbooks because I'd already decided the topic had  
>nothing to do with UFOs.

Actually, I'd only be scathing if you refused to read UFO books.

I'll only care about your astronomical reading habits when we discuss, say, stellar evolution.

And please focus your comments on the substance of my objections if you expect anyone to take you seriously.

>He also suggest that we should demonstrate 'a continuum of  
>migraine experiences from the most headache like to the most  
>close encounter-like'. Well hang on a minute. We've only been  
>talking about this for a couple of days and you want a full  
>research programme already?

You mean there is no pre-existing reason to suppose this hypothesis accounts for the phenomenon it is advanced to explain?

I thought the book clearly suggested to the author of the article the connection. Yet, as I spent a lot of words pointing out, the connection is tenuous to even the most methodologically generous.

Let me point out, yet again, that there is no doubt that there are thousands of hours of research on migraine sufferers. In fact, as I write this, I hear a commercial that points out all of the special testing done by Excedrin to determine the effectiveness of their new migraine formulation. Surely, if the hypothesis were true, somewhere in all of the literature generated by all of the studies done by all of the pharmaceutical companies, there would be one close encounter experienced under laboratory conditions.

So what I am saying is that there has already been a research effort underway for a number of years, and since the author did not advance any good migraine case with any real resemblance to a UFO case, I must assume this means that no such case exists in the literature. At this point, should I begin a literature search to take care of the due diligence which should have been performed by Mr Harney? I think not. It is Mr. Harney's responsibility to convince us that his ideas have merit. It is not for us to do his research for him.

I recently posted a long document on UFO luminosity to the list. Before presenting that document I read thousands of pages of UFO literature, personally cataloged over 500 UFO cases, inspected numerous UFO photographs for hours, performed image processing, and read additional hundreds of pages on plasma physics, lasers, and atmospheric ionization, including auroras and ball lightning. All to produce that one document. I did not ask Mr. Rimmer or Mr. Harney to read that material for me. I sought critical or helpful comments on the resulting document. I did not complain when they came to me (thanks to all of those who offered comments, suggestions or requested clarification). I continue to hope for more, but I know what my burden is when making a proposal.

> I thought the idea of putting a  
> suggestion like this up an a mailing list was so that people  
> could look at whether or not evidence existed. The particular  
> case which John Harney mentioned in "ETH Bulletin" was not  
> presented as "best evidence", simply a convenient comparison  
> which was to hand and seemed to have a number of relevant  
> features.

If you don't make your best case in your first example, why should anyone pay attention to what you have to say? If Mr. Harney can't find a better case, he should wait until he can find one less convenient but more relevant. As for the Oakenson case, let him or you put forth the facts in adherence to the scientific method.

> Rob Irving's contribution about St Hildegard also suggests a  
> possible line of study.

It is impossible to determine if someone dead for about 800 years was a migraine sufferer. Therefore I find it impossible to determine what line of study this could represent.

> Are the ETH-as-a-possible-explanation crew really so  
> closed-minded that they have to jump, with very heavy boots, on  
> other theories?

Does Mr. Rimmer think science should make a special exception for Magonia writers, in terms of acceptable methodology? Or is there one standard for scientists and another for those who oppose UFOs?

Mr. Rimmer, you are the editor of a publication. That role comes with a responsibility to make sure that the facts are checked, and that the article is self-consistent and carries its burden. Otherwise, Magonia is just one more source of noise on an already too noisy Internet.

Apparently my "heavy boots" made an impression. I wish the impression it had made on Mr. Rimmer was one which was such that he would take the time to offer a rational and focused critique of any methodological errors I made in criticising Mr. Harney's work.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -  
Author of SF novels available at...  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/library.htm>  
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## Re: Klass Question

From: Rebecca <[XianneKei@aol.com](mailto:XianneKei@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 00:40:24 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 09:42:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

> Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:01:38 -0400  
> From: Scott Jordan <[sjordan@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjordan@sympatico.ca)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Klass Question

> Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
> Can anyone answer this ?

No.

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## Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@connectmmic.net](mailto:sergesa@connectmmic.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:54:12 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 10:14:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

>Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 22:56:04 -0400  
>From: The Duke of Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith  
><[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Triangular UFOs over Belgium  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@connectmmic.net](mailto:sergesa@connectmmic.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Triangular UFOs over Belgium  
>>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 11:53:17 -0400

[...]

>But if the  
>rest of this post is an example of "truth" as sought by  
>ufologists, then Serge is hereby appointed Archbishop of the  
>Church of St Ananias and the Latterday Martyrs of Ufodom. His  
>Most Reverence's administrative duties will include taking  
>confession from the Boy Bishop of Canby, reciting to him Biblical  
>passages on the virtues of humility, and ensuring that he puts on  
>a clean hair shirt every day. Bishop Jerome will return the favor  
>by giving Archbishop Salvolatile daily instruction in the ethics  
>of accurate reporting, and taking a measure of the Archbishop's  
>bullshit quotient twice a day, with powerful enemas to be  
>administered immediately should the reading exceed 3 parts per  
>million. You can look forward to a long course of treatment,  
>Serge.

>[...]  
>  
>Bishop Jerome belongs to an altogether higher church, of course,  
>where incense (sometimes used as a verb as well as a ritual  
>fragrance) and casuistry are much in vogue.

Duke,

You have your references all mixed up, Archbishops fit in a highly structured organization (such as the Catholic Church) kept together with rigorous discipline through widespread dogmatism. In such a system, obedience is the rule, Public criticism of this system will have you excommunicated,

You will agree that ufology is exactly the opposite of that: it is mostly unstructured, it is not unified, Voices can be heard from almost every direction, Ufologists don't seem to be tender towards one another, but the constant questioning of respective positions and opinions and feelings makes the confusion only apparent: in the end, you get a pretty good idea of what is really happening in the field, This is called freedom of expression: it is the seed of knowledge.

From an outside point of view, the skeptics are exactly the opposite, They behave like members of a church: they look very unified, never questioning their peers, and engaged in a battle against ufheretics.

I have been reading and thinking about UFOs for 30-35 years now.

I have been a member of this List for more than 1.5 years, I have never seen or read or heard a skeptic criticize in the most remote way another skeptic, You don't even see that in mainstream science where debates among peers are common place, How strange for a group that has self-appointed itself the crusaders of science.

Hence my surprise with this whole archbishop stuff, You seem to have understood the principle but have applied it the wrong way, The skeptics behave like archbishops, You pretend you have embraced a cause Duke but - don't puke - you have ended up kissing each other's asses.

This you is independant from any we, I am not saying we, the ufologists... I am not a ufologist, But I dare say you, the skeptics, are counterproductive, YOU feed on ufology but bring nothing back to your host, This his the quintessence of parasitism, I dare say YOU are betraying yourselves: the credo of the skeptics should be "let's look into it" - the prelude to every adventure - not "I believe only in skepticism" which is the closest thing to 4\_letter\_word + "ing" + space + yourself.

I will leave you Duke with this token of sanity, It comes from the part 1 of the last 2 episodes of the famous paranoid(?!?) - cult series the Prisoner, It goes something like this.

No. 2:  
- You are a fool!

No. 6:  
- A fool, yes, not a rat!

Enjoy,

Serge Salvaille

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## Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

From: Stanton T. Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 21:22:15 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 10:08:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>From: Robert Todd <[RTodd12191@aol.com](mailto:RTodd12191@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:50:04 EDT  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

>>Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 17:43:46 -0300  
>>From: Stanton T. Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Corso Affidavit for CAUS

><snip>

>>Corso's connection with the NSC wasn't classified. The NSC is a  
>>Statutory organization..

<snip>

>Stan, have you become a member of the government's cover-up?  
>Surely Corso could have had an unclassified involvement with the  
>NSC, and a highly-classified part not reflected in the merely  
>top-secret stuff, in much the same way that Twining, in  
>reporting to his superiors, lied about not having any crashed  
>saucers in the possession of the Air Force. Hell, if Twining  
>would lie to his superiors as you and Randle allege, why  
>wouldn't the NSC lie to other members of the NSC, and doctor the  
>official records to conceal Corso's super-duper,  
>tippy-top-secret duties with the NSC? They wouldn't even have to  
>doctor the records, but just keep the super-duper-secret stuff  
>out of the hands of the Eisenhower Library. Absence of evidence  
>is not evidence of absence. If it's good enough for MJ-12, then,  
>dammit, it's good enough for Corso too.

<snip>

>I'm certain that, like the mythical MJ-12, Corso's real duties  
>with the NSC were so tippy-top-secret that you aren't going  
>to find them among the merely top-secret holdings of the NSC.  
>You're gonna have to peek at the SCI and ESI stuff -- but we all  
>know MJ-12 will never let that happen, although I'm certain  
>there are members of the current MJ-12 who really want the truth  
>to come out - you know, the guys who helped you and Bill Moore  
>out by furnishing all those Top Secret/Majic documents.

>I shudder to think what nefarious activities Corso was involved  
>in that the NSC and MJ-12 feel they must hide the details of his  
>true involvement with the NSC. I think we have a second Cosmic  
>Watergate here. Maybe Corso was deeply involved officially with  
>crashed saucers a lot earlier than he led us to believe in his  
>book. I understand he imparted startling information to his son  
>just prior to his death. Maybe he even had records to support  
>his statements, and perhaps his son will release them in the  
>not-too-distant future.

>Besides, not all NSC records were transferred to the  
>Eisenhower Library. Maybe the records detailing Corso's real,  
>super-duper, tippy-top-secret duties are still held by the NSC.  
>If I were you, I'd file a FOIA with the NSC. And, if necessary,  
>you can take it all the way to the Supreme Court, just like you  
>did with the CAUS lawsuit against the NSA. If anybody can do it,

>you can. I have faith in you, and I know you won't let me down.

>>Last I heard, there were 11 different finders Aids for the NSC  
>>files alone of about 250,000 pages. At one time 50,000 pages  
>>were still classified.. but major effort is being made to review  
>>those.

>Ahhh, that's what they \_want\_ you to believe. And they probably  
>have withheld only those records dealing with MJ-12 and Corso's  
>tippy-top-secret NSC duties, which are not reflected in the  
>merely top-secret records. Surely they must consider Corso \_as\_  
>important as your "ground breaking" research into the MJ-12  
>documents.

>>It is really a great place to do research. Bob and other  
>>armchair theorists ought to try it.

>This armchair researcher can out-research you any day of the  
>week.

>>Phil Klass might have saved  
>>himself the 1000\$ he paid me for providing 10+ NSC documents  
>>done in the large Pica Type, if he had gone there instead of ,  
>>like Bob, doing his research from his armchair and claiming that  
>>elite type was it at the NSC.

>Be careful with your wording there, Stan. Don't claim that I  
>ever claimed anything about pica or elite type, as might be  
>assumed from your (deliberately?) poorly worded sentence.

<snip>

>Remember, absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. You  
>just gotta keep looking, Stan. Trust me. Corso's secret  
>involvement with the NSC is every bit as important to ufology as  
>your MJ-12 is.

Bob,

If you have any data on Corso, why not put it on the table?

I said nothing about your saying anything about Pica or elite  
type.

Why not also put on the table how many visits you have made to  
Archives and how many visits to New Mexico and how many Roswell  
witnesses to whom you have talked?

Last I heard the number for at least the first 2 was zero.  
Armchairs are indeed comfortable.

Membership in the NSC is determined by law.

I do appreciate your demonstrating your illogicality and bias.

With regard to your research skills, just how many papers have  
you published in scientific journals?

STF

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## Re: Klass Question

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 21:13:38 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 10:10:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

> Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:01:38 -0400  
> From: Scott Jordan <[sjordan@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjordan@sympatico.ca)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Klass Question

> Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
> Can anyone answer this ?

There are 2 Philip Klass'. The debunker is not the science fiction writer, though much of what he has written is indeed fiction.

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: [RobIrving@aol.com](mailto:RobIrving@aol.com)  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 01:05:01 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 10:16:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

>From: Greg Sandow <[gsandow@prodigy.net](mailto:gsandow@prodigy.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs  
>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 10:49:35 -0400

Greg,

>But Rob has now taken this to another level .Mark criticizes  
>Harney, saying his citations from Oliver Sacks don't prove his  
>point. Rob jumps in, saying "But you didn't read this OTHER  
>Sacks book," one Harney hadn't even mentioned. So it's not  
>enough for skeptics to ask Mark to find Harney's missing (and  
>crucial) descriptor. Now they want him to do Harney's research!

You appear to have missed my point again. My post referred to  
this statement of Mark's:

>it also shows no reason to be considered an explanation of UFOs  
>since the migraine case cited, presumably the best (i.e. closest  
>to the UFO experience) has no UFO content...

I merely pointed out that St Hildegard's 'visions', which Sacks  
claims were caused by migraine, apparently did have similarities  
to the UFO experience, whatever that is.

Rob

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## Re: Klass Question

From: **Bob Shell** <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 07:08:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 10:43:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 12:30:00 -0700  
>From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Klass Question

>>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 04:01:38 -0400  
>>From: Scott Jordan <[sjordan@sympatico.ca](mailto:sjordan@sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Subject: Klass Question

>>Is Philip Klass the 60s science fiction writer William Tenn?  
>>Can anyone answer this ?

>The short answer is yes.

>Don Ecker

Don,

What makes you think this?

I know Phil, and actually like him. I think he serves a useful purpose in ufology by clearly defining the ultimate skeptic. We don't need to build straw men as long as Phil is around.

However, after talking to Phil at some length, I can say that he could not possibly be ANY sci-fi writer. Writing sci-fi takes imagination, and this is something that Phil is completely lacking.

He does, on the other hand, have a sense of humor. This is the second essential for writing good sci-fi.

Bob

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## P-1947: Fred Whiting on Roswell - Post Script

From: Herb Taylor <[HerbUFO@AOL.COM](mailto:HerbUFO@AOL.COM)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 18:42:26 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 11:33:05 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: Fred Whiting on Roswell - Post Script

Greetings to the List:

My recent posting concerning the Roswell views of Fred Whiting did not include the following important comments. They are as follows:

"(On a personal note: I have two coffee mugs that I keep as reminders of these two basic truths.

One has a reproduction of the Roswell Daily Record article announcing the recovery of a "flying saucer" - a valued gift from Karl Pflock.

The second has the logo of the Fund for UFO Research.

I keep the first to remind me not to believe everything I see; the second reminds me not to trust everyone I know.)"

The meaning of the above should be clear to all of us. It says much about the current state of ufology. We dismiss these keen observations at our own risk.

Regards, Herb Taylor

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## [lunascan]: The Dark Side of The Moon

From: slk <[slk@evansville.net](mailto:slk@evansville.net)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 06:58:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 10:46:09 -0400  
Subject: [lunascan]: The Dark Side of The Moon

On Wed, 22 Jul 1998 23:19:29, Sal Sommatino <[ftgraphics@earthlink.net](mailto:ftgraphics@earthlink.net)> wrote:

>I was just talking to a friend of mine, and he was telling me  
>that there is a DARK SIDE OF THE MOON,  
>the way he explain to me was that there is a side of the moon  
>that doesn't reflect sunlight and thats why we get the different  
>faces of the moon.

>Do you know anything about this?  
>can you please E mail me any information you have on this, I would  
>really appreciate it.

>Thank you very much.  
>Marv.

Hi Marv, List,

Some people confuse "darkside" & "backside". To visualize the changing darkside, take a look at this great animation:

<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/5409/lunation.gif>

Fran

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<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/lshomepage.html>

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Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 12:31:33 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 12:50:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

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From: Paul Thompson <[MrApol@aol.com](mailto:MrApol@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 13:42:45 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 14:49:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Question

Philip Klass was a mathematics professor who wrote science fiction under the pen name William Tenn.

Philip J. Klass is a former editor of "Aviation Week & Space Technology" magazine and the well known UFO skeptic. They are not the same man. Some authorities (like Baird Searles "A Reader's Guide to Science Fiction") claim they are the same man, but they're not. I know Philip J. Klass (UFO skeptic) and I've seen photos of "William Tenn." They ain't the same fella. I believe "Tenn" died back in the early 80s, and Phil Klass is still alive, much to many believers' chagrin.

Paul Thompson  
ParaScope

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From: Bruno Mancusi <[Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch](mailto:Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 20:32:01 +0200  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 14:41:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

>Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 09:56:41 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[e151@dial.pipex.com](mailto:e151@dial.pipex.com)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Signing Off

>Dear Friends and Colleagues,

>I have to inform you that I am pulling out of ufology for an  
>indefinite period. This has not been an easy decision to reach  
>as I have been actively involved for nearly 20 years.

Philip,

I will never forget the scene I have assisted at the 3rd San Marino congress in 1995. It was Saturday 20 May. You gave your lecture about the Santilli's footage at 12:00. After the lecture of Susan Karaban I went to lunch to the Grand Hotel. After the lunch I saw some people and gendarmes in the lobby of the hotel; what's going on I asked them? You and Chris Cary (a Santilli associate) were going to show some slides from the movie! It was a surrealistic scene: the gendarmes were there to frisk us. There was also a female gendarme for the women. All cameras were forbidden. I thought "If the footage is a hoax, these gendarmes are participating in a fraud"! It was 3:15 p.m. when you and Cary began the show. There were about 30 people in attendance. Later, there was a second show at the congress place (Teatro Titano) on 7:30 p.m. with more people.

Now that you are going to resign from ufology, can you say us at last what was your real involvement in this "Roswell autopsy" story? Why have you accepted to help Ray Santilli to put in touch with the ufological milieu? Have you received money from him? How much?

I think that many list members would be interested in your response.

Thank you in advance.

Bruno Mancusi  
Switzerland

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Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 11:07:08 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 14:58:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

>Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 12:31:33 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
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Don Ecker

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## Baffling Crop Formations In Cache, Utah

From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 21:06:56 +0200  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 17:26:22 -0400  
Subject: Baffling Crop Formations In Cache, Utah

From: The Deseret News

URL: <http://www.desnews.com/cit/wr0me6y5.htm>

Cache Valley is located in North Eastern Utah's Bridgerland, which is bordering Idaho and Wyoming. The valley is fertile with lakes and streams and surrounded by the Wellsville Mountains on the west and the Bear River Range on the east.

Stig

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Baffling crop formations appear in Cache for 3rd year in a row

Pattern found near area's first crop circle

Last updated 07/24/1998, 10:26 a.m. MT

By Zack Van Eyck Deseret News staff writer

Unusual crop formations have appeared in the Cache Valley for the third consecutive summer.

A pattern of flattened plants, stretching 316 feet from end to end, was discovered Tuesday in a field in College Ward, a few miles from Providence where the area's first so-called crop circle was found in August 1996.

A second design was observed from the air Wednesday near Cove, close to the Idaho border, by Davis County researcher Ryan Layton. Layton had rented a small plane, along with Cache County residents Con Olsen and Tres Nixon, to get a better look at the College Ward formation.

Layton, who has taken samples from previous Utah crop circles for study by former University of Michigan professor W.C. Levengood, said the Cove formation is particularly intriguing because there were no visible tracks leading into it. He said Thursday he hopes to gain permission from the landowner to enter that field and study the Cove design.

"There is no appearance of human intervention on location there," said Layton, who believes most crop circles likely are the work of "advanced beings of some type of intelligence not known to our realm or dimension."

The College Ward design features a flattened ring 102 feet in diameter and a second ring measuring 46 feet that is encompassed by two half circles, Layton said. The Cove formation has a large central ring surrounded by two more flattened rings and two circles, he said.

Similar formations have been observed in fields of wheat, barley and other crops worldwide, particularly in the 1980s and 1990s. Two prominent formations were discovered in the Cache Valley during the second week of July last year, one in Smithfield and one four miles to the north near Crow Hill.

Layton informed a national radio audience about the new Cache formations Wednesday night on "Coast to Coast with Art Bell," aired locally on KNRS, 570-AM. He was joined on the broadcast by Boise native Linda Moulton Howe, who has investigated crop circles, UFOs and other unexplained phenomena for two decades.

Layton is convinced the formations are some kind of encoded message intended for humans. The hope of discovering just what that message might be is what drives him, and others, to investigate the mystery firsthand.

The Cache County Sheriff's Department took a look at the crop circle formed two years ago in Providence, suspecting pranksters were to blame, but made no arrests. It also speculated the design could be the work of hungry gophers.

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 17:32:25 -0400  
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Bruno-

While your questions are valid ones, I don't think you had to wait for Philip's withdrawal from active research to ask them.. Unfortunately, the questions also seem to assume information that (in a legal sense) has not been submitted into evidence.

I have seen no evidence that Philip's involvement in this was anything more than he has acknowledged from the beginning.. His position at the time with BUFORA would make him a natural contact as far as Santilli was concerned. Since many in UFOlogy are willing to accept the validity of evidence until proven otherwise, his reaction to (and involvement with) Santilli in this matter was certainly not all that unusual. It's important to keep in mind that Philip is the one who has submitted some of the most damning evidence during the past few weeks.

Philip can answer the questions you pose if he feels the need, but I see no reason to imply improper conduct without more than speculation to go on.

Steve

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Errol,

You just don't understand! See, if Nick's response to Bruce is traveling at a speed of 89.9 mps. and approaching at a 45 degree angle to the ecliptic plane, the momentum of Don's contribution will introduce a random element of increased entropy. This, according to Einstien, will cause the mass of the dialog to impact on all three objects (Bruce, Nick and Don) simultaneously, causing anal retention on a Galactic scale.

And in some way that I haven't yet figured out, (I've have difficulties doing math) we are all going to be shot in the head, (and preferably with the .45! You don't want that .22 rattling around in your skull processing your brain like liver in a blender,) or at this point in the thread, we hope we will be. Ah, at least I 'think' that's what they're talking about. I hope this alters your tangent for you. Now do you understand?

C'mon dude, get on the stick. It's the, "kOoKy WoRld oF sCieNcE !"

(LMAO!) Thanx for the roll on the floor man! ;-D

John Velez, (S.)M.o.-A.t.S.o.T  
(Stationary) Moving object- About the Size of Texas

[Dang! An' here ah thort \_ah\_ wuz loozin' it wunerin' whut it haid ta doo with yew-foes! TGIF-- ebk]

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## Re: Baffling Crop Formations In Cache, Utah

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>From: The Deseret News

>The Cache County Sheriff's Department took a look at the crop  
>circle formed two years ago in Providence, suspecting pranksters  
>were to blame, but made no arrests. It also speculated the  
>design could be the work of hungry gophers.

OH SURE!!!! Hungry gophers. Must be some damned big varmints out there. I guess they dance around in circles during the full moon, hungry gopher bellies growling loudly, and trample down the crops.

Sounds like these cops are on about the same IQ scale as their imaginary gophers.

Bob

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In a message dated 98-07-24 11:49:32 EDT, Stan Friedman wrote:

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>Bob,

>If you have any data on Corso, why not put it on the table?

Stan,

I have no information on Corso that needs to be placed on the table. Corso himself has detailed his involvement in the Roswell affair, but you seem to display a bias against Corso that I find rather interesting, and I merely am pointing out how ridiculous your position really is on a number of important points.

>I said nothing about your saying anything about Pica or elite >type.

Your phrasing certainly could leave the reader with that impression. I suggest you take a badly needed course in writing.

>Why not also put on the table how many visits you have made to >Archives and how many visits to New Mexico and how many Roswell >witnesses to whom you have talked?

Prove I haven't visited even more archives than you have. You're the one making the claim I haven't visited any archives -- PROVE IT! Just remember, absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.

As for talking with Roswell witnesses, surely you're not suggesting a reasonable assessment of those witnesses cannot be derived from your representations of their testimony, are you? I mean, you wouldn't alter or withhold witness testimony, would you?

>Last I heard the number for at least the first 2 was zero. >Armchairs are indeed comfortable.

Yes, indeed they are. You've certainly benefitted from my research, the so-called "Bolender memo" being just one example, a document you consistently misrepresent because you haven't

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bothered to do the necessary research to fill in the blanks. Perhaps you waste too much time tooting your own horn. Or perhaps you have filled in the blanks with your own research, but, for some unknown reason, decided long ago to withhold the truth from the public.

But I keep forgetting you were a member of the "research team" that, when they couldn't find the documents they were sure existed, created their own to fill in the gaps. Boy, that's taking the easy way out! Talk about armchair research! And to this day, you keep pushing those documents on the public. You even wrangled a \$16,000 grant from the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) to research the contents of those documents, which had been manufactured around documents and information your "research team" already had uncovered during their years of "archival research," "research" which apparently included planting at least one fake document among the formerly Top Secret records of Air Force Intelligence at the National Archives. Gee, is it any wonder you were able to "confirm" dates, places, and the names of the people present, when you already had the information in your own files?

Yes, indeed. What a great researcher you are!.

>Membership in the NSC is determined by law.

If, as you contend, Roswell represents the biggest cover-up of all time, exactly what has the law got to do with what the "Cosmic Watergate" folks do? Covert ops don't care about no stinking laws. Remember, they're everywhere, watching your every move, almost certainly in violation of the law. The law is meaningless tripe, and you know it.

Because you, the great archival researcher, cannot confirm Corso's claims by utilizing the available documentation at the Eisenhower Library, doesn't mean the man was fibbing. Once again -- and I'm shocked you seem unable to grasp this simple point -- ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE IS NOT EVIDENCE OF ABSENCE. It's YOUR pithy little saying -- if not your mantra -- and it applies to Corso every bit as much as it applies to your beloved MJ-12, regardless of the law.

>I do appreciate your demonstrating your illogicality and bias.

Oh, Stan, you're more than welcome. But, again, I am shocked that you don't recognize your own brand of "illogicality and bias." In fact, you yourself are flagrantly guilty of every crime of which you routinely accuse others, from selective choice of data, to propaganda, to misrepresentation, to outright lying. And, please, don't threaten me with a lawsuit, 'cause I'd tear you apart in court.

>With regard to your research skills, just how many papers have you published in scientific journals?

Yeah, we all know you're God's gift to nuclear physics and UFO research -- we know because you keep telling us, over, and over, and over again. If your "scientific" papers on nuclear physics are anything like your "scientific" papers on UFOs, I shudder to think anybody takes them seriously. It certainly doesn't say much for refereed journals.

All that aside, surely you must consider Corso worthy of further research. Why would a retired lieutenant colonel lie about such things? If you believe Corso was lying, then perhaps he was part of some government disinformation plot designed to derail your inquisition into the "Cosmic Watergate." Let's get the facts here, Stan, there must be some reason Corso lied, if indeed he did. Since he had documented ties to the NSC, and since you claim he was not a member of the NSC, and you also claim membership was dictated by law -- which we all know is a farce anyway -- let's get some hard facts on this. I suggest you launch an all-out effort to prove Corso wasn't a member of the NSC in violation of the law. After all, there is no documentation proving any of the twelve supposed members of MJ-12 actually were in that group, or even that the MJ-12 group existed at all, but you seem to accept that as fact. And since it appears MJ-12 withholds vital information even from Presidents of the United States, this means they are operating outside the law as well, making your observation that NSC membership is determined by law all but meaningless. Indeed, to

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hear you tell it, the whole idea of the MJ-12 organization is illegal as hell. I won't even mention the illegal death threats supposedly delivered to key Roswell witnesses by the Air Force's jack-booted Roswell cover-up thugs.

Again, I recommend you submit the appropriate FOIA requests to the appropriate agencies, and if need be, take them all the way to the Supreme Court, just like you did when you filed suit against the NSA on behalf of CAUS years ago. If necessary -- and it appears it will be -- I also would recommend you try to cultivate some more of those infamous "inside sources" who helped your "research team" so much in the past. Maybe one or two "Deep Throats" can point you in the right direction, and furnish you with records you cannot obtain under the FOIA, perhaps by furnishing them on undeveloped rolls of black-and-white, 35mm film, or by enticing you to an upstate New York motel where they will allow you to photograph top-secret/code word documents they pilfered from official files for your benefit. If indeed you believe Corso lied, surely you can't believe he lied merely to make money, or for whatever satisfaction he might have derived from being the center of attention. There must be more to it than that. Apply your masterful "research" skills to this puzzling aspect of the Roswell controversy, and get back to us with your "Final Report on Colonel Phillip Corso."

Stan, you and I both know that you are the right man for the job. If you think Corso was lying, then expose him either as a liar who craved money or attention, or as a liar who was part of the government's disinformation master plan intended to kill the valuable research you carry out for the good of all mankind. But, please, don't feed us that crap about NSC membership being dictated by law. It's meaningless nonsense in the context of the "Cosmic Watergate," and you should know that better than anybody.

Until you can come up with something other than your own armchair theorizing on Corso, further discussion would seem to be pointless.

Cordially,

Bob Todd

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## Filer's Files #29

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Filer's Files #29-1998 MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
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UFOs ARE ON VACATION

During this summer hot weather UFO reports have taken a nose dive except in cooler areas. This may be due to a combination of cloudy overcast conditions and unusually hot weather.

Dr. Carl Sagan, Professor of Astronomy and Space Sciences at Cornell University wrote in The Encyclopedia Americana regarding Unidentified Flying Objects in 1963:

"It now seems quite clear that Earth is not the only inhabited planet. There is evidence that the bulk of the stars in the sky have planetary systems.

Recent research concerning the origin of life on Earth suggests that the physical and chemical processes leading to the origin of life occur rapidly in the early history of the majority of planets. The selective value of intelligence and technical civilization is obvious, and it seems likely that a large number of planets within our Milky Way galaxy-perhaps as many as a million-are inhabited by technical civilizations in advance of our own.

Interstellar space flight is far beyond our present technical capabilities, but there seems to be no fundamental physical objection to preclude, from our own vantage point, the possibility of its development by other civilizations." Carl Sagan

THE DEATHS OF TWO IMPORTANT MEN

Two persons who spent most of their lives in the service of their country died last week. We wish God's speed to Alan Shepard and Colonel Philip Corso.

Their newest journey has started. I thank you both for your courage and willingness to do what your country asked.

NEW JERSEY

From out of the past Betty Lynch called today to inform me that she saw a formation of nine UFOs over Route 70 in Cherry Hill, fifty-two years ago in the summer of 1946. This sighting is a year before the famous Kenneth Arnold sighting. Betty stated: "They were huge white discs about the size of a basketball flying at high altitude." The UFOs were moving from north Philadelphia heading toward the southeast. Betty had been a member of the Ground Observer Corps (GOC) and had some expertise in aircraft spotting. Betty was with her brother Lieutenant. Anthony Michael Catana, who had been released from a Nazi prison camp at the end of the war. Her brother was a bombardier in W.W.II. His B-24 bomber squadron flew out of Foggia, Italy on missions to the Ploiesti Oil Fields. He said, "Those white discs are Foo Fighters. We frequently observed them during the war flying in formation with our aircraft. One of these Foo Fighters even flew through the belly of our aircraft." Later, his plane



was shot down and he bailed out over Lienz, Austria and was imprisoned at Stalagwuf 1. After the UFO sighting, G-2 Intelligence came to their house and told him to be quiet about their sightings. Thanks to Betty Lynch of Haddonfield, NJ.

On July 15, 1998, Anthony Dogherty reports he saw a UFO near the Sayreville Clay Pits at 9:53 PM. He saw four lights in a diamond formation blinking on and off simultaneously. The UFO moved left and disappeared. It reappeared farther to the right, then moved left and disappeared again. This occurred for over 15 to 20 minutes. Sayerville is some twenty miles southwest of New York City. Phone number is 732-390-7760 at 44 Glynn Ct. Parlin, NJ 08859, E-mail: [ortugg44@aol.com](mailto:ortugg44@aol.com). Thanks to John Thompson and ISUR.

#### NEW YORK

Pearl River, Rockland County, NY. In December 1997, Frank J. saw a craft fly slowly over his house at only 200 feet above the treetops around 7:00 PM.

Frank states, "I have a pilots license, it was not a plane. I have flown aboard helicopters many times in the military and know, it was not a helicopter! This craft hovered periodically and cruised down the block and over my house slowly with no sound. It was around the size and dimensions of a city bus, but half the height. It had dazzling blue & white lights whirring underneath. It proceeded past my house. I jumped into the car and followed it down the block towards Townline Road about a 1/2 mile away from where I first saw it approaching my house. The UFO stopped abruptly and vanished in a streak across the sky." Thanks to NY MUFON's Larry Clark.

#### CORNWALL, UNITED KINGDOM

On June 30, 1998, David A. Dunworth, his spouse and a friend were near Mounts Bay, in Penzance, Cornwall, UK when they sighted an unusual object in "the clear blue sky" at 9:10 a.m. "Myself, my wife and a friend of ours witnessed a small circular white object trailing a jet. The object was about the size of an O on our keyboard and appeared to be circling an aircraft heading east to London. "The O-shaped object was bright white in colour and moved in the same direction as the jet (easterly) about one inch in an arc above the tail of the jet. The object slowly circled the jet above the fuselage. The jet continued, probably unaware of their companion circling above them. As we watched, the object began to fade and disappear as if it had somehow disintegrated." Penzance is located about 180 miles (288 kilometers) southwest of London. Thanks to Steve Wilson Sr.

#### UFO PROPULSION SYSTEMS AND ABDUCTIONS

The phenomenon associated with the presence of a UFOs can be accounted for within the following scientific parameters: The craft emit Electromagnetic radiation measured isotropically that is in all directions of approximately one megawatt, that is a million watts.

The wave length is of one-tenth to one twenty-five millimeters at sixty to eighty cycles per second. There appears to be an undulation motion and high frequency oscillations of constant amplitude. The Pulse width is ten to forty microseconds. The pulse is a brief surge of voltage or pulsating. On top of the craft is an exceptionally high magnetic field which is about a million times more powerful than we know how to produce on the Earth. There is also a slow ripple effect of about ten per second. That ripple is what causes the spinning of compasses. The UFOs may effect aircraft in various ways that cause ionization of the air. An electric current may move from the UFO to another object in the air. UFOs have strong radiation and other unknown effects that may harm humans.

Abductees report feelings of weakness, scars, and other evidence of abuse or contact with the UFOs. Because of these tremendously power of the UFOs it is logical to assume that there may be danger to the abductees. Abductees often claim they are flown to high altitudes aboard the craft. There are medical indications of mental strain and fatigue. Further there are indications abductees have a lowered ability to fight illness. This may infer that anemia or similar problems could possibly be traced to the UFO abductions.

Therefore, regular complete and comprehensive blood tests may be one of the best methods for determining the health of the individual abductee. If you suspect you are an abductee, I encourage you to obtain blood tests that can be ordered at a relatively inexpensive cost by your physician. You may not wish to tell your physician why you desire the tests, but fatigue, lack of endurance, and low immunity may be indications of anemia and other problems.

I encourage you to request a copy of the results and send them to me and our physicians will attempt to analyze them. Unless we receive funding for these tests, we request the abductee absorb the cost on an individual basis. We have a medical doctors willing to analyze the data and general results will be published here. We are accepting donations for this work.

Regarding the high power of the UFOs, we have found that some fairly simple instruments may be useful for tracking them. They are know to cause disturbances to compass readings. Rather than watching the compass continuously it is possible to get an alarm from any compass that is setting still and starts deviating. MUFON's George Reynolds set up a system that recorded variations in compass readings that helped predict earthquakes.

Scanning of the radio frequency spectrum can sometimes pick up electrical disturbances caused by UFOs. This can be done with rudimentary equipment such as radio receivers. Amateur radio enthusiasts listen to a range of about 200 kHz through about 30 MHz. These would be the short wave listening hobbyists. The ham radio operators would also have these, but could scan additional bands of higher frequency. They could, if sufficient interest were generated, build or modify equipment to scan frequencies in the microwave region. All that would be required at the onset is listening devices with some rough idea of the frequency being tuned. Once the UFO frequencies operating in an area were defined, then more "fine tuning" could be accomplished.

UFOs radiate energy in the microwave region, so there is a good chance that we may have some success in tracking their propulsion systems. Many drivers own radar receivers for use against police radars. Radar receivers often used by high speed drivers can also be used to measure the microwave range energy that is sent out by many UFOs.

#### SOVIET UFO STUDIES

Nikolay Subbotin reports that: "We now been told that the entire Soviet armed forces, a total of 15 million people over ten years (1979-1989), were involved in a UFO study that turned up forty major incidents and hundreds of minor ones. This included one that prompted fears of starting an accidental nuclear war. As a result of the study hundreds of UFOs were recorded and many were photographed. In some cases there were multiple witnesses. Unfortunately, until late 80-s, the UFO subject was forbidden to discuss in the Soviet Union.

Any talking about UFOs might get you into serious trouble. Local residents have observed strange flying objects for a long time. Those objects were shaped as spheres, black "boats," domes, plates and so on. Also, there have been weird places, where people felt like being observed or were afraid of presence of something odd. When the ban of ufological information was removed, the researchers attention was drawn to abnormal events near Mabelka village. The results of the first expeditions (Perm's Bachurin's group, Muhortov's group) were a sensation in 1989, when this information got out to the media. The Roswell Incident was not the only UFO crash in History, there were many more." Thanks to Vlad G. and Nikolay Subbotin, [dmityg@mailcity.com](mailto:dmityg@mailcity.com). The movie The Secret KGB UFO Files with Roger Moore, and myself is scheduled to be shown on TNT on September 13.

#### CANADA

Red Deer, Alberta. Cameron Smith on July 19, saw two wobbling discs of a gray shiny color fly by slowly at the speed of an aircraft at 9:40 PM. The craft were not luminous and were at low altitude. Cameron requests any confirmation or explanation for the sighting. Phone Number: 403-343-2985, Address: #8 Anquetel Close, Red Deer, Alberta, T4R 1G7 CANADA

UFOs HOVER OVER MOUNTAIN CITIES IN UMBRIA, ITALY

On Monday, July 13, 1998, at 11:00 p.m., an "unidentified craft" flew over the small city of Gualda Tadino in northeastern Umbria province, Italy. The UFO "circled the city at high velocity," and then hovered for about two minutes before flying away to the north. The UFO "flew below the clouds" and had "a great luminosity." Minutes later, the UFO flew over the nearby city of Gubbio, in the Apennine Mountains. Witnesses described the UFO as "resembling a glowing soccer ball" and said "it flew to the north-northwest," and, after aerobatic maneuvers lasting about five minutes, and left in a northerly direction. The phenomenon was seen by four witnesses in one location, and seven other people confirmed this sighting. Gubbio and Gualda Tadino are east of Perugia, located about 150 kilometers (90 miles) north of Rome.

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#### FLIGHT 800 ELECTROMAGNETIC PLASMA THEORY?

An English professor has developed an electromagnetic theory on what may be to blame for the crash of TWA Flight 800 - and she's asking federal investigators to take her theory seriously. Electromagnetic interference could be the culprit, Harvard University professor Elaine Scarry said Sunday. "In the TWA case, the possibility of a meteorite was thoroughly studied and ruled out. But we didn't look at the military questions of HIRF (High Intensity Radiated Field), particularly what effect it has on 747s," Ms. Scarry told The Associated Press. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) chairman James Hall says Ms. Scarry's theory is already being investigated as part of his agency's inquiry into the July 17, 1996, crash off Long Island. All 230 people aboard died when the Boeing 747 jumbo jet exploded in midair minutes after leaving John F. Kennedy Airport for Paris. Investigators say the plane's central fuel tank exploded, but have not been able to find an ignition source. Two other theories a bomb or a missile -- were ruled out after an extensive probe. An exchange of letters between Ms. Scarry and Hall appears in the July 16 issue of the New York Review of Books, a scholarly magazine which last April 9 published an article by Ms. Scarry raising the question of whether electromagnetic interference, or EMI, from an outside source -- possibly one of about 10 military ships or planes in the vicinity -- had triggered the TWA disaster. She said that studies had shown that both military and civilian aircraft had been subjected to such effects, but that the theory had not been seriously considered in this case. In a March 13 letter to Hall, Ms. Scarry said NTSB findings had not ruled out "the possibility that a High Intensity Radiated Field, or HIRF, played a part in the crash of TWA 800," and suggested that instead of questioning top-ranking officers, the agency should interview sailors and airmen who actually were operating electronic gear at the time and could best provide information needed for a minute-by-minute reconstruction. In another letter June 17, Ms. Scarry insisted that a TWA pilot's comments about a "crazy" fuel gauge and difficulty "trimming," or stabilizing, the plane just before the explosion could be anomalies hinting at an EMI event. She argued that a 1994 NASA study -- the only one ever done on HIRF effects on civilian aircraft -- dealt only with solitary planes, so the effect on multiple aircraft was not known." Thanks to Newsday.com July 13, 1998. Editors Note: A Swiss Air 747 reported a near miss from an elongated Plasma like object on August 9, 1997, in the same area.

#### NAVY OFFICERS CLAIM FLIGHT 800 WAS SHOT DOWN?

WASHINGTON "Somebody came into our waters and shot down -- for the first time ever -- a flag carrier of the United States," an expert on the explosion of TWA Flight 800 said at a Washington briefing yesterday. Commander Bill Donaldson, a retired Navy pilot and accident investigator who has spent 15 months examining the case, said that two missiles were fired in the vicinity of the airplane, and that one of them exploded close enough to bring the plane down. It's no wonder, he said, that investigators did not find evidence of a direct missile hit; the missile was of a type specifically designed to explode near (rather than in contact with) its target. Flight 800, Donaldson said, "was intentionally destroyed by a powerful, proximity fused, airbursting, antiaircraft weapon launched from a position

approximately one nautical mile off shore and three nautical miles east of Moriches Inlet, Long Island, New York." In addition, the airplane was "engaged seconds later by a second missile fired from a closer position to the south of [the plane's] track." There were 230 passengers and crew on board the Boeing 747 when it was destroyed, on the evening of July 17, 1996. The plane was bound for Paris and, at the time of the explosion, was eight miles off Long Island.

Government officials have suggested that the plane was brought down when a spark ignited fumes in a nearly empty fuel tank causing it to explode, but they haven't been able to explain the source for the spark. Donaldson based his claims on an analysis of physical evidence and eyewitness accounts in a 109-page report (available at <http://members.aol.com/fl800/>). Those appearing at the briefing to support Donaldson's theory included a helicopter pilot who saw the explosion, a man who saw it from the ground, and a now-retired TWA captain who had served as flight engineer on the same plane just a few hours before, on its flight from Athens. Donaldson believes that a missile detonated on the plane's left side, about 20 feet from the hull and "probably slightly low," sending a shock wave that blew open the skin on the left wing.

The airplane then moved violently to the right and rolled almost onto its back in an instant, some "144 degrees in one-second." The stress created by the missile explosion caused the plane itself to explode in bright flash followed by a dull red-orange fireball that fell to the water amid a cloud of black smoke. In preparing his report, Donaldson analyzed the composition and distribution of debris from the plane, interviewed witnesses who claimed to have seen a missile streaking toward the plane (and turning as if homing in on the plane's radio signals), and examined all the official documents released in the case. He said that he is apparently "the only trained accident investigator" who has interviewed most of the witnesses; the FBI allegedly blocked NTSB investigators from conducting their own interviews. Among the eyewitnesses who saw what appeared to be a missile attack, Donaldson said, was an FBI agent. "He said he had seen a plane shot down."

Admiral Thomas Moorer, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, attended the briefing in support of Donaldson. "This certainly appears to be an act of terrorism," Moorer said. He called the Donaldson report "very excellent" and said Congress should conduct its own investigation of the explosion. Vernon Grose, a physicist and former member of the NTSB, attended the briefing as an observer. He said he was interviewed on CNN for six hours the night of the disaster and has been interviewed on the subject some 170 times. "I've spent two years defending the NTSB," he said, only to find that the facts don't seem to line up with the official story. He told WorldNetDaily that he felt "betrayed" by the NTSB. The Donaldson briefing "disturbed" him, and he believes that government officials may have come to a conclusion first, then tried to make the facts fit their theory. "There ought to be an open, public hearing" to address the points made by Donaldson and others. Grose said he's not a fan of conspiracy theories, and he believes there might be a reasonable explanation for the government's behavior in this case. "But if the truth contradicts what has been said, let it be heard," he said. At the briefing, Captain Al Mundo, flight engineer on the same plane on its previous flight, said he finds the official theory "highly improbable." After the earlier flight, he had performed a procedure that cleared the center fuel tank. "I question whether vapors were even in the tank," he said, due to physical processes that should have cleared any vapors that were present. The helicopter pilot eyewitness -- Fred Meyer, a lawyer and Vietnam veteran Naval aviator -- said at the briefing that, "Based on two combat tours, it is my firm belief to this day that it was military ordnance." The government theory, he said, is "a government excuse for something -- totally mystifying. I know what I saw."

Richard Goss, a businessman who saw what appeared to be a missile, said that at first he thought it was part of a fireworks display. "Someone else at the Yacht Club [from which he saw the incident] even said, 'Look at the fireworks!,' and we waited for the display." His reaction to the government's version as seen in a CIA-produced computer simulation: "Personally, it was a joke to me. It was an insult. It was so different from what I saw." Donaldson's report is full of tantalizing details. On the day of

the explosion, a Beirut newspaper received a fax, apparently from an Islamic terrorist group, stating that "Tomorrow morning we will strike the Americans in a way they do not expect and it will be very surprising to them." The Flight 800 disaster occurred at 8:31 p.m. EDT -- which, on the Arabian Peninsula, was the next morning. On November 17, 1995, eight months before the Flight 800 disaster, two aircraft off Long Island reported seeing a bright, fast-moving object trailing smoke and not registering on FAA radar.

The object passed within 2,000 to 3,000 feet of the two aircraft. Radar detected an object, apparently a surface vessel, only 2.9 nautical miles from Flight 800 when it exploded. It was traveling at 30 knots and "avoided the visual range of all other surface contacts" until it got out of range of Islip radar. "This is a normal military tactic," Donaldson noted, not the action of someone who had just witnessed a plane crash. Donaldson reported that some of the strongest evidence for a missile explosion -- the drastic change in apparent altitude, speed, and other factors noted by the flight data recorder (FDR) at 8:31:13 p.m. -- appeared to have been removed from the official version of the FDR's readout. Thanks to:  
WorldNetDaily.

Send your reports and letters to George A. Filer at [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com).

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WHEN -- Saturday, November 7, and Sunday, November 8, 1998.

WHERE -- The Days Inn in Bordontown, New Jersey (near Trenton)  
-- On Route 206, just off New Jersey Turnpike Exit 7. This is about 45 miles southwest of Newark Airport, where cars easily can be rented.

WHO --

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## Re: Meier Pictures

From: **Andy Denne - A.U.R.A.** <[aura@telekabel2.nl](mailto:aura@telekabel2.nl)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 1997 00:59:49 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 10:27:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

> Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 17:16:51 -0500  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Meier Pictures

> >Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 11:07:08 -0700  
> >From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Meier Pictures

<snip>

> >Gentlemen;

> >Let us not forget what we are referencing. The kinetic energy of  
> >a .45 ACP 234 Grn. projectile in comparison to a .22 WMR  
> >projectile. Neither a .45 nor a .22 will be totally converted  
> >into energy. This is a bit simpler than that. Brooksmith  
> >suggested that a .22 caliber bullet will deliver, weighing  
> >between 45 to perhaps 60 Grns. traveling around 1000 to perhaps  
> >1150 fps., depending on the loading, will give more energy to  
> >the target than a .45 ACP, weighing between 185 Grns. lower end,  
> >to 234 Grns. upper end. The velocity from a 185 Grn. "hollow  
> >point" or controlled expansion projectile, around 1000 feet per  
> >second, or the heavier 234 Grn. round at about 870 feet per  
> >second. You can play with the math, but real experience taught  
> >me that if I have to be shot, and I have no option, use the .22  
> >over the .45 PLEASE!!

> >Don Ecker

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> >Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong conclusion with  
> >confidence.  
> >Don Ecker  
> >UFO Magazine  
> >[www.ufomagazine.com](http://www.ufomagazine.com)

> >[Gentlemen:

> > I'm trying to figure how this relates to the purpose  
> > of this List..... am having difficulty. Could someone  
> > please give my brain a nudge or failing that take  
> > this tangent to direct E-Mail? --ebk]

> Errol,

> You just don't understand! See, if Nick's response to Bruce is  
> traveling at a speed of 89.9 mps. and approaching at a 45 degree  
> angle to the ecliptic plane, the momentum of Don's contribution  
> will introduce a random element of increased entropy. This,  
> according to Einstien, will cause the mass of the dialog to  
> impact on all three objects (Bruce, Nick and Don) simultaneously,  
> causing anal retention on a Galactic scale.

> And in some way that I haven't yet figured out, (I've have difficulties  
> doing math) we are all going to be shot in the head, (and preferably  
> with the .45! You don't want that .22 rattling around in your skull  
> processing your brain like liver in a blender,) or at this point in



> the thread, we hope we will be. Ah, at least I 'think' that's what  
> they're talking about. I hope this alters your tangent for you.  
> Now do you understand?

> C'mon dude, get on the stick. It's the, "kOoKy WoRld oF sCieNcE !"

> (LMAO!) Thanx for the roll on the floor man! ;-D

> John Velez, (S.)M.o.-A.t.S.o.T  
> (Stationary) Moving object- About the Size of Texas

> [Dang! An' here ah thort \_ah\_ wuz loozin' it wunerin' whut  
> it haid ta doo with yew-foes! TGIF-- ebk]

Haha!!! John we were laughin' us to death here!!!  
I was simply refering to the weapons the FiGU freely admits to  
have that's all...the rest of the mathematics ...well, i tried to  
figure out how that could help the case. Personally I'm real glad  
I don't know jack about guns (as i intent to keep it!).

Another thing though is i'm really glad so many reactions came  
one the latest Meier-scam. Since I have, as stated before, a very  
poor knowledge of guns, I was glad to learn that it was highly  
improbable that a sniper/killer would've used a .22.(ans missed  
at an 8 meter range, what a lousy MiB those Switsers got ;-))

Anyway, thanks for GOOD LAUGH and your great talent to express in  
quiet a funny way what I guess a lot of list-members were  
thinkin'

Andy Denne  
A.U.R.A.

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## The Chinese Roswell

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Subject: The Chinese Roswell

[Seems to me that the following has been discussed on UpDates  
in the past and the consensus was that it was a pile of  
'Dung Phooey' --ebk]

Excerpt from Fate Magazine August 1998. URL:

[http://www.llewellyn.com/fate/9808/pr2\\_0898.htm](http://www.llewellyn.com/fate/9808/pr2_0898.htm)

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Excerpted from  
The Chinese Roswell  
by Hartwig Hausdorf  
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For 35 years, a story has circulated about an alleged UFO crash that happened some 12,000 years ago in a remote mountain area in China. When I first heard of this, I took it to be science fiction. But new developments in this story have made it worth another look.

It begins at the turn of the years 1937 and 1938, when an expedition led by archeologist Chi Pu-Tei came across the pathless Bayan-Kara-Ula mountains in the modern-day Chinese province of Qinghai. The group discovered some caves in which numerous strange-looking skeletons were entombed. All of the skeletons had abnormally big heads and small, thin, fragile bodies.

There were no epitaphs at the graves, but the explorers did find 716 stone discs with bizarre hieroglyphs on them. From a hole in the center of each disc, a groove spiraled out to the rim. The archeologists had no idea what kind of information was encoded in the hieroglyphs.

(Image: The two known discs. Each weighed two pounds and measured about a foot in diameter.)

Not until the early 1960s did Beijing Academy of Sciences professor Tsum Um Nui succeed in translating a few passages of the inscriptions on the stone discs. But upon completing his report, the scientist ran into a problem: The Academy banned the publication of his work. This is not surprising when one considers the unusual conclusions that Tsum Um Nui and four assistants drew. They were certain that the hieroglyphs on the stone discs told of the crash of an alien spacecraft in the mountains 12,000 years ago!

After an extended quarrel, the professor obtained permission to publish his report. He introduced amazed readers to the story of alien beings called the Dropa, who had crashed in the Bayan-Kara-Ula Mountains after a long space flight. A great number of these beings died, and the survivors could not repair their ship, said Tsum Um Nui. Of course, the scientific establishment considered the story to be nonsense, and Tsum Um

Nui was derided as a fool.

What skeptics ignored was that in the Qinghai province, ancient traditions told of small, skinny, ugly beings, with big, clumsy heads and weak extremities, who came down from the sky long ago. Locals have always been afraid of the strange-looking invaders from the clouds.

Shortly after publishing his report, Tsum Um Nui emigrated to Japan. Embittered by the reactions of other scientists, he died shortly after he completed a final manuscript about the stone-disc mystery. My book Satelliten der Goetter (Satellites of the Gods) was published in Japan in 1996, and I hope the book's Japanese readers may be able to provide new information on Tsum Um Nui and his fate. Where was he buried? What library contains his report on the translation of the hieroglyphs on the stone plates?

#### Disappearing Evidence

Nobody knows what became of the 716 discs. Their existence was last documented in 1974, when Austrian engineer Ernest Wegerer came across two of the discs in Banpo Museum in Xi'an. The discs matched the descriptions from Tsum Um Nui's 1962 report. Wegerer could even recognize hieroglyphs in the disc's spiral grooves, but by this time they were partly crumbled away. Knowing the artifacts' background, Wegerer asked the former manager of the Banpo Museum for more details on the objects. Surprisingly, the woman could tell stories about all the other clay artifacts there, but all she could say of the stone discs was that they were unimportant "cult objects." This is also how they were labeled in the museum showcase.

Nevertheless, the Austrian was allowed to hold one of the discs and take the only known photographs of both of them. Wegerer estimated them to weigh two pounds each and to measure a foot in diameter. They both featured the strange hieroglyphs and a hole in the center. Regrettably, the spiral grooves cannot be seen in the photographs, partly because they had crumbled away and also because Wegerer used a Polaroid camera with an integrated flash.

This was more or less the status of the research when Satellites of the Gods co-author Peter Krassa and I tried to pick up the trail of this mystery of the century. It would not be easy. China had suffered through its Proletarian Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976. Many people lost their lives, and innumerable precious objects fell victim to the unrest. During this time, many artifacts were taken from Beijing into the provinces.

In March 1994, Prof. Wang Zhijun, director of the Banpo Museum, welcomed Krassa and me for a discussion of the stone discs. At first, he seemed unwilling to give details, but soon he revealed that the manager of the museum had been called away from her job just a few days after Wegerer had visited the museum in 1974. Both the woman and the discs had disappeared without a trace.

I had the distinct feeling that Wang Zhijun was uncomfortable during our inquiry. When asked for the artifacts' present location, he told us: "The stone discs you have mentioned do not exist, but being extraneous elements in this museum for pottery ware, they have been dislocated."

Isn't it fascinating to witness such a U-turn in one sentence?

(End of Excerpt)

Find out more in the August 1998 issue of FATE.

Hartwig Hausdorf of Germany exposed "China's Pyramid Cover-Up" in the February issue of FATE. More details of these and other Far East mysteries can be found in his new book, "The Chinese Roswell" (New Paradigm Books).

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## Nua Blather: Alphabeti Reticulans

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Forteana and High Weirdness

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### ALPHABETI RETICULANS

It was without success that Blather tried to contact Ms. Myler and Mr. Ansbro -- stars of last week's issue (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives2/issue2no10.html>). However, we did stumble across the news that the Irish Centre for UFO Studies is planning a talk of some sort in the Bull Island Interpretive Centre (this centre is finding out about wildfowl, not extra-terrestrials) in Clontarf, Dublin at 2pm on Sunday 26th July. Blather may or may not have someone on the scene.

So, there no information yet -- in the media or elsewhere -- that the recent ICUFOS predictions were successful. As mentioned last week, it was cloudy on July 14th, making it difficult to see juxtaposition of Jupiter with the Moon, but I'm sure they made the best of it. In the days \*preceding\* July 14th, there were plenty of other odd phenomena in our skies, much of them seemingly blamed on an unexpected meteor shower.

On Saturday July 11th, the BBC told of 'the Z from outer space', a strange array of 'Z' or '2' shaped lights which was seen for up to an hour along the west coast of Britain on Friday 10th, after 22:30. Police stations from as far south as Cornwall and north to Scotland were inundated with reports from excited witnesses claiming sightings over the Irish Sea. Reports were also made in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and the lights were seen by the coastguards there. They reckoned that it \*looked\* bigger than the Moon, but it was impossible to be sure without knowing the distance (a simple yet subtle fact that many people seem to forget when making reports). It drifted westwards, apparently above the clouds.

While most people saw a Z, Teesside Air Traffic control tower (near Middlesborough) reported a large letter Q. Was Steven Spielberg making a Sesame Street movie? No planes were overdue and the RAF and Jodrell Bank (radio telescope) reported nothing.

Some sense started to erupt from the confusion when an unnamed airline pilot claimed to have seen a large meteorite entering the atmosphere, while en route from France to the UK. He said that had seen it breaking up and leaving a long trail. . . and was formed into letters by the wind.  
([http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_130000/130527.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_130000/130527.stm))

Joseph Trainor of UFO Roundup (<http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>) begged to differ. In Volume 3, Number 28 for July 12th 1998, he says that 'luminous meteor trails last between five and ten seconds -- twenty seconds tops. They do not persist in the sky for over an hour. Whatever this phenomenon was, it

was no meteor.' ([http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/v03/rnd03\\_28.html](http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/v03/rnd03_28.html))

On Monday, July 13th, Blather reader (and occasional co-conspirator) Justin Mason heard witness reports on one of the RTE radio stations of many sightings in the Republic of Ireland on the night in question. One Wicklow man saw \*coloured\* lights to the north-west. Another Wicklovian reckoned they were laser lights over Glendalough (<http://www.irishphotos.com/page13.htm>) -- there is a hotel here, and as the Tour de France cycle race was passing by on Sunday 12th, it wasn't an unreasonable theory. Another report came from a woman in Galway who 'spotted lights in the sky to the west of her home on Friday night, and whose son (apparently an expert in these matters) reckoned it was an exploding aeroplane. hmmm, yerss'.

Blather would be inclined to draw a connection between these reports and the mysterious aerial alphabet spaghetti. Objections?

It's worth noting that there was \*another\* unexpected shower a few weeks earlier, on June 27th, confirmed by several countries, including Japan, Italy and Portugal. A meteor weighing 300kg (670 pounds) landed in Turkmenistan on June 20th. We do seem to be getting \*quite\* a few of these unexpected showers lately and the Leonids -- in November -- are apparently due to cause a storm, either this year or next year, and much damage to satellites is expected. It should be interesting to see what ICUFOS predicts for November, and for this August (when the Perseid meteor shower is due). ([http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/v03/rnd03\\_27.html](http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/v03/rnd03_27.html))

#### THE THEORY, BUT WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR THE PRACTICE

Speaking of the ICUFOS, honorary Blatherskite and Magonian Mark 'Rat Tamer' Pilkington stumbled across an interesting document during the week, none other than Roy Dutton's \*Global UFO Activity=A0--=A0A Study=A0of=A0Tactical Techniques\*, which claims to be 'a prolonged study of world-wide accounts of close encounters with unidentifiable aerial artifacts led, by synthesis, to the formulation of the Astronautical Theory for UFO Close encounters'. (<http://www.globalserve.net/~mallet/roycharts.shtml>)

Impressed? Last week (as in other issues), Blather made mention of how both Mr Greer of CSETI (<http://www.cseti.org>), and the PEIR/ICUFOS were singing from the same hymn book - Dutton's theories. Well, here it is, in all its glory. Blather will refrain from going so far as to entirely dissect it, but we would like to share our opinion of this paper. Blather reckons that it's a load of bobbins (thanks to Gareth Fagan, for introducing me to that curious label of detraction).

The Theory (and that's about as much as it is) claims to make it possible to \*predict\* UFO encounters, from calculations using data gleaned from historical UFO sightings. Dutton reckons that he's come across a strategy of alien surveillance of the Earth, using defined 'approach-paths' which deliver the surveillance craft. I can only assume that the entire theory is itself built on a shaky foundation of assumption, such as the actual existence of extra-terrestrial surveillance. Still, if such theorizing keeps him off the streets and out of trouble, we shouldn't complain.

#### THINGS THAT GO BUMP ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

According to Blather's MIB (Man in Bantry, the following Friday to the 'Mark of Zorro' night, or rather at 01:25 the morning of Saturday, July 18th, several members of the local population (up to half a mile away from each other) of none other than \*Bantry\* were woken up by a strange boom or bang, along with dogs barking. The weather wasn't thundery. Even though Blather has been told by Shannon ATC that the Concorde does not exceed the sound barrier over Ireland, many people do claim to hear it, but even so it's not known to shake houses -- as this did -- or cause dogs to bark. Does the Concorde even travel at such an hour? For more on present-day anomalous Irish aerial booms, their Cornish cousins and Concorde, see \*Skies Alive\* and \*Baaaaah-Humbug\* (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no31.html>) (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no31.html>).

Curiously, about 10 minutes after writing the above paragraph, this Blatherskite was having some coffee and reading some of 'The Owlman & Others' (1997, ISBN 0 952441764) by Jon Downes, of the Centre for

Fortean Zoology (<http://www.eclipse.co.uk/cfz/>). Incredibly enough, I stumbled across a section by Jon on the Cornish Concorde controversies of 1976, with Air France denying responsibility for the plethora of sky-bangs heard above the west country at that time, with even poor old President-elect Jimmy Carter getting himself implicated.

SOME PICTURES OF BLATHER TOPICS

In \*Silly Season: Monsters, UFOs, etc.\*

(<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives2/issue2no8.html>), we mentioned Gougane Barra. . . here's a rather pleasant photograph of the area (<http://www.irishphotos.com/pic23.htm>). On the same site, there's a picture of the island which was the subject of \*Weird Achill\* (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives2/issue2no9.html>), demonstrating the powerful scenery to be experienced there. (<http://www.irishphotos.com/pic15.htm>)

GRATUITIOUS SELF PUBLICITY SECTION

On July 19th, Reuters (<http://www.reuters.com>) saw fit to give coverage to the GUST lake monster expedition to Norway beginning on August 3rd (this writer will be aboard). CNN and other news networks published reports. ([http://customnews.cnn.com/cnews/pna.show\\_story?p\\_art\\_id=3D2755471&p\\_section\\_name=3Dalt](http://customnews.cnn.com/cnews/pna.show_story?p_art_id=3D2755471&p_section_name=3Dalt))

Dave (daev) Walsh  
Friday, 24th July 1998

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>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 21:22:15 -0300  
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>Bob,

>If you have any data on Corso, why not put it on the table?

Stan,

I have no information on Corso that needs to be placed on the table. Corso himself has detailed his involvement in the Roswell affair, but you seem to display a bias against Corso that I find rather interesting, and I merely am pointing out how ridiculous your position really is on a number of important points.

>I said nothing about your saying anything about Pica or elite  
>type.

Your phrasing certainly could leave the reader with that impression. I suggest you take a badly needed course in writing.

>Why not also put on the table how many visits you have made to  
>Archives and how many visits to New Mexico and how many Roswell  
>witnesses to whom you have talked?

Prove I haven't visited even more archives than you have.  
\_You're\_ the one making the claim I haven't visited any  
archives -- PROVE IT! Just remember, absence of evidence  
is not evidence of absence.

As for talking with Roswell witnesses, surely you're not suggesting a reasonable assessment of those witnesses cannot be derived from your representations of their testimony, are you? I mean, you wouldn't alter or withhold witness testimony, would you?

>Last I heard the number for at least the first 2 was zero.  
>Armchairs are indeed comfortable.

Yes, indeed they are. You've certainly benefitted from my research, the so-called "Bolender memo" being just one example, a document you consistently misrepresent because you haven't

bothered to do the necessary research to fill in the blanks. Perhaps you waste too much time tooting your own horn. Or perhaps you have filled in the blanks with your own research, but, for some unknown reason, decided long ago to withhold the truth from the public.

But I keep forgetting you were a member of the "research team" that, when they couldn't find the documents they were sure existed, created their own to fill in the gaps. Boy, that's taking the easy way out! Talk about armchair research! And to this day, you keep pushing those documents on the public. You even wrangled a \$16,000 grant from the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) to research the contents of those documents, which had been manufactured around documents and information your "research team" already had uncovered during their years of "archival research," "research" which apparently included planting at least one fake document among the formerly Top Secret records of Air Force Intelligence at the National Archives. Gee, is it any wonder you were able to "confirm" dates, places, and the names of the people present, when you already had the information in your own files?

Yes, indeed. What a great researcher you are!.

>Membership in the NSC is determined by law.

If, as you contend, Roswell represents the biggest cover-up of all time, exactly what has the law got to do with what the "Cosmic Watergate" folks do? Covert ops don't care about no stinking laws. Remember, they're everywhere, watching your every move, almost certainly in violation of the law. The law is meaningless tripe, and you know it.

Because you, the great archival researcher, cannot confirm Corso's claims by utilizing the available documentation at the Eisenhower Library, doesn't mean the man was fibbing. Once again -- and I'm shocked you seem unable to grasp this simple point -- ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE IS NOT EVIDENCE OF ABSENCE. It's YOUR pithy little saying -- if not your mantra -- and it applies to Corso every bit as much as it applies to your beloved MJ-12, regardless of the law.

>I do appreciate your demonstrating your illogicality and bias.

Oh, Stan, you're more than welcome. But, again, I am shocked that you don't recognize your own brand of "illogicality and bias." In fact, you yourself are flagrantly guilty of every crime of which you routinely accuse others, from selective choice of data, to propaganda, to misrepresentation, to outright lying. And, please, don't threaten me with a lawsuit, 'cause I'd tear you apart in court.

>With regard to your research skills, just how many papers have you published in scientific journals?

Yeah, we all know you're God's gift to nuclear physics and UFO research -- we know because you keep telling us, over, and over, and over again. If your "scientific" papers on nuclear physics are anything like your "scientific" papers on UFOs, I shudder to think anybody takes them seriously. It certainly doesn't say much for refereed journals.

All that aside, surely you must consider Corso worthy of further research. Why would a retired lieutenant colonel lie about such things? If you believe Corso was lying, then perhaps he was part of some government disinformation plot designed to derail your inquisition into the "Cosmic Watergate." Let's get the facts here, Stan, there must be some reason Corso lied, if indeed he did. Since he had documented ties to the NSC, and since you claim he was not a member of the NSC, and you also claim membership was dictated by law -- which we all know is a farce anyway -- let's get some hard facts on this. I suggest you launch an all-out effort to prove Corso wasn't a member of the NSC in violation of the law. After all, there is no documentation proving any of the twelve supposed members of MJ-12 actually were in that group, or even that the MJ-12 group existed at all, but you seem to accept that as fact. And since it appears MJ-12 withholds vital information even from Presidents of the United States, this means they are operating outside the law as well, making your observation that NSC membership is determined by law all but meaningless. Indeed, to

hear you tell it, the whole idea of the MJ-12 organization is illegal as hell. I won't even mention the illegal death threats supposedly delivered to key Roswell witnesses by the Air Force's jack-booted Roswell cover-up thugs.

Again, I recommend you submit the appropriate FOIA requests to the appropriate agencies, and if need be, take them all the way to the Supreme Court, just like you did when you filed suit against the NSA on behalf of CAUS years ago. If necessary -- and it appears it will be -- I also would recommend you try to cultivate some more of those infamous "inside sources" who helped your "research team" so much in the past. Maybe one or two "Deep Throats" can point you in the right direction, and furnish you with records you cannot obtain under the FOIA, perhaps by furnishing them on undeveloped rolls of black-and-white, 35mm film, or by enticing you to an upstate New York motel where they will allow you to photograph top-secret/code word documents they pilfered from official files for your benefit. If indeed you believe Corso lied, surely you can't believe he lied merely to make money, or for whatever satisfaction he might have derived from being the center of attention. There must be more to it than that. Apply your masterful "research" skills to this puzzling aspect of the Roswell controversy, and get back to us with your "Final Report on Colonel Phillip Corso."

Stan, you and I both know that you are the right man for the job. If you think Corso was lying, then expose him either as a liar who craved money or attention, or as a liar who was part of the government's disinformation master plan intended to kill the valuable research you carry out for the good of all mankind. But, please, don't feed us that crap about NSC membership being dictated by law. It's meaningless nonsense in the context of the "Cosmic Watergate," and you should know that better than anybody.

Until you can come up with something other than your own armchair theorizing on Corso, further discussion would seem to be pointless.

Cordially,

Bob Todd

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## Re: Meier Pictures

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Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 19:29:17 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 10:31:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

Compliments of the Duke:

>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 09:41:31 -0700  
>From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Meier Pictures

>The Mossad used a .22 caliber weapon for "executive actions",  
>but it was a Berretta (sp?) in a .22 caliber SHORT.

My informants beg to differ, and I wouldn't trust a .22 Short to do such dirty work; and I don't think Beretta made a pistol in that calibre (not that Mossad wouldn't be able to order a special, of course). But I have moles burrowing to double check. It was certainly my understanding that Gerald Bull, designer of the Iraqi "supergun", exited this life thanks to the .22WMR.

>But back to  
>the reason I wrote this, the idea of comparing a .22 WMR to a  
>.45 ACP as carrying more kinetic energy is just patently  
>ridiculous. Kind of like comparing a small stone to a huge block  
>of granite.

Not entirely. Compare these ammo specs:

|            |        |       |            |          |
|------------|--------|-------|------------|----------|
| CCI +V     | .22WMR | 40gr  | 2000ft/sec | 355ft/lb |
| Federal    | .22WMR | 50gr  | 1650ft/sec | 302ft/lb |
| Winchester | .45ACP | 185gr | 775ft/sec  | 245ft/lb |
| Winchester | .45ACP | 210gr | 710ft/sec  | 235ft/lb |
| Winchester | .45ACP | 230gr | 850ft/sec  | 410ft/lb |

The last .45 is a military hardball, and comparable to the load Don described, which I calculate gives about 392ft/lbs at the muzzle or only about 10% more kinetic energy than the CCI +V above. The CCI .22WMR is a hollowpoint, so the effect is grim. But, as wise men say, I'd rather be missed by a .22 than hit by a .45.

In the late 70s I was involved in testing various transparent plastics for an Italian company who had had several of their top executives' relatives kidnapped for ransom. They wanted nice safe new windows. We pumped every pistol bullet/load combo we could find at this stuff at various ranges. The ones that penetrated deepest (none went through) were Eley HV .22LR and a Federal .22WMR, both solid points.

The way to defeat bullet-proof "glass" today would, of course, be to use a large catapult or small siege engine firing a well-trussed Gray, which would have no trouble passing through, and would frighten those behind it at very least into a catatonic trance. The only question then would be who abducted the victim first - the Gray or the would-be ransomers.

Fascinating as these technical data are, I'm still waiting to hear from the Meier Fan Club whether their favorite prophet & guru reported the so-called "assassination attempt", involving a crashed .22in-diameter lead UFO (there's your answer ;-) John), to the local plod.

best  
Pachmayr D. Mannlicher  
Wedge Gripper

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## Missouri UFO Crash In 1865?

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Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 10:56:48 -0400  
Subject: Missouri UFO Crash In 1865?

From: Wireless Flash News Service June 17.

URL: <http://www.flashnews.com/news/8plp2pr4.htm>

Stig

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Wed 06-17-98 09:50 am

82 YEARS BEFORE ROSWELL: DID A UFO CRASH IN 1865?

CALGARY, Alberta (Wireless Flash) =96 Did a flying saucer make a crash landing in Missouri 82 years before the infamous Roswell, New Mexico, crash?

A UFO researcher claims new evidence suggests that an alien spacecraft crashed in the Cadotte Pass area of Missouri sometime in September of 1865.

Researcher W. Ritchie Benedict says the man discovering the crashed UFO was a fur trapper named James Lumley, who told newspapers he saw a "bright, luminous body in the heavens" suddenly burst into flames in the middle of the night.

The day after the sighting, Lumley reportedly discovered a bizarre giant stone-like object about two miles from his camp that was decorated with weird hieroglyphics

Newspapers from the time report that the giant "space rock" was so fragile that it blew to bits before Lumley could take it to scientists for an examination..

Benedict=92s research on the "Cadotte Saucer Crash" appears in the July issue of Fate magazine.

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## Casteel On Bigelow

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Excerpt from the August issue of Fate Magazine. URL:

[http://www.llewellyn.com/fate/9808/pr1\\_0898.htm](http://www.llewellyn.com/fate/9808/pr1_0898.htm)

Stig

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Excerpted from  
Where the Steers and the Aliens Play  
by Sean Casteel  
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The story of multimillionaire Robert Bigelow is surrounded by the kind of mystery, intrigue, and conspiracy charges that typically fuel the UFO community's rumor mill. Some observers call him a generous benefactor who has nothing to hide. Others label him a manipulative puppetmaster who uses his money as a weapon and hordes the paranormal research data he once promised to make public.

Very little is known about Bigelow. Even the source of his fortune remains a mystery. Some say he is of the Bigelow Tea family, while others claim he made his money in Las Vegas real estate. Another rumor has it that the death of his son several years ago brought about his passionate interest in the paranormal, the mystery of survival after death, and UFO phenomena.

There are also foreboding rumors that when crossed, Bigelow responds through emissaries who threaten violence -- or worse. Accusations of bribery are commonly tossed around. Even more common are the whispers that Bigelow's public posture of secrecy points to covert connections to the CIA or other government agencies. Bigelow's determined silence in the press only further fuels the speculation.

But once in a while even Bigelow makes a move that unavoidably brings him into the public eye. Bigelow's purchase of a ranch in isolated eastern Utah perfectly illustrates how he operates: moving in with large sums of money and quickly covering his trail to keep it hidden from prying eyes.

The tale begins with Terry and Gwen Sherman, the ranchers who in 1995 purchased a large tract of Utah land -- and got much more than they bargained for.

Home on the Range

The family found their new ranch unusual from day one, according to UFO researcher Christopher O'Brien, who was one of the first



to arrive on the Sherman case. "The house had sat empty for seven years. Any house that sits empty for even a month or two in this area is completely cannibalized to the ground. This place -- no one would touch it," says O'Brien.

The house looked like it had been vacated hastily the day before, and all the doors in the house had deadbolt locks. A central corridor could be locked on both ends, and a closet in that hallway could be locked from the inside. "It was very spooky -- like a Stephen King novel or something," says O'Brien.

The strangeness didn't end there. In July 1996, the Shermans made news by going public with claims of seeing several types of UFOs on their land. According to Zack Van Eyck, a reporter for Salt Lake City's The Deseret News, the Shermans reported having three cows mutilated and several others missing, and finding strange impressions in the soil and circles of flattened grass. They saw lights emerge from "doorways" that seemed to appear in the air. One night, as Gwen Sherman was driving home, she was chased by strange red lights. On another occasion, Terry Sherman and his son waved to a black craft, reportedly the size of a football field, and then felt they had received some kind of response from it. Terry, viewing the craft through a scope from about 400 yards away, supposedly saw a tall, dark figure get out.

Enter Robert Bigelow, who flew to Utah soon after the reports and offered to buy the ranch for about \$200,000. The Shermans accepted the offer and bought a smaller ranch about 15 miles away, where they hoped to escape the upsetting events that plagued them for more than a year.

Zack Van Eyck tells FATE about the Shermans' dire need to unload the ranch. "Bigelow's been a savior to them because he got them off the ranch," he says. "I really am impressed with the Shermans. They had chances to sell the ranch; Terry told me that a guy from Colorado wanted to buy it. Terry just didn't feel comfortable, because he was afraid that this guy and his family would go in and have the same experiences. So Terry, not wanting to put any other family in that position, really had no choice but to sell to someone like Bigelow."

An article in Spirit magazine by David Perkins described the Shermans' experience on their last day at the ranch. The night before, they had locked all the doors and gone to bed. "The next morning they awoke to find their bedding covered in blood," Perkins wrote. "They [each] had a one-eighth-inch deep 'scoop mark' in the same place on their right thumbs. The ranch from hell had managed to nick them one last time."

Once he acquired the ranch, Bigelow reportedly hired a pair of scientists and a veterinarian to take up residence there. They would conduct research under the umbrella of the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS), a private research organization formed by Bigelow in October 1996.

Beyond these facts, little else is known. Bigelow maintains a strict silence with the media, and his hand-picked assistant and spokesman John Alexander has granted the press no details into the nature of the research. Terry Sherman, now employed by Bigelow to maintain the ranch, told The Deseret News he could no longer comment on his experiences because of a non-disclosure agreement he had to sign.

So here lies the core of the Sherman ranch mystery: What is Bigelow hiding behind his tidy legal agreement that he doesn't want to make known to the UFO community and the public? Is that secrecy imposed, as some have suggested, because of covert connections to the military or government? Or are Bigelow's motives much more personal?

Find out more in the August 1998 issue of FATE.

Sean Casteel has reported on UFOs and alien abductions for nearly ten years. His interview with Heaven's Gate member Rio DiAngelo appeared in the July issue of FATE.

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## Aurora Crash 1897: Full Scale Research Project

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Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 05:11:17 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 11:35:26 -0400  
Subject: Aurora Crash 1897: Full Scale Research Project

Great program, Jan and Jeff. This one is from  
"alt.ufo.reports" July 20.

Best

Stig

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Subject: Project Aurora  
From: [ufonetwork@aol.com](mailto:ufonetwork@aol.com) (Ufonetwork)  
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Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports

Extra-Terrestrial Network has now become the first UFO Organization to open up a full scale research project on the alleged UFO Crash in Aurora, Texas in 1897. We plan on petitioning to exhume the body from the local cemetery in Aurora, Texas. Ever since the resurfacing of the story and information of the alleged crash in the late 1960s and early 1970s people have been very interested. This webpage and this Project are your source for information on the crash. Check out the webpage for it on the main page for Extra-Terrestrial Network at:

<http://etnetwork.home.ml.org>

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## UFO News Items From The Fringe

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Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 03:30:40 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 11:12:59 -0400  
Subject: UFO News Items From The Fringe

Thanks to Wireless Flash News Service I am able to bring you a few news items from the fringe. Except for the last one which is rather sweet, they are all pretty far out, but hopefully will act as a deterrent.

The first one is from July 9, and the URL is

<http://www.flashnews.com/news/7eet5es2.htm>

Stig

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Thu 07-09-98 05:12 am

Aliens Rebuffed With Mysterious 'Bodyguard Discs'

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (Wireless Flash) Can a 3-inch metal disc protect you from an alien abduction?

The mysterious metal discs are being sold by a California-based group called the Alien Resistance Movement, which claims hostile aliens are walking the streets of almost every city on the planet.

Spokesperson Thor Templar says the "alien bodyguard discs" are made of gold and silver and give off "vibrational energies" which will keep aliens at bay.

The Alien Resistance Movement apparently learned how to make the bodyguard discs thanks to information supplied by what Templar calls an elfin-looking alien woman with extra-long fingers.

The discs may be to aliens what garlic is to vampires but they're not as cheap.

Each disc costs a whopping \$225 but, according to Templar, one disc can protect an entire house from alien attack.

CONTACT: Thor Templar, \*\*\*\*\*; Palm Springs, CA; (760) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\*

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This one is from June 2. URL

<http://www.flashnews.com/news/4clk0ch0.htm>

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Tue 06-02-98 09:50 am

Out-Of-This-World Jewelry Made From Crashed Ufo Fragments

RED ROCK, N. M. (Wireless Flash) =96 A New Mexico gemologist is selling jewelry made out of what he claims are fragments from a crashed UFO.

Jeweler David Shoemaker owns about two-and-a-half pounds of a strange glass-like material that he says was salvaged from an alien spacecraft that crashed near Red Rock, New Mexico, more than 50 years ago.

The extraterrestrial gems are transparent green and contain tiny gray spheres resembling exploding galaxies. It was originally believed the material was from a meteorite, but Shoemaker claims an analysis of the fragments reveals that they contain 54 different minerals and elements - including 3 minerals never found on Earth.

Shoemaker is currently selling raw chunks of the UFO fragments for \$100 or more a gram and necklaces for \$500 or more.

CONTACT: David Shoemaker, \*\*\*\* (serious inquiries only); Red Rock, NM; (505) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\*

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The next item is from May 13 and can be found at

<http://www.flashnews.com/news/6khy4ka2.htm>

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Wed 05-13-98 03:23 pm

Androids Under Construction In Top Secret Nevada Lab

CROCKETT, Tex. (Wireless Flash) Are androids being assembled at a top secret research lab in Nevada?

Yes, says sci-fi author Kenny Love, who claims he=92s uncovered evidence that human-looking androids already exist and will soon infiltrate society.

Love says a team of scientists working near Area 51 in Nevada is putting the final touches on a group of androids with cloned human brains.

The android research is reportedly being funded by a secret group that plans on using the robot-humans as coal miners, astronauts for long-distance space journeys or even as high-tech sex dolls.

Love says he=92s also heard rumors that the Internal Revenue Service wants to program the U.S. Tax Code into androids so they can be used as cold-hearted, emotionless IRS agents.

Love, who discovered the real-life android situation while writing an upcoming fictional book called Millennium Eve (Mys-Tech Publishers), says he now fears for his life.

CONTACT: Kenny Love, \*\*\*\*; Crockett, TX; (409) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\*

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The following is from May 3, and the URL is

<http://www.flashnews.com/news/5smy6sq0.htm>

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Sun 05-03-98 02:47 pm

Alien Spacecraft Using Prison As 'Gas Station'

LONDON, Ohio (Wireless Flash) - UFO researchers think a prison in London, Ohio, is being used as a sort of "service station" for alien spaceships.

Researcher Peggy Tillman says the London Correctional Institution is regularly visited by alien craft which hover over the site for about five minutes, perhaps refueling before jetting away. The prison is located on Route 665, a highway that locals refer to as the "UFO Highway."

Tillman also reports that many of the eyewitnesses who have seen spacecraft "fuel up" over the prison have later spotted a Bigfoot in the area. Could the hairy creature be some type of paranormal pump attendant?

However, not everyone believes the prison is an extraterrestrial Exxon. London Correctional Institution spokesman Don Rayna says he=92s unaware of any alien visits to the prison.

CONTACT: Peggy Tillman, \*\*\*\*; London, OH; (614) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\*; Don Rayna, \*\*1/2; (740) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\*

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The last one is dated June 26. URL

<http://www.flashnews.com/news/1tidlts7.htm>

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Fri 06-26-98 09:50 am

The Bride Is Out There: 'X-Files' Weddings On The Rise

ARDMORE, Pa. (Wireless Flash) =96 The latest trend in weddings is pretty 'alienating'. It seems the brides and grooms are dressing up like X-Files sleuths Mulder and Scully.

Wedding consultant Deborah Hernandez, who works for the David=92s Bridal Store chain in Detroit, says she=92s working on an X-Files wedding right now.

The bride will be cutting her red hair into a Scully-like bob and slipping into a double-breasted business suit and trench-coat, while the groom will wear a standard issue suit resembling Agent Mulder=92s clothing.

Both of them will sport fake FBI badges =96 along with all of the bridesmaids and groomsmen. And, instead of "The Wedding March," the bride will walk down the aisle to the spooky strains of "The X-Files Theme."

Hernandez says she=92s expects plenty of other couples to hop on the X-Files wedding bandwagon due to the popularity of the show and the movie.

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## Re: Meier Pictures

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Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 02:04:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 11:49:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

[A non-subscriber post --ebk]

>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 1997 17:34:42 +0200  
>From: Andy Dene - A.U.R.A. <[aura@telekabel2.nl](mailto:aura@telekabel2.nl)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Meier-Pictures.

>As promised some time ago, here's an update on the Billy  
>Meier-case. First of all I'd like to mention the fact that, even  
>though he offered to do lend a hand he never mailed me back.

Hi Andy and Gang:

The colossal Ra=E9lian movement seems not to be of concern. A group much larger and forceful than Meier, and growing. The Ra=E9l group are without photos and document equal to Meier, and maybe the reason why debunkers find it of no interest. Ra=E9l has even taken on the task of building a cloning facility offshore, in some neutral country. All Meier has done is publish his photos and contact notes, and is being attacked.

What is considered the norm tend to be confined in their house of thought. The avantgarde, even through esoteric, is often the realm where new ideas are formed and disbusted into the tightly griped world who refuse to initially embrace new ideas -- Edison, Albert Einstein, Tesla, etc., for example. We all are being politically motivated to turn aganist each other. In the end, if Meier profest to be what he his, the truth will find it's rightful place. If you're wrong in your assumptions, you can easily say, gee, I was wrong. In the mean time, all that debunking will have turned people away and aganist Meier's teachings, not him specifically, because he's no god.

Isn't it interesting that we the people do not muster the same effort in acts of sexism, rasism, violent movies, etc.? These are the very things that help expidite the degeneration our society into the abyss and mind you, this is being done globally. While Meier and his handful of follows do not profest the degeneration of society and is attacked. Will society allow humanity to massacre itself under the banner of free speech? The people of Earth must realize that they are their own messiahs and must work to bring about peace and stop fighting against each other.

I'm sure you are aware that the government often insert misinformation to throw researchers off track when they get too close to the truth. Do you know of any other UFO contact case that has come under intense scrutiny similar to Meier? Did you read about the meltdown at CNN and the New York Times recently, regarding the U.S. Government experimenting on soldiers?

>Meier claims the Men in Black forged his photographs in  
>order to discredit him, but what proof comes along to  
>support this wild claims?

The others who profess to have come in contact with the Men in Black stealth group, do they have proof to support their claims? Could you name a UFO contact case that overshadows the Meier



case? We tend to honor UFO contact cases with no real substance, because they do not have much to scrutinize.

>SSSC: We have the contact-notes and the fact Ptaah (who only  
> 'appears' to Meier!) told us (sic) so!

Maybe the so called Anti-Christ will show signs and wonders, spellbouding the world. Since the world will require proof that he's the messiah.

>The rest not worth mentioning because it was a mixture of  
>aggressive bashing of Korff or anyone that doesn't believe  
>Meier's ludicrous claims on the one hand and trying to convince  
>me of their "Mission". "The prophet of the New Age" as his  
>followers call Meier is actually planning to thank Korff and  
>Buergin for the free publicity, said the spokesman of the SSSC.

Your efforts against Meier is also considered "aggressive bashing." If Meier responds to Korff, that's his right, because Korff has attacked him.

"...convince me of their "Mission". Did they really? You will have to reason into that understanding yourself, Meier and his group can not do that.

>Have you noticed that in the conversation above there is a HUGE  
>contradiction: First there was claimed Meier NEVER made any fake  
>pictures him self. Then two questions later they practically  
>ADMIT he very well faked pictures!

He did? Did you know Meier once lived in a farm house with sections having dirt floors when he took many of those pictures? If he did not have the money to repair his farm house, where he found the money to fake pictures and create a movie?

>This behaviour can be interpreted as sectarian, cult-like  
>behaviour only! Also we did a new analysis of a couple of  
>Meier-pics ALSO found on their website.(Just so the good ol'  
>MIB-excuse won't work this time ;-)) What we obviously noted was  
>the following:

>And if that all isn't enough, Meier still trying to manipulate  
>the minds of his somewhat naive followers.

If Meier's group is cult-like, do assume the world we live in to be a larger cult? Please understand, many beliefs in society are cult-like! Remember, the debunking clique you're with, is also a cult -- like-minded working together. Don't reverse the word "cult" as a negative, similar to how many have reserved the word "holocaust" for the Jews. If you don't agree with Meier for whatever reason, that is your right, but don't go about making decisions for the masses. If others come into Meier's teachings, and for whatever reason disapproved, that's their right, and they have the freewill to stop. Meier does not run a secret society where mysterious pacts are signed, and members ascend in degrees.

Many of society's doctrine and actions, brainwashes us or conditions us from childhood into adulthood with a set of beliefs often filled with wrong and selfish thinking. That's one of the reasons why the world is subdued in such madness. The knowledge you and I have, did not fall from the sky. Over time, we will all evolve into what is the truth, and the likes of you, I and Meier will have faded away.

>Picture 200: Made taken March 8, 1976

>After we enhanced the image we noted that the pixels in the  
>background were defiantly different from those on the  
>craft...rather sloppy work I'd say...but after we decided to  
>erase the back-ground we ALSO noticed a white edge, clearly a  
>result of "cut and paste"!

Did you deduce your findings from a firsthand scan, or from the degraded pixelated .jpg artifact copy?

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>this Meier came up with a .22 bullet stuck in a tree. Of course

>Meier had no other witnesses of this "attack". In my opinion  
>those MIB in question must've been terrible rookies or drunk, if  
>they weren't capable of hitting him at an 8 meter distance!

So you believe Meier's recent assassination attempt was a hoax?  
Re-read the contact info again. Meier said the MIB were behind  
it.

>I guess it's useless wasting anymore time on Meier and his cult,  
>although I feel sorry for his followers who need to believe in  
>something...

If Meier's followers believe in something, does that mean you  
believe in nothing? If that's the case, how did you arrived at  
your conclusions? Did Korff convince you that the Meier case is  
a hoax?

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## See Mars in 3-D

From: Mark LeCuyer <[randydan@wavetech.net](mailto:randydan@wavetech.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 12:11:11 -0400  
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Source: Ron Baalke <[BAALKE@kelvin.jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:BAALKE@kelvin.jpl.nasa.gov)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 15:27:36 GMT  
Subject: National Geographic Presents "Return To Mars"

Media Advisory

MARS PATHFINDER MISSION GETS A NEW LOOK:  
SEE THE RED PLANET in 3-D at [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com)

### WHAT:

Remember that cute little rover "Sojourner" scooting across the rocky Martian terrain last year? And the fabulous photographs of the Red Planet's landscapes the Pathfinder mission sent back to Earth? Well, now you can relive the expedition in 3-D at "Return to Mars" from Pathfinder's fiery plunge through the Martian atmosphere and its beachball landing to a virtual ride on the rover.

Just pull out the 3-D glasses from the August issue of National Geographic magazine, included for its cover story on Mars. If you're not a member, you can order the magazine from the online store.

Send a postcard from Mars and then, when you've returned to Earth, join a forum discussion on whether NASA should send a manned mission to the Red Planet.

### WHEN:

Return to Mars starts July 17.

### WHERE:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/98/mars/>

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From: Mark - Alien Astronomer  
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## Re: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

From: Philip Mantle <[el51@dial.pipex.com](mailto:el51@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 04:49:20 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 12:22:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

> Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 20:32:01 +0200  
> From: Bruno Mancusi <[Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch](mailto:Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch)>  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'/Santilli's footage

> >Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 09:56:41 +0000  
> >From: Philip Mantle <[el51@dial.pipex.com](mailto:el51@dial.pipex.com)>  
> >To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> >Subject: Signing Off

> >Dear Friends and Colleagues,

> >I have to inform you that I am pulling out of ufology for an  
> >indefinite period. This has not been an easy decision to reach  
> >as I have been actively involved for nearly 20 years.

> Philip,

<snip>

> Now that you are going to resign from ufology, can you say us at  
> last what was your real involvement in this "Roswell autopsy"  
> story? Why have you accepted to help Ray Santilli to put in  
> touch with the ufological milieu? Have you received money from  
> him? How much?

> I think that many list members would be interested in your  
> response.

Dear Bruno,

My reason for becoming involved with Santilli and his film was simply to try and get to the bottom of it. I have not yet managed to do this but I have proven, to my satisfaction at least, the tent footage is a hoax. Whether or not the rest of the film proves to be fake or genuine I honestly don't know.

As for payment from Santilli I have been asked this question a thousand times. The answer is quite simply no. Santilli paid me a small fee to work as a consultant on his video release of the film, which I did and even appeared in. At no time did Santilli or anyone else for that matter ever offer me any money for anything else.

There are those ufologists out there with I.Q.'s the same size as their shoe size who are adamant that myself and others were paid large sums of money and that I was even involved in faking the film. Is it any wonder that I have decided to call it a day.

That day in San Marino was very surreal indeed as was the BUFORA Congress in 1995 which publicly aired the film for the first time. I've been asked if I have any regrets about becoming involved with Santilli and his film, I have only one, and that is that I have not been able, at this moment in time, to prove the film either fake or genuine. As I'm signing off I will have to leave this up to others.

All the best,

Philip.

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## Re: Nua Blather: Alphabeti Reticulans

From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 14:52:24 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 19:51:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Nua Blather: Alphabeti Reticulans

>From: Dave Walsh <[dave@nua.ie](mailto:dave@nua.ie)>  
>Subject: Nua Blather: Alphabeti Reticulans  
>Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 18:17:45 +0100  
>To: [blather@lists.best.com](mailto:blather@lists.best.com)

>Joseph Trainor of UFO Roundup  
>(<http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>) begged to differ. In Volume 3, Number  
>28 for July 12th 1998, he says that 'luminous meteor trails last  
>between five and ten seconds -- twenty seconds tops. They do not  
>persist in the sky for over an hour. Whatever this phenomenon was, it  
>was no meteor.' ([http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/v03/rnd03\\_28.html](http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/v03/rnd03_28.html))

I beg to differ with his begging to differ.

Large meteors, (yes, I know I'm preaching to the choir) can and do leave residual smoke trails, as well as the initial ionized air.

I don't know what time the event occurred, but if the smoke trail was at a sufficient altitude to be illuminated by the sun (even though those on the ground were in the dark), it could have been visible for some time, and stirred up a bit by high level winds. The path of the smoke trail would have been at a downward angle, and the trail could have been passing through wind currents of differing speeds and directions, hence the strange shape.

The data should be available to determine if the sun would have been visible from the top of the atmosphere at that location. If not, then I guess I'm blowing hot air.

Greg

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## UFOs, Skeptics and The Misinformed

From: Dave Ledger <[dledger@cableinet.co.uk](mailto:dledger@cableinet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 19:39:25 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 19:49:24 -0400  
Subject: UFOs, Skeptics and The Misinformed

Greetings Errol & fellow list members,

Here at UFO Scotland we keep recieving volumes of mail saying the same thing and asking the same old questions with regard to ufology past and present.

I thought I would forward a typical letter with its reply for your interest and ask if this is also common ground for other UFO website owners.

Thanks for your time

Dave Ledger.

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Hi,

Many thanks for your interesting mail. It certainly was thought provoking to say the least but dare I say it, was obviously written through the eyes of a total skeptic!.

I have never once said on my website that these UNKNOWNS were actually aliens space ships etc. That is your own misinterpretation my friend. Many UFO sightings could and probably will be secret military craft etc but not all of them.

>what people are seeing are optical anomilies such as land  
>lights, ball lightning and planet occultations. This seems  
>ridiculous too but the human imagination is one of the most  
>powerful forces of nature that we know of.

I totally agree that Ufology is followed by many who do not have any serious direction in life or just plain gullible folks, but there are many who research the subject objectively like myself who are after only the truth no matter what it ends up as.

If you had researched the subject of ufology properly, you would see that sightings etc are not a relatively new trend as you had put it. They have been going on for thousands of years, even depicted in cave paintings by our ancients. The problem with the whole thing is that folks have not been properly informed and kept in the dark about sightings for years by our own governments. Perhaps this is because most of them are indeed secret military prototypes etc and it is easier to let the public think they are of an Extra terrestrial nature as opposed to secret.

>I dont doubt that lifeforms exist elsewhere, in face I believe  
>that there must be thounds if not millions of populated  
>planets elsewhere in the universe

>but why would they visit us? If they did visit planet earth  
>then I dont think anyone could hide it - not even the "mighty"  
>US government.

Yes you are right there too but think of this. Just supposing their really are extra terrestrial visitors visiting us from their planets. If you were one of them and were a peaceful and more intelligent race, would you not hide from man's barbaric



ways and just watch the progress or lack of it, whichever is the case. If we caught an ET we would pickle it or put it on a wall as a trophy or experiment on it or cage it. If you were a visitor would you put yourself through that just to say HI were here!

>Nope I dont think people are seeing space ships or aliens at  
>all. Dont you think its kinda like the medievil days when  
>people thought there was dragons, goblins and sea monsters?

Remember when man said you could not fly and then the wright brothers flew in their flimsy wooden aircraft. They said it was impossible but only because of their own short sightedness. Some would have said it was witch craft at one time but now it is a way of life, taken for granted by us all. It is all a matter of how much you can open your mind to accept the future and its possibilities instead of standing there saying it cant be done. Our problem is that we relate our world and our universe by our own scientific limitations and what we believe is possible. Science is changing all the time along with our understanding of it making new possibilities all the time, but it is only useful to those who are not on the black and white road so to speak.

Now take a good look through your history books and tell me that we have always been correct with our assumptions of what we can and cant do. You will find that most of the things that were said to be impossible years ago are easily possible now.

>to be honest I think its more like some kind of hysteria,  
>with the reports mirroring the Hollywood alien trends of  
>the day.

What about all the sighting reports by civilians and military and R.A.F. before all the hollywood hype. If you research the subject thoroughly, you will see that there is a lot more to ufology than meets the eye. Some of the best reports come from the 40s and 50s. I do agree however that there is a lot more chance of sightings today being hoaxed but not them all.

I strongly suggest that you visit the website again and view the worlds best UFO video footage page. Then come back and tell me that all of these STRUCTURED craft are just dragons and goblins. They are there and they are real and have been spotted by millions around the world and even captured on camera. I dont think that you will be able to explain away all of this footage with goblins and fairies.

Let me put it another way for you. I'll bet you have never been to Hong Kong or even seen it for real but you would swear that it is there!

>anyway thats my thoughts on the matter  
>its just that id hate to see people wasting too much time on a  
>phenomenon that will never be resolved.  
>what will people be seeing 2 or 3 hundred years from now?

Again that is your opinion my friend and it is not a waste of time in my opinion. I am not afraid to ask questions or question what we do not know about. I was like you 2 years ago, pretty skeptical, but when you have a sighting that is multi-witness and then the authorities say there was nothing there belonging to them what are you supposed to think. My father was all his life in the RAF and I am well accustomed to seeing aircraft landing lights and navigation lights. These objects we spotted were definately not aircraft and definately not natural light phenomenons etc. Isn't it funny that as soon as we see something that we cannot explain it has to become natural earth lights or suchlike but these are not any more believable than the UFO's themselves as Earth Light Phenomena has yet to be fully explained also.

Finally as a last thought, I think you should look into the Governments past involvement with UFOs. If there was nothing to it as most seem to think, do you think the military and airforces of the world would have put so much money and man hours into something which was laughable at the least. I dont think so. Try looking up documents on Project SIGN, Project GRUDGE, Project BLUE BOOK etc. You will be suprised.

There are many reasons as to why the Governments of the world would choose to cover up any contact from other worlds but that

is another discussion. In my opinion, there is a lot of evidence to suggest that there is something to ufology and I do not believe that it will always remain a secret for years to come. We have to be ready first as a race and that may well come in my life time and yours.

I thank you for your interesting view point and would like to hear from you again in the future to discuss this further if you like. Also try to get a look at the NASA shuttle missions: STS-48 and STS-80. Fairies and Dragons? In Space? Definately not Earth lights or Planets so perhaps you could tell me what the anomalous objects in the video clips are.

<http://wkweb5.cableinet.co.uk/dledger/video.htm>

Take care of you and yours amigo, from your good friend,

Dave.

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If you see someone without a smile... give them one of yours :)  
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Posted by: Dave Ledger [UFOSCOT@cableinet.co.uk](mailto:UFOSCOT@cableinet.co.uk)  
Visit "UFO SCOTLAND" at:  
<http://wkweb5.cableinet.co.uk/dledger/index.htm>  
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>Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 12:31:33 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Meier Pictures

>>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 21:03:29 -0400  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Kinetic Energy Bullets  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

<snip>

>>Don't forget that the definition of "kinetic energy" is the  
>>product of the mass times the velocity squared. If I knew the  
>>speed and mass of the .22 WNR I could calculate its K.E. and  
>>compare with the 45 (234 grain, 870 ft/sec;  $KE = 234 \times 870^2 =$   
>>177,114,600 in the appropriate units.

>Bruce, looks like you also forgot the definition of kinetic  
>energy (the energy of moving objects). It is equal to the mass  
>times the velocity squared divided by 2. As a result, your  
>value above is twice as large as it should be.

>Of course, if a given mass is totally converted into energy,  
>then the energy obtained is the product of the mass time the  
>velocity of light squared (Einstein's mass-energy formula).

I agree. I left the 1/2 off and erroneously described the  
"remainder",  $mv^2$ , as the "kinetic energy"., (I should have  
said twice the kinetic energy). I did NOT include 1/2 because  
what I was thinking about was the COMPARISON between the KE of  
the two bullets, and, in particular, the RATIO of the KE of one  
to the KE of the other, and in this ratio the (1/2) factor would  
cancel.

On the other hand, if these were relativistic bullets, then the  
total energy would be  $mc^2$  where  $m$  is the relativistic mass,  $m =$   
 $m'/(1-v^2/c^2)$  where  $m'$  is the rest mass). Clever mathematicians  
can "expand" this expression in powers of  $v^2/c^2$  and find that  
in the low velocity limit  $m = (1/2)m'v^2/c^2$ .

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## US Criminal Law - Defamation On Webpages

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Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 03:04:41 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 00:30:29 -0400  
Subject: US Criminal Law - Defamation On Webpages

From NY MUFON's mailing list.

Stig

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Date: 26 Jul 1998 00:22:52 -0000  
From: "Larry Clark" <[lclark@ibm.net](mailto:lclark@ibm.net)>  
To: "Jed Turnbell" <[Jedstar@aol.com](mailto:Jedstar@aol.com)>

<snip>

Subject: internet use  
Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 20:26:34 -0400

NY Mutual UFO Network Postings -  
<http://www.nymufon.org>

Hi all:

I received a message from the state director with important news for all our internet users. Dana wrote:

"that there is now a federal criminal law against defamation on the Internet (eg, the Webpage). Already there has been a conviction, in New England I believe, where there was prison time, a fine, AND seizure of the computer equipment used by the convicted. So be careful what you say on our Webpage"

Enough said! Be careful out there! I myself was accused of copying someone's WEB page, changing the contents, and posting it to the state site, and pretending it was on another site. The bizarre thing about that was when you went to the alleged forged page, it clearly showed (and still does) the person's WEB address. To pun a phrase "Oh, what webs we weave, when we practice to....."

Regards,

Larry Clark

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## Re: The Sturrock Panel: The Next Step

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 15:40:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 00:15:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Sturrock Panel: The Next Step

>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 16:24:48 -0700  
>From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: P-1947: The Sturrock Panel: The Next Step

>Greetings List Members,

>RE: THE STURROCK PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

>There are not as yet any answers to the request concerning the  
>Sturrock Panel, and what the next step should be. There always  
>seems to be complaints and criticisms after someone in ufology  
>does or proposes something. There always seems to be few  
>recommended courses of actions before the fact, but great  
>amounts of criticism and complaints after the fact.>

<snip>

>I. Tasking:

> What actions should now be taken to implement the Sturrock  
>Panel's main recommendation that UFO deserve serious scientific  
>consideration?

One task could be a formal respose to the panel's report...or a  
formal commentary on same addressing certain issues which are  
"opinions of the panel" rather than accepted facts.

>II. Assumptions.

> A. There is no definitive critical information currently  
>available that will settle the UFO problem once and for all. (Or  
>restated for the conspiracy minded: Those "in the know" will not  
>be revealing critical information. So you will not be able to  
>inspect any crashed saucers soon.)

The claim that there is no "definitive information that will  
settle the UFO problem once and for all" may be correct.  
However, more basic claim that they panel had...no evidence of  
anything truly unusual or "physics breaking"...is not accepted  
as a fact by the UFO community (otherwise there probably would  
be no such "community") and an important response to the panel  
would be to lean why the panel members essentially claimed that  
everything could be explained (no unconventional physics) while  
admitting that some sightings were "difficult to explain." What  
new but not ET/Other Intelligences (OI) related phenomena might  
be invoked to explain the unexplainable? Or did the panel catch  
itself in a "paradox" (all cases are basically a result of known  
natural or manmade phenomena and we think we know about all  
natural phenomena that could be related to sightings such as  
there, but there are some cases which we can't explain and  
therefore must involve unknown natural phenomena.)

A response tto the panel would be for th investigators in the  
UFO community to find at least one case which is (a) rich in  
detail, (b) contains information that clearly conflicts with all  
known manmade and natural (unintelligent) phenomena and (c)  
which all investigators can agree is unexplained, yet highly  
credible. (I nominate the May 24, 1949 Rogue River sighting.)

> B. Most of the official, scientific, and media establishments  
>will remain dubious or skeptical of UFOs.

Probably true. Doesn't stop us from moving ahead of the rest of  
the scientific world.

> C. There will be a slim possibility of limited cooperation  
>with official and scientific organizations (FAA, weather bureau,  
>access to unofficial tracking networks and records).

Great... grab the possibility

> D. Political action is not within the scope of this  
>recommendation.

Obviously political action has already been taken (e.g., the  
Congressional Initiative of the Fund for UFO Research begun 15  
or more years ago; ORTK, CSETI)

> E. Funding will be extremely limited with \$500,000 being at  
>the upper limit.

Over what period? The Fund fr UFO Research has already spent  
over \$500K in the last 20 years. III. Intelligence.

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## Re: Aurora Crash 1897: Full Scale Research Project

From: **Kerry Ferrand** <[kferrand@rocketmail.com](mailto:kferrand@rocketmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 17:27:28 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 00:25:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Aurora Crash 1897: Full Scale Research Project

>From: **Stig Agermose** <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 05:11:17 +0200  
>Subject: Aurora Crash 1897: Full Scale Research Project Opened Up

hmmm correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't someone in the late 70s or early 80s already go through this "case" with a fine-tooth comb and find it actually was some type of local newspaper publicity stunt?

I also recall someone tried for an exhumation but the site wasnt located...excuse my ignorance if I've got it mixed up with something else.

K

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## Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

From: Peter Duke of Mendoza Brookesmith <[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 22:42:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 00:41:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza, who acknowledges the assistance his religious advisor and poker tutor Brother TimeSpoke in the composition of this message:

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@connectmmic.net](mailto:sergesa@connectmmic.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium  
>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:54:12 -0400

>You have your references all mixed up, Archbishops  
>fit in a highly structured organization (such as the  
>Catholic Church) kept together with rigorous discipline  
>through widespread dogmatism. In such a system, obedience  
>is the rule, Public criticism of this system will have you  
>excommunicated,

The Anglican Communion, which has recently been reminding itself that it is broad & tolerant church while debating in Synod its attitude to gay people, has plenty of archbishops. Some of its bishops have recently caused a spot of bother by questioning the Virgin Birth, Resurrection of the Christ, &c., which ought to make them heretics in the light of the 39 Articles. None has been excommunicated. I first became interested in theology (and appalled by Christianity) in 1963, following the publication of (Bishop) John Robinson's "Honest To God", which was more or less a confession of atheism, tho' the Bishop hid behind Paul Tillich's skirts in the hope of justification. Robinson wasn't excommunicated either.

>You will agree that ufology is exactly the opposite of that: it  
>is mostly unstructured, it is not unified, Voices can be heard  
>from almost every direction, Ufologists don't seem to be tender  
>towards one another, but the constant questioning of respective  
>positions and opinions and feelings makes the confusion only  
>apparent: in the end, you get a pretty good idea of what is  
>really happening in the field, This is called freedom of  
>expression: it is the seed of knowledge.

Free expression by itself was never a seed of anything but more free expression. (Cf. D.H. Lawrence: "Thank God I am not free, any more than a tree with roots.")

I'm not suggesting ufology is one church. It's a mass of communions, cults, sects and congregations. And agnostics, heretics, apostates, atheists, and bemused unlookers. Your average member of the Exclusive Brethren would probably not be terribly tender toward your average Mormon. Seventh Day Adventists seem not to like anybody at all, even themselves. Quite a lot of Protestants like to think the Pope is the Antichrist. All these people call themselves Christians. Calling yourself an ufologist but getting picky over details is to invite similar deprecations from other ufologists.

>From an outside point of view, the skeptics are exactly the  
>opposite, They behave like members of a church: they look very  
>unified, never questioning their peers, and engaged in a battle  
>against ufheretics.

Skeptics in the CSICOP sense of the word, aka debunkers in the

private dialect of ufological theologians, most resemble those called atheists in ecclesiastical language. Personally I've long thought atheism an untenable position, even though it can, strictly, stake respectable claim to the position of the null hypothesis. But explaining how I can slide down that razorblade seems to cause as much consternation as explaining that I think "alien abductions" are not alien but are real experiences in some cases. (I lay claim to the dialect title "skeptic" rather than "debunker", by the way.)

>I have never seen or read or heard a skeptic criticize  
>in the most remote way another skeptic

Then get thee to "Alien Abductions" by yrs truly, where I take my old friend Phil Klass to task on at least two counts (I am in receipt of a letter from Phil complaining about them, too) and quibble with others implicitly throughout. I can also cite instances of Kottmeyer being unenchanted with Stacy (not a debunker) over the latter's Abortion Anxiety Hypothesis, Klass disputing Kottmeyer's interpretation of the Father Gill/PNG case, and John Harney (Magonia ETH Bulletin) questioning Klass on the Walton case. Just off the top of my head. Even atheists can disagree over why they don't believe in someone else's deities.

>the skeptics, are counterproductive, YOU feed on ufology but  
>bring nothing back to your host, This his the quintessence of  
>parasitism, I dare say YOU are betraying yourselves: the credo  
>of the skeptics should be "let's look into it" - the prelude to  
>every adventure - not "I believe only in skepticism" which is  
>the closest thing to 4\_letter\_word + "ing" + space + yourself.

I do say "let's look into it". I've done a bit of looking myself, marrafack, tho' not all the results have been published. I found (as I think I said in passing on this list) the recent Sturrock report unexceptionable: even obvious. There are dozens of ways I'd like to see "abductions" looked into, not least because I'd like to bring some comfort and relief to the abductees of my acquaintance; with whom I have had no problem so far agreeing to disagree over the source or cause of their experiences. Give me adventure every time.

If you're living on a precipice - and who isn't? - you may as well get up and dance on it.

None of which will let Serge wriggle away from his misrepresentation (the kindest word that comes to mind) of the UpDates debate last year on the Belgian so-called FT of 1990. Although out of kindness to most UpDates subscribers and all native Francophones everywhere, I won't attempt to say that in French.

best wishes  
Parlophone D. Mercury  
Old Forty-Five

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What they are seeking from this random scan is a message broadcast by aliens. The receiver continuously monitors wavelengths of close to 21 centimetres (1420=B74 megahertz). Clouds of neutral hydrogen atoms emit this wavelength. Because hydrogen is the most common element in the Universe, some SETI enthusiasts think that an extraterrestrial civilisation would see this as the natural choice for broadcasts to their cosmic cousins. The frequency is also fairly free of noise from Earth. "It's a good quiet spot," says Werthimer.

#### Quick look

When the data come back, scientists use computers to sift out any unusually intense radio signals in a frequency band 100 megahertz wide. But because of the limited computer power, the search is fairly cursory--it can only alert the team to strong signals if they are 0=B76 hertz wide. And should ET opt for a pulsed signal shorter than 1=B77 seconds or longer than 10 seconds, the scientists would be none the wiser.

The plan for SETI@home is to focus on a narrower frequency range, just 2 megahertz wide, but with 10 times the sensitivity. "One of the things that we can do with SETI@home is look for many different kinds of pulsing signals," says Werthimer. With thousands of home computers joining in the search, the team could spot alien calls that repeat with a period anywhere from 0=B75 milliseconds to 10 seconds. They will also be able to look at more signal bandwidths, from 0=B71 to 2000 hertz wide.

Werthimer's team have already designed software that will send 250-kilobyte chunks of data from Arecibo to anyone who volunteers. With a typical modem, the data would take a couple of minutes to download. It would take about two days to analyse the data chunk if the software runs all the time, or maybe a week or two if it runs intermittently.

In one mode the software will run continuously in the background, even when you are using your computer. Werthimer maintains that you will scarcely notice it. "It might just have a little thing at the bottom of the screen that says SETI@home is running," he says. But if you prefer, SETI@home can also be set to kick in whenever the machine is idle. Go off to make a drink, stare out of the window to think, simply refrain from pressing any keys for a couple of minutes and the SETI screen-saver will signal that the program has come to life.

For this mode, there will be a choice of graphics. First comes what Werthimer calls the "nerd graphics"--scientific graphics telling you what the software is looking for and the kind of signals it's finding. Or, if you prefer, there will be a progress display, showing how much of your chunk of data you've analysed. Alternatively, you can have the "world view", a map of the Earth with a little dot showing every alien hunter round the globe. Lastly there's the sky view, where you see a map of the stars showing the patch of sky that you're working on. Superimposed will be the mythological figures of the constellations, so you can find out if your patch is on the wings of Cygnus the swan or in Orion's armpit.

When you've finished processing a chunk of data, the software will ask you to return the results of the analysis. "Unfortunately, you won't know if you've discovered an extraterrestrial right then," says Werthimer. Only after a detailed search back at Berkeley to rule out interference, and a second look at the same spot of sky, will there be any hint that your humble PC has captured alien technology at work.

It's not the first time that many different computers have been used for a common enterprise. For years, groups of encryption enthusiasts have joined up over the Internet and used their computers' idle time to crack codes. Earlier this year, a member of a networked team of more than 4200 number-theory buffs found the largest known prime number, which contains 909 526 digits. But the huge public fascination with life beyond Earth could make SETI@home by far the biggest project of its kind: "Finding obscure prime numbers is not cool by comparison," says Werthimer.

#### Fast work

"SETI is a dream problem for this approach," adds Anderson.

Because data from Arecibo can be chopped into chunks and analysed independently by individual computers, he says, there's no need for any slow data swapping. "If computers have to spend lots of time exchanging data with each other, and not enough time getting useful work done, it can be slower than doing it on one machine."

Developing the technology has so far been straightforward, says Anderson. And around 110 000 people have already signed up to participate through the SETI@home website. The main bugbear for the team has been finding the money for the project, which was originally due to start this spring. It has raised around \$115 000, but still needs another \$200 000 from corporate sponsors and interested individuals before it can start.

Werthimer is confident that the funding will turn up by the end of the year. He's even optimistic that somebody, somewhere, will pick up the signs of an extraterrestrial community within his lifetime, whether through SETI@home or some future project. "My view is that there's life out there," he says. "It would be really bizarre if we were the only ones."

But would they be ready and willing for conversation, or simply the extraterrestrial equivalents of amoebas and trees? "We're an emerging civilisation--we're just getting in the game here," says Werthimer. He suspects that many alien communities have had aeons longer to advance than us: "We're going to get into this intergalactic web of civilisations who've been talking to each other for millions of years." n

Further information:  
sign up to participate in SETI@home at

<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu>

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## SPSR Issues MGS Cydonia Report To NASA

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From: <http://www.mcdanielreport.com/nasarpt.htm>

SPSR Issues Report to NASA

Analyses of MGS images by Carlotto, DiPietro, Brandenburg, Moore, and Erjavec provided to NASA officials

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This update July 25, 1998

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is the summary report sent to NASA officials yesterday by Dr. Horace W. Crater, president of the Society for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR). Included with the summary report were papers written by SPSR scientists, some of which were presented at the American Geophysical Union conference in Boston on May 28. It should be noted here that no significant, detailed analysis of the MGS images has been undertaken by NASA in relation to the Viking data and the predictions and expectations connected with the hypothesis of possible artificiality. As far as we know the work done by SPSR scientists constitutes the only careful study of the images in relation to the Viking data, using state-of-the-art techniques.

While NASA has held to its policy of "no comment" on the images, several scientists associated with NASA stated prematurely on the basis of subjective impressions that the MGS images had conclusively established that the "Face" is a natural object. It is a given that these scientists, who are as a whole unfamiliar with the research that has been carried out on the Viking images over the past twenty years and have little basis on which to render a judgment, hardly know what may or may not be significant with regard to artificiality in the new images. We deplore the lack of scientific integrity shown by these individuals on a matter of such importance. As the report states below, the question is far from settled and the issue of artificiality remains open.

SPSR

Society for Planetary SETI Research

THE MGS CYDONIA IMAGES

Preliminary Report

July 25, 1998

Prepared by Dr. Horace W. Crater, President SPSR On behalf of the SPSR research team

Background

During the month of April, 1998, the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) obtained three new images of objects in the Cydonia region of Mars. These three images included one of the "Face" and two of the area that has been referred to as the "City." Premature announcements by a few scientists, accompanied by a very early, poorly processed picture of the Face, were widely disseminated

by the news media as final "proof" that nothing on Mars can be considered possibly artificial. SPSR regrets these early announcements, which were made prior to any significant study of the images. In the weeks since image acquisition, SPSR researchers have made a preliminary assessment of the impact these new images may or may not have on the question of possible artificiality, as well as the question of possible geological anomaly. Our general finding is that while there are certainly some negatives with regard to the artificiality hypothesis, there are also some positive results.

#### General Observations

In the Viking images the eastern portion was mostly in darkness, and it was hoped that the new image would resolve questions regarding symmetry and detail on the eastern side of the "Face." Unfortunately the one image of the Face that was obtained was taken at a low angle of approximately 45 degrees from the western side of the object. The eastern side, though illuminated, is so severely truncated by the camera perspective that even with the best efforts at orthorectification, insufficient data is present to resolve these important issues.

Similarly, the two images of the "City" that were obtained missed the most important object, secondary only to the Face, which is the "Fortress." This object, along with the Face, had produced one of the three most significant non-fractal responses, and is visually unique in the landscape, exhibiting what appear to be regular "walls" enclosing a central area. SPSR scientists have never subscribed to the theory, advanced by speculative individuals, that the "City" objects were pyramids, or that the "City Square" is so anomalous as to be a major object of concern. On the other hand, the "Fortress" remained an object of great interest. Unfortunately these two images captured only the "City Square" and portions of what some have called "pyramids." Thus the questions regarding the "Fortress" remain unanswered.

Although on the whole the so-called "pyramids" shown in the two MGS "City" images do not appear obviously unusual, there are some characteristics at or near the large feature known generally as the "Main Pyramid" (the largest of the "City" formations) that appear to require further investigation. These are (a) apparent regular terracing in the form of two rectangular ledges on the north side of the object, (b) a circular depression with a peculiar rectangular "cut" extending from it, located just north of the object, and (c) a crater on the edge of the circular depression that has been interpreted by SPSR geologist Harry Moore as possibly showing evidence of ice on the crater floor.

#### Summary of Results to Date

Study of the new images by SPSR has focused on three main areas: examination of the Face image, examination of the smaller objects referred to as "mounds," whose geometric distribution has been the subject of Dr. Horace Crater's research, and unusual features possibly representing geological anomaly. Our preliminary analyses have been recently presented at the meeting of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) in Boston on May 28th, 1998. In addition several other SPSR members have produced materials related to the imaging and erosion of the Face based on the MGS images.

##### 1. Examination of the Face Image

###### A. Overall Morphology

Dr. Mark J. Carlotto and Dr. John E. Brandenburg have done independent analyses of the MGS Face image, including the best possible effort at orthorectification of the image. Dr. Carlotto states that within 1-8%, the features on the Face previously referred to as the "helmet," forehead, middle brow, nose ridge, mouth area, lips, and chin are placed symmetrically with respect to the centerline of the formation. Given the low camera angle, which renders orthorectification difficult, this result is positive with respect to the artificiality hypothesis and supports the SPSR prediction that the Face has the general three-dimensional form as was suggested by the Viking images.

In addition, Dr. Carlotto's earlier prediction, based on

photoclinometric analysis of the two Viking images, of how the shadowing on the Face would appear in the expected MGS orbit, was correct. As a result we conclude that the algorithms used by Dr. Carlotto to derive shape-from shading results for the Viking images were accurate, and that the object does in fact have the overall three dimensional morphology predicted from the Viking images.[1]

Dr. John E. Brandenburg, using independent geometrically controlled orthorectification, supports Dr. Carlotto's finding. Just like Dr. Carlotto he uses the Viking data base to constrain orthorectification. His analysis, using mathematical techniques based on the theory of surfaces, results in an approximation of how the MGS resolved object would appear as if imaged from above. In addition his analysis shows that despite the general inadequacy of the data on the eastern side of the object, what appears to be the second (eastern) eye socket is more symmetrically placed than the non-rectified image would seem to indicate.

## B. Elements of Detail

Dr. Brandenburg has found evidence for what appears to be a possible ornamentation on the "helmet" or upper portion of the surrounding symmetrical berm. This element of detail, called a possible ornamentation because of its symmetry, was predicted by the Viking images [2] and is consistent with the predictions of Dr. James F. Strange at the university of South Florida that there could be culturally meaningful detail in higher resolution images of the object.[3] Dr. Brandenburg also found that not only is this feature itself very nearly symmetrical but also in his orthorectified image it is symmetrically placed on the Face mesa, confirming hints of this symmetry in the Viking data. (Note however, that Dr. Carlotto's rectification does not display this symmetrical placement).

There is also evidence for a "pupil" in the western eye socket, which had been predicted by Mr. Vincent DiPietro on the basis of the Viking images.[4] Dr. Carlotto states, however that it is unclear whether this is an illusion created by a shadow or an actual circular feature. An unexpected finding in the new image is the presence of a more pronounced feature corresponding to a "nose" which is in the appropriate location, has the appropriate shape, and most surprisingly appears to have symmetrical circular indentations suggestive of nostrils. Both of the independently derived orthorectifications display this symmetry.

These and other elements of detail continue to support the possibility that the object is an admittedly highly eroded, but generally symmetric and three-dimensional, face-like anomaly. There is little in the new image that is inconsistent with expectation. On the contrary, the new image strongly supports the morphology suggested by the Viking images. In particular we call attention to the surrounding berm, which has been called the "headpiece" or "helmet." This feature is remarkably symmetrical and appears to have no immediately obvious geological explanation. There is evidence of water erosion on the berm that is suggestive of a former body of water surrounding the object (see the paper by Mr. James Erjavec)

## C. Negative Evidence

On the negative side, the evidence for "teeth" predicted from the Viking images by Dr. Carlotto appears to be very weak if not non-existent. Additionally, many of the individual features considered in isolation from one another appear to be heavily eroded natural formations. Against these apparent negative results, we note that it is the overall placement of individual features, consistent with a facial interpretation, that continues to lend support to the hypothesis of possible artificiality. SPSR member Ananda Sirisena has shown that the sun angle in the MGS image could play a major part in obscuring possible teeth-like features in the mouth area. SPSR researcher Ian Fleming has investigated the question of whether the "eye" and "mouth" features in the Viking images were shadows caused by chance combination of solar illumination angle in those images and the placement of ridges on the Face mesa not visible in the Viking images. By studying both sets of images he concludes that the features were created by either depression or enclosures of significant depth relative to their width and not by fortuitous ridge shadows. The MGS image supports the conclusion, advanced



previously by SPSR, that the "trick of light and shadow" theory advanced by some to account for the facial appearance of the object is not valid.

#### D. Analysis of the Image Quality

In a detailed account, Mr. Vincent DiPietro has analyzed the image processing procedures used for the MGS images. It is his conclusion that the quality of the single MGS Face image is poor and not optimal for determination of detail. In particular, DiPietro concludes that the minimal grey scale in the image produces an effective reduction in the desired camera resolution, by obscuring differences between pixels. We believe that this evaluation of the image quality has been in effect supported by recent statements from Dr. Michael C. Malin of Malin Space Science Systems regarding the non-optimal quality of the image.

#### 2. The Small Mound Distribution

The analysis done previously by Dr. Horace W. Crater on the geometric relationships of the small features referred to as "mounds" remains unchanged by these new images. Only four of the twelve mounds appear on the MGS "City" image, and only one of them is part of the highly anomalous pentad (five-mound) feature discovered earlier. The four mounds in the new image do have angular placements consistent with those found on the earlier Viking images, but since 12 mounds appeared in the Viking images these four do not by themselves contribute significantly to the geometrical anomaly we have found.

Regarding the previous geometric analysis of the mound distribution, we note that a few JPL scientists have been reported in the press as stating that such analyses are meaningless because of the curvature of the planet's surface and because of the uncertainty of coordinate location of objects on Mars. Neither of these objections are relevant to Dr. Crater's study, since his measurements are of relative placements, and at the distances between the mounds, surface curvature is a negligible factor. We stress that the mound placement anomaly is firmly established by carefully controlled statistical tests, and corroborated by an independent assessment based on an archaeological technique. Thus regardless of any assessment of other suspect objects, the mound distribution alone still stands as an anomalous phenomena deserving of further investigation.

On the negative side, the few mounds that are visible in the new images do not show any strong similarity of form or any clear internal symmetry. (An exception is mound G whose boundary displays bilateral symmetry). Taken separately they might not stand out as other than natural objects. Nevertheless the fact that we have only about four out of 12-16 mounds accounted for, and that the most anomalous formation -- the five mounds of the pentad to the south of the City area -- was not imaged, the question of the cause for their distribution is not settled.

#### 3. Anomalous Geological Features

SPSR geologist Harry Moore has identified what may be surface ice at the bottom of one of the craters in image number three of the Cydonia region near the so-called "Main Pyramid." We believe this discovery could be of considerable importance, and that one or more follow-up images of the crater should be taken, preferably at different sun angles. Another SPSR geologist Mr. James Erjavec has studied the evidence for water and sedimentary deposits on and around the Face mesa. Professor Stanley V. McDaniel of SPSR, along with others, has pointed out possibly anomalous terrace-like features at the north end of the "Main Pyramid" and an anomalous depression located just north of that formation.

#### Conclusion and Recommendations

The question of possible artificiality remains open. While at a cursory glance, using poorly processed and unrectified images, the Face may give the impression of an entirely natural feature, close analysis shows that there are a number of consistencies with the morphology predicted from the Viking images. There remains overall symmetry, possible decorative ornamentation, and other features placed in a manner consistent with a highly eroded artificially constructed object. This, in combination

with the lack of data for the east side due to the camera perspective, means that we do not yet have sufficient information to invalidate the hypothesis of possible artificiality or to establish the validity of that hypothesis with regard to the Face. The lack of an image for the "Fortress" and/or one of the two other major suspect formations (The "D&M" object or the "Cliff") also leaves a significant data vacuum that can only be filled by new MGS images of those objects. Finally, the strong statistical anomaly of the small mound distribution, corroborated by independent analyses, remains unexplained.

We therefore strongly recommend, in view of Administrator Goldin's strong public statements that Cydonia will be imaged until a satisfactory resolution of the issues is obtained, that NASA follow through on the policy given in our meeting with Dr. Carl Pilcher, which was that the suspect area would be imaged with the high resolution camera on every camera pass over that area during the mapping mission of 1999-2000. With regard to the Face, ideally what is needed are two overhead views with the sun from the east in one and from the west in the other so that a stereo graphic view can be constructed. However, we understand that due to the constraints of the spacecraft orientation during the mapping mission this may not be possible. However, if camera strips are taken on every pass over the suspect area, particularly using the intermediate resolution capability by means of pixel averaging (long strips at approximately 11 meter resolution), a large store of invaluable data could be obtained. We are confident that the assurances we received from Dr. Pilcher will be honored. We look forward to receiving adequate data on which to make a final determination regarding the status of the Cydonia objects.

Enclosures: papers, narratives and image discussions by SPSR members:

- a) Analysis of Global Surveyor Imagery of the Face on Mars.. Dr. Mark Carlotto
- b) Anomalously Distributed Mound Features on the Martian Cydonia Plain.. Dr. Horace W. Crater and Dr. Stanley V. McDaniel
- c) The New Mars Synthesis and the Cydonian Hypothesis: Models Confront New Data.. Dr. John E. Brandenburg and Mr. Vincent DiPietro
- d) Evaluation of the "Eye" and "Mouth" Features of the Face Mesa.. Mr. Lan Fleming
- e) On the Question of "Teeth" in the Mouth Area of the Face Mesa.. Mr. Ananda Sirisena
- f) Discussion of the Image Process Analysis of the MGS Image.. Mr Vincent DiPietro
- g) Anomalous Features "Ice in Craters"... Mr Harry Moore
- h) Evidence of Water and Sedimentary Deposits in and Around Cydonia ... Mr. James Erjavec..

#### FOOTNOTES

1. See The Case for the Face, Adventures Unlimited Press (1998), pp. 60 - 65.
2. Carlotto, Mark J., "Enhancing the Subtle Details in the Face." Ibid., page 53.
3. Strange, James F., "Predicting the Details: What We Will See at Cydonia." Ibid., page 183.
4. DiPietro, Vincent, "Mars, the Planet of Mysteries," Ibid., page 25.

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## BWW Media Alert 19980726

From: Bufo Calvin <[BufoCalvin@aol.com](mailto:BufoCalvin@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 10:27:18 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 15:37:06 -0400  
Subject: BWW Media Alert 19980726

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strangers before you e-mail them something. If you forward this, please make  
sure it is clear that you are forwarding it).

July 26, 1998

One nice thing about not doing this until Sunday: Jeff Rense has his new  
schedule up :) . You can listen to Jeff's show on your computer, and you  
should find some archived shows with me through the site.

Thanks to Cryptodude for giving me the heads-up on The Discovery Channel  
running the Yorkshire TV's INTO THE UNKNOWN (cryptozoology series) again.

Listings are generally Pacific (or national).

### RADIO

SIGHTINGS ON THE RADIO (starring Jeff Rense)(syndicated, and available on Real  
Audio at <http://www.sightings.com>)  
Sunday, July 26, 8:00 PM, Encore: Clifford Stone: UFO Crash Retrievals Pt.1  
Monday July 27, 7:00 PM, Joan Veon: New War Crimes World Court;  
Kenn Thomas: Legacy Of Philip Corso  
Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 PM, Bill Oliver UFO\*BC: Canada UFO Report;  
Jon Rappoport: Disappearance Of #1 Atheist  
Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 PM, Michael Lindemann: Weekly UFO/ET Update  
Don Bradley: Remote Viewing In WWII  
Thursday, July 30, 7:00 PM, Gene Egidio: Whose Hand Are These?  
Friday, July 31, 7:00 PM, Clifford Stone: UFO Crash Retrievals Pt.2

### TELEVISION

A&E  
Sunday, July 26, 5:00 PM, THE UNEXPLAINED: THE CURSE OF KING TUT

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL  
Sunday, July 26, 1:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: MESSAGES  
FROM THE DEAD  
Sunday, July 26, 1:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: ARE ALIENS  
TRYING TO CONTACT US? (includes the Face on Mars)  
Sunday, July 26, 2:30 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: SEA SERPENT  
Thursday, July 30, 9:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: THE GOD BEAR OF KAMCHATCKA  
Friday, July 31, 1:00 AM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: THE GOD BEAR OF KAMCHATCKA  
Sunday, August 2, 1:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: THE  
VERDICT  
Sunday, August 2, 1:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: MYSTERY CATS  
(big cats living in Britain)  
Sunday, August 2, 2:30 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: THE GOD BEAR OF KAMCHATKA

THE HISTORY CHANNEL  
Monday, July 27, 5:00 PM, IN SEARCH OF HISTORY: THE LOCH NESS MONSTER  
Monday, July 27, 9:00 PM, IN SEARCH OF HISTORY: THE LOCH NESS MONSTER

Tuesday, July 28, 1:00 AM, IN SEARCH OF HISTORY: THE LOCH NESS MONSTER

THE LEARNING CHANNEL

Sunday, July 26, 6:00 PM, UFO: STORIES OF ABDUCTION  
Sunday, July 26, 9:00 PM, UFO: STORIES OF ABDUCTION  
Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 PM, ALIEN HUNTERS (this looks like it includes the Russian giant landing)  
Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 PM, ALIEN HUNTERS  
Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 PM, SKYWATCHERS (UFO buffs)  
Wednesday, July 29, 10:00 PM, SKYWATCHERS (UFO buffs)  
Saturday, August 1, 3:00 PM, UFO:STORIES OF ABDUCTION  
Sunday, August 2, 12:00 PM, SKYWATCHERS (UFO buffs)  
Sunday, August 2, 1:00 PM, ALIEN HUNTERS (this looks like it includes the Russian giant landing)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

They've increased the SIGHTINGS re-runs, although they've gotten a bit quirky with the schedule. Figure 9:00 AM, 4:00 PM, and 8:00 PM most weekdays. Sundays are typically 8:00 AM and 11:00 PM.

THE SCIENCE CHANNEL

Runs weird programming at 6:00 AM, 6:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 10:00 PM, and 10:30 PM

TNT

Sunday, August 2, 2:15 AM, BIGFOOT: MAN OR BEAST?

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This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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## Re: The Chinese Roswell

From: Bruno Mancusi <[Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch](mailto: Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 18:23:21 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 15:46:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Chinese Roswell

> From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto: Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto: updates@globalserve.net)  
> Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 02:29:42 +0200  
> Subject: The Chinese Roswell

> [Seems to me that the following has been discussed on UpDates  
> in the past and the consensus was that it was a pile of  
> 'Dung Phooey' --ebk]

Hi Stig, Errol and list members,

This article from Hartwig Hausdorf don't give any new evidence on the (in)famous Bayan-Kara-Ula affair.

I wrote a brief paper about the disks of Baian-Kara-Ula in 'Ovni-Presence' #48, August 1992, p. 33. It surprised me that no one had checked the first ufological reference: 'UFO-Nachrichten' #95, July 1964, p. 3 (an English translation appeared anonymously in 'Flying Saucers' #67, December 1969, p. 8. The original paper was erroneously dated "July 1969"). The author was Reinhardt Wegemann, apparently Tokyo correspondent of a DINA news agency.

It seems that this paper was printed in various German journals, such as 'UFO-Nachrichten' and 'Das vegetarische Universum'. Later, it was reprinted in French in the Belgian Adamski newsletter 'BUFOI' #4, March-April 1965, and in 1967 in 'Soviet Weekly' and 'Sputnik' (the Soviet 'Reader's Digest'). It was these two articles by Viacheslav Zaitsev which made this story famous.

Later, we can found the story in the usual archaeology fiction books from Tomas, Charroux, Durrant, von Daniken, Ostrander/Schroeder, Frederick, Kolosimo, etc.

Gordon Creighton published a skeptic article on the story in 'Flying Saucer Review' vol. 19, #1, January-February 1973, pp. 24-27.

It would be interesting to find DINA's original dispatch. Perhaps it was simply another April Fool's trick?

BTW, a French author, Daniel Piret, wrote a novel based on this affair : 'Les disques de Biem-Kara', Fleuve Noir, Paris 1973.

Regards  
Bruno

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## Re: Meier Picture

From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 10:25:06 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 16:07:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Picture

> From: Mendoza, Duke Peter Brookesmith <[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
> Subject: Meier Pictures  
> Sender: Mendoza <[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

> Compliments of the Duke:

> >From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>

> >The Mossad used a .22 caliber weapon for "executive actions",  
> >but it was a Berretta (sp?) in a .22 caliber SHORT.

> My informants beg to differ, and I wouldn't trust a .22 Short to  
> do such dirty work; and I don't think Beretta made a pistol in  
> that calibre (not that Mossad wouldn't be able to order a  
> special, of course). But I have moles burrowing to double check.  
> It was certainly my understanding that Gerald Bull, designer of  
> the Iraqi "supergun", exited this life thanks to the .22WMR.

My dear Duke.

Your British view on firearms is showing. You better check back with your moles. Beretta DID make such a weapon, Mossad did use it, and it was in .22 short. The idea was that such a pistol can be made to be virtually SILENT with the addition of a sound suppresser. The operator's job was to get right next to the target and then fire "point blank" into the targets cranium 5 or 6 times. How do I know? They blew an assassination in Europe where they hit the wrong Arab. The target was believed to have been a part of the terrorist team that murdered Israeli athletes in Munich, Germany in 1972. The point being they get "up close and personal" with the target.

We had a .22 caliber LR pistol, a High-Standard, for special operations in Viet Nam. A bit larger than the Berretta, but it was used in pretty much the same way.

> >But back to  
> >the reason I wrote this, the idea of comparing a .22 WMR to a  
> >.45 ACP as carrying more kinetic energy is just patently  
> >ridiculous. Kind of like comparing a small stone to a huge block  
> >of granite.

> Not entirely. Compare these ammo specs:

|           |        |      |            |          |
|-----------|--------|------|------------|----------|
| > CCI +V  | .22WMR | 40gr | 2000ft/sec | 355ft/lb |
| > Federal | .22WMR | 50gr | 1650ft/sec | 302ft/lb |

|              |        |       |           |          |
|--------------|--------|-------|-----------|----------|
| > Winchester | .45ACP | 185gr | 775ft/sec | 245ft/lb |
| > Winchester | .45ACP | 210gr | 710ft/sec | 235ft/lb |
| > Winchester | .45ACP | 230gr | 850ft/sec | 410ft/lb |

HOKAY Dukey ol' chum. Don't have an idea where you got your specs at, but Gee they just don't seem quite correct. The .22 WMR 40 Grn. round leaving the bore at 2000 fps? Don't think so amigo. Not out of a pistol at anyrate. Perhaps a rifle IF IT WERE LOADED REAL HOT.

And Dukey, the Winchester .45 185 Grn. at 775 fps? NOPE, not in



this lifetime. Well, maybe if were a handloaded TARGET Round. Not the "Silvertip". That is a very hot cartridge, over a 1000 fps out of a 5 inch barrel. The 210 Grn. round? Real close to 1000 fps. Now I know Errol will be getting tired of this without the UFO connection. So since you are a part of the skeptical community (read that..... UFOs can't exist cause they can't exist) I suggest you do some more study on the .45 ACP question and the UFO one as well.

Oh yes, and I send my compliments as well.

Don (Sam Colt was a Hell of a Man) Ecker

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Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong conclusion with confidence.

Don Ecker

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## Re: US Criminal Law - Defamation On Webpages

From: Rod Eastman <[darkstar@carrollswb.com](mailto:darkstar@carrollswb.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 12:04:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 16:02:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: US Criminal Law - Defamation On Webpages

> From: Stig Agermose <[wanderer@post8.tele.dk](mailto:wanderer@post8.tele.dk)>  
> Subject: Federal Criminal Law Against Defamation On Webpages  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 03:04:41 +0200

> >From NY MUFON's mailing list.

> Stig

> \_\_\_\_\_

> Date: 26 Jul 1998 00:22:52 -0000  
> From: "Larry Clark" <[lclark@ibm.net](mailto:lclark@ibm.net)>  
> To: "Jed Turnbell" <[Jedstar@aol.com](mailto:Jedstar@aol.com)>

> <snip>

> Subject: internet use  
> Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 20:26:34 -0400

> NY Mutual UFO Network Postings -  
> <http://www.nymufon.org>

> Hi all:

> I received a message from the state director with important news  
> for all our internet users. Dana wrote:

> "that there is now a federal criminal law against defamation on  
> the Internet (eg, the Webpage). Already there has been a  
> conviction, in New England I believe, where there was prison  
> time, a fine, AND seizure of the computer equipment used by the  
> convicted. So be careful what you say on our Webpage"

> Enough said! Be careful out there! I myself was accused of  
> copying someone's WEB page, changing the contents, and posting  
> it to the state site, and pretending it was on another site. The  
> bizarre thing about that was when you went to the alleged forged  
> page, it clearly showed (and still does) the person's WEB  
> address. To pun a phrase "Oh, what webs we weave, when we  
> practice to....."

> Regards,

> Larry Clark

Larry;

If possible, can you provide more background on this new law, ergo  
the statute ##, enforcing agency, ect.. this may be helpfull as a knife  
that does cut two ways. And names or information will be helpfull.  
Thanks. Rod.h

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 3, Number 30

From: Joseph Trainor <[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 15:49:31 -0400  
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 3, Number 30

UFO ROUNDUP  
Volume 3, Number 30  
July 26, 1998  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

FOUR CATTLE MUTILATED  
NEAR ST. JOHNS, ARIZONA

On Monday, July 20, 1998, four cows were found mutilated on a ranch near St. Johns, Arizona (population 3294), a town on Highway 191 about 135 miles (216 kilometers) east of Flagstaff.

According to Mary C. of Concho, Ariz., all four cows were carrying calves at the time. "The blood was gone (from the cattle) and the eyes were gone," she reported, "Also about 30 feet away from them were the unborn calves."

The tongues of the four cows and the unborn calves were removed by the mutilators. The loss was estimated at \$10,000. According to Mary, the Arizona Cattleman's Association plans to investigate the incident.

According to Terry W. Colvin, there have been other mutilations recently in eastern Arizona. "Something is killing and mutilating cattle, horses and other animals in the southeastern Arizona counties of Cochise, Pima and Santa Cruz."

"Robert Marsett, a cowhand with the Sands ranch, told of a recent kill and mutilation," Colvin reported. "The carcass appeared where only live cattle were seen the day before, but the dead cow smelled as though dead for several days. Marsett says coyotes and vultures did not approach the carcass. Nearby cows failed to nuzzle the carcass, as usually happens. Some blood was drained, organs were removed, and some samples were taken in the genital/rectal area." (Many thanks to AGETI and Steve Wilson Sr. for these news stories.)

TRIANGULAR UFO SEEN  
OVER SEDONA, ARIZONA

On Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at 10 p.m., Karl J. and three friends spotted "a very large UFO over the general area of Schnebly Hill" in Sedona, Arizona (population 7,720), a town on Highway 89A about 24 miles (38 kilometers) south of Flagstaff.

Karl described the UFO as "several times larger than a passenger airliner such as the Concorde" and as "a dark-colored equilateral triangle with a bright white light on each corner and a larger light source, a glaring orange-red light in the middle. It came from the general direction of Flagstaff (north) and then changed direction. It made very little, if any, sound. The entire sighting lasted five to ten minutes, ending when it flew out of visual range."

Another witness, Michelle, reported, "The triangular-shaped object was moving across the sky faster than conventional aircraft. But because of the excessive

size of the craft, it created the impression that it was moving in a slow, steady rate. It was a dark or amber brown in color and giving the impression of an effervescent gilded glow" which "helped to define its triangular shape. It came from a northerly direction and abruptly veered off in an eastern direction."

"If I held up a watermelon at arm's length in front of me, it would not have obscured the triangular shape from view," she reported, adding that the object was "perhaps bigger than a flying football field." (Many thanks to Peter Gersten of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, CAUS, for forwarding these reports.)

V-SHAPED UFO FLIES OVER  
SOUTHERN RHODE ISLAND

On Wednesday, July 22, 1998, at 10 p.m., Pamela S. and her husband were relaxing on the deck of their home in Matunuck, Rhode Island (population 550) when they spotted a V-shaped UFO passing overhead.

"It was a warm evening, and I was laying down on my deck," Pamela reported, "Suddenly, I saw this huge V-shaped object coming from the south heading north. It appeared to glide across the sky, and I could not hear any engine-type noise."

Matunuck is a village on Rhode Island's southern Atlantic Ocean shore, located on Potter Road just off U.S. Route 1, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) south of Providence, the state capital.

As the UFO came in over the ocean and flew north over Washington County (better known to Rhode Islanders as "South County"--J.T.), she added, "I would say it was silent. It appeared to have several box-shaped areas that sort of glowed. I wouldn't call it a light."

"Unfortunately, my husband was resting and did not have his eyeglasses on, but he too saw the V-shaped object but could not see any details." (Many thanks for Peter Gersten of CAUS for forwarding this report.)

(Editor's Comment: Now the UFOs are really close to home. Your editor lives about 20 miles north of Matunuck.)

DAYLIGHT DISC SPOTTED IN  
CORVALLIS, OREGON

On Thursday, July 16, 1998, in mid-afternoon, James D. was at his home in Corvallis, Oregon (population 44,959) when he spotted a gleam in the sky.

"I was in our front yard in Corvallis, Oregon, admiring the blueness of the sky," James reported, when he "looked up and watched a plane go by, north to south, at a high elevation angle above the western horizon. While still facing west with my head turned up, I suddenly saw this whitish thing speed by from nearly overhead, traveling toward the west in a perfectly straight line until it disappeared in the distance at about 20 degrees elevation. But it was only visible for about two seconds, or maybe only 1.5 seconds, so fast was it going."

"It seemed to be at a considerable height, like 500 to 1,000 feet," he added, "It was sort of a 'misty' white object with no shaded underside and no highlights reflecting the sunlight."

Corvallis is at the intersection of Oregon Highways 99E and 24 approximately 81 miles (129 kilometers) south of Portland. (Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for forwarding this report.)

FOUR GLOWING UFOs HOVER  
OVER A NEIGHBORHOOD IN  
REDDING, CALIFORNIA

On Thursday, July 22, 1998, at 1:35 a.m., four brightly luminous UFOs hovered over a suburban neighborhood near Lake Boulevard in Redding, California (population 66,462). The objects

were seen by a woman and her two grandchildren.

According to Bonnie R., her mother, E.R., her 12-year-old niece N. H., and her six-year-old nephew Devon R. watched the UFO display for over 45 minutes and even telephoned her while it was going on.

The incident began when Devon "was awakened by the extremely bright light coming through the bedroom (window), and he woke his sister up. They couldn't see any bodies (fuselage) because of the intensity of the light, but they seemed to be the size of a golf ball held out at arm's length. They seemed to be white. It started at 1:35 a.m. and went on until well past 2 a.m."

"The UFOs were in close proximity to the house," she added, "probably less than a tenth of a mile (0.2 kilometers) away. It started with four bright lights which were rising up and then sort of bobbing in the air side-to-side maneuvers, then they 'exploded' and more lights and smaller sparks flew around them."

"My nephew was screaming because he had never seen such a thing, but my mom, of course, was terrified that they had come to abduct her again. And Devon got on the phone and" described what they were seeing, and "he did tell a pretty good description."

Redding is on Highway 299 approximately 212 miles (339 kilometers) northeast of San Francisco. (Email Interview)

#### ANOTHER GREEN FIREBALL IN THE MOJAVE DESERT

On Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at 12:31 a.m., Jack L. Curtis was driving on California Highway 58 near Mojave (population 3,673) when he spotted a mysterious bluish-green fireball cleaving the desert's night sky.

"I was traveling eastbound on Highway 58 about 75 miles east of Bakersfield. I was about ten miles (16 kilometers) east of Mojave when I noticed another fireball," Jack reported.

"This one was blue/green in color and unlike the others (Jack reported last month--J.T.) had a short orange-yellow flickering tail. Visibility estimated at four seconds start-to-end. The highway at this location runs directly eastward, and the fireball was at about 40 degrees above the horizon at start and end on the highway. The azimuth was approximately 70 degrees, according to the marine compass mounted on my dash (dashboard). It was in a very steep descent, appearing to be flying straight toward the ground. The size was about the size of a fist, and the tail was about two feet in length and was really flickering and changing (color) between orange and yellow."

This was Jack's fourth fireball sighting since April. Mojave is located about 80 miles (128 kilometers) north of Los Angeles. (Email Interview)

#### MICHIGAN HAS TWO MORE UFO SIGHTINGS

On Friday, July 17, 1998, at 11:10 p.m., a woman in Pinckney, Michigan (population 1,603) "noticed a 'white light' flashing just outside her kitchen window. She found this odd because the kitchen window faces a large open field, not the road, and that 'it does get pitch black out there.'"

Moving closer to the window, the witness "looked outside and noticed 'a bright red light, I mean, bright' which just appeared in the southeast flying slowly in a northwesterly direction. It stopped above the tree line outside her kitchen window. She described it as 'a softball-sized, round, bright red light...like a big tomato' with no defined edges. The light hovered in this position for approximately ten to fifteen minutes."

Deciding not to go outside for a closer look,

the woman watched as the UFO moved slowly westward" before vanishing from view.

Pinckney is on Michigan Highway 36 about 52 miles (84 kilometers) west of Detroit. (Many thanks to Alex Cavallari for this report.)

The following night, Saturday, July 18, 1998, at 10:50 p.m., a couple in Marlette, Michigan (population 1,924) spotted a UFO.

According to Jeffrey S. Westover of Michigan MUFON, the couple--Lee, 54, and Norman, 52--were "stargazing from their backyard patio" and saw "a bright golden-yellow star-like object moving from the northwest, near the Big Dipper, to the southeast. 'It flew at least as twice as fast as a (commercial) jet and traveled in a perfectly straight line,' said Norm, 'There was no sound.'"

"Five minutes later, a second star-like object followed exactly the same path, originating from the northwest, passing through the Big Dipper and traveling to the southeast. Both objects were comparable in brightness to 2.5 magnitude stars."

At approximately 11:15 p.m., Lee and Norm witnessed "a single white light, moving at typical jet speed' and as bright as a third magnitude star. The bright light was steady, not pulsing, as it moved through Ursa Major. With the witnesses facing north, and the object moving away at approximately 70 degrees altitude, it suddenly flared. The flare expanded the light to about ten times its original size."

"'We both exclaimed, WOW! at the same time,' Norm said. The flare lasted for about a second before the light returned to its original size. A few seconds later, it flared again. At this point, the light disappeared to the north." (Many thanks to Jeffrey S. Westover of Michigan MUFON for this report.)

#### TWO SAUCERS FLY OVER RED DEER, ALBERTA

On Sunday, July 19, 1998, at 9:40 p.m., Cameron Smith was in his hometown of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada (population 58,134) when he "saw two wobbly discs of a silver gray colour fly by slowly at the speed of an aircraft."

Smith wants to know if anyone else in Alberta had a sighting that night. Witnesses can write to him at #8 Arquetel Close, Red Deer, Alberta T4R 1G7, Canada.

Red Deer is 84 miles (134 kilometers) south of Edmonton, the provincial capital. (See Filer's Files #29 for 1998. Many thanks to George A. Filer, Eastern Director of MUFON, for this news story.)

#### SILVER TRIANGULAR UFO SEEN IN WOLVERHAMPTON

On Saturday, July 18, 1998, at midnight, Stephen T. was on Wellington Road in Bilston, a suburb of Wolverhampton, West Midlands, UK, when he sighted a triangular UFO.

"It appeared to be silver in colour and was traveling eastward," Stephen reported, "There were no apparent lights that I could see. The object appeared to be only 1,000 feet up. It was traveling fairly fast. The object had rounded aerodynamic corners. It was about 80 degrees above the horizon. It was a fairly clear night with little cloud in place. I had the object in view for about five to ten seconds, after which time it reached the horizon and disappeared into a cloud in the distance." (Email Interview)

#### UFOs FLY OVER LONDON AND HERTFORDSHIRE

On Sunday, July 12, 1998, at 7:10 p.m., a man driving on motorway A505 in Royston, Hertfordshire, UK suddenly spotted a squadron of "eight to ten UFOs" hovering over a field.

"The witness was driving at the time of viewing the objects and had first viewed them from the A10

Royston roundabout (rotary in the USA). The objects were interacting with each other" and remained in one single portion of the sky. "Their movement seemed unflowing (quirky) and electrical. The objects were hovering just above the peak of the hill. The sighting lasted approximately two minutes. As it was still early evening and pretty light out, the objects were reflecting the fading sunlight...a silver or white colour coming off the objects."

On Sunday, July 19, 1998, at 3:30 a.m., two witnesses in the Vauxhall section of central London "noticed two golden-orange luminous objects" crossing the sky. "The objects came from the south and were heading east." The UFOs moved in close tandem, "almost as a single object," and remained in view for one minute, 45 seconds before disappearing behind some nearby buildings. (Many thanks to Roy Hale of ELUFON and Errol Bruce-Knapp for these news stories.)

#### BLACK HELICOPTERS ACTIVE IN MANY STATES OF THE USA

Black helicopters were sighted last week in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

On Saturday, July 18, 1998, "an all-black helicopter with no markings" was seen by motorists just north of Madison (population 191,262), the state capital of Wisconsin.

Also on Saturday, July 18, at 12:30 a.m., "three helicopters flew west to east over XPI's headquarters. 'The helicopters flew so low they knocked the power off the VCRs,' said Scott Leeper, who was inside the building" in Rockwell, North Carolina (population 1,598), a small town on Highway 52 about 130 miles (208 kilometers) southwest of Raleigh.

XPI is a ufological investigation group closely affiliated with American UFO Newsletter. AUFON editor Stefan Duncan was not in the building at the time of the overflight.

On Sunday, July 19, 1998, the solo black helicopter was seen again, this time south of Madison, Wis. Eyewitnesses said the pilot "flew a grid pattern over the area." The helicopter "remained in sight for approximately ten minutes."

On Monday, July 20, 1998, at 5:39 p.m., a single black AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter was spotted flying west above Interstate Highway 76 about two miles south of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania (population 18406), a suburb of Philadelphia.

Also on Monday, July 20, at about 2 p.m., a motorist on Interstate Highway 94, just west of Ann Arbor, Michigan, reported sighting "a black helicopter with no markings at all, just a few numbers on the tail (boom)."

At least one Michigan helicopter was identified as belonging to the Michigan Air National Guard. While flying over the Thornapple River near Hastings, Michigan (population 6,549), the crew was searching for hidden marijuana fields when they spotted a man on the ground "shaking his fist" at them and "acting in a suspicious manner."

When the man climbed into a truck and drove away, the ANG helicopter notified authorities and gave them a description of the vehicle. Police arrested the man, Mark Koernke, 41, also known as "Mark from Michigan," a militia spokesman and co-host of the radio talk show Intelligence Report. Koernke had been wanted by Michigan authorities for weeks on charges of assault and failure to appear in court.

According to radio co-host John Stadtmiller, Koernke and another woman, Annie Dawson, were being held at the Washtenaw County Jail near Ann Arbor pending an upcoming court appearance.

Hastings is on Michigan Highway 37 about 38 miles (61 kilometers) southwest of Lansing, the state capital.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1998, a private pilot waiting to take off from Midway Airport, at the



intersection of 55th Street and Cicero Road in Chicago, Illinois saw "three black helicopters parked out at the far end of the runway."

On Thursday, July 23, 1998, AUFON editor Stefan Duncan reported seeing "a small black unmarked helicopter fly fast and low over the trees about 100 yards" from the XPI building in Rockwell, North Carolina. (See American UFO Newsletter #13 for 1998, the Grand Rapids, Michigan Free Press and the Battle Creek, Michigan Enquirer for July 22, 1998. Many thanks to all the readers who contributed reports to this story.) (Editor's Note: Mark Koernke's videotapes America In Peril 1 and 2 were among the items confiscated from the Heaven's Gate group's cache in Encino, California in late March 1997. See UFO Roundup, Volume 2, Number 13.)

from the UFO Files...

1970: A UFO ENCOUNTER IN  
NEW SOUTH WALES

"On Thursday, 30th July 1970, a Mr. Phillips was standing on a lookout above Laura Cascades which overlooks the Jamison Valley" of New South Wales "when directly ahead of him, a strange object of brilliant falmaing silver colour suddenly appeared from behind Mount Solitary. The time was 5:30 p.m. and the sky was clear. Mr. Phillips judged the object to be about 10 kilometres (6 miles) away across the valley, and four or five degrees east of due south and about the same angle above the horizon."

"The object was quite large, as big as a large aircraft, and emitted no noise. It was shaped like a sphere, the top being joined to a cylinder and the conical section between them appearing to follow an exponential curve. After remaining motionless for half a minute after its appearance, the mysterious craft suddenly moved off at a terrific speed, soaring upward into the sky and disappearing from sight." (See MYSTERIOUS AUSTRALIA by Rex Gilroy, Nexus Publishing, Mapleton, Qnld., Australia, 1995, page 25)

Twenty-five years ago, on July 26, 1973, astronauts Allan L. Bean, Owen K. Garriott and Jack R. Lousma blasted off from Cape Canaveral for a rendezvous with the orbiting Skylab. Their 59-day mission was the USA's first serious attempt at a long-duration space flight.

And we'll be back next weekend with more saucer news from around the planet, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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## Re: Meier Pictures

From: Kal K. Korff <[TotlResrch@aol.com](mailto:TotlResrch@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 17:01:51 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 17:15:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

Dear Esteemed Colleagues: The Duke of Mendoza, Don Ecker, Bruce Maccabee, and yes, even (shudder!) Jim Deardorff, who has yet to set us straight on this matter!!

The issue of Meier's bullets and ballistics are all fine and dandy, each of you of course have some very valid points. However, I think you forgot to factor in the following:

'Pleadian Physics'.

You see, since Meier's imagination and Pleiadian Physics are one and the same, we have to account for in any of our equations, the "MI" (Meier's Imagination) factor and remember the following:

According to Meier and those dumb enough to still believe in him, Meier has a small pond surrounded by various one arm made (Meier made) "crystals" of various bright colors. These crystals, according to Meier's people at his cult, are aligned and tuned into the right vibrational frequencies so as to protect Meier from harm, danger and people with bad intentions, such as those that want to expose the truth about him, etc.

We may safely assume that Meier's much-vaunted Pleiadian Protection System was malfunctioning all seven times I was secretly on his property, and as of just a few months ago, actually successfully went undercover, secretly in Meier's own house! Boy, what a pad!

The man is hardly poor, let alone humble! But the people around him dress in cheap, ragged-out hippie type clothes. Ahhh, this way more money and resources for their Master, Mr. Meier!

But back to the Pleiadian Physics. Meier is protected by this crystal garden and therefore all bullets are going to miss him and go astray and befuddle even the best of the dreaded assassins.

And don't forget those equally-dreaded Men in Black, who hoaxed hundreds of Meier's time-travel pictures, saving him the trouble. They did such a good job, that they fooled even Meier, who couldn't even recognize that the faked pictures weren't his own hoaxed images!

Darn those Pleiadians to render everyone's physics and real-life military experience irrelevant, eh? But we're just not as "Enlightened" as Mr. Meier and must settle for being grounded in the real world.

Kal (I just winged this post) Korff

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## Greek UFO Groups?

From: **Werner Walter** <[113236.1604@compuserve.com](mailto:113236.1604@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 15:09:03 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 19:42:09 -0400  
Subject: Greek UFO Groups?

Hi List-Members,

Has anyone Smail-addresses for Greek UFO-groups for me?

Werner

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## Re: Federal Criminal Law Against Defamation On

From: Larry Clark <[lclark@ibm.net](mailto:lclark@ibm.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 19:24:48 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 19:40:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: Federal Criminal Law Against Defamation On

>From: Rod Eastman <[darkstar@carrollsworld.com](mailto:darkstar@carrollsworld.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 12:04:57 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: US Criminal Law - Defamation On Webpages

>> From: Stig Agermose <[wanderer@post8.tele.dk](mailto:wanderer@post8.tele.dk)>  
>> Subject: Federal Criminal Law Against Defamation On Webpages  
>> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>> Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 03:04:41 +0200

>> >From NY MUFON's mailing list.

>> Stig  
>> \_\_\_\_\_

>> Date: 26 Jul 1998 00:22:52 -0000  
>> From: "Larry Clark" <[lclark@ibm.net](mailto:lclark@ibm.net)>  
>> To: "Jed Turnbull" <[Jedstar@aol.com](mailto:Jedstar@aol.com)>

>> <snip>

>> Subject: internet use  
>> Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 20:26:34 -0400

>> NY Mutual UFO Network Postings -  
>> <http://www.nymufon.org>

>> Hi all:

>> I received a message from the state director with important news  
>> for all our internet users. Dana wrote:

>> "that there is now a federal criminal law against defamation on  
>> the Internet (eg, the Webpage). Already there has been a  
>> conviction, in New England I believe, where there was prison  
>> time, a fine, AND seizure of the computer equipment used by the  
>> convicted. So be careful what you say on our Webpage"

>> Enough said! Be careful out there! I myself was accused of  
>> copying someone's WEB page, changing the contents, and posting  
>> it to the state site, and pretending it was on another site. The  
>> bizarre thing about that was when you went to the alleged forged  
>> page, it clearly showed (and still does) the person's WEB  
>> address. To pun a phrase "Oh, what webs we weave, when we  
>> practice to....."

>> Regards,

>> Larry Clark

> Larry;

> If possible, can you provide more background on this new law, ergo  
>the statute ##, enforcing agency, ect.. this may be helpfull as a knife  
>that does cut two ways. And names or information will be helpfull.  
>Thanks. Rod.h

Hi:

Re: Federal Criminal Law Against Defamation On

I personally do not know anything about the law. I Cc:ed the State Director, Dana Schmidt, who is a lawyer and familiar with those kinds of things.

Regards,

Larry Clark

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## Lake Ontario 'Streaks'

From: **Jennifer Jarvis** <[fierycelt@full-moon.com](mailto:fierycelt@full-moon.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 17:45:44 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 19:51:33 -0400  
Subject: Lake Ontario 'Streaks'

Hi Errol and List.

We were out again on Friday and Saturday nights, down in Niagara on the Lake. Both nights we observed a "streak" in the northwest sky. The Friday night event changed course before it disappeared below the horizon.

Did anyone else notice these events?

I have posted 6 frames from the Friday night video on ORBWATCH. The link can be found on the New Site Updates Menu of the Home Page, dated 26th July.

Best wishes.

Jennifer Jarvis.

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"It is a strange place where ships, planes and people vanish into thin air, where weird fogs and globes of light abound, where ominous waters shroud sinister events."

Hugh Cochrane, "Gateway to Oblivion."

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## Re: Sturrock Panel

From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 22:55:15 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 23:49:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: Sturrock Panel

Regarding...

>From: Greg Sandow <[gsandow@prodigy.net](mailto:gsandow@prodigy.net)>  
>To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel  
>Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 10:42:24 -0400

Greg wrote:

>>Date: Sun, 12 Jul 1998 23:58:50 -0400  
>>From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>>Regarding...

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel  
>>>Date: Sun, 05 Jul 98 09:54:18 PDT

>>Jerry wrote:

>>>The Sturrock panel got to listen to some of the best evidence from  
>>>some of the best UFO investigators and researchers alive today.

>>As you appreciate, that's a subjective opinion, especially on  
>>what constitutes 'best evidence'.

>>However, if this was a 'best shot', isn't it a damning  
>>indictment of the 'extraterrestrial hypothesis' when Prof.  
>>Sturrock writes:

>>"Concerning the case material presented by the investigators,  
>>the panel concluded that a few reported incidents may have  
>>involved rare but significant phenomena such as electrical  
>>activity, but there was no convincing evidence pointing to  
>>unknown physical processes or to the involvement of  
>>extraterrestrial intelligence".

>[I've also posted this to the Project 1947 list (Greg)]

[Likewise - James]

>James,

>I suspect you've only read media accounts of the Sturrock panel, and  
>haven't read the complete report.

Greg,

It wasn't a rhetorical question expressing a belief. It was, as  
I've said on similar points, simply a straightforward question.

No 'hidden agenda', nothing up my sleeve. ;)

I have read the complete report and even before raising this  
question had written to the panel members on some issues arising

from same, Prof. Sturrock being one of those who replied.

As an aside, on whether the 'best evidence' was heard, Francois Louange, comments:

"The cases chosen by UFO specialists were not necessarily the best possible ones (this could be a long debate...) but nobody could consider that a reasonable proof of violation of laws of Physics or even stranger explanations came out at Pocantico although enough elements were there to raise some scientific interest".

As he says, that's a lengthy debate and perhaps best left as an aside.

>You may draw any conclusions you like, but the scientists on the  
>panel don't agree with you.

I hadn't actually formed any conclusions, merely interested in what any agreed conclusions might be.

Your response, that from Steven Kaeser:

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel  
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 1998 08:57:26 -0400

and John White:

From: John White <[mjwhite@digitaldune.net](mailto:mjwhite@digitaldune.net)>  
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel  
Date: Tue, 7 Jul 1998 07:01:15 -0700

and any others I haven't acknowledged were appreciated and noted.

Welcome contributions to the discussion, they express alternative views of the 'Sturrock panel' report and mercifully prove this is possible without defending intransigent dogma and in Jerry Clark's case, which I regret it's necessary to comment on, imploding at a mere perceived insinuation the 'extraterrestrial hypothesis' is being fundamentally challenged.

The 'Sturrock panel' report does require careful reading, for example, Mark Cashman and Bruce Maccabee have highlighted apparent paradoxes, i.e.:

Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Sturrock Panel  
From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 23:25:46 -0400  
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

Sturrock's panel summary seems contradictory. On the one hand, they conclude that

"It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to science."

but then

"The review panel was not convinced that any of the evidence involved currently unknown physical processes or pointed to the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence."

It is difficult to understand how they came to the first conclusion in light of the second.

[End]

Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 15:40:53 -0400  
From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Subject: UFO UpDate: P-1947: The Sturrock Panel: The Next Step  
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

The claim that there is no "definitive information that will settle the UFO problem once and for all" may be correct. However, more basic claim that they panel had...no evidence of anything truly unusual or "physics breaking"....is not accepted

as a fact by the UFO community (otherwise there probably would be no such "community") and an important response to the panel would be to lean why the panel members essentially claimed that everything could be explained (no unconventional physics) while admitting that some sightings were "difficult to explain." What new but not ET/Other Intelligences (OI) related phenomena might be invoked to explain the unexplainable? Or did the panel catch itself in a "paradox" (all cases are basically a result of known natural or manmade phenomena and we think we know about all natural phenomena that could be related to sightings such as there, but there are some cases which we can't explain and therefore must involve unknown natural phenomena.)  
[End]

>From Eshelman's summary of the panel's work and conclusions:

[...]

>"The panel concluded that further analysis of the evidence presented at the workshop is unlikely to elucidate the cause or causes of the reports. However, the panel considers that new data, scientifically acquired and analyzed (especially of well documented, recurrent events), could yield useful information. In this case, physical scientists would have an opportunity to contribute to the resolution of the UFO problem."

I had asked Prof. Von Eshleman [correct spelling] how the panel's recommendations might be implemented and how this might be achieved against a background where the 'UFO phenomena' incorporates elements that were perhaps detrimental to any perceived scientific credibility.

He wrote:

"The extremes of the UFO reports and the adamant ridicule by much of the scientific community irreconcilably stands. However, I believe that there is a middle ground where it is possible to conclude something sensible about the subject, and that this could possibly represent progress".

>Note this phrase: "further analysis of the evidence presented at the workshop." In other words, a certain limited amount of data was presented at the workshop, from which preliminary conclusions were drawn. One conclusion was in the phrase you've quoted ad nauseum: "The review panel was not convinced that any of the evidence involved currently unknown physical processes or pointed to the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence."

>That refers only to the evidence presented to the workshop. The panel concluded -- precisely in the spirit of Sturrock's introduction -- that much more study is needed, because nothing more can be determined from the evidence presented at the workshop. Only after far more study of much more data can any conclusions be drawn -- and "rival hypotheses" be evaluated.

Which data merits further study?

Certainly not the 'best evidence' presented to the panel.

The press release summarises:

"Further analysis of the evidence presented to the panel is unlikely to shed added light on the causes underlying the reports, the scientists said. Most current UFO investigations lack the level of rigor required by the scientific community, despite the initiative and dedication of the investigators involved. But new data, scientifically acquired and analyzed, could yield useful information and advance our understanding of the UFO problem, the panel said".

Eshleman's conclusion, echoed in the panel's, appears to imply that only new data, which has been "scientifically acquired and analyzed" might yield information to advance understanding.

It's stated that current investigations, despite the best intentions, do not meet the criteria for scientific

evaluation.

One interpretation and certainly my own until I see evidence to the contrary, is that consequently the panel's report does not support either further investigation of the 'best evidence' presented, that fact beyond any dispute, or any other historical data.

Perhaps this latter point should first be clarified before any determination on the panel's report.

>Note also the following, from Sturrock's recommendations for  
>implementation of the panel's findings:

[...]

>Note this phrase: "It is quite impossible to predict what might  
>emerge from research into this area."

>The ETH is not excluded.

Noting I never suggested it had been, a statement to the effect that it is impossible to predict the outcome of any relevant research, isn't supportive of the ETH.

Any suggestions otherwise would be 'grasping at straws'.

In summary, the 'Sturrock panel' report does not appear to support the ETH in any way and is a proverbial 'double edged sword', on the basis that it's apparent recommendations for future 'scientific' progress, would effectively sever any links with previous 'unscientific' data.

That's maybe not the intended implication and I have asked some of the panel members if they might clarify this important issue.

So far, only Prof. Sturrock has replied and states we should "refer to the panel summary".

Further 'insight', would I'm sure be desirable and we can perhaps then see the 'Sturrock panel' report in it's true perspective.

Which was all I had ever set to accomplish.

James.  
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## (Skyopen) USGS Live Volcano Cam Catches UFO

From: gerry <[ed@farshore.force9.co.uk](mailto:ed@farshore.force9.co.uk)>  
Date: Sunday, July 26, 1998 5:35 PM  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 10:38:40 -0400  
Subject: (Skyopen) USGS Live Volcano Cam Catches UFO

If you haven't seen it already, I recommend a visit to Jeff Rense's Sightings website in order to view the USGS Live Volcano Cam photo which apparently depicts a disc-shaped aerial object clearly visible just left of Mount St Helens. The capture took place on July 24 at 12:06:11, according to frame details.

The URL required is as follows:

<http://www.sightings.com/ufo/sthelufo.htm>

Very intriguing -- any guesses? Canada Geese are out!

Gerry=AC)  
Far Shores

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"In the end it is the mystery that lasts  
and not the explanation."  
--- Sacheverell Sitwell  
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## Re: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 07:56:19 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 10:54:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

>Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 04:49:20 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[el51@dial.pipex.com](mailto:el51@dial.pipex.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'

>> Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 20:32:01 +0200  
>> From: Bruno Mancusi <[Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch](mailto:Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch)>  
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Philip Mantle 'Signs-off'/Santilli's footage

>> >Date: Mon, 20 Jul 1998 09:56:41 +0000  
>> >From: Philip Mantle <[el51@dial.pipex.com](mailto:el51@dial.pipex.com)>  
>> >To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>> >Subject: Signing Off

>> >Dear Friends and Colleagues,

>> >I have to inform you that I am pulling out of ufology for an  
>> >indefinite period. This has not been an easy decision to reach  
>> >as I have been actively involved for nearly 20 years.

>> Philip,

>> <snip>

>> Now that you are going to resign from ufology, can you say us at  
>> last what was your real involvement in this "Roswell autopsy"  
>> story? Why have you accepted to help Ray Santilli to put in  
>> touch with the ufological milieu? Have you received money from  
>> him? How much?

>> I think that many list members would be interested in your  
>> response.

>> Dear Bruno,

>> My reason for becoming involved with Santilli and his film was  
>> simply to try and get to the bottom of it. I have not yet managed  
>> to do this but I have proven, to my satisfaction at least, the  
>> the tent footage is a hoax. Whether or not the rest of the film  
>> proves to be fake or genuine I honestly don't know.

>> As for payment from Santilli I have been asked this question a  
>> thousand times. The answer is quite simply no. Santilli paid me a  
>> small fee to work as a consultant on his video release of the  
>> film, which I did and even appeared in. At no time did Santilli  
>> or anyone else for that matter ever offer me any money for  
>> anything else.

>> <snip>

I have not "signed off" but have, for the time being, given up  
in disgust on the Santilli film.

Ray says he wants the truth out, but he has refused (or perhaps  
not been allowed) to provide anything real to work with. It would  
only take a small sample of the original film to establish if it  
is really the type of film it has been claimed to be. In the  
absence of this, nothing can be proved.

Also, if the cameraman really exists, Ray should be very concerned that he will die before giving a full deposition about his story.

The cameraman was supposed to phone me at the beginning of this year so that we could chat, get to know one-another, and perhaps make plans for a detailed interview. That call never came.

Bob

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## Philip Mantle "Rewarded"

From: Philip Mantle <[e151@dial.pipex.com](mailto:e151@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 03:22:29 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 10:46:25 -0400  
Subject: Philip Mantle "Rewarded"

Desr Friends and Colleagues,

First of all I'd like to thank everyone for their kind comments concerning my decision to withdraw indefinitely from ufology. I've received many kind words from people all around the world, most of whom I've never met.

Today, my decision to with draw from ufology has been greatly rewarded as my eldest daughter Sarah (age 9) received confirmation that she has been accepted for a scholarship with the Royal Ballet. To say that we are proud of her is indeed an understatement.

This is a big commitment for all of us but one I am looking forward to.

I dare say I'll occasionally dip my toes into the ufological whirlpool from time to time but I simply do not have the time to commit to it like I have done so for many years.

All the best,

Philip.

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**Kal! You're here!**

From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 07:39:36 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 10:59:29 -0400  
Subject: Kal! You're here!

KAL! What about that SIGHTING you were going to...describe...

Rats. Missed him again.

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## Re: Meier Pictures

From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 07:41:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 10:51:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

>From: Kal K. Korff <[TotlResrch@aol.com](mailto:TotlResrch@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 17:01:51 EDT  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: Meier Pictures

>Dear Esteemed Colleagues: The Duke of Mendoza, Don Ecker, Bruce  
>Maccabee, and yes, even (shudder!) Jim Deardorff, who has yet to  
>set us straight on this matter!!

<snip>

>According to Meier and those dumb enough to still believe in  
>him, Meier has a small pond surrounded by various one arm made  
>(Meier made) "crystals" of various bright colors. These  
>crystals, according to Meier's people at his cult, are aligned  
>and tuned into the right vibrational frequencies so as to  
>protect Meier from harm, danger and people with bad intentions,  
>such as those that want to expose the truth about him, etc.

>We may safely assume that Meier's much-vaunted Pleiadian  
>Protection System was malfunctioning all seven times I was  
>secretly on his property, and as of just a few months ago,  
>actually successfully went undercover, secretly in Meier's own  
>house! Boy, what a pad!

>The man is hardly poor, let alone humble! But the people around  
>him dress in cheap, ragged-out hippie type clothes. Ahhh, this  
>way more money and resources for their Master, Mr. Meier!

<snip>

Kal,

Why is it that when anyone mentions Billy Meier the phrase  
"one armed bandit" pops, unbidden, into my psyche???

Bob

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### London, Ohio Correctional Institute - Unravelled

From: **Kenny Young** <[task@fuse.net](mailto:task@fuse.net)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 12:54:57 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 13:40:06 -0400  
Subject: London, Ohio Correctional Institute - Unravelled

LoCI UPDATE:

In April and May of 1998, Ohio MUFON Director Bill Jones and associate researcher Don Weatherby conducted an investigation of UFO sightings thought to have been reported near the vicinity of the London, Ohio Correctional Institute. Their LoCI investigations were based upon fleeting and incomplete information conveyed over two separate radio stations from listeners who had 'heard the reports.'

Jones and Weatherby are to be commended for conducting a thorough and comprehensive 3-week effort to unravel this situation, which included interviews with police and prison officials, plus performing a house-to-house check with residents in the area. They determined that no tangible information could be found to support such claims.

The source for this mysterious 'LoCI' information which sparked their investigations may be London, Ohio researcher Peggy Tillman.

This determination was made from an article posted on the UFO UpDates List moderated by Errol Bruce Knapp:

Sun 05-03-98 02:47 pm

Alien Spacecraft Using Prison As 'Gas Station'

LONDON, Ohio (Wireless Flash) - UFO researchers think a prison in London, Ohio, is being used as a sort of "service station" for alien spaceships.

Researcher Peggy Tillman says the London Correctional Institution is regularly visited by alien craft which hover over the site for about five minutes, perhaps refueling before jetting away. The prison is located on Route 665, a highway that locals refer to as the "UFO Highway."

Tillman also reports that many of the eyewitnesses who have seen spacecraft "fuel up" over the prison have later spotted a Bigfoot in the area. Could the hairy creature be some type of paranormal pump attendant?

However, not everyone believes the prison is an extraterrestrial Exxon. London Correctional Institution spokesman Don Rayna says he=92s unaware of any alien visits to the prison.

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The date for this article was May 3, 1998. Evidently, Don Weatherby informed that his friend had heard a 'news flash' from an Indianapolis radio station on April 29, 1998, four days before this was posted on the internet.

During a telephone chat with Peggy Tillman on Saturday, May 25, I learned that it was HER who had performed a radio interview... probably on April 29... in which she discussed a UFO sighting near LoCI.

Tillman said that she is in routine contact with a man from California named MOORE (sp?) who puts articles from her on WIRELESS NEWS SERVICE which carries stories 'from the fringe.' Tillman states that she gets calls from all around, including 'the Congo,' and she frequently performs radio interviews as a result.

On the particular April 29 interview, which she said may have been heard in Columbus and Indianapolis, she thought she 'may have talked about the LoCI UFOs.'

Tillman said that the UFOs use LoCI to 'jump start' their vehicles, and it is a good refueling point. She said that sparks are frequently seen to emerge from the ground and make contact with the "flying saucers", giving them extra power. Although she doesn't know of any specific sightings in April, she worked from 'memory' to recall a number of previous reports from the area. She, herself, claims to have seen a Triangular UFO in South Charleston, which was a bright, intense light.

"I wondered what was holding it up?" she said.

Strangely, Peggy Tillman did not document the UFO sighting which she claims to have been a witness to. However, the UFO researcher mused that the UFO she saw around 10:00 p.m. that undetermined evening was in the direction of the LoCI facility.

From this new finding, we can determine that there is probably little basis for reasoning that a UFO sighting was widely reported in or near the LoCI facility on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, as previously suspected. This unfortunate affair seems to have been generated by comments from Tillman during her radio interview, in which she surmised various theories and recounted an undocumented personal sighting she claims to have had on some undetermined date.

Following the 'WIRELESS NEWS SERVICE' report, Peggy Tillman was contacted on May 4 by the Comedy Channel, whose producers dispatched a television crew to London, Ohio to create a humorous satire of the London, Ohio reports, spoofing the situation with derision and tomfoolery. The comical expose of the London, Ohio reports belittled Tillman and her research associate Don Keating, a Bigfoot investigator from Newcomerstown, Ohio. The Comedy Channel program aired at 7:00 p.m. on May 21.

For information concerning what was thought to be a UFO situation at LoCI and the follow up investigations, see:  
[http://members.tripod.com/~task\\_2/LoCI.htm](http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/LoCI.htm)

Filed: July 27, 1998 KENNY YOUNG -- UFO Research  
<http://home.fuse.net/task/>

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## Re: Lake Ontario 'Streaks'

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 13:35:58 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 13:59:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Lake Ontario 'Streaks'

> Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 17:45:44 -0400  
> From: Jennifer Jarvis <[fierycelt@full-moon.com](mailto:fierycelt@full-moon.com)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Lake Ontario "Streaks"

> Hi Errol and List.

> We were out again on Friday and Saturday nights, down in Niagara  
> on the Lake. Both nights we observed a "streak" in the northwest  
> sky. The Friday night event changed course before it disappeared  
> below the horizon.

> Did anyone else notice these events?

> I have posted 6 frames from the Friday night video on ORBWATCH.  
> The link can be found on the New Site Updates Menu of the Home  
> Page, dated 26th July.

Hi Jennifer,

For a while you had been reporting small distant lights or objects in the sky over Lake Ontario from a location near Toronto looking south towards Niagara on the Lake. Now you are reporting more sightings from your new location in Niagara on the Lake looking north (the opposite direction) towards Toronto.

On Friday, after I checked your updated web site which contained some of your latest observations, I was tempted to go out this weekend and scan the sky for myself to see if I too could see such distant lights and objects. Although I considered observing from the Lakeview generating plant west of Toronto or from Niagara on the Lake (and possibly bump into you and your fellow observes), I concluded that my single observations would not lead to a solution of these unknown lights or objects over Lake Ontario unless my observing activities were coordinated with you or others. Using cell phones and compasses, observers from two or more distant observing sites would try and see the same objects. If one group saw a light or object in one direction and the other group saw it too but in a different direction, we could then easily calculate its size and exact location over the lake. We may then even consider taking a boat and observing from this exact location on the lake too (this could be done frequently and cheaply now that there is a new hydrofoil boat that makes frequent trips to and from Toronto and Niagara on the Lake).

If only one group saw the light or object while another did not, then it would suggest that it was much closer to the first group and would be something very small (such as sunlight shining off the body of one of the many seagulls flying low over Lake Ontario).

Would you and your fellow observers like to try this? We may even find the answers to what these things really are. Isn't this the reason why you are out there observing and recording these things in the first place?

Nick Balaskas

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## From Jerry Black Re: A Response From Whitley

From: **Kenny Young** <[task@fuse.net](mailto:task@fuse.net)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 13:57:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 15:23:25 -0400  
Subject: From Jerry Black Re: A Response From Whitley

>From: Kathleen Anderson <[KAnder6444@aol.com](mailto:KAnder6444@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 9 Jul 1998 21:39:38 EDT  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: A response from Whitley Strieber

>>From: Black's Hole  
>>Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 09:57:31 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Jul 1998 09:57:31 -0400  
>>Subject: An Open Message To Whitley Strieber - Jerry Black

>><http://members.xoom.com/ufobarb/jb04.html>

>Response from Whitley to Mr. Black

>>From Whitley Strieber

>First, the UFO video that I was referring to still seems  
>perfectly authentic to me. If the fact that it was shot 40 miles  
>from Gulf Breeze somehow turns it into a hoax, I would be  
>fascinated to know why.

>Second, I have had one telephone conversation with Ed Walters in  
>ten years. I have never met him personally, to my knowledge.  
>However, I do believe that his pictures were authentic because I  
>know another witness, a retired Marine fighter pilot whom I would  
>trust with my life, who saw the object a couple of days before  
>Walters first observed it.

>Third, I am sick of people challenging me in stupid ways. The two  
>lie detector tests that I had control over are fully disclosed in  
>my earlier books, and have been discussed by Ed Conroy in his  
>book Report on Communion. The other two were administered on  
>behalf of media organizations. One, administered on behalf of the  
>BBC, was the reason that I was allowed to discuss Communion on  
>BBC programming in 1988. Had I failed it, they did not plan to  
>allow me on. The second was a voice-stress test administered  
>without my knowledge and discussed on a television program called  
>Contact.

>All of this information is readily accessible to any competent  
>researcher. The fact that Mr. Black appears to know none of it, I  
>believe, speaks for itself.

>Whitley Strieber

Mr. Jerry Black requested that the following message kindly be  
forwarded to UFO UpDates, regarding a July 9 post from Kathleen  
Anderson. The message was a reply from Whitley Strieber to Mr.  
Black. Below are Black's comments:

"I will be making a MAJOR RESPONSE to Whitley Striebers  
remarks within 21 to 30 days."

Jerry Black

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## 'Alien Abductions' by Peter Brookesmith

From: **Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 16:03:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 16:03:52 -0400  
Subject: 'Alien Abductions' by Peter Brookesmith

I'm in the throes of reading the Duke of Mendoza's latest tome. Since most of those involved in the pages of 'Alien Abductions' are subscribers and contributors to UpDates I want to pass along the following to the List:

Dust Jacket Notes from:

'Alien Abductions'  
by Peter Brookesmith

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Since the late 1980s more and more people in the Americas and in Europe have come to believe they have been forcibly abducted by alien beings, taken on board their spacecraft, and subjected to a range of distressing indignities.

The controversy over these extraordinary claims has been fierce. Believers and sceptics share common ground only in ceding few points and giving little quarter to their opponents.

While the commentators argue, Many who have undergone abductions are angry and bewildered. They have been shaken to the core by their experiences, and want explanations and reassurance. While many abductees support abduction researchers wholeheartedly, a significant number are disenchanted with them. Both groups despair at the dismissal and scorn of hardline sceptics.

This book presents an overview of both sides of the abduction argument, but it goes much further than that. A number of researchers have now recognized that something truly strange lies at the heart of the abduction experience, even though it may not involve actual alien beings. A few have realized that, regardless of whether abductions are really happening, the stories told by abductees and the apparent activities of the aliens have achieved the status of a modern mythology. Alien Abductions ruthlessly exposes the assumptions and delusions of both the promoters of the abduction phenomenon and their most intolerant critics. At the same time, the author gives a sympathetic hearing to the witnesses themselves, their sense of betrayal and confusion, and the striking variety of their experiences.

This book includes previously unpublished artworks and photographs - some from private collections, others commissioned especially for this book - as well as exclusive interviews with abductees, offering a thought-provoking perspective on the abduction experience. Believers and sceptics alike will find

this an unforgettable expos=E9 of alien encounters.

'The being abruptly twisted to its left while raising up and moving forward in one fluid motion. In shocked amazement I realized that it had done all of this through the glass, the bed, as well as the steel body of the van itself - as if they were of water. It gently but firmly gripped my upper arms, its face mere inches from my own. Huge, glossy black eyes that filled close to a third of its face, stared into mine...'

- Clarke Hathaway

'...Above my neighbour's house, there's the UFO, with this red light on top going round like on an ice cream truck. Then two of the little guys come floating over towards me, and each one very gently takes an arm, and they turn me. We get hit with, like, a theatre spotlight. I take two steps forward and =96 airborne. We're floating up, and I'm getting off on it. I'm enjoying it. It's like being Peter Pan or something.'

- John Velez

'I can remember being first implanted in 1954. I remember the thin rod pushed so hard up my nostril to lodge the little thing close to my optic nerves. With my alien friend Sphere's help in 1961, I was able to reconfigure the access to five implants in my body to my own frequencies and for my own uses. I could literally read minds with them.'

- 'Kathy'

'I try very hard not to have guilt feelings about the way stupid people have misinterpreted my experience. I try to get across to people that they should stay away from hypnosis. You don't want anybody foolin' round with your brain. I mean, you have problems enough to live with yourself, without other people making their contribution. I can do hypnosis, and I can give you an abduction in 20 minutes.'

- Betty Hill

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In the 1980s he masterminded 'The Unexplained' (published in the USA as Mysteries of Mind, Space & Time), a 3000-page multi-volume encyclopedia of the paranormal, was a full-time consultant to the Reader's Digest series 'Quest for the Unknown' in the 1990s, and authored the highly acclaimed - and best-selling - 'UFO: The Complete Sightings Catalogue' and 'UFO: The Government Files' published on the Blandford imprint of Cassell.

His most recent books, also published by Cassell, include 'The Fighting Handgun' (with Richard Law), 'Future Plagues' (published in the USA as Biohazard), and 'UFOs and Ufology: The First 50 Years' (with Paul Devereux). He regularly contributes articles on ufology to Fortean Times and Magonia, and has been described as 'the most charming of the UFO sceptics'.

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## Re: (Skyopen) USGS Live Volcano Cam Catches UFO

From: **Greg Sandow** <[gsandow@prodigy.net](mailto:gsandow@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 15:00:35 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 16:23:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: (Skyopen) USGS Live Volcano Cam Catches UFO

> From: gerry <[ed@farshore.force9.co.uk](mailto:ed@farshore.force9.co.uk)>  
> To: Skywatch International <[skypost@unix.ltlb.com](mailto:skypost@unix.ltlb.com)>  
> Date: Sunday, July 26, 1998 5:35 PM  
> Subject: UFO Live Cam Shot

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> The URL required is as follows:

> <http://www.sightings.com/ufo/sthelufo.htm>

> Very intriguing -- any guesses? Canada Geese are out!

This is an intriguing photo. If an unattended, automatic camera really did capture a flying disc....need I say more?

There's only one catch. Jeff Rense doesn't say on the website whether anyone checked to make sure the photo is genuine. I've e-mailed USGS to ask. Luckily the Sightings site includes the date and exact time of the photo, so if USGS archives the volcano cam, they can easily compare the Rense photo (which I enclosed) to what their cameras recorded.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: (Skyopen) USGS Live Volcano Cam Catches UFO

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 16:01:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 16:27:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: (Skyopen) USGS Live Volcano Cam Catches UFO

>From: gerry <[ed@farshore.force9.co.uk](mailto:ed@farshore.force9.co.uk)>  
>To: Skywatch International <[skypost@unix.ltlb.com](mailto:skypost@unix.ltlb.com)>  
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>Very intriguing -- any guesses? Canada Geese are out!

>Gerry=AC)  
>Far Shores

Is it possible to obtain a copy of this image from another source for verification. It's far too easy to modify computer images to use them as evidence, and the veracity of this image needs to be confirmed.

Steve

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## Summer 1947 Blackheath Common, South London

From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 01:58:25 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 10:02:36 -0400  
Subject: Summer 1947 Blackheath Common, South London

Sighting report from the BBC's UFO talking point. URL:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/talking\\_point/newsid\\_124000/124860.asp](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/talking_point/newsid_124000/124860.asp)

Stig

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Thursday, July 2, 1998 Published at 12:12 GMT 13:12 UK

Talking Point

Are UFOs a sign of alien life? Your reaction

Votes so far:

Yes: 54%=BF No: 46%

<snip>

When I was 10 I remember my father telling me about how he and my mother had seen a UFO in 1947. It had been a spinning silver egg that had been floating in the sky above Blackheath Common, south London. It had been a sunny day with clouds, it was early afternoon, and the object could be seen by the naked eye. My father got out his binoculars and took a look and what he saw confirmed the shape and spinning nature of the object. Now at the time I remembered the story but didn't really think about it. A few years later he recounted the story. I was 13 or 14 and this time I was very interested. But I thought he was joking. However what leads credence to the story is the fact that my mother was there as well and when I asked her she said that was exactly what had happened and that my father had given her the binoculars to see for herself. My mother wasn't deadly serious about it but rather matter of fact.

What is particularly interesting about this story, in addition to the partial corroboration (my mother would not be considered an independent witness I imagine) was that the egg, or whatever it was, hung in the air until it was occluded by a cloud (not a big one in my father's memory) but a minute or so later when the cloud had passed it had gone. My father was an RAF trained navigator. He had just been demobbed and would have recognised it as such if it had been a meteorological or barrage balloon etc. I assume that my father practically knew the shape and characteristics of practically everything flying at that time as he had been on Dacota7s right up to that year. The egg's spinning nature? My father's later assertion was that it must have been a UFO in the pure definition of the sense. Actually I don't know if UFO mania had hit England in summer 1947. I suspect if it had, my father might have been in some way caught up in the hysteria. That's something I will never know as he

died over a decade ago.

I never paid this that much attention however and had not been particularly interested in UFO phenomena until May 1998 when I saw something I can only describe as a UFO myself; a purple glowing triangle moving very rapidly across the lower third of the sky one early evening, again in south London. I am not going to go into this story as I probably saw a stealth bomber or something, but all I can say was that it looked to be about 10 or 15 kilometers away, was huge, silent, with bright glowing lights at each of the points and then suddenly stopped, hovered and disappeared. I got the feeling that its real behaviour was such that it couldn't have been a standard aircraft. I was completely fazed by the whole experience and, well, I cannot help but think that what I saw and what my father and mother apparently saw need rational explanation.

What finally unsettles me is that neither what I saw or my parents saw fits into the loony saucer, cigar, or whatever sightings which are supposed to be what you see when you see a UFO. But as far as my eyes and first and second hand experiences guide me I cannot but help think that visitors come to Earth to check us out.

Paul Kallender, Ex-UK now in Japan

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## Re: UFO News Items From The Fringe

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 20:07:01 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 10:09:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO News Items From The Fringe

> From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 03:30:40 +0200  
> Subject: UFO News Items From The Fringe

> Thanks to Wireless Flash News Service I am able to bring you a  
> few news items from the fringe. Except for the last one which is  
> rather sweet, they are all pretty far out, but hopefully will  
> act as a deterrent.

<snip>

> This one is from June 2. URL  
> <http://www.flashnews.com/news/4clk0ch0.htm>  
>

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> Out-Of-This-World Jewelry Made From Crashed Ufo Fragments

> RED ROCK, N. M. (Wireless Flash) A New Mexico gemologist is  
> selling jewelry made out of what he claims are fragments from a  
> crashed UFO.

> Jeweler David Shoemaker owns about two-and-a-half pounds of a  
> strange glass-like material that he says was salvaged from an  
> alien spacecraft that crashed near Red Rock, New Mexico, more  
> than 50 years ago.

> The extraterrestrial gems are transparent green and contain tiny  
> gray spheres resembling exploding galaxies. It was originally  
> believed the material was from a meteorite, but Shoemaker claims  
> an analysis of the fragments reveals that they contain 54  
> different minerals and elements - including 3 minerals never  
> found on Earth.

> Shoemaker is currently selling raw chunks of the UFO fragments  
> for \$100 or more a gram and necklaces for \$500 or more.

> CONTACT: David Shoemaker, \*\*\*\* (serious inquiries only); Red  
> Rock, NM; (505) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\*

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<snip>

Hi everyone,

Thanks to a contact in the U.S., I was sent a fair sized chunk  
of this alleged UFO debris (and I wasn't even charged a penny!)  
along with a copy of the initial scientific test results which  
look very impressive. Later this summer, fellow colleagues at  
York University (Toronto) will have their own scientific test  
results ready regarding David Shoemaker's UFO debris which will  
be made available by my U.S. contact to everyone.

For accuracy, the alleged 1947 UFO crash did not happen anywhere  
near Red Rock (or even Roswell), New Mexico but in another more  
distant U.S. state.



Nick Balaskas

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## Re: (Skyopen) USGS Live Volcano Cam Catches UFO

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 22:35:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 10:11:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: (Skyopen) USGS Live Volcano Cam Catches UFO

> From: gerry <[ed@farshore.force9.co.uk](mailto:ed@farshore.force9.co.uk)>  
> To: Skywatch International <[skypost@unix.ltlb.com](mailto:skypost@unix.ltlb.com)>  
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A quick look at the JPEG with Photoshop shows an unusually heavy amount of artifacting around the object. This artifacting is higher than that near any other dark / light boundaries in the image, strongly suggesting a fake.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -  
Author of SF novels available at...  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/library.htm>  
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## Close Encounter With Comet Wild-2

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 18:21:40 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 09:57:44 -0400  
Subject: Close Encounter With Comet Wild-2

Hi everyone,

Last year UFO UpDates subscribers had an opportunity to have their signature or personal handwritten message scanned onto a CD-ROM which was placed in the European Space Agency probe Huygens (part of NASA's Cassini spacecraft) that will land on Saturn's largest moon, Titan. A few months ago the same subscribers were told of how they could have their name sent to the south polar region of Mars aboard NASA's Mars Polar Lander. If you missed out on these two chances, you can now send your name to a comet (no, not Hale-Bopp) aboard NASA's Stardust spacecraft. Go to the following web site to enter your name:

<http://stardust.jpl.nasa.gov/microchip/signup.html>

The NASA Stardust mission will collect some of the particles ejected from Comet Wild-2 and return them back to Earth in 2006, along with the microchip containing your name.

Although scientists may have already examined what may be comet particles from Tunguska in Siberia or from debris embedded in spacecraft which have returned to Earth, this should be the first time we get actual fragments from a comet, objects which originate from the outer most regions of our solar system beyond Pluto. Of course, Earth may still have a actual close encounter with a comet (like Jupiter had a few years ago) similar to that in the movies "Deep Impact" or "Armageddon" in the next few years. If this happens, NASA will not likely send Stardust to Comet Wild-2, with your name on it, but may still launch another comet mission with astronaut heros Robert Duvall and/or Bruce Willis aboard. ;o)

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Missouri UFO Crash In 1865?

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 19:39:21 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 09:59:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Missouri UFO Crash In 1865?

> From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 02:44:50 +0200  
> Subject: Missouri UFO Crash In 1865?

> From: Wireless Flash News Service June 17.

> URL: <http://www.flashnews.com/news/8plp2pr4.htm>

> Stig

<snip>

> A UFO researcher claims new evidence suggests that an alien spacecraft  
> crashed in the Cadotte Pass area of Missouri sometime in September of  
> 1865.

> Researcher W. Ritchie Benedict says the man discovering the crashed UFO  
> was a fur trapper named James Lumley, who told newspapers he saw a  
> "bright, luminous body in the heavens" suddenly burst into flames in  
> the middle of the night.

> The day after the sighting, Lumley reportedly discovered a bizarre  
> giant stone-like object about two miles from his camp that was  
> decorated with weird hieroglyphics

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According to CSETI's long list of alleged UFO crashes, they seem to have used what is actually written in the The Cincinnati Commercial newspaper of October 30, 1865 to conclude that the UFO crash actually took place one year earlier.

Briefly quoting from the article, we are told "Mr. Lumley states that about the middle of LAST September, he was engaged in trapping in the mountains, about seventy-five or one hundred miles above..." and "It is evident that the stone which he discovered was a fragment of the meteor which was visible in this section in September LAST." Does the word LAST (my capitals) in the quotes above imply that the year was 1865 or one year earlier?

The second quote is also of special interest since it suggests that this UFO crash was a multiple witnessed event, similar in many ways (seen in sky over wide area, hieroglyphics on fallen object, etc.) to the Kecksburg UFO crash a century later.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Kal! You're here!

From: [TotlResrch@aol.com](mailto:TotlResrch@aol.com)  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 00:04:07 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 10:20:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Kal! You're here!

>From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
>To: "UFO Updates" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Kal! You're here!  
>Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 07:39:36 -0700

>KAL! What about that SIGHTING you were going to...describe...

>Rats. Missed him again.

Unless I am mistaken, I believe I posted the details of my sighting back in May of 1997 -- last year!

Those who want to know its' details, can check the UFO UpDates Archive for that month. If I find it sometime later this week I can re-post it, but it is "findable" by checking the archive. At least it was the last time I checked, several months ago.

Kal (Glad to be back from Europe doing sneaky things in Switzerland, Germany, England, Austria, Lichtenstein, France, Italy, Portugal and on the road to way too many places in the USA -- all for the good of UFOlogy and Exposing those Hoaxsters!)  
Korff

[Here's the post in question --ebk]:

From: [TotlResrch@aol.com](mailto:TotlResrch@aol.com) [Kal Korff]  
Date: Tue, 6 May 1997 06:08:58 -0400 (EDT)  
To: [Updates@globalserve.net](mailto:Updates@globalserve.net)  
Subject: Kal K. Korff's UFO Sighting - The DETAILS!

Recently, several of you have asked me about my own "UFO" sighting which I mentioned having had many years ago. In particular, Gary Alevy asked me for this information as well, so I hope Mr. Alevy that this posting provides you with enough information. If anyone has any more questions about my encounter, please feel free to contact me, but it may take me a few days to get back to you.

My Sighting of a "UFO"

On February 16, 1981, just after, ironically, I finished putting the final touches on my original expose of the Eduard "Billy" Meier hoax, I was on my way home with two friends of mine at the time, Mr. and Mrs. Al and Barbara Reed.

The time was about 11:45PM and because of the tremendous amount of work my original expose of the Meier case had taken the Reeds and I to put together, the three of us were sick and tired of the UFO subject and very much wanted a break from it. Since I knew that my book would not be published and on the market until May of that year, I looked forward to a few months respite from the field of UFOlogy and its dreaded politics. I also knew that exposing the Meier case as a fraud would not endear me to certain individuals and destroy my then-friendship with Wendelle Stevens.

At any rate, while driving home, the thee of us saw off to our left in the sky at aproximately a 40 degree angle, what Mrs.



Reed called a "funny looking" airplane.

Immediately, Al and I both said at that same time "That's no airplane" and yelled "pull over." This we did, and the three of us got out of the car to observe the object.

The object I saw was a bright, red light with a definite metallic or "spherical" surface reflection behind it. It was about the angular size of the tip or head of a wooden stick match held at arm's length. Its' altitude was above the horizon, yet below the cloud cover and other air traffic. I observed it on highway 237 in California (in the San Francisco Bay Area region between the towns of Santa Clara and Milpitas) and it was just hovering there with no motion or movement for as long as 4 minutes. The direction I observed the object was Northwest, and the sky was pretty illuminated in the direction of the object due to the its' location.

After observing an airplane (a regular jet airliner) pass above and right by the object, (though well above it), after the plane left the object it suddenly for a split second got momentarily brighter and separated into TWO objects!

In observing this, it was as if a piece of it separated from itself, and pulled AWAY from the primary object towards the left. For a brief moment, there were TWO objects now (looking much like a cell dividing into two under a microscope!) and this second object was about half the size and half the brightness of the primary object.

As the two "objects" separated from one another, the second object flew away and within a few seconds literally DISAPPEARED right in front of our eyes! It was as if it had "cloaked" and dissolved, just like a Romulan or Klingon spaceship does in the science fiction series Star Trek! We couldn't believe this.

After this second object dissolved out the larger, primary one then started moving and headed straight East towards the mountains of the Bay Area over the city of Milpitas and southern Fremont.

Immediately, the three of us got into the car and sped very fast (luckily there were no police with radar guns that night, as usual) in order to try and follow the object. Lucky for us, Highway 237 goes West to East, so we were able to eventually catch up with the object. I never took my eyes off it up to this point.

However, the object soon slowed down again and started heading north. We were also coming to the end of highway 237 by this time and then headed north on highway 880 (formerly known as the Nimitz freeway) and caught up to the object once again. This time, it had STOPPED and hovered in mid air, and we were directly UNDER IT at this point and pulled over to the side of the freeway where we got out of our car and the three of us watched it where it hovered directly above our heads.

I tried flagging down some cars but in typical California style, no one would stop. I then returned to observing the object. It sat there motionless for a minute or so, and then executed 8 PERFECT tight circle maneuvers in succession before it stopped once again and rose STRAIGHT UP above the cloud cover where we lost it for good. The total sighting lasted about 11 minutes, maybe 15, depending on whose wristwatch you believe.

In my years since this sighting, where i have become quite familiar with almost everything flying and even have worked on the "Star Wars" program and in particular remote controlled drones, I have never seen anything like this and know of no craft the U.S. has today that can explain what it saw. The "cloaking" of the object (it would have still been visible to us if it had merely tunred off its lights), the flight characteristics and its "dividing into two pieces" still have me baffled to this day.

The next night, i was channel surfing, and Dr. Richard F. Haines and Dr. Andrew Grotowski were shown on the news out at night looking for a "UFO" which divided into two pieces, was red in color, and behaved the same way the object the Reeds and I saw. Over the course of the next six weeks, there were more than 65 separate reports of this same object seen in both the day and

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nighttime. The patterns of behavior were remarkably consistent: after "separating" itself, the secondary object would "dissolve" and the primary object would take off at a high rate of speed , stop and however, and the fly away.

Many UFO researchers from the Bay Area chapter of MUFON went out to investigate these sightings and I did as well. I made a point to investigate both the night and daytime reports, but of course never told any of the witnesses I interviewed that I had seen the thing as well. What was fascinating about this mini UFO "wave" was the extreme consistency of reports.

Later, when I was granted a security clearance and assigned to the Star Wars project, I did extensive searches for any U.S.-made device that might account for what I saw. I never found anything, for what it's worth.

Well, that's it for now...I will be happy to answer any questions anyone might have. As I kept looking at the object, I remember thinking "Wow, if this is REALLY from another planet, then we (humanity) are indeed very insignificant in this grand scale of things." I felt like an ant trying to comprehend nuclear physics!!

Kal K. Korff

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## UFO\*BC Updates- Sightings On The Radio

From: Bill Oliver <[boliver@direct.ca](mailto:boliver@direct.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 22:53:19 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 10:57:59 -0400  
Subject: UFO\*BC Updates- Sightings On The Radio

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pm Pacific Time for the latest BC reports . . . . . Special  
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Canadian Connection Exposed'.

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[Ah, yes... Campagna. The man who maintains that Michalak saw  
high in the air, and was permanently damaged by, AVRO Aero-cars  
at Falcon Lake? Another UFO 'Expert'! Seeing 'The Truman Show'  
tonight - that's much more \_real\_ --ebk]

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## Re: Greek UFO Groups?

From: **George Barkouris** <[apurimac@compulink.gr](mailto:apurimac@compulink.gr)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 12:02:31 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 11:06:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Greek UFO Groups?

> Date: Sun, 26 Jul 1998 15:09:03 -0400  
> From: Werner Walter <[113236.1604@compuserve.com](mailto:113236.1604@compuserve.com)>  
> Subject: Greek UFO-groups  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

> Hi List-Members,  
> Has anyone Smail-addresses for Greek UFO-groups for me?  
> Werner

Hello Werner,

as a member of the following, I suggest:

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HOGAR Hellenico de Informacion e Investigacion Libre  
Hellenic House Of Liberal Investigation & Information  
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Direccion(Address): Ag. KONSTANTINOY 3, Pza OMONIA (Sq)  
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ADPO POSTAL (P.O.BOX):3210, ATENAS (Athens) 102 10, GRECIA (Greece)

and/or:

George Barkouris  
Fokionos Negri, 5  
Athens 11257  
Greece  
tel: 8629643

regards,

George

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## 'Paradigm Clock' Re-set

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 00:32:17 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 10:43:39 -0400  
Subject: 'Paradigm Clock' Re-set

P R G  
Paradigm Research Group

\*\*\* FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE \*\*\*

July 27, 1998 -- Washington, DC -- "The Paradigm Clock" has been reset to 11:56:30.

Modeled after the "Doomsday Clock" first published in 1947 by the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, the Paradigm Clock is a device designed to represent the proximity to disclosure by the U. S. government of the extraterrestrial presence - midnight. It is located at the official website of the Paradigm Research Group: <http://www.paradigmclock.com>

The Clock website was published to the world wide web April 30, 1998 along with a retroactive history dating back to 1947. The 1947 setting was 11:53:00, the same as the Doomsday Clock. As of April 30, 1998 the setting was 11:57:00.

Based upon events in May - July, the clock has been regressed a net 30 seconds to a new time of 11:56:30. These events and the impact on the clock setting are as follows:

7/16 - Col. Philip Corso, author of The Day After Roswell, dies of a heart attack in Florida and is no longer available to personally defend the allegations in his memoir. < 20 sec

6/29 - The Society for Scientific Exploration publishes its analysis of major UFO incidents and calls for new investigations and attention by the mainstream scientific community. > 20 sec

May/June - in spite of pressure from the public and activist organizations, no further Cydonia photos are to be taken until the spring of 1999 by the Mars Global Surveyor. < 20 sec

6/1 - Col. Philip Corso, author of The Day After Roswell, signs an affidavit in support of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) FOIA lawsuit against the Army, and legally attests to the veracity of the allegations in his memoir. > 10 sec

May - The major media fail to thoroughly cover the three new Mars Global Surveyor photos of the Cydonia region of Mars, dismissing the artificiality hypothesis based upon the first, low resolution image of the "Face." < 20 sec

Also available at the Paradigm Research Group website:

-- The largest reference bibliography for the field of extraterrestrial phenomena research available on the internet. The largest reference bibliography in print is in Jerome Clark's masterwork, UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Edition (1998).

-- Commentaries on pre- and post-disclosure issues.

-- "Politics of UFOs" section addressing the activist disclosure movement.

For information about The Paradigm Clock or Paradigm Research Group contact: Stephen Bassett [ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)

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## British Attempt To 'Sniff' Out Life On Mars

From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 09:16:30 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 11:02:31 -0400  
Subject: British Attempt To 'Sniff' Out Life On Mars

>From The Nando Times.

URL:

[http://www2.nando.net/newsroom/ntn/health/072898/health19\\_4884\\_noframes.html](http://www2.nando.net/newsroom/ntn/health/072898/health19_4884_noframes.html)

Stig

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British to attempt to 'sniff' out life on Mars

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(July 28, 1998 02:10 a.m. EDT <http://www.nandotimes.com>) --  
British scientists hope to land an instrument on Mars that will "sniff" the presence of life. Beagle 2 -- the name evokes Charles Darwin's world-changing voyage aboard HMS Beagle in 1831 -- could be launched aboard a European mission called "Mars Express" in 2003.

Beagle 2 will weigh just 132 pounds. It will have a camera and a robotic arm to drill into the heart of nearby rocks. A robot "mole" will burrow under boulders to examine soil chemistry. Its package of X-ray and spectrometry instruments will measure the potassium ratios of the rocks to date them accurately, and look for evidence of organic chemicals and the presence of water. It is hoped it will answer questions about the possibility of bygone life.

But its most sensitive detectors will also sample the thin atmosphere of the red planet for the most tantalizing prize of all -- methane. Methane is produced by microbes acting as digesters, often in conditions without oxygen. The process goes on in swamps, termites' nests and the guts of mammals..

Colin Pillinger of the Open University (England) said: "If there is anything, any place on Mars, even somewhere deep down, 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) away from our landing site, contributing methane continuously to the atmosphere, then we have a chance of picking it up. I don't expect there to be very much. But if you don't find any methane at all, then you really have to start believing this is a very dead planet."

A NASA Viking mission more than 20 years ago pronounced Mars a dead planet. Two years ago, NASA scientists, peering at a Martian meteorite found in Antarctica, announced that they could see fossil traces of ancient bacteria in the meteoritic rock: evidence of life long ago. Others see the fossils as accidents of rock chemistry. The debate has raged on.

Since then, the NASA Pathfinder mission has confirmed that Mars was once a warmer world on which water flowed.

"Forget fossils," says Pillinger. "I believe the conditions on Mars tell us that water has been percolating around less than 3 billion years ago, and it was warm, and therefore, somewhere

nicely hidden away from its oxidizing surface, there are environments that may be geothermally heated, that could be niches for life.

"We know now on Earth, 20 years after Viking, that life is much more tenacious than we ever believed. It is able to survive in some horrendous places on Earth, and therefore the chances of finding it on Mars really need to be thought through and tried again."

There is a catch. The mission is being designed and planned by a consortium from the Open University, the University of Leicester, Matra Marconi Space at Bristol, the Martin-Baker Aircraft Co., the Rutherford Appleton laboratory and others. But its promoters need to find guarantees of \$40 million in time to meet an autumn deadline set by the European Space Agency.

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Allende? ParaScope is pleased to present this classic article from FATE Magazine, in which Robert A. Goerman revealed the elusive individual to be Carl Allen, a "master leg-puller" from Pennsylvania who single-handedly fabricated the Philadelphia Experiment myth.

Photo Gallery: Edgewood Guinea Pigs

Between 1955 and 1975, Army Intelligence used 7,000 enlisted soldiers as human guinea pigs for experiments involving a wide array of biological and chemical warfare agents. Approximately 3,500 of these soldiers were given doses of powerful mind-altering psychochemicals, including LSD, PCP, BZ and scopolomine. These "volunteer" test subjects were not told which drugs they were given, and were not fully informed of the extreme physical and psychological effects these drugs would have on them. Take a peek behind the walls of Edgewood Arsenal with this special ParaScope photo gallery, featuring images from U.S. Army documentary footage of the experiments. "Edg wood Guinea Pigs" can be found in ParaScope's image gallery, or accessed directly at: [www.parascope.com/gallery/galleryitems/edgewood/edgewood.htm](http://www.parascope.com/gallery/galleryitems/edgewood/edgewood.htm)

UFO Roundup

Get the latest Ufology news and sighting reports, courtesy of Joseph Trainor's UFO Roundup! In this week's edition: Crop circles show up in USA and UK; UFOs hover over mountain cities in Italy; magazine prints intriguing photos from Mars Global Surveyor; NASA releases Galileo photos of Ganymede, saying "the ingredients of life are there"; lots more news!

Conspiracy Newsline

As Suzanne Modeski might say, no matter how paranoid you are, you're not paranoid enough. Department of Justice report disputes CIA/contra/crack links; Pentagon report (predictably) denies Operation Tailwind allegations; proposed DOT rule would convert state drivers' licenses into national ID cards; California legislature will probe prison "blood sport" allegations; prisoner sues judge who shocked him with "stun belt" for talking in court; lots more news.

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## Re: Kal! You're here!

From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 09:58:51 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 15:45:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Kal! You're here!

> From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Kal! You're here!  
> Date: Tuesday, July 28, 1998 7:20 AM

> From: [TotlResrch@aol.com](mailto:TotlResrch@aol.com)  
> Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 00:04:07 EDT  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Re: Kal! You're here!

> >From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
> >To: "UFO Updates" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> >Subject: Kal! You're here!  
> >Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 07:39:36 -0700

> >KAL! What about that SIGHTING you were going to...describe...

> >Rats. Missed him again.

> Unless I am mistaken, I believe I posted the details of my  
> sighting back in May of 1997 -- last year!

<snip>

Yes, but Kal, you did say:

> Well, that's it for now...I will be happy to answer any  
> questions anyone might have.

which led to this post of yours on December 27, 1997:

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From: TotlResrch <[TotlResrch@aol.com](mailto:TotlResrch@aol.com)> [Kal K. Korff]  
Date: Wed, 17 Dec 1997 02:50:44 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 Dec 1997 21:06:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kal Korff's UFO Sighting

>From: "Keith Woodard" <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
>To: "UFO Updates" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: NUFORC Reports on the US Northwest Mass  
>Date: Wed, 10 Dec 1997 18:31:20 -0800

<snip>

>BTW, I assume my email was only one of many requests for  
>clarification on your very intriguing 1981 sighting. Any chance  
>you could post more details?

>Kind regards,

>Keith

Keith, I'd be HAPPY to answer any questions about my UFO  
sighting. Feel free to ask away!!

<snip>

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Re: Kal! You're here!

Which, in turn, led to:

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From: "Keith Woodard" <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Wed, 24 Dec 1997 04:46:42 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 Dec 1997 09:50:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kal Korff's UFO Sighting

> From: TotlResrch <[TotlResrch@aol.com](mailto:TotlResrch@aol.com)> [Kal K. Korff]  
> Date: Wed, 17 Dec 1997 02:50:44 EST  
> Fwd Date: Tue, 23 Dec 1997 21:06:32 -0500  
> Subject: Re: Kal Korff's UFO Sighting

<snip>

Kal, you describe "a bright, red light with a definite metallic or 'spherical' surface reflection behind it. It was about the angular size of the tip or head of a wooden stick match held at arm's length." Now, was it the light itself that was matchhead-sized? Did it look more or less like a huge red aircraft light? Is "spherical surface reflection" a reference to an object attached to the light? I want to be clear as to both the size of the light and the size of the associated metallic object (if that's what it was). Am I correct in visualizing a spherical light attached to a larger spherical metallic object?

Could you expand on the comment, "the sky was pretty illuminated in the direction of the object due to its location?"

You report that the "second object was about half the size and half the brightness of the primary object." Are we now talking about two spherical metallic objects, each with a single red light?

The object "executed eight perfect tight circle maneuvers." Could you hazard a ball-park guess as to the diameter of these circles? Maybe closer to ten full moons than three?

Aside from the South Bay in the winter of '81, are you aware of any other UFO reports of objects that appeared or behaved similar to this one?

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To which you have not as yet responded.

Kind regards,

Keith

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## Re: Kal! You're here!

From: **Mark Cashman** <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 13:09:50 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 15:49:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Kal! You're here!

> From: [TotlResrch@aol.com](mailto:TotlResrch@aol.com)  
> Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 00:04:07 EDT  
> To: [updates@globalseve.net](mailto:updates@globalseve.net)  
> Subject: Re: Kal! You're here!

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> once again and rose STRAIGHT UP above the cloud cover where we  
> lost it for good. The total sighting lasted about 11 minutes,  
> maybe 15, depending on whose wristwatch you believe.

Kal -

How long did it take to complete each circle?

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -  
Author of SF novels available at...  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/library.htm>  
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## They Drop Like a Rock!

From: Mark LeCuyer <[randydan@wavetech.net](mailto:randydan@wavetech.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 12:46:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 16:01:01 -0400  
Subject: They Drop Like a Rock!

Hello Everyone:)

Can anyone enlighten me as to why two of the military jet crashes I've seen in the news over the last two years have video of them dropping straight down from the sky like a rock? If these jets were cruising along at their slowest possible speeds and malfunction, wouldn't physics dictate that they crash along a diagonal line of trajectory rather than vertically from the sky as a helicopter would?

I may be wrong, but... I don't think so. This indicates that some form of antigravitics are in use on these craft. Would it really be of any surprise if that were the case? I still believe the black flying triangles are terrestrial military craft aided along by the help of extraterrestrial technology. Antigravity being one of the major advancements.

Any logical comments, suggestions, ideas, reasons, etc... as to why they drop like a rock?

From: Mark - Alien Astronomer  
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

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## Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@connectmmic.net](mailto:sergesa@connectmmic.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 15:17:13 +0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 16:07:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

>Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 22:42:42 -0400  
>From: Peter Duke of Mendoza Brookesmith <[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Triangular UFOs over Belgium  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@connectmmic.net](mailto:sergesa@connectmmic.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Update: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 23:54:12 -0400

>The Anglican Communion, which has recently been reminding itself  
>that it is broad & tolerant church while debating in Synod its  
>attitude to gay people, has plenty of archbishops. Some of its  
>bishops have recently caused a spot of bother by questioning the  
>Virgin Birth, Resurrection of the Christ, &c.,

<snip>

Duke,

Considering the definite preference of skeptics in general  
towards obscurantism, I was referring in my post to the less  
appealing ages of Christianity. Obscurantism confirmed by your  
tasty:

>Free expression by itself was never a seed of anything but more  
>free expression. (Cf. D.H. Lawrence: "Thank God I am not free,  
>any more than a tree with roots.")

Which proves again that you have all your references mixed up as  
D.H. Lawrence was a victim himself of the intolerance of his  
contemporaries towards free expression.

But let's get to the heart of the matter.

One problem with you skeptics is that you bring nothing to the  
debate. Just think of the pejorative meaning the term "skeptic"  
has acquired under your auspices. Defining answers instead of  
looking for some has had you trading dignity for fame, nobility  
for shame.

There are SOME people in ufology who are doing some half-decent  
research and who want to know. Read the posts and note that,  
contrary to skeptics, asses get kicked not kissed, the former  
being considered sport, the later bad taste.

In your own words:

>Then get thee to "Alien Abductions" by yrs truly, where I take  
>my old friend Phil Klass to task on at least two counts (I am in  
>receipt of a letter from Phil complaining about them, too)

You took Klass in two counts ?! Jesus, Duke, how heroic of you. What  
about the 7 dozen other counts you should have taken him on ? And  
Phil old boy just wrote you about those two (up an index, up a middle  
finger) counts ? An objective attitude towards Klass would have been  
to stick thy index up thy nose and let the middle finger do the  
talkin', but, my God, skeptics don't form a Church, they form a  
Sanctum as. . .



. . . in your own words:

>quibble wih others implicitly throughout. I can also cite  
>instances of Kottmeyer being unenchanted with Stacy (not a  
>debunker) over the latter's Abortion Anxiety Hypothesis, Klass  
>disputing Kottmeyer's interpretation of the Father Gill/PNG  
>case, and John Harney (Magonia ETH Bulletin) questioning Klass  
>on the Walton case. Just off the top of my head. [...]

Let's bet the quibbling has not gone against the established  
order: let's piss off the people who are trying to make sense of  
all of this.

Because this is what it is all about: something has been  
happening here for more than 50 years now. It is a phenomenon  
with different faces which is evidently out of this world,  
e.g. not within our common frame of experience. For more then 50  
years, all efforts to understand the phenomenon have been  
consistently and systematically countered with arguments whose  
triviality bears no common measure with the graveness of the  
matter at hand.

Hey, Duke Dude, some people are trying to understand here. And I  
submit to you that, if some of you skeptics are dishonest, the  
others are plain irresponsible.

As for:

>I'm not suggesting ufology is one church. It's a mass of  
>communions, cults, sects and congregations. And agnostics,  
>heretics, apostates, atheists, and bemused unlookers.

You are absolutely right: there are a lot of bull-shitters in  
ufology, a lot of people with agendas, people who don't give a  
damn about what is right or wrong, people who are in the pursuit  
only of obscure personal goals.

And who needs them ?

I can only bow to your lucidity and I must now retract myself:  
in the light of the preceding 8 lines, skeptics cannot be  
excluded anymore from ufology, they fit in perfectly.

And who needs them ?

Enjoy,

Serge Salvaille

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## C-E: What To Do With Sturrock?

From: slk <[slk@EVANSVILLE.NET](mailto:slk@EVANSVILLE.NET)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 10:18:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 15:59:01 -0400  
Subject: C-E: What To Do With Sturrock?

On Tue, 28 Jul 1998 11:08:17, Bob Durant <[70232.17@compuserve.com](mailto:70232.17@compuserve.com)> wrote:

What To Do With Sturrock?

Public opinion polls show that over 50% of adult Americans think UFOs are "real," over 70% think the government is hiding information about UFOs, and 40 % think that the government is concealing information proving the existence of UFOs, presumably hardware or bodies. Only one out of three are skeptics.

Those are extraordinary numbers. They mean that more Americans believe in UFOs than the number who voted for Reagan or Bush or Clinton. Roman Catholics are the largest religious denomination in the U.S., and the UFO "believers" outnumber them two to one. Fundamentalist Christians comprise about 10% of the population, and exert a huge influence on the Congress. UFO "believers" outnumber them by five to one.

Almost without exception since the press began reporting the UFO story in 1947, journalism has demeaned the topic and those who take it seriously. The climate of ridicule surrounding the UFO phenomenon has prevented meaningful activity by those elements of our society in a position to study it. I mean, the scientific and academic communities. UFO research has been pushed into a tiny backwater, unfunded and without the resources that are automatic in every established discipline.

There are some "good" reasons why scientists steer clear of UFOs, but the "bad" reasons are the overwhelming rule. This is a cultural issue, not a scientific one.

When 70% of the population believes its government is engaged in a program of systematic deception on a topic of such fundamental importance as UFOs, this presents an ominous social issue. Regardless of one's belief about the "reality" of UFOs, this fact alone should militate for an open study. This is not a "scientific" reason for such a study, but in a society increasingly alienated from its ruling institutions, it is nevertheless a

A related topic is the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. It consists of a search for radio signals, and from the outset the practitioners have made extraordinary efforts to distance themselves from UFOs. SETI began in 1959. Thirty nine years later, they have not a single piece of data. Yet they continue to spend lavishly, using the taxpayer's money at a rate of 11 million dollars per year until that was cut off, and then raising a similar sum from private sources. In fact, most SETI funding is still begged, borrowed and stolen from publicly funded programs.

Contrast SETI with the UFO situation, in which we have no funding at all -- and a mountain of data.

Several central figures in SETI recently appeared on National Public Radio as part of their continuing public relations campaign. They complained that the UFO issue is always raised when they speak to the public. Apparently Mr. and Mrs. America are so stupid that they assume their money is being spent in a

real search for extraterrestrial intelligence, not just the absurdly narrow search for radio signals. So much for the unwashed, or so I gathered from listening to the boffins.

I said that journalism has ridiculed UFOs, almost without exception. The exceptions are quite instructive. The first instance was the Air Force "swamp gas" explanation for a series of sightings. For reasons that escape me, the press suddenly came to life, denouncing not UFOs and UFO observers, but the Air Force for this preposterous claim. Newspapers throughout the country wrote editorials making fun of the Air Force, and published clever cartoons skewering the Swamp Gas officials.

The second instance is recent, and that is the postscript Air Force "explanation" for Roswell. I refer to the "crash dummies," and the ensuing furor in the press, nearly all of it denouncing the Air Force.

Almost on the heels of the "dummy" paroxysm, we have the Sturrock Report, which was on the front page of most newspapers, including such important journals as the Washington Post and the Atlanta Constitution. The story was played "straight," meaning without the usual attempts at demeaning cleverness. A panel of real scientists had concluded that UFOs deserve serious study. (That's what the press said, and it is a telling and unfortunate thing that ufologists have ignored that message, opting instead to engage in endless nit-picking of what the Panel did or did not write.) This was not just "news," it was front page news, and it was a huge vindication not only for ufologists, but for the great majority of the American public.

The first instance in which the press sided with "us" resulted in a congressional inquiry and then in the establishment of the Condon study. Such is the power of this topic when combined with a "good press."

Politicians would much rather be called crooks than fools. That is why the favorable press treatment of UFOs is critical. Without fear of ridicule from the press, the politicians will hasten to pander to the public's enthusiasm for UFOs.

The Sturrock Panel story closely following the "dummy" fiasco, combined with the intense public interest and belief revealed by public opinion polls, should set the stage for action on Capitol Hill. What is past is prologue.

My suggestion for putting the Sturrock Report to practical use is to meld all of the factors listed above, and use them to mount a public relations campaign of our own. The target should be the Congress. The goal should be to set up a long term study of UFOs. This time around we know how NOT to do it. For example, don't put a known crackpot- debunker in charge of the study.

Most Senators and Representatives would endorse such a study. In fact, "studies" and "commissions" are the politician's dream come true. This is a time-honored way to evade and avoid making hard decisions. At the same time, it gives the public what the public plainly wants -- the appearance that something worthwhile is being done about UFOs.

President Clinton would welcome anything that might put his other problems on page two. A UFO Commission would also get Laurance Rockefeller off Clinton's back.

But with just a little bit of luck, a genuine inquiry can be made, using the federally funded resources required for this awesome task, but that are forever beyond the grasp of civilian ufology.

I would commend, mainly as a public relations trick, that we demand that half of all current SETI funding be allocated to UFO research. This will certainly make good sense to the taxpayer, and to the press, and therefore to the politicians, and it will panic the SETI crowd and their fellow-travelers. The panic will probably result in a "political" settlement in which ufology gets the grudging support of the SETI folks in return for being allowed to continue their strange hobby, though on a somewhat reduced allowance.

Several years ago I was browsing in a Government Printing Office store, where I found a NASA brochure on SETI. It was elaborately

printed on fine paper and in color, and seemed written for the seventh grade student needing something for a "report." I wrote to NASA inquiring about what the brochure cost. They replied: \$76,000. This is chump change to NASA and the SETI crowd, but a fortune to ufologists. It would pay for half a dozen very worthy projects in this field.

An attack on the "radio only" SETI program, and a demand for a piece of their funding, would find great favor with the public, and with talk show hosts, and eventually with the politicians in Washington who can fund UFO research. The tale of the SETI brochure can be used to great effect in these forums.

The politicians are not likely to take the initiative. But I predict that they will eagerly take the bait if it is offered to them in a concrete proposal. The UFO Coalition can do that, and should begin at once.

R. J. Durant 28 July 1998

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## Rosie

From: **Sheree Cox** <[cox@mcmail.CIS.McMaster.CA](mailto:cox@mcmail.CIS.McMaster.CA)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 16:10:02 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 18:18:28 -0400  
Subject: Rosie

Hi List:

Did anyone see the Rosie O'Donnell show last Monday? I tuned in to it the last 2 minutes of her UFO story and missed everything.

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## Ohio Crop Circe: Explained?

From: **Kenny Young** <[task@fuse.net](mailto:task@fuse.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 17:04:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 18:23:05 -0400  
Subject: Ohio Crop Circe: Explained?

This article is courtesy of researcher Jerry Hamm from Napoleon, Ohio, who has been following the Paulding Crop Circle situation.

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"Researcher: newest crop circle appears authentic"  
Paulding County Progress, Paulding, Ohio  
Wednesday, July 22, 1998

By DENISE GEBERS, Correspondent

BROUGHTON - Two years ago, Jeffrey M. Wilson, an undergraduate at Eastern Michigan University who teaches astronomy, visited and investigated his first crop circle. It was located in Jackson Township of Paulding County.

About 130 crop circles later, he has returned to Paulding County, wiser and more experienced in his chosen area of research. And he has developed a theory. He believes such events are weather related.

"All (weather) fronts, weak or strong, have an electrical charge, said Wilson. And it is his belief that crop circles and other shapes are created by a phenomenon of weather.

"These come in other shapes. Some can look like random wind damage. But you can't tell unless they're tested," he said. "We find with our meters and detectors the same readings that are found in the geometric figures (circles). It's not very well understood."

The circle found July 6 in Paulding County seems to be no different. Wilson said he and an assistant took samples for six to seven hours on July 12. They took radiation levels, electric field strength, magnetic field strength, microwave and radio wave levels inside and outside the formation.

Although there were no signs of radiation, microwaves or radio waves, Wilson felt the compression was not hoaxed.

"Based on detailed indications at the event, I'm led to believe it is genuine he concluded. "It is an authentic weather phenomenon."

He noted magnetic field strength within the circle was double (1.0) and triple (1.5) that outside the formation (0.5). He hypothesized the radiation levels would have been different if tests would have run sooner.

Wilson felt the circle was probably formed in late June for two reasons: 1) the wheat was ripened before it was flattened and 2) green vegetation was already growing up through the formation.

"There are only signature readings quickly after the creation (of a circle) or it dissipates," he said. Since he calculated the circle was at least three weeks old when he ran tests, he said he was not expecting to find radiation.

Wilson said his presence in the field drew a handful of curious neighbors. All but one of them told him stories of lightning in

the area. He said the house south of the field where the circle was found had been struck by lightning June 26 or 27. The occupant had indicated they felt a bolt also hit the field as the most intense part of a storm passed over the area.

Wilson got the impression from those present that ball lightning is not uncommon in the area, which in itself is uncommon.

"Ball lightning is not well understood by physicists," said Wilson. "It is charged plasma (the fourth state of matter). It is not known how it is formed and it does strange things. It can pass through a building without doing any damage."

According to Wilson, neighbors told him stories of power fluctuations and strange noises during this year's turbulent weather in their area.

"It was definitely weather that could have hit the field and created this," he said.

Wilson expected to have some analysis of his tests over the weekend, but could not be reached for further comment before deadline.

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## Re: Lake Ontario 'Streaks'

From: Jennifer Jarvis <[fierycelt@full-moon.com](mailto:fierycelt@full-moon.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 16:20:50 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 18:28:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Lake Ontario 'Streaks'

> Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 13:35:58 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
> From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Lake Ontario 'Streaks'

<snip>

> On Friday, after I checked your updated web site which contained  
> some of your latest observations, I was tempted to go out this  
> weekend and scan the sky for myself to see if I too could see  
> such distant lights and objects. Although I considered  
> observing from the Lakeview generating plant west of Toronto or  
> from Niagara on the Lake (and possibly bump into you and your  
> fellow observes), I concluded that my single observations would  
> not lead to a solution of these unknown lights or objects over  
> Lake Ontario unless my observing activities were coordinated  
> with you or others. Using cell phones and compasses, observers  
> from two or more distant observing sites would try and see the  
> same objects. If one group saw a light or object in one  
> direction and the other group saw it too but in a different  
> direction, we could then easily calculate its size and exact  
> location over the lake. We may then even consider taking a boat  
> and observing from this exact location on the lake too (this  
> could be done frequently and cheaply now that there is a new  
> hydrofoil boat that makes frequent trips to and from Toronto and  
> Niagara on the Lake).

> If only one group saw the light or object while another did not,  
> then it would suggest that it was much closer to the first group  
> and would be something very small (such as sunlight shining off  
> the body of one of the many seagulls flying low over Lake  
> Ontario).

> Would you and your fellow observers like to try this? We may  
> even find the answers to what these things really are. Isn't  
> this the reason why you are out there observing and recording  
> these things in the first place?

Hi Nick,

Thanks for your response.

YES! Let's do it. Hugh Cochrane was suggesting using GPS gear.  
I have tried the cell phone thing, but sometimes, when so low down  
and close to the water, the calls don't get through.

However, this would make a lot of sense.

Is there anyone else out there willing to join the project?

Best wishes.

Jennifer Jarvis.

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"It is a strange place where ships, planes and  
people vanish into thin air, where weird fogs and  
globes of light abound, where ominous waters



shroud sinister events."  
- Hugh Cochrane, "Gateway to Oblivion."

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## Re: British Attempt To 'Sniff' Out Life On Mars

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 20:24:09 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 23:32:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: British Attempt To 'Sniff' Out Life On Mars

> From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 01:02:36 +0200  
> Subject: Re: Researcher Presents Case For Liquid Water On Mars

<snip>

> The full published paper is at  
> <http://www.biospherics.com/mars/spie2/spie98.htm>

<snip>

> From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 09:16:30 +0200  
> Subject: British Attempt To 'Sniff' Out Life On Mars

<snip>

> [http://www2.nando.net/newsroom/ntn/health/072898/health19\\_4884\\_noframes.html](http://www2.nando.net/newsroom/ntn/health/072898/health19_4884_noframes.html)

> Stig

<snip>

> (July 28, 1998 02:10 a.m. EDT <http://www.nandotimes.com>) --  
> British scientists hope to land an instrument on Mars that will  
> "sniff" the presence of life. Beagle 2 -- the name evokes  
> Charles Darwin's world-changing voyage aboard HMS Beagle in 1831  
> -- could be launched aboard a European mission called "Mars  
> Express" in 2003.

Hi everyone,

Two years ago NASA announced to the world that after careful studies of a rock recovered in Antarctica thought to be from Mars, they were now confident that microbial life existed there. Not everyone was convinced though.

Two years later, we are now informed by Dr. Levin (see Stig's 24 Jul post above) that "Last year, a paper by the senior author concluded that the Labeled Release (LR) Experiment on the 1976 Viking Mission to Mars had detected living microorganisms in the planet's surface material."... "The purpose of this paper is to establish the presence of liquid water in the surface material of Mars, and in sufficient quantity to support microorganisms, thereby eliminating all explanations but a biological interpretation of the LR Mars results. In short, microbial life on Mars was discovered back in 1976.

In the next few years the Europeans plan to land a spacecraft on Mars to "sniff" for the presence of life (see Stig's 28 Jul post above). If Dr. Levin is correct, I think the Europeans are nearly 28 years too late. Stay tuned to CNN...

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 19:37:32 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 23:28:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

>From: Mark LeCuyer <[randydan@wavetech.net](mailto:randydan@wavetech.net)>  
>To: "UFO UpDates Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> Subject: They Drop Like a Rock!  
>Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 12:46:17 -0500

>Hello Everyone:)

>Can anyone enlighten me as to why two of the military jet crashes  
>I've seen in the news over the last two years have video of them  
>dropping straight down from the sky like a rock? If these jets  
>were cruising along at their slowest possible speeds and  
>malfunction, wouldn't physics dictate that they crash along a  
>diagonal line of trajectory rather than vertically from the sky  
>as a helicopter would?

Mark,

Your question concerns glide ratio. Military jets tend to have very low glide ratio, and very high wing loading. If you've ever seen the wings on a glider, they are very long, and the glider is very light. This essentially means that, on a glider, a lot of wing does relatively little work, and the plane will glide a long way forward without much loss in altitude. Military jets on the other hand, usually have very heavy fuselages and stubby wings. This enables the jet to go fast without much drag from a lot of wing sticking out into the wind. The downside is that they have little to no glide ratio. When airspeed over the wings slows for whatever reason, the wing "stalls" or quits flying, and the plane drops, because it won't glide...it's just too heavy and the wings are too small.

Hope that clears it up a bit for you Mark. Don't be too disappointed, but I'm afraid good old aerodynamics are to blame.

Greg

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## Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

From: **Kerry Ferrand** <[kferrand@rocketmail.com](mailto:kferrand@rocketmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 17:44:07 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 23:33:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

> From: Mark LeCuyer <[randydan@wavetech.net](mailto:randydan@wavetech.net)>  
> To: "UFO UpDates Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> Subject: They Drop Like a Rock!  
> Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 12:46:17 -0500

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> diagonal line of trajectory rather than vertically from the sky  
> as a helicopter would?

> I may be wrong, but... I don't think so. This indicates that some  
> form of antigravitics are in use on these craft. Would it really  
> be of any surprise if that were the case?

This indicates a massive jump to conclusion. The aircraft you describe have probably entered a stall state and their aerodynamic surfaces no-longer provide lift..thus they might as well be rocks and fall to earth the same way.

Another factor is that alot of modern military aircraft designs are aerodynamically unstable at any speed - if it wasn't for computers constantly adjusting surfaces and trim X times per second they might do the rock act too..

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## Scientists Complete Study Of Strange Lights

From: Stig Agermose <[wanderer@post8.tele.dk](mailto:wanderer@post8.tele.dk)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 04:14:48 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 23:38:35 -0400  
Subject: Scientists Complete Study Of Strange Lights

>From the BBC. URL:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/low/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_140000/140963.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/low/english/sci/tech/newsid_140000/140963.stm)

Go the site for images!

Stig

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Tuesday, July 28, 1998 Published at 12:25 GMT  
13:25 UK

Chasing lights in the sky

A team of scientists has just completed a two-week project to study mysterious lights in the upper atmosphere called red sprites and blue jets. Our science editor Dr David Whitehouse reports

Red sprites and blue jets are strange lights that appear in the upper atmosphere above thunderstorms.

The red sprites are large flashes of red light that last just a few thousandths of a second. They can reach as high as the lower edge of the stratosphere, about 90 km high.

They are faint and usually require a low light level camera to detect them.

They can spread over huge regions of the sky. Some as large as 10,000 cubic kilometres have been reported.

Blue jets seem to emerge directly from the tops of clouds and shoot upwards in narrow cones through the stratosphere at speeds of about 100 km a second.

For two weeks a Gulfstream 2 jet aircraft has carried 8 TV imaging systems above the western United States in search of thunderstorms and sprites.

Observations in the air were co-ordinated with ground based observatories.

One remarkable event was seen over central Iowa. A sprite was seen with tendrils of light trailing all the way down to the clouds.

These dancing lights are undeniably beautiful but scientists would like to know how they are caused.

The sprites and jets indicate that thunderstorms are more complicated than was once thought. Scientists are speculating that they might be an essential part of the earth's global

electrical activity.

Also in recent years there have been puzzling observations from satellites that suggest that very high energy radiation may come from thunderstorms.

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## Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

From: Terry Blanton <[commenqr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commenqr@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 22:57:38 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 23:41:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

Mark LeCuyer wrote:

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>To: "UFO UpDates Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
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It's called a "flat spin" and an excellent example exists in the movie "Top Gun". It is basically a stall and can have several causes. All airplanes must have good laminar flow of air across the wing surfaces in order to maintain lift. If something suddenly disturbs this flow, lift disappears and the plane drops like a rock.

Causes vary. The most common cause is too high an angle of attack for conditions. In other words, the craft tries to climb too rapidly. The flow of air over the wing is interrupted and the plane stalls. High performance aircraft usually have the most difficulty recovering from a stall. Their wings are designed to create minimum drag during flight instead of maximum lift. Some aircraft are practically immune to stalls. The best plane to learn to fly in is one with the wings over the fuselage of the craft. They tend to float like a leaf to the ground instead of an unstable spin. This motion makes it easy to recover from a stall.

Another common cause is "backwash" from another craft. Wing tips create vortices which can disturb laminar flow on a following craft. This is one reason takeoffs have a minimum spacing at airports. Time is allowed for the wing vortex of the previous plane to dissipate or propagate.

Nothing mysterious, I'm afraid.

Terry

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## Re: 'Paradigm Clock' Re-set

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 19:27:52 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 23:25:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Paradigm Clock' Re-set

> From: Stephen G. Bassett <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>  
> Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 00:32:17 EDT  
> To: [updates@globalseve.net](mailto:updates@globalseve.net)  
> Subject: PRG Press Release

> P R G  
> Paradigm Research Group

> \*\*\* FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE \*\*\*

> July 27, 1998 -- Washington, DC -- "The Paradigm Clock" has  
> been reset to 11:56:30.

> Modeled after the "Doomsday Clock" first published in 1947 by  
> the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, the Paradigm Clock is a  
> device designed to represent the proximity to disclosure by the  
> U. S. government of the extraterrestrial presence - midnight.  
> It is located at the official website of the Paradigm Research  
> Group: <http://www.paradigmclock.com>

> The Clock website was published to the world wide web April 30,  
> 1998 along with a retroactive history dating back to 1947. The  
> 1947 setting was 11:53:00, the same as the Doomsday Clock. As  
> of April 30, 1998 the setting was 11:57:00.

> Based upon events in May - July, the clock has been regressed a  
> net 30 seconds to a new time of 11:56:30. These events and the  
> impact on the clock setting are as follows:

> 7/16 - Col. Philip Corso, author of The Day After Roswell, dies  
> of a heart attack in Florida and is no longer available to  
> personally defend the allegations in his memoir. < 20 sec

The Day After (...Roswell) Colonel Philip J. Corso died,  
Sergeant Clifford E. Stone was interviewed by Jeff Rense on his  
radio show Sightings (July 17). Although I have read Clifford's  
book, UFOs Are Real - which is packed with official UFO related  
documents and in which he claims to have been a member of a  
special U.S. team whose job it was to recover crashed UFOs - I  
was surprised by the new and unexpected things that Clifford  
revealed on this radio show. Unlike Colonel Corso who briefly  
examined what he thought were aliens bodies and handled some  
material thought to have originated from the Roswell UFO crash,  
Sergeant Stone has now gone on record with detailed accounts of  
his involvement in secret UFO crash retrieval operations and  
even encounters with UFO aliens, both dead and living.

If Clifford's accounts are true, then the Paradigm Clock should  
now be sounding the arrival of Midnight.

Jeff Rense has Clifford Stone scheduled for another interview on  
Sightings for Friday, July 31. The previous interview is  
archived on Jeff's Sightings web site and can be heard anytime.  
What are your thoughts on Clifford Stone and his shocking  
revelations?

Nick Balaskas

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## Southerners Less Inclined To 'Believe In' UFOs

From: Stig Agermose <[wanderer@post8.tele.dk](mailto:wanderer@post8.tele.dk)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 04:57:30 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 23:45:16 -0400  
Subject: Southerners Less Inclined To 'Believe In' UFOs

>From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. URL:

<http://www.accessatlanta.com/ajc/bigstory/072698/paranorm.html>

Stig

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Cosmic mysteries continue to intrigue

By Carolyn Nizzi Warmbold  
Journal-Constitution Staff Writer

Some results of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Southern Focus Poll may bring smiles of recognition to readers of supermarket tabloids.

A sizeable minority of respondents believe in UFOs, ghosts, extraterrestrials and psychic healing. An even greater number place credence in devil possession, superstitions and ESP.

These topics, mostly ignored or ridiculed in the mainstream media, have long been staples in the weeklies sold near checkout lines. These papers' content combines a high CQ - cosmic quotient - with grocery-store gospel - news of weeping Madonnas and the like.

A recent Sun, for example, predicted a Great Flood in a cover spread labeled "Bible Prophecies Come True." In other stories, it asserted that "demonic possessions have risen to plague-like proportions" and that there is "a frightening rash of UFO sightings throughout North America." It linked Mother Teresa to a bleeding crucifix in Calcutta, and ran an ad for a prayer with an "iron-clad guarantee."

The AJC poll suggests that such topics do resonate with large numbers. History suggests this has long been the case. Supermarket tabloids' content can be traced at least as far back as English "broadside ballads," published in the 16th to 19th centuries. These were rhymed compositions, often about crimes, public hangings or cosmic phenomena, printed on a single sheet, to be sung and sold in the street. The broadsides were often illustrated with woodcut prints of their subjects: a pig-headed woman, ghosts walking, a woman possessed.

### PSYCHIC HEALING

Do you believe in psychic or spiritual healing, or the power of the mind to heal the body?=A0

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| .....South.....Non-south    |  |
| Believe.....50%.....59%     |  |
| Not sure.....12%.....13%    |  |
| Don't believe...39%.....29% |  |

Source: AJC Southern Focus Poll

The 17th-century diarist Samuel Pepys categorized broadside themes in 10 categories, which have endured through the centuries to our tabloid era. These include devotion and morality; "history - true and fabulous"; tragedy, including judgments of God; and "love fortunate" and "love unfortunate."

For the moment, however, supermarket tabloids' CQ seems to be declining. Not too many years ago, stories about hauntings, UFO sightings and miracles were common in The National Enquirer, the nation's best-selling and best-known tab. Recently, however, the Enquirer has trended more toward Hollywood phenoms than heavenly phenomena.

The gap is not likely to be filled by the mainstream daily press, despite the recent surge in coverage of religion, faith and values. These pages and sections are more apt to cite ordained ministers than doomsday specialists.

EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEINGS

Do you believe extraterrestrial beings have visited Earth at some time in the past?=A0

|                  |            |           |
|------------------|------------|-----------|
| .....            | South..... | Non-south |
| Believe.....     | 32%.....   | 37%       |
| Not sure.....    | 21%.....   | 25%       |
| Don't believe... | 47%.....   | 38%       |

Source: AJC Southern Focus Poll

But that doesn't mean the archetypal news of cosmic mystery will go unreported. The void, one suspects, will largely be filled by the Internet, home of niche interests. UFO Web sites featured photos and videos of sightings, interviews with abductees, reports, articles and much more, including 52 indicators of UFO encounters or alien abduction.

Exclamation-point headlines being the staple of supermarket tabloids, let me predict this one: World Wide Web to Go Cosmic!!! That prognostication, be warned, does not come with an ironclad guarantee.

E-mail staff writer Carolyn Nizzi Warmbold.

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## Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

From: **gt mccooy** <[gtmccooy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccooy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 20:52:23 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 00:10:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

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>by the help of extraterrestrial technology. Antigravity being one  
>of the major advancements.

>Any logical comments, suggestions, ideas, reasons, etc... as to  
>why they drop like a rock?

Hello, all I am new to the list, but as a Pilot and having some  
interest in flying machines of all types, I recall an airshow  
that I was at when a F 101 Voodoo, during a afterburner climb,  
blew up, and yep, it dropped like a rock into a smoking pile  
just like the F117 recently did.

also the pilot ejected safely. Aerodynamics play a large part  
with how a plane goes in : control position, weight ,center of  
gravity, design variables,as in maybe the thing was actually  
made to go splat! sans pilot,(hopefully) to give little info to  
whomever finds it. I'm not saying you are wrong but there are  
explanations for dropping like a rock-McCoy

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## Re: Scientists Complete Study Of Strange Lights

From: Stig Agermose <[wanderer@post8.tele.dk](mailto:wanderer@post8.tele.dk)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 05:38:30 +0200  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 00:23:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Scientists Complete Study Of Strange Lights

Further thought-provoking information on these UFOs (Unidentified Flashing Objects) was to be seen in The Observer (UK) December 16 1996. URL:

<http://online.guardian.co.uk/paper/archive/961216Scientists.html>

Stig

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Scientists track heavenly flasher

Tim Radford, Science Editor

AMERICAN scientists have obtained images of a UFO on the edge of space - an Unidentified Flashing Object. A team from Stanford university told the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco yesterday that it has begun to track down a mysterious force that has baffled high-flying pilots for two decades.

The "UFO" was a celestial light of a class called "elves" - luminous rings 55 or 60 miles high that grow to 160 miles across in under a thousandth of a second.

Other heavenly flashers include "blue jets", streamers of light that stretch as far as 30 miles above the clouds, and "red sprites", diffuse blobs of light that exist for a few thousandths of second, 25-55 miles above the clouds. For a while, cosmic rays were blamed. Now all of them are thought to be a kind of afterglow from lightning.

They have been described as as momentary glows in the upper sky. Some of the ghostly phenomena last for such a short time that nobody is sure they can actually be seen with the naked eye at all, others occur at subliminal speeds. There have been so many explanations for them that one researcher began talking of a theory of the week club. Most of the evidence comes from going back over videotapes made by stratosphere investigators and shuttle astronauts. Until airliners and military pilots began flying regularly at stratospheric heights, they were not seen at all, and they were unexpected: lightning should go from clouds to ground, rather than clouds to space.

A team led by Professor Umran Inan, an electrical engineer at Stanford, built a camera called a Fly's Eye to capture the fleeting flashes of elves. The instrument has a dozen 18 inch barrels, each pointing to a different part of the sky. It can "fix" time to 30 millionths of a second, so it can map what happens to elves in their brief lifetimes.

"Certain events in the upper reaches of the atmosphere, like solar storms, can affect the lower atmosphere, resulting in significant consequences like power blackouts," said Professor Inan yesterday. "Now we are learning that certain events in the lower atmosphere can affect the upper atmosphere. Because about

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1,000 lightning strokes occur each minute around the world, it is not unlikely these effects may have a global impact on the atmosphere."

Monday, December 16, 1996

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## Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 02:04:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 00:48:09 -0400  
Subject: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

This case, perhaps the most important concentration of vehicle interference events in the United States, stands as a classic.

In contrast with the models proposed by "debunkers", this concentration was short and sharp, and there was no apparent role to be played by publicity in the unfolding of the events of 11/2 and 11/3. The reporting of the concentration was not followed by a drawn out series of similar accounts over the following days, as would be expected if psychosocial theories of UFO report generation were true. And, of course, significant (though mostly temporary) physical effects were reported by witnesses from every demographic category, including law enforcement and military personnel. Heat, odor, and sound were also reported. Correlation of luminosity with vehicle interference is clear in a subset of the cases.

I have cataloged all of the cases in the area from both Loren Gross pamphlet and Hynek's "UFO Experience", and have provided complete details of each case.

The catalog can be found at

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/571102.htm>

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
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## Re: 'Alien Abductions' by Peter Brookesmith

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 02:39:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 07:00:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Alien Abductions' by Peter Brookesmith

>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Alien Abductions' by Peter Brookesmith  
>Date: Mon, 27 Jul 98 19:20:41 -0500  
>From: Pat Parrinello <[pparri@crossfields.com](mailto:pparri@crossfields.com)>  
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>>From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 16:03:52 -0400  
>>Subject: 'Alien Abductions' by Peter Brookesmith

>>I'm in the throes of reading the Duke of Mendoza's latest  
>>tome. Since most of those involved in the pages of  
>>'Alien Abductions' are subscribers and contributors to  
>>UpDates I want to pass along the following to the List:

>>Dust Jacket Notes from:

>>'Alien Abductions'  
>>by Peter Brookesmith

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>><snip>

>>described as 'the most charming of the UFO sceptics'.

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>Aw, the guy can't handle good Texas brew, or Red Dog or Bud. He  
>settled for wine coolers when he came here to visit. I'll say one  
>thing though, he is indeed charming. Even if he does come equipped  
>with a Zip drive & no battery.

>Never sell Her Majesties' skeptic short, I say,... sell him at a  
>discount. :)

> Pat~

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I agree. Sell him at a discount! ;-)

I'm only about a third of the way through the book. The copy I received has several bits (individual articles) out of sequence and it has made the reading slow and difficult. I have to hunt through the book to see where one section is continued. It changes randomly from page to page sometimes. I would imagine it was an error in layout on the part of the printer and not the way that Peter wrote it.

I cannot speak for anyone else. In the section that covers my case Peter offers a purely mental/psychological explanation for my experiences. ie; "hypnogogic/hypnopompic hallucinations.

Maybe so Duke, maybe so.

But in the same section where I am discussing the 'physical sequelae' to these experiences Peter reports; "so far, the cause for the scars (referring to my son James) remains unexplained." While these marks may have a prosaic explanation, none has been forthcoming. Not from my own family physician (who I have heard remark on more than one occasion when confronted with the odd marks and fully healed scars that we have presented, "I have never seen anything like that!" No explanation for them has been forthcoming from any other quarter either.

Other than "stigmata" (which our scoop marks, bruises, and scars are not) I am still waiting for someone to show me any information/data/ evidence for hallucinations that leave marks such as those (that we abductees) are presenting. Nope, sorry, never heard of a hallucination that leaves 1/8" to 1/4" wide craters (scoop marks) on the skin. Or a mark that appeared overnight on my wifes' thigh (band/strap-like indentation) and took 18 months to heal. Or the two identical (clean surgical scars) that my son sports over each knee, or any number of other equally odd manifestations that we have to live with. Peter addresses the possibility that what we are experiencing is purely psychological, but until someone can explain these damn physical manifestations, and explain to me what those UFOs are that I've been seeing all my life (many times under multiple witness, daylight, and close-up conditions,) . . .I just don't buy it. Peter is entitled to his opinions. But until this issue is properly addressed and acknowledged; purely psychological explanations simply don't hold much agua! (H2O)

I do want say that I have grown to like Peter immensely and I value our friendship. Folks may disagree with him (I do!) but when opposing points of view and philosophy are put on the side and it's time to put down 'the mask' and just be a person, Peter is one glorious bastard and I'm glad to know him.

Peace,

John Velez

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## P-1947 Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@IX.NETCOM.COM](mailto:mcashman@IX.NETCOM.COM)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 00:07:03 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 07:25:20 -0400  
Subject: P-1947 Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov

Jan wrote:

> Great idea, Mark....I am glad you did this! This series of  
> cases was completely obfuscated by the Air Force.

Thanks, Jan. No question this case remains one of the most fascinating. I have a suspicion that there is a similar French concentration in the 1954 wave which will be the subject of a future subcatalog.

One of the most interesting things about Levelland is how much information can be gleaned from nothing more than press accounts. We have witnesses who see the metallic skin of the UFO through the luminosity, we have a correlation between the brightness of the UFO and the presence of the effect. We have an apparent look at the side and the front of the UFO. We have witnesses right in front of the object and witnesses at various distances. We have a description of ammeter behavior during the event. We have an engine restart without human intervention. If only there had been a real investigation!

The main thing I wish we had was a higher level of certainty on the size of the object. With the typically estimated 200 foot length, and the elliptical shape, the object would have to be somewhere between fifty and a hundred feet in vertical diameter at the center. This is truly an awesome object, possibly close to the scale of that in some of the satellite object / cloud cigar cases - yet the object is reported as having exceptional performance, and making near landings. One might profitably use the density of an aircraft applied to an object of such a size to get an idea as to how much thrust might be required to attain the reported performance.

For instance, realize that at the reported dimensions, the size of the Levelland object is comparable to a C5A Starlifter. This implies a weight of between a quarter million and three quarters of a million pounds. If the object rose 200 feet in 3 seconds (one possible estimate of "rose swiftly"), the acceleration would be 3 gravities and the speed at the end of the three seconds would be 240 mph. The thrust required would seem to require  $T = mag = 48,300,000$  lbs of thrust at a 500,000 lb weight (assuming no drag and no losses). This is eight times the thrust of a Saturn V rocket. No wonder this UFO was occasionally heard to emit sound - but still, where was this terrific level of energy emitted, since no effects on the ground were discovered, other than mild heating? In fact, with those energy levels, if the Levelland object were a rocket, one would expect a large portion of the town to have been vaporized.

This, in a nutshell, is the core of the UFO as a technological problem.

> People talk like they know about UFOs. What conceit!  
> Loren Gross' 1957 history series runs through 10 books.

> We are trying to get a slimmed down version of Loren's  
> 1957 wave history published by FUFOR.

I'd like to see Loren offer a subscription. I know that I personally could easily see my way clear to fifty / sixty bucks

a year. I'm sure others could as well. This could provide long term funding, as well.

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Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 07:52:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 09:15:50 -0400  
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>From: Mark - Alien Astronomer  
><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

Mark, what are the two cases that you are referring too? I may be able to explain.

If for any number of reasons the engine fails in a helicopters, the pilot can disengage the engine from the rotor, allowing the copter to gyro to earth.

When engine failure occurs for a short wing aircraft, especially military fighters, and velocity is lost, a stall will surely follow. Now, depending on how close that aircraft is to the ground, will determine it's angle and rate of decent. Close to the ground and you might as well punch out immediately. Impact will almost be instantaneously.

Donnie :)

Disclaimer: The writer reserves the right to retract any portion of the statement made above. Or just to say, "I didn't mean it that way..."

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## Re: 'Paradigm Clock' Re-set

From: Diana Botsford <[ddbh@email.msn.com](mailto:ddbh@email.msn.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 08:54:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 11:31:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Paradigm Clock' Re-set

>Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 19:27:52 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)  
>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Paradigm Clock' Re-set

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>Jeff Rense has Clifford Stone scheduled for another interview  
>on Sightings for Friday, July 31. The previous interview is  
>archived on Jeff's Sightings web site and can be heard anytime.

Cliff was a guest on the UFO Forum (<http://forums.msn.com/ufo> - see audio archives) a few months ago as well. According to Stone, the United States government actively pursued the question of ET. In addition to a slew of documents that point towards active investigations on the part of the government and military, Stone indicates in his audio interview that there have been several crash retrievals and face to face encounters with various species.

Diana Botsford  
Publisher/Forum Manager  
UFO Forum  
<http://forums.msn.com/ufo>

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"To follow knowledge like a sinking star,  
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought . .  
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."  
Tennyson's Ulysses

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## Alfred's Odd Ode #259

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 09:23:40 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 12:57:00 -0400  
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #259

Apology to MW #259 (For July 29, 1998)

My consciousness is just a mote -- it inhabits this machine that I use for transportation in this life that's but a dream. It gets out and does its roaming in a light speed plasma dance that races in a bubble you might read if you've the chance. It's not unfair advantage that it wishes to pursue. It's not prevarication that it wants you to peruse. It is just unvarnished singing of this monumental blues that we're made to keep on wailing as we serve \*convenient\* use.

The sky is filled with \*light\* that I can see with open eyes. I'm told by \*God\* to look away from what I should despise. The world and my body are the stuff of Satan's lies? When this keeps the children starving, and it muffles up their cries!!!

People I respect are saying, "there's a light above." Not meaning God or angel, but an ET sure enough. They send a cryptic message we're not getting -- we don't try. If we got the cryptic message ancient ways begin to die. This keeps us in the dark; we're not informed which way is up. Reacting to confusion we buy in to vicious clubs!

. . . Science is a club with monstrous dues that must be paid -- in the name of best fidelity, but better points can often fade. Science, treated like the be-all-end of what we should be thinking when the scope of it is narrow, shallow, numbing, and constricting.

And, yes I know it's fueled and fired our exponential rise! And yes I know the wonder is so hard to criticize! And, yes I know it's science that we shan't give up for Lent -- but its light is too distorted in its tiny two percent!

Unfettered with this tyranny we'd live in crisp new skies. We'd fly to distant stars in spacious ships that we'd devise. Our planet's made a garden, and we'd live upon our moon. We'd travel with new elegance in our ships like huge balloons.

We'd taste satisfactions undreamed of -- and how! The stress would come off; we'd be happy -- right now! Our hate is so pointless, destructive, and vile. In it's place is respect and a tolerant smile. Status quo is the devil, only good for the FEW; take a chance, at least try what is offered up new!

The vistas are widening at perceptible speed, and the truth's hard to hide as it gets hard to breath. There are asteroids buzzing around all our heads. Not known's if they'll hit us, and strike us all dead! Two million people, some famous, profound, are abducted by saucers that land on their ground. Lights leap and things flash in our day and night skies, and we are afraid to ask questions, friend, why?

I say that I'd take it, what the truth may portend. I'd divest any falsehood that fawns and pretends. I would give it all up in the blink of an eye though my fortune was lost and alone I'm decried. . .

But the truth, I am thinking, is the THINKING itself, to be paid for your labor though the rich give of self. To take a



deep breath and to know you live free, to lift up your face, to get up from your knees! To leave all the worry of substance behind, \*stuff\* is a given -- too \_many\_ deprived. It's why we pay taxes -- not to fund corporate pork; not to pay for religion -- not for stress when we work! The truth would demand a respect that we'd feel, for a chance, or a way, to an honorable deal! With no need to connive, or collude -- even steal, we'd embrace one another, have respect, and be real.

My consciousness is just a mote -- but it knows this life's a dream. To many it's a nightmare; it is futile, harsh, and mean. And think of our embarrassment if it's shone we've misbehaved -- if the watchers, truly watching, think us charmless, and depraved.

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We'd be MUCH better advised to conduct our business as if we WERE being watched by a collection of extraterrestrial intelligences. Thieves don't break into cars if they think they are being watched. The cookie jar remains unmolested if watched by hidden eyes. You don't belch, fart, or masturbate in the dark closet if you think there may be someone in there with you . . . saves a \_lot\_ of embarrassment later on. It also limits liability <g>.

Restore John Ford!

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<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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## Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 14:53:09 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 15:50:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

>Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 07:52:21 -0500  
>From: Donnie W. Shevlin <[dshevlin@primary.net](mailto:dshevlin@primary.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: They Drop Like a Rock!

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> If for any number of reasons the engine fails in a helicopters,  
>the pilot can disengage the engine from the rotor, allowing the  
>copter to gyro to earth.

The correct term here is autorotate.

KRandle

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## UFO Submersion

From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 13:18:17 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 15:48:28 -0400  
Subject: UFO Submersion

Dear list,

Several weeks ago I described a purported UFO submersion here in Derry NH in the early seventies, and promised to get hold of the articles. Here they are, and sorry for the wait. BTW, this was on the front page.

From The Derry News  
Thursday, October 4, 1973

### UFO Sighting Unexplained

Several local residents and a motorist on Bypass 28 reported seeing unidentified flying objects Tuesday evening about 8:00 near Rainbow Lake.

\_\_\_\_\_ of Spruce St. in Manchester told police that he was driving along the Bypass when he saw a bright object in the sky, hovering over Rainbow Lake. He went in closer to investigate and heard something crash into the lake.

Several persons who live by the lake were outdoors at the time, and say there were two objects moving in the air.

\_\_\_\_\_ of Hilda Ave. saw the objects and described them as "whitish yellow" in color.

A Mark Ave. resident who asked not to be identified, told police that the objects were "about the size of a steering wheel." Other witnesses also said the objects were two to three feet in diameter, but several asked not to be identified.

The two objects descended towards the lake, according to the witnesses. Then one of them fell straight down and and splashed into the water, creating ripples on the shore. The other soared upwards and vanished.

The East Derry Fire Rescue Squad lowered a boat and searched the lake for two hours, but no trace of a fallen object was discovered.

Police have received over 40 calls concerning the UFO sighting. They speculate that the objects were meteorites or military paraflares. Swamp gas is also considered a possibility.

A followup appeared the following week:

Thursday, October 11, 1973

### UFO Divers Strike Out

At the request of Chief \_\_\_\_\_, two divers descended into Rainbow Lake Friday afternoon in an attempt to resolve reports of an unidentified flying object that three witnesses claim splashed into the lake on Oct. 2. (My note: Ray Fowler talked to more than twenty witnesses later.)

The divers swept the silty lake water with powerful searchlights, but their vision was impaired by the murky water,

and they could not see more than a few inches ahead at any time.

Said one of the divers, "The only way they're going to get anything out of that lake is if they drag it."

Chief \_\_\_\_\_ said he has no plans to drag the bottom and considers the matter closed.

I have deleted the names because I have to live in this town, and I'd rather not have a lot of people getting harassed thanks to me. If any serious researchers would like to discreetly reopen the case, please contact me and we can discuss it.

Greg  
[Strmnut@aol.com](mailto:Strmnut@aol.com)

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## UK UFO Conference - Cornwall U.F.O Research Group

From: **Raine & Crow** <[crow@crowman.demon.co.uk](mailto:crow@crowman.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 21:45:32 GMT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 20:07:36 -0400  
Subject: UK UFO Conference - Cornwall U.F.O Research Group

The Cornwall UFO Conference is almost upon us!! See below for further details:

C.U.F.O.R.G. Cornwall U.F.O Research Group  
Presents  
CONFERENCE 1998  
Saturday 29th August 1998  
TRURO COLLEGE (Lecture Theatre)  
TRURO, Cornwall. UK

10:00am to 7:30pm  
Doors open 9:30am

The SPEAKERS are:

TONY JAMES (Life in the Universe)  
MARK HAYWOOD (Extraterrestrials)  
REG PRESLEY (U.F.O/Crop Circles)  
MATTHEW WILLIAMS (Underground Bases)  
JONATHAN DOWNES (Chupacabras)  
PAUL DAMON (U.F.O Phenomenon)

All Tickets =A310.00  
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### '\_Have\_ to Believe' Investigating

From: Tony Spurrier <[TSpurrier@compuserve.com](mailto:TSpurrier@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 17:09:12 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 23:45:57 -0400  
Subject: '\_Have\_ to Believe' Investigating

Is the following common amongst UFO groups? if so, then this is a very sad situation.

Earlier this year I was elected onto staff with a London UFO group. One of the other staff members rang me and told me that all the other UFO groups were using the wrong ET contact methods. The person who called me said that the ETs had told him this. What a way to start with a new group, but I thought things may get better.

I was contacted and asked whether I wanted to go on an investigation in Norfolk as someone there was claiming to be able to summon lights at the bottom of his garden and communicate with them. I agreed to join the investigation and was obviously sceptical of the claims being made. Originally we were having to meet the person away from his house as he didn't want just anyone turning up, but apparently he asked the lights at the bottom of the garden if we were ok and allegedly they said we could meet him at his house.

That weekend we made our way to the subjects house and met with the family involved with the mysterious lights at the bottom of the garden. We were able to question them on the source of the lights and it was found that it was house lights that were signalling to the subject. The owners of the house hadn't been contacted as they were elderly. We weren't allowed to see the end of the garden in daylight so hung around until it was getting dark. Eventually we were led to the bottom of the garden where binoculars were required to cover the distance over the paddock at the bottom of the garden to see the farm house lights at the back.

We were told that soon there would be lights in the farm house windows, and shortly afterwards lights were seen moving across the windows. We were informed that the lights were in fact manifestations of ETs. Following was a question and answer session where "yes" or "no" answer questions were asked, incidentally each question had to be followed by "please". There was one question which paraphrased was "are the UFO group and the subject being visited by the same ETs?", the answer was inevitably "yes". The means for determining a "yes" or "no" was sketchy and without the guidance of the subject would be almost undeterminable.

Following the question and answer session came the daily garden walk for the light beings. We were told exactly where the light would move around the garden, and one or two of the group saw a glowing figure moving about.

After the garden show we then watched a few hours of video. This video included landed craft behind a hedge which comprised of flashing yellow lights. Unfortunately the actual landing and take-off of the craft were not caught on camera. Also seen were numerous aircraft that flew over the subjects house which were described as cloaked ET craft mapping out the area. I only saw conventional aircraft. The video clips shown were less than impressive of anything unexplained.

In the early hours of the morning we headed home and the hype was quite high that some strange event had happened in the

garden. A discussion took place that the ETs could be in the room with us and we wouldn't know about it. When we moved into the hall way I stumbled accross a "cold spot" just outside the room we had been sitting in. As the others in the room began to move into the hall way I moved out of the "cold spot" and asked the person standing where I was if they could feel it. They could and suddenly everyone felt a cold breeze moving around them. This was surely a sign that we were not alone, however a short glance up at the ceiling explained the event. It was their loft hatch expelling a cold breeze, but of course the scene had been set alot earlier in the day for ETs and ghostly happenings for anyone to look for the more down to earth explanations.

Well to me the whole saga was highly questionable, however my sceptical review of the day left me out in the cold. I was unable to investigate the case any further because I didn't believe it to be genuine ET contact. Surely, with a balanced opinion on the case and looking at the case from both angles would bring out the truth. However, I understand now that those who believe it to be genuine et contact have\_ to believe it or the ETs will no longer contact them. How sad.

I am no longer involved with the UFO group in question, and wondered whether this is the standard set by other investigators and UFO groups. Do you have\_ to believe what you are investigating is real or are sceptics allowed a look-in in UFology?

My feeling is that sceptics and hardened believers should be allowed to mix and review cases. This way a balanced view of the phenomenon can be gained and the facts can emerge.

Any comments?

Yours , Tony

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Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 23:50:04 -0400  
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. . .And, the pilot is not involved with the disengagement; it  
is completely automatic for an operator that cannot be counted  
upon to react quickly enough to maintain a minimum safe rotor  
RPM. . .

Low rotor warning screaming in your ear, you COUNT the blades  
with sweat blinded eyes as they go by . . . Dropping like that  
rock. Get there and call on an armful of nothing . . . the  
collective pitch becomes a useless pumping stick, the ground  
rushes up to smile the skids, and push the top half of your neck  
up into your brain -- I laughingly add two more cents. What WAS  
this thread about anyway?

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## Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 18:03:10 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 23:55:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@IX.NETCOM.COM](mailto:mcashman@IX.NETCOM.COM)>  
>Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 00:07:03 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 07:25:20 -0400  
>Subject: P-1947 Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

>One of the most interesting things about Levelland is how much  
>information can be gleaned from nothing more than press  
>accounts. We have witnesses who see the metallic skin of the UFO  
>through the luminosity, we have a correlation between the  
>brightness of the UFO and the presence of the effect. We have an  
>apparent look at the side and the front of the UFO. We have  
>witnesses right in front of the object and witnesses at various  
>distances. We have a description of ammeter behavior during the  
>event. We have an engine restart without human intervention. If  
>only there had been a real investigation!

Another interesting thing about Levelland is that we now know  
how to replicate the reported physical effects. High intensity  
radio frequency pulses will stall cars, and also create  
sensations of heat if you get in the way. It is clear from a  
recent report from the A.F. Scientific Advisory Board published  
on the Web that such a weapon is currently in the A.F. arsenal  
awaiting future deployment.

One famous report of such effects came from James Stokes, a  
rocket engineer at White Sands. He reported cars being stalled  
in N.M. by a similar or same object (two days after Levelland)  
and a "wave of heat" associated with it. The Lorenzens also  
reported that Stokes seemed to have some sort of heat rash when  
he came and reported the incident to them.

While the A.F. tried to debunk these sightings 40 years ago,  
obviously some of the Air Force people were taking notes and  
realized this would make a lovely weapon. Robert Loftin of NICAP  
later reported this rather interesting quote from the El Paso  
Texas Times, Nov. 7, 1957: "Some of the nation's top scientists  
are 'pretty shook up' about the mysterious flying objects  
sighted in New Mexico and West Texas skies this week," said  
Charles Capen (a scientist at White Sands). "This is something  
that hasn't happened before."

Apparently they were shook up, but then settled down and  
eventually figured out how to duplicate some of the effects.

I'd love to see the arrogant PSH'ers who regularly post here try  
to attribute such now lab-reproducible physical effects to their  
standard hallucinations and social hysteria. And remember --  
first came the eyewitness reports of cars stalling, heat, etc.  
from places like Levelland, then much later came the weapon, not  
the other way around. The witnesses weren't contaminated by what  
they saw on "X-files."

>The main thing I wish we had was a higher level of certainty on  
>the size of the object. With the typically estimated 200 foot  
>length, and the elliptical shape, the object would have to be  
>somewhere between fifty and a hundred feet in vertical diameter  
>at the center. This is truly an awesome object, possibly close  
>to the scale of that in some of the satellite object / cloud  
>cigar cases - yet the object is reported as having exceptional

>performance, and making near landings. One might profitably use  
>the density of an aircraft applied to an object of such a size  
>to get an idea as to how much thrust might be required to attain  
>the reported performance.

>For instance, realize that at the reported dimensions, the size  
>of the Levelland object is comparable to a C5A Starlifter. This  
>implies a weight of between a quarter million and three quarters  
>of a million pounds.

In the absence of further information, this is certainly a very reasonable starting point. However, typically half or more of such an aircraft's weight is devoted to fuel and payload. This is unlikely to be the case with a UFO, which doubtlessly does not use jetfuel as an energy source, nor is concerned with delivering heavy payloads from points A to B. Furthermore, I would expect such a high-performance craft to be using advanced materials which are of greater strength and lighter in weight than what we typically use in building our aircraft. This is all speculative, yet I think reductions in overall mass by factors of 3 or 4 are not unreasonable. This would lessen the energy demands on the propulsion system considerably. But for now, let's stick with Mark's higher estimate. Thus, the numbers computed below likely represent more of a worst-case scenario.

>If the object rose 200 feet in 3 seconds  
>(one possible estimate of "rose swiftly"), the acceleration  
>would be 3 gravities and the speed at the end of the three  
>seconds would be 240 mph.

Unfortunately there are some math errors here. The acceleration would be given by  $2 * \text{distance} / \text{time}^2$  or  $2 * 200 / 3^2 = \sim 44$  ft/sec<sup>2</sup>. This is about 1.3 g, not 3g. The speed would be acceleration \* time =  $44 * 3 \text{ sec} = 132 \text{ ft/sec} = 90 \text{ mph}$ . This all points to much more relaxed demands on the propulsion system than in Mark's calculation.

>The thrust required would seem to require  $T = \text{mag} = 48,300,000 \text{ lbs}$   
>of thrust at a 500,000 lb weight (assuming no drag and no  
>losses). This is eight times the thrust >of a Saturn V rocket.

Fortunately, the required thrust isn't not anywhere near this bad. The math is as follows:

Net accelerating force = Thrust - Weight

or

Thrust = Net accel force + Weight

or

Thrust =  $M a + M g = M (a + g) = \text{Weight} / g (a + g) = \text{Weight} (a/g + 1)$

Here  $M = \text{Mass of the craft}$   
 $g = \text{gravitational acceleration}$   
 $a = \text{acceleration of craft} = 1.3 g$

So Thrust =  $\text{Weight} (1.3 + 1) = 2.3 * \text{Weight} = 2.3 * 500,000 \text{ lb}$   
= ~1.2 million pounds

The main error in Mark's calculation was assuming the mass and the weight were the same, which led to the calculated thrust being 32 times greater than it should have been. (Note: actually mass in English units = weight/32, expressed in the horrific English unit, the "slug." Slugs plus PSH'ers and English food are not the among the high points of British civilization.)

Thus the required thrust is about 1/5th of a Saturn's, not 8 times as much (whew!). On the other hand, it's still about 6 times greater than the maximum thrust of a 747. Larger jet engines, however, can put out about 100,000 pounds thrust each, or roughly double that of a 747. Nonetheless you would still need about a dozen such engines to duplicate the performance. This would be somewhat daunting from an engineering standpoint, but still doable. On the other hand, had we assumed a much lighter weight UFO, as outlined above, the required thrust might be only 50 to 100% greater than a 747, which becomes very manageable. In fact, all we have to do to meet this requirement would be to substitute the larger jet engines for the 747's standard ones.

> No wonder this UFO was occasionally heard  
> to emit sound - but still, where was this terrific level of  
> energy emitted, since no effects on the ground were discovered,  
> other than mild heating? In fact, with those energy levels, if  
> the Levelland object were a rocket, one would expect a large  
> portion of the town to have been vaporized.

Since the calculation was in error, this wouldn't be the case. Still we have to deal with the problem of energy dispersal from the rough equivalent of six 747's (in the more conservative or worst-case estimate) taking off at the same time.

One difference between a jet engine (or rocket) and a UFO is that a jet engine confines the thrust to a relatively narrow area, whereas a UFO may ionize a large mass of air around it and thus spread it's thrust over a much greater area. Thus the thrust per unit area (pressure) might be considerably less than that of a jet engine.

E.g., the exhaust ports of those dozen large jet engines of 100,000 pounds thrust each would cover, say, 1000 square feet of area total (very roughly), or 1200 pounds thrust per square foot for the 1.2 million pounds thrust total. In comparison, let's say the ionized air beneath the Levelland UFO occupied an area comparable to the footprint of the craft itself, or very roughly 10,000 square feet. The same thrust is spread over an area 10 times greater, so the thrust per square foot drops to 120 pounds.

If the ionized air "footprint" was four times the figure used above, or 40,000 square feet (this assumes the region of effective ionization is double the dimensions of the craft itself), then the thrust/area drops to a very gentle 30 pounds per square foot, or double atmospheric pressure. (And for a UFO of 1/3rd the mass of the worst-case above, this drops to a "miniscule" 10 pounds per square foot.)

Heating effects are also dramatically reduced because the energy is spread over a much greater volume. The hypothesized air ionization or plasma around the craft which is used as part of it's EM propulsion system wouldn't be very hot to begin with. Although plasmas can have very hot electron temperatures (on the order of 20,000 deg. K), the electrons hold very little heat because of their low mass. On the other hand, the ionized positive ions, primarily nitrogen, would be responsible for most of the heat content of the plasma because of their very high mass compared to the free electrons, yet have a relatively low actual gas temperature (on the order of only 300 deg. K, room temperature, or maybe a little hotter) because of their comparatively low speed. This is one reason why a fluorescent tube, itself holding a glowing plasma, is only a little warm to the touch. The kinetic energy of the electrons inside make them "hot" as blazes, but most of the heat resides in the sluggish, heavy rarefied gas.

How much would the air heat up as the UFO takes off and accelerates upward? The Levelland UFO is dumping it's energy into a very large volume, so air heating is relatively minor. A little calculation shows that the combined kinetic plus potential energy of a 500,000 lb craft rising 200 feet to an air speed of 90 mph is roughly 300 million joules. If an equal amount of energy was dumped into the ionized column of air this craft passes through (assuming the smaller 10,000 sq. foot footprint but now 200 feet high) the total volume of air affected would be roughly 2 million cubic feet. This contains about 2.5 million mole of nitrogen/oxygen gas, which when multiplied by the universal gas constant (8.3 joules/mole/deg K) gives a net heat capacity of roughly 20 million joules/deg K. Thus the column of air would be raised in temperature by 300 million/ 20 million or only about 15 deg Celcius, or 27 deg Fahrenheit. And of course, the average heating of the air would be only 1/4 of this if the actual ionization footprint was four times the area of UFO footprint itself, and even less than that if the craft was of much lower mass than assumed in the calculation. These are very rough numbers, but again demonstrate that the good people of Levelland were probably in no danger of being fried. It's a much different situation than standing in back of a jet engine with its very hot, high speed gases rushing out. UFOs have "kinder and gentler" propulsion.

>This, in a nutshell, is the core of the UFO as a technological problem.

Mark, I think if you look at the problem using the numbers above, the required technology doesn't become so daunting.

I would like to add here that I consider Mark Cashman to be a very serious researcher, and I've enjoyed his very thoughtful and intelligent posts in the past. I hope he isn't upset at having some mistakes pointed out. I totally agree with Mark that a great deal about the physics of the UFOs can be deduced by careful examination of the reports. I am very grateful to his past work in this regard, such as the energy output as deduced from luminosity reports.

One of the reasons I wrote this post correcting some of Mark's numbers is I didn't want to give the scientifically illiterate debunkers who regularly post here additional ammunition with which to dismiss the UFO phenomenon. UFOs don't need some pie-in-the-sky, gee-whiz Star Trek Sci-Fi dilithium crystal technology to do many of the things they are reported as doing. 'Nuff said for now.

David Rudiak

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## Article On Linda Howe

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<http://www.spokane.net:80/news-story-body.asp?Date=072698&ID=s426561>

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Spokesman Review/Spokane.net

Journalist Finds Herself Captured By Aliens

Search for facts leads Boise High grad to investigate unexplained phenomena, write several books

Marianne Flagg - The Idaho Statesman

BOISE \_ Where others see unfathomable mysteries or supermarket-tabloid fodder, Linda Moulton Howe sees a great story in need of an ending.

Howe has spent the past 19 years as an investigative journalist trying to find hard evidence regarding unexplained phenomena. They range from cattle mutilations and crop-circle formations to UFO sightings and reports of human abduction by aliens.

Hundreds of interviews, an Emmy Award and three books later, Howe is convinced of some truths she believes are out there.

"We are not alone in the universe, and the government of the United States at least has known that since the 1940s, if not earlier," said Howe, who now lives in Jamison, Pa. "Coming out of the World War II environment, there was a decision by the Truman administration that Americans and the world were not going to get any facts about this extraterrestrial presence."

Some of Howe's latest interviews and research can be found in her new 440-page book, "Glimpses of Other Realities, Vol. 2: High Strangeness" (Paper Chase Press, New Orleans).

It's the second of her two volumes on unexplained phenomena.

Her latest book arrives at a time when interest in such mysteries and belief in alien visitation pervade popular culture. Fox TV's "The X-Files" series has brought the murky subjects of aliens, government conspiracy and other mysteries into American living rooms every week.

"The X-Files" even has incorporated some of Howe's research into its scripts.

Howe also contributes weekly reports on science and the

environment, as well as alien mysteries, on Art Bell's popular nightly radio program "Coast to Coast," and his Sunday show "Dreamland."

Idaho's own X-Files can be found in the field research of Ike Bishop, chief investigator and Idaho state director of the Mutual UFO Network, a group of people who investigate reports of unexplained sightings.

Bishop has traded information with Howe and said he respects her investigative ability.

"She is probably the most pre-eminent UFO investigator in the world," Bishop said. "She checks things out before she talks about them."

Although Howe might appreciate the compliment, she regards herself as a TV producer and investigative reporter, not a UFO investigator.

"My beat has basically been in science and medicine and the environment my entire career," said Howe, who was born in Boise 56 years ago. "I had been producing television programs and documentary films for 11 years before I ever made my first phone calls to find out what was happening with unusual animal deaths around the world."

Howe graduated from Boise High School in 1960. After a professor sparked a love of English in college, she knew she wanted to be a reporter. She has a master's degree from Stanford University and has worked for television stations in Burbank, Calif.; Boston; Denver; and Atlanta.

It was during her tenure in Denver in 1979 that she first investigated reports of farm animals that were found with internal organs removed in a strange, almost surgical manner.

"I had no preconceived idea of what I was getting into beyond the fact that there were hundreds, if not thousands, of cases all reporting the same bloodless excisions of cattle, pigs, cows and sheep.

"The two most unusual features that law enforcement always noted was the lack of blood in excisions that were cookie-cutter precise, and that there were no tracks around these animals -- even on wet dirt. That's what forced law enforcement to look to the sky."

Law enforcement personnel and scientists have been unable to explain the technology used in the mutilations, or who or what mutilated the animals.

Throughout her work on alien mysteries, she has struggled to get sources on the record -- to use their full names. Fear of ridicule keeps many silent. She says fear of government retribution also keeps many military people quiet.

Howe wrote a book about the mutilations, "An Alien Harvest." She went on to write about more alien mysteries in her book "Glimpses of Other Realities, Vol. I."

Howe said she is not out to prove the existence of UFOs, but to uncover facts.

Vol. 2 contains copies of purported government documents leaked to her that admit the existence of aliens and confirm a cover-up.

"We're talking about men and women who have served in highly sensitive positions in the United States military and intelligence agencies, with high clearances.

"These people are the same people who have talked to me and a few others about the fact that our government has had knowledge about extraterrestrial biological entities, and that Truman made the executive order in 1947 that put all of this under a lid.

"This is a story the entire human family on this planet deserves to have knowledge about."

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## Strieber's 'Confirmation' Slated By Mainstream

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<http://cnn.com/books/reviews/9807/29/confirmation/index.html>

Again I want to emphasize that this post in no way is meant as an endorsement of the views that are voiced in the article.

Stig

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Strieber's exuberance falls short of proving there are UFOs

'Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens among Us'  
By Whitley Strieber

Saint Martin's Press, \$23.95

Review by L.D. Meagher

Web posted on: Wednesday, July 29, 1998 2:55:43 PM EDT

(CNN) -- There's something in the sky. There's something in my room. There's something in my head. They must be connected.

That's the argument Whitley Strieber makes in "Confirmation", his fifth book about extraterrestrial aliens. Its subtitle summarizes his approach to the argument: "The Hard Evidence of Aliens among Us".

Strieber's "hard evidence" comes from three different types of experiences: sightings of unidentified objects in the sky, stories of alien encounters or abductions, and objects removed from the bodies of people who believe they have been abducted. As he recounts each incident, he tries to reflect an air of scientific detachment. He isn't necessarily arguing that all the "evidence" he cites is proof that aliens walk among us. Instead, he claims he is only marshalling arguments for a concentrated research effort by the scientific community. His mask of objectivity, however, refuses to remain in place.

Despite the author's exuberance, there's not much new to report on the UFO sightings front. He offers new photographs of unusual objects in the sky, mostly from Mexico. They have the familiar look of earlier pictures. The objects are somewhat indistinct, but clearly disc-shaped. Strieber asserts that they are more authoritative, however, since they aren't mere photographs, but images captured on videotape. There's even video from a space shuttle mission which enthusiasts interpret as an apparent attempt by earthlings to shoot down a UFO. He goes beyond "flying saucer" imagery, too. He breathlessly recounts blurred

images of "rods" that inexplicably appear on videotapes shot in the desert. Sometimes, these objects are captured on just a single frame of the tape. Strieber doesn't offer any explanation for these things. Instead, he insists the scientific establishment must investigate them.

Since he published "Communion", his first-person account of an alien abduction, Strieber has solicited letters from other people who have had similar experiences. Not surprisingly, he has received many. Some are recounted in "Confirmation". He notes that there are similarities among the stories. He insists each contains unique elements that separate it from the others. Therefore, he argues, a lot of people are having different experiences, and science should do something.

Then there are the objects removed from people's bodies. Despite his facade of scientific detachment, Strieber calls them "implants". He concentrates on a few cases in which the objects have been surgically removed. Some of them are metallic, and covered by a membrane. Others are non-metallic. One looks like glass. A few of the metal objects and the piece of glass were subjected to scientific analysis. It turns out they are made of either metal or glass. Strieber concludes the metal is like that found in meteorites and the glass is unlike any ever found on Earth. The scientists who performed the analyses stop well short of those conclusions. And they offer no suggestion that the objects have any purpose. They aren't transmitters, or homing beacons, or microchips containing the Encyclopedia Galactica.

It would be so much easier to understand, according to Strieber, if only the government wasn't hiding the truth. "In this society," he writes, "anybody who isn't at least somewhat paranoid probably isn't entirely sane." The government conducted secret mind control experiments, he reminds us. And the official explanations of "The Roswell Incident" range from unconvincing to absurd. Strieber concludes the government is hiding something about alien encounters. And because the government funds so much scientific research, the science establishment must be in on the cover-up.

In the end, Strieber casts aside his pretense of detachment. He is an advocate, on the side of those who have seen UFOs, been abducted by aliens, and had extraterrestrial hardware implanted in their bodies. All are the work of "visitors," he concludes. The visitors may not be from another planet, but he's convinced they exist. "The visitors may be at once tempting us with their theater in the sky and forcing us into action by the outrageous invasion of our bodies represented by close encounter. Whatever they are doing, it seems clear they are not preparing for some great event where they finally put in an overwhelming appearance."

More than once, Strieber invokes the spirit of Carl Sagan, who laid down the gauntlet by insisting proponents of alien visitation offer some proof to back up their contentions. Indeed, "Confirmation" seems to be Strieber's response to that challenge. But Sagan did more than simply solicit offers of evidence. He demanded they be scrutinized using what he called the scientist's "baloney detection kit." It contains the tools of skeptical thinking. As he explained in "The Demon-Haunted World":

"What skeptical thinking boils down to is the means to construct, and to understand, a reasoned argument and -- especially important -- to recognize a fallacious or fraudulent argument. The question is not whether we like the conclusion that emerges out of a train of reasoning, but whether the conclusion follows from the premise or starting point and whether that premise is true."

Strieber contends he is offering the evidence Sagan demanded. In fact, he is offering anecdotes and artifacts for which several interpretations exist, and disregarding all but those that support his contention that "visitors" are here and doing something to humans.

"Confirmation" offers nothing that will shake the faith of those who are convinced Strieber is right. It also offers nothing that will sway those who think he is wrong. In the end, it is a bit like a religious faith. To non-believers, no proof is possible. To believers, none is necessary.

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## Belgium Sightings: Discussion Summaries & Comments

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>Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:38:58 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

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>>Subject: Re: UFO Update: Triangular UFOs over Belgium  
>>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 11:53:17 -0400

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>>>Subject: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

Peter's correspondence re Serge and Kyle from above:  
<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/jul/m22-004.shtml>

>>The 1989 Belgium UFO flap was debated on the List last year.  
>>The debate turned out to be the usual: skeptics on one side,  
>>truth seekers on the other.

....snip....

>I suggest Kyle looks up the discussion of the Belgian flap on  
>the Ufomind/UpDates Web archive (address below), where he will  
>find "truth" seekers inventing such items as supersonic balloons  
>and putting them into the mouths of skeptics. He will also find  
>Mendoza saying he thought the evidence for there being an actual  
>FT craft involved was inconclusive, and that little was proven  
>one way or the other, or words to that effect.

JC: Unfortunately there was no URL below that would take us  
directly to the file in question.

Notwithstanding, what we really need to do is find the essential  
"data" of this case by getting to the core of discussions which  
may contain same, and eliminating all the non-data type words  
which tend to flow when one party or the other feels affronted  
for various reasons.

Therefore, I have put together the following with this in mind.  
(while providing the original URLs for Kyle and other readers to  
peruse for accuracy checks, where necessary along the way) The  
results of this entire proceeding can certainly be expanded upon  
at a later date.

The information (data) I'm talking about in this instance is  
what most of us should be searching for and perhaps if we're  
lucky, where some truly meaningful insights are most probably  
waiting to be found.

For instance, we know some things that the objects recorded and  
seen in the Belgium sightings "were not."

A response I had made to BRETT.OLBRY'S who thought a video he mentions reminded him of the AVRO Vulcan Bomber.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/mar/m28-019.shtml>

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Loy Pressley, who has some familiarity w\ Vulcan Bomber, ruled out that possibility. (The object descriptions given by various witnesses do not really match the Vulcan)

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/mar/m27-018.shtml>

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We know it wasn't a LoFlyte plane (if anyone was even thinking this) because:

We have a discussion between Henny van der Pluijm and Jared Anderson in another case where Jared feels a sighting may have been the LoFlyte plane.

Henny says the object maneuvers recorded by the Belgium A.F. are impossible to perform with the LoFlyte plane. This would apply to the data from the Belgium sightings as well since the LoFlyte could not have performed the maneuvers displayed in the data supplied by the BAF.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/jun/m18-028.shtml>

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Then, in a discussion between Christophe Meessen and Henny van der Pluijm, Meessen states, without giving the exact name of book, page reference, exact quote, etc. (BTW, these are definitely necessary for us to have a proper discussion via which all can see the complete results of these discussions and make their own fair assessment regarding same here on the NET.):

Statements by Meessen:

1. "...no triangular object reported where the F16 detected the erratic signal."
2. "...no ground visual contacts beside moving lights. Lights were more in intense wobbling than moving fast from side to side of the sky"
3. "It was though a very uncommon light behaviors which suggested it was not stars. But lights did not show extraordinary displacements as would the UFO speed estimation based on the F16 recording yield."
4. "we HAVE TO drop the F16 data as EVIDENCE of the presence of a UFO simply because it COULD be a natural phenomenon."

Post from which Meessen's statements were taken:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/nov/m17-016.shtml>

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Rebuttal by Henny van der Pluijm citing specific points drawn from the BAF report he provided in his post regarding previous discussion:

1. "Apparently there were several objects in the sky that were visually reported to be maneuvering during the F16 chase.
2. "... consider that one or more of them had simply switched off their lights, which would explain their sudden disappearance, as described, as well as the erratic radar trace that cannot be explained by any known natural phenomenon or radar error?
3. "What natural phenomenon produces a jamming signal? What natural phenomenon accelerates after radar lock through the sound barrier, making three 70 degree turns and on altitudes between 0 and 11,000 feet?
4. "...analyses by Dr. James McDonald tell me that only heavy temperature inversions can influence radar signals.

These were the atmospheric conditions of the night:

'A slight temperature inversion at ground, and another, as slight, at 3000 feet.'

And as you can see, these altitudes do not coincide with the radar trace that I presented. So why is the temperature inversion explanation brought up in the first place?

JC: I'm assuming the references to temperature inversion were from a previous discussion by these two gentlemen.

van der Pluijm rebuttal:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/nov/ml7-026.shtml>

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Jean-Pierre Pharabod had written (to Henny?)

> Reading the transcript  
> of the conversation between the ground controller  
> and the pilots, and scrutinizing the details of  
> the locks as published in the first SOBEPS book,  
> I concluded that it could be only locks number  
> 5 and 6 (Meessen's numerotation), lasting 8 and  
> 11.4 seconds. And this was very probably IMHO the  
> craft flying in straight line from Brussels to  
> Liege, at subsonic speed, and followed by the  
> Glons and Semmerzake ground radars. But these  
> echoes and this craft don't look extraterrestrial,  
> they don't have the "crazy" characteristics of  
> the contact of which you reposted the transcript,  
> they look like maybe a private jet flying  
> illegally (no transponder). However the whole  
> thing remains a bit mysterious

and Henny replied, after citing specific data on the contacts (please see URL immediately below this section)

"This contact excerpt clearly shows simultaneous radar contact. It also shows erratic moves that cannot be explained by any terrestrial aircraft or natural phenomenon."

"Although the above maneuvers could not be witnessed visually from the ground, the Glons radar had picked up the signal earlier while the gendarmes were watching the objects in the sky."

...  
"Nowhere in the reports is there any mention that the Glons radar lost contact with the objects. The Glons radar did direct the F16s to the target. In other words, the same objects that were seen by the gendarmes were later detected by F16 radar AND Glons radar and showed the erractic signal."

"In other words, there is no need to dismiss the F16 radar recordings as evidence."

Post w\data & previous conversation supplied by van der Pluijm:  
<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/nov/ml8-012.shtml>

JC: Readers can draw their own conclusions. I agree with Henny.  
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So from all this we know:

- 1) If the objects seen were not UFOs, the Belgium A.F., part of the NATO chain must really be incompetent not to know what they were chasing; so incompetent that they went public with this information and talked about it openly after it went up the chain of command.
- 2) Some objects seen in the Belgium sightings look a little like the AVRO Vulcan Bomber except that:
  - a) The Vulcan Bomber is very "loud" aircraft and much if not all of what was seen in Belgium was silent.
  - b) Loy doesn't remember lights positioned on the bomber that compare with what was seen and photographed

c) The bomber is heavy and designed for high speed flight and can't fly very slowly as some of the objects seen in several instances re Belgium.

3) LoFlyte plane is eliminated as a possibility because it can't do the maneuvering recorded and published by the Belgian A.F.

4) Temperature inversions are eliminated via James McDonald's analyses.

And Henny asks:

a) "What natural phenomenon produces a jamming signal?

b) "What natural phenomenon accelerates after radar lock through the sound barrier, making three 70 degree turns and on altitudes between 0 and 11,000 feet?

JC: If skeptics have no solid answer to this then the probability that the sighting was not a natural phenomenon must certainly be considered. Not to do so would be to ignore the data presented for our consideration.

So then, exactly what was it? A black project? Laser projections that can fool ground/air radar and the men flying the planes? The technology seems to have jumped a bit here.

Respectfully,  
Jerry Cohen

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P.S. I'd like to peruse those discussions concerning the Belgium sightings that Peter mentioned at the outset of this post. Does anyone have the URL? Thanks.

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## Re: '\_Have\_ to Believe' Investigating

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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 06:50:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: '\_Have\_ to Believe' Investigating

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> My feeling is that sceptics and hardened believers should be  
> allowed to mix and review cases. This way a balanced view of the  
> phenomenon can be gained and the facts can emerge.

> Any comments?

Tony -

Any investigator who isn't initially skeptical isn't very mature.  
70%-90% of all initial reports end up identified by reliable  
investigators.

Honestly, I don't want to see "believers" doing investigations.

If someone believes, why investigate, since they know? If one  
doesn't know, that's when one wants to investigate.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -  
Author of SF novels available at...  
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## Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

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Subject: Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

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> Subject: Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

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> >Subject: P-1947 Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

Right up front, I want to publicly thank David for taking my rather poorly done back of the envelope and far from expert estimates and turning them into something far more useful. It's a great example of how we can work together to go from a mysterious happening to getting some real quantitative estimates.

Thanks, David!

> > One might profitably use  
> >the density of an aircraft applied to an object of such a size  
> >to get an idea as to how much thrust might be required to attain  
> >the reported performance.

> >For instance, realize that at the reported dimensions, the size  
> >of the Levelland object is comparable to a C5A Starlifter. This  
> >implies a weight of between a quarter million and three quarters  
> >of a million pounds.

> In the absence of further information, this is certainly a very  
> reasonable starting point. However, typically half or more of  
> such an aircraft's weight is devoted to fuel and payload. This  
> is unlikely to be the case with a UFO, which doubtlessly does  
> not use jetfuel as an energy source, nor is concerned with  
> delivering heavy payloads from points A to B. Furthermore, I  
> would expect such a high-performance craft to be using advanced  
> materials which are of greater strength and lighter in weight  
> than what we typically use in building our aircraft. This is all  
> speculative, yet I think reductions in overall mass by factors  
> of 3 or 4 are not unreasonable.

I agree with David that these are not unreasonable. At the same time, one must wonder why so huge an object is necessary unless its internal volume is at least largely utilized. So while there is no question that such materials as he suggests could be used to reduce airframe weight, it is still likely that a large vehicle would be efficiently utilized to carry heavy payload of some sort.

After all, our aircraft materials and engineering are probably a factor or 3 or 4 lighter than those used in, say, DC-3s or heavy piston fighters of the WW-II era, but we have used those advances to increase payload, armament, or performance.

What requires a Levelland-size object to engage in roadblock activities remains a mystery.

>This would lessen the energy  
>demands on the propulsion system considerably. But for now,  
>let's stick with Mark's higher estimate. Thus, the numbers  
>computed below likely represent more of a worst-case scenario.

Note that Hill's estimate of the density of the Quarouble object suggests that object was significantly denser than an aircraft, and was, in fact, closer to the density of a submarine (96% as dense as water).

On the other hand, the Socorro object density seems to be significantly less than that - resting somewhere between 20% and 51% that of water, thus between 1/5 and 1/2 the density of the Quarouble object.

Also note that the low limit Starlifter weight of 250,000 lbs is close to empty weight, since operational weight is 337,937 and max takeoff is 769,000.

David - if you have the time, perhaps you can run the numbers for the Socorro and Quarouble densities, and give us an idea of how they relate to the C5A numbers.

>>If the object rose 200 feet in 3 seconds  
>>(one possible estimate of "rose swiftly"), the acceleration  
>>would be 3 gravities and the speed at the end of the three  
>>seconds would be 240 mph.

>Unfortunately there are some math errors here. The acceleration  
>would be given by  $2 * \text{distance} / \text{time}^2$  or  $2 * 200 / 3^2 = \sim 44$   
>ft/sec<sup>2</sup>. This is about 1.3 g, not 3g. The speed would be  
>acceleration \* time =  $44 * 3 \text{ sec} = 132 \text{ ft/sec} = 90 \text{ mph}$ . This all  
>points to much more relaxed demands on the propulsion system  
>than in Mark's calculation.

David is quite right about this. I accidentally used 500 feet instead of 200 feet and thus inflated the acceleration and final speed. (what an idiot! slaps head... :-)

>>The thrust required would seem to require  $T = \text{mag} = 48,300,000 \text{ lbs}$   
>>of thrust at a 500,000 lb weight (assuming no drag and no  
>>losses). This is eight times the thrust >of a Saturn V rocket.

>Fortunately, the required thrust isn't not anywhere near this  
>bad. The math is as follows:

<snip>

>The main error in Mark's calculation was assuming the mass and  
>the weight were the same, which led to the calculated thrust  
>being 32 times greater than it should have been. (Note: actually  
>mass in English units = weight/32, expressed in the horrific  
>English unit, the "slug." Slugs plus PSH'ers and English food  
>are not the among the high points of British civilization.)

Not to mention doubling the acceleration. Thank goodness for peer review. I also had a hard time finding a good thrust equation, which shows the need for better references in this library. At least now I have a spreadsheet that works, so I won't make this mistake again.

>Still we have to deal with the problem of energy dispersal  
>from the rough equivalent of six 747's (in the more  
>conservative or worst-case estimate) taking off at the same  
>time. One difference between a jet engine (or rocket) and a  
>UFO is that a jet engine confines the thrust to a relatively  
>narrow area, whereas a UFO may ionize a large mass of air  
>around it and thus spread it's thrust over a much greater area.  
>Thus the thrust per unit area (pressure) might be considerably  
>less than that of a jet engine.

This is where I believe we have to be very cautious. I am not sure of what evidence might be construed to indicate the dispersal of thrust through ionization. I'd be interested in hearing from David which cases suggest this to him and why. I am bothered by the apparent ability of the UFO to hover and to accelerate without luminosity when considering this idea.

Still, the idea that the thrust is spread over a large area has great merit. It may very well be that there are limitations on this which are signaled by the presence of the sound from the usually soundless object, a problem which also crops up with the Socorro case.

>If the ionized air "footprint" was four times the figure used

>above, or 40,000 square feet (this assumes the region of  
>effective ionization is double the dimensions of the craft  
>itself), then the thrust/area drops to a very gentle 30 pounds  
>per square foot, or double atmospheric pressure. (And for a UFO  
>of 1/3rd the mass of the worst-case above, this drops to a  
>"miniscule" 10 pounds per square foot.)

We need to take a look at the expected "breeze" from a 2 atm UFO force effect. Does this conform to the observations in cases such as Flynn and Moreland?

>How much would the air heat up as the UFO takes off and  
>accelerates upward? The Levelland UFO is dumping it's energy  
>into a very large volume, so air heating is relatively minor. A  
>little calculation shows that the combined kinetic plus  
>potential energy of a 500,000 lb craft rising 200 feet to an air  
>speed of 90 mph is roughly 300 million joules.

May we assume this is for a case without atmospheric drag? If so, what effect would we get from, say 25-50% surface area drag levels, making the assumption, justified by a variety of reports, that the UFO has the ability to ensure clean airflow, but perhaps cannot eliminate all drag.

>If an equal  
>amount of energy was dumped into the ionized column of air this  
>craft passes through (assuming the smaller 10,000 sq. foot  
>footprint but now 200 feet high) the total volume of air  
>affected would be roughly 2 million cubic feet. This contains  
>about 2.5 million mole of nitrogen/oxygen gas, which when  
>multiplied by the universal gas constant (8.3 joules/mole/deg K)  
>gives a net heat capacity of roughly 20 million joules/deg K.  
>Thus the column of air would be raised in temperature by 300  
>million/ 20 million or only about 15 deg Celcius, or 27 deg  
>Fahrenheit. And of course, the average heating of the air would  
>be only 1/4 of this if the actual ionization footprint was four  
>times the area of UFO footprint itself, and even less than that  
>if the craft was of much lower mass than assumed in the  
>calculation.

I think we can consider a few possibilities.

First, the heat effects would seem to be the greatest with the air column at its shortest, which predicts ground heating disproportionate with the temperature change experienced by witnesses. This is because the witnesses don't experience the heat either until the object has attained enough altitude for the heated column to begin to disperse, or until they are within the "cone" of the force footprint.

>These are very rough numbers, but again demonstrate  
>that the good people of Levelland were probably in no danger of  
>being fried. It's a much different situation than standing in  
>back of a jet engine with its very hot, high speed gases rushing  
>out. UFOs have "kinder and gentler" propulsion.

>>This, in a nutshell, is the core of the UFO as a technological  
>>problem.

>Mark, I think if you look at the problem using the numbers  
>above, the required technology doesn't become so daunting.

Yes, in many ways I agree. However, the accelerations reported (though unfortunately not really usable in estimates) by Saucedo and other witnesses indicate that the Levelland object may have been capable of the same 100G plus accelerations estimated from Hill's large cigar sighting, or at least the 18G acceleration I calculate for the Marignane object.

>I would like to add here that I consider Mark Cashman to be a  
>very serious researcher, and I've enjoyed his very thoughtful  
>and intelligent posts in the past. I hope he isn't upset at  
>having some mistakes pointed out. I totally agree with Mark that  
>a great deal about the physics of the UFOs can be deduced by  
>careful examination of the reports. I am very grateful to his  
>past work in this regard, such as the energy output as deduced  
>from luminosity reports.

As I am grateful to David for correcting my work when it is in error. In contrast to the kind of backbiting that occurs when all we have are qualitative information on the table, using real

data to generate real estimates means that right and wrong are quite clearly defined, and when an error is corrected, we all know and can all benefit from it.

>One of the reasons I wrote this post correcting some of Mark's  
>numbers is I didn't want to give the scientifically illiterate  
>debunkers who regularly post here additional ammunition with  
>which to dismiss the UFO phenomenon. UFOs don't need some  
>pie-in-the-sky, gee-whiz Star Trek Sci-Fi dilithium crystal  
>technology to do many of the things they are reported as doing.

That's quite true - and in fact, the witnesses themselves are often in error, even when technically trained, as to the performance of the object. For instance, in the Apr 12, 1950 Captain Robert Adickes and co-pilot Robert Manning case, the reference, (Spencer, UFO Encyclopedia, ISBN 0-380-76887-9, p 4) indicated that the object would have to be unmanned due to the doubling of speed within a certain interval. My calculation, however, indicates that, based on the witness statements, the object accelerated at less than 1G.

We also need to keep our technological conservatism balanced by an understanding of reasonable and expected advances - such as David indicated concerning material weight and strength, and, of course, thrust to weight ratios. What, for instance, would a Model T owner make of a modern dragster? Or could the Wright brothers expect their kite to become the massive and powerful Starlifter?

UFOs definitely don't use conventional technologies to work, but the way to understand the UFO is to apply standard techniques to generate reasonable estimates from witness data, and to suggest reasonable error limits. From that basis, we can build something more solid than sand castles. It's good to find guys like David Rudiak out here on the beach.

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## Somewhere Out There, Vital Signs Await Nasa

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July 29, 1998

Somewhere out there, vital signs await NASA  
By Elizabeth Weise  
Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON - The search for the origins of life in the universe is just starting to pick up speed.

Between now and 2006, NASA will send out probes to sample comet, asteroid and star dust, Martian soil, and a gust of solar wind particles.

Other missions will send back information about their destinations, from Jupiter's icy moon Europa to the primordial nebula that formed our solar system 4.5 billion years ago.

"Basically, we've got rides to all the places of interest to start piecing together the chain of events behind the origins of life," says Lynn Harper, head of NASA's astrobiology program.

Where and how to look for those origins - and perhaps examples of extraterrestrial life - are the questions NASA put to a group of leading scientists who met for three days last week at the NASA/Ames Research Center at Moffett Field in California.

Their goal was to start mapping a five-year plan for the space agency's emerging astrobiology program. They were to provide direction for research, next-generation missions and technology requirements.

NASA isn't expecting to drop in on ET. What it imagines we might find is more along the lines of microbes and clues in the chemical signature of objects to indicate the presence of those microbes.

But microbes beget larger forms of life, and finding anything living beyond Earth means there's a good chance something as complex as - if not more complex than - us exists among the millions of planets in our galaxy.

In a wrap-up session, Michael Mumma, a chief scientist at Goddard Space Flight Center, put it succinctly: "There are two basic questions: Where did we come from, and are we alone?"

To answer those questions, the first task is to decide in what range of conditions life might arise. It turns out to be a much broader area than many suspected, even here on Earth.

In recent years biologists have discovered microbes living inside salt crystals and rocks, deep undersea at enormous pressure, in utter darkness and in boiling hot springs in Yellowstone National Park. One species of bacterium even lives half a mile beneath the surface of the planet and gets its

energy from the weathering of basalt.

Although such arcane substances as liquid hydrocarbons salted with polar molecules and ammonia-water are two media that might support life, in general it's agreed that liquid water is a prerequisite. That defines the "habitable zone" within which to begin the search.

But there are other possibilities.

Water clouds might exist at the edges of the habitable zone, and water might be found under the surface on planets and moons outside the zone.

The most likely spots in our solar system are Mars, which may have a liquid aquifer buried hundreds of feet below ground, and Jupiter's moons Europa and Callisto, which are believed to have water beneath their icy surfaces.

Some astronomers think Pluto may harbor liquid oceans in its interior, based on evidence of tidal forces. "It looks squashed" is how one scientist put it.

One of the goals of last week's meeting was to think about designs for experiments that could piggyback on planned missions, possible because of NASA's recent "better, faster, cheaper" push.

Whereas a mission once might have taken the better part of a decade, quicker turnaround times and more nimble missions allow scientists to test their ideas quickly.

One proposal is the Europa ice clipper. As soon as it was clear that Europa had the potential for liquid water beneath the frozen surface, a mission was proposed to do a flyby and shoot something into the surface that would chip up some of the ice and collect it.

Another is the New Millennium Mars Microprobe, which will piggyback on the Mars polar lander going up in January. This volleyball-size probe literally will be thrown off the lander as it enters the atmosphere.

"It whacks into the planet, the front part penetrates into the soil, maybe up to 2 meters, and the aft portion remains at the surface and communicates back to Earth," says Michael Meyer, an astrobiologist out of NASA's Office of Space Science in Washington.

The probe will measure water content in the soil and temperature change over time, giving scientists an idea of the extremes life would have to exist within.

As for Pluto, the Pluto Express is planned to launch in 2004, meaning scientists have a few years to put together experiments to expand our knowledge of Pluto's secrets.

When it's not possible to drop by and grab some samples, remote sensing techniques must be developed and refined to look at planets many light-years away.

Long-range telescopes can analyze the atmosphere of a planet to look for chemical signatures that might mean the presence of life.

Because we know what elements are most common in the universe and what combinations of those elements don't seem to happen by themselves, we can guess that some biological process might have occurred.

A good example of this is Earth.

When the Galileo probe flew by Earth, it saw oxygen, methane and nitrous oxide in our atmosphere. But those three can't coexist over time.

"If you bottled it very long, the methane or the oxygen would disappear," Meyer says. And in an atmosphere, oxygen ends up as ozone, which is even easier to spot.

"And if you have CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) and ozone, which are two

easy things to see, then you'd be very suspicious because it might be a life process."

One of the main research focuses the scientists agreed on sounds the most unlikely but hinges on that very fact. The proposed Mission to Early Earth would explore our planet's origins by examining paleontological remnants and looking at extreme environments deep beneath the seas and Earth's crust, where life forms left from the early, pre-oxygen Earth might be found.

Figuring out what happened on Earth might help us guess what happened, or is happening, on other planets, as life appears now to be almost automatic, given certain circumstances.

"If you put the right kinds of elements together, you get a planet. If you have a planet in the right place, you get a climate. And if you have the right kind of climate, life develops," says John Hayes of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

On Earth, that's exactly what happened.

After the appearance of liquid water - the precursor of all life - on our planet 4 billion years ago, paleontologists date the first chemical signs of life at 3.8 billion years ago.

"Life came pretty quickly as soon as water existed," says Jill Tarter, who's with the Search for Extraterrestrial Life Institute in Mountain View, Calif.

If life's pretty much a given when certain conditions are met, then what about Mars, which early on sported liquid water and was much more similar to Earth than it is now?

"Mars in fact might have been a better place for life to start because it had fewer (asteroid) hits," Tarter says.

There are those who posit that it might have had life, then "seeded" Earth, explaining the rapid (geologically speaking) appearance of life here a mere 200 million years after liquid water became available.

Chris McKay, one of the NASA research scientists who announced two years ago they had found what appeared to be fossilized microbes on a meteorite from Mars, isn't necessarily one who follows that theory, but he can explain how it might have happened.

"Natural processes can spread life from one planet to another; it doesn't require intelligent life," he told the assembled scientists.

Rocks thrown out of a planet's or moon's orbit by the force of a meteorite crashing to the surface are slowly drawn by the gravitational force of nearby bodies.

"After an impact on Mars, rocks start arriving on Earth within a few years," he says. There's abundant proof of this, as 12 meteorites found in Antarctica all came from Mars.

Those rocks haven't been heated beyond a few hundred degrees, and their interiors stay intact, shielding any hitchhiking microbes from ultraviolet radiation and the other rigors of space travel without the benefit of a space capsule.

"If you were coming from Earth and going to Mars, you'd be well-protected in a small rock - if you were a bacillus," McKay says. To test some of these ideas, one experiment is planned that would expose to the vacuum of space various Earth-based bacteria from extreme environments.

It's not as far-fetched as it sounds.

Spore-forming bacteria have reportedly been revived from the stomachs of wasps entombed in amber for more than 25 million years.

After their intensive three days of discussions, the scientists went back to their universities and laboratories, but they haven't ended talks. NASA has created a "virtual" Astrobiology



Institute, using high-speed Internet links initially among 11 academic and research institutions (see [astrobiology.arc.nasa.gov](http://astrobiology.arc.nasa.gov)).

It will be "in the forefront of the increasingly important link between astronomy and biology," NASA administrator Daniel S. Goldin says.

With \$9 million in funding for 1999 and \$20 million in 2000, NASA expects the research to take us even farther along the road to understanding our planet and our place in the universe

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## RI Native and the Crop circles of Cache County

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Dear Members:

You might enjoy reading about the "Lost Colonel" case from 1986. See below.

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Joseph Trainor said:

>Dear Leo:

>Thanks for writing. As I understand it, last week's  
>Deseret News had a story on crop circles up in Cache  
>County. I'm hoping to do a story on that for my newsletter.

Since I've lived here I've heard of the crops circles you mentioned. They seem recurring. Cache County is a 6 hour ride from here and I've never seen them.

> If you hear or read about any UFO sightings in Utah,  
>please feel free to email me the details. If you're quoting  
>from a newspaper, please provide the name of the  
>newspaper, its city of origin and the date the article appeared.

This article appeared in a Moab, Utah monthly. It was written by an acquaintance of mine. When I asked him if the article was serious or a joke he swore it was true and claimed he had witnesses.

From: The Canyon Country Zephyr

February/March 1997 Issue

A Strange Occurrence At Thompson Springs

By Peter Haney

Former County Councilman and Allen Memorial Hospital nurse Peter Haney swears that what follows is true....

It was 12:20 am on Thanksgiving Day 1986...I had just finished my midnight rounds at the hospital. I went to an empty patient room and turned on Channel 6 to see the temperature - 23[F] degrees. It's going to be a cold winter, I thought to myself. I walked down the corridor to make a fresh pot of coffee; with only two patients who couldn't go home for the holiday, it had the markings of a quiet night. As the coffee started dripping, the emergency room door creaked open and slammed shut.

I walked around the corner to see who it was and saw a woman pushing a wheel chair from the front of the trauma room and heading back out the door. I was right behind her.

The woman's car was pulled up tight by the ramp and she went to

the passenger side and opened the door. It was cold. I could instantly see my every breath. I walked around behind the wheel chair to steady it as she helped a large man out of the car and into the wheelchair. He had a military uniform on, which was quite disheveled and dirty. His knees were showing through small holes in his pants and his feet were bare, blistered and bleeding--- the beginnings of frostbite.

I pushed the man up the ramp and through the ER room door the woman was holding open for me and into the trauma room, grabbing the ER paperwork as we went in. He looked dazed and distant as we helped him up on the stretcher and covered him with two or three blankets. I started to take his vitals, introduced myself and asked his name. He just looked up at me and said nothing while still shaking from the chills.

I looked to the woman for some help. She said she found him wandering along the interstate between Thompson and Crescent Junction, Utah on her way back home from Grand Junction, Colorado; in fact, she had almost collided with the uniformed man, had swerved to miss him, and had to back up to offer assistance.

His pulse was 56, his skin cold. She said he didn't say a word during the entire drive into town and asked if he was going to be all right. His temperature was 91, indicating mild hypothermia. I covered him with two blankets except for his feet, which were pasty white on the soles and blistered red up to the ankles.

The woman asked if she could leave as it was late and she had to get home. I said sure and took her name and number.

The man's lungs had good breath sounds he even had slight distant bowel sounds. I looked at his eyes, and though they reacted sluggishly he could focus on me. I asked him if he wanted a cup of coffee, he nodded yes. It was now 12:45 AM. I went to get the coffee for the two of us and called Dr. Mayberry. I gave him a report on the patient. He said he would be here soon. I walked down the hall and checked the other patients who were all asleep, and then took our coffee to the ER. He sat up with some help and began sipping his coffee. I asked if I could check his wallet for ID, and he agreed.

The man told me his name and said he was traveling from Florida to Nevada to see family for Thanksgiving. Just then Dr. Mayberry came through the door and proceeded to examine him and clean and dress his feet.

And then we were told the most remarkable story. The man, a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force, told us he had left Grand Junction Colorado at dusk and was travelling west on Interstate 70. Just as he came over the hill and saw Thompson, Utah's 2 gas stations, he felt the truck he was driving leave the road and start to float away." He said he was a pilot and knew what it was like to leave the ground and that this was almost like being in a balloon. He remembered floating toward a black escarpment and then that was it. Nothing.

The next thing he remembered was walking toward the distant lights, cold and dirty and then the close call with the car on the freeway.

He looked up and Dr. Mayberry smiled and asked him if he had a bit of Old Bushmills to spare. The man swore he had not been drinking, and that as an Air Force pilot he had not had a drink for two years. He then asked if he could use the phone to call his base in Florida. It was almost lam. After a few moments on the phone he asked if we would step out for a bit. Dr. Mayberry admitted him for the night and jotted down some notes. We then went back in the trauma room and the man said he couldn't talk to us anymore about the incident. Dr. Mayberry said, "Good, then we'll both get some sleep and I'll see you in the morning." and then left.

I wheeled the gurney with the Air Force Colonel into an empty patient room and he moved himself onto the bed. He then lay back and I checked his vitals again--- Temperature was up to 94, chills were still strong, a good sign. It was plain to see that physically, at least, he was recovering. But his story ...I didn't know what to think.

The night passed quietly. But at 6:50 am I heard the ER door creak open and slam again. Two men in uniforms were walking down the hall and approached me just as I completed taping the night report for the next shift. They asked to see the Lt. Colonel and I showed them his room. One of the men came out and got a wheelchair and went back in again. Curious, I walked toward the room to see what they were doing when the two men burst through the door, pushing the patient in the wheel chair. They hurried down the hall, through the Emergency Room through the swinging doors, and to an unmarked car where a third man waited with the motor running. As I opened the ER door, the last car door slammed shut and they road out of the parking lot. I went back to his room and discovered that his bedside chart was missing. Everything was missing...except for the admission paperwork, they had removed any sign that the Lost Colonel had ever been here.

About then the day shift began to arrive and I told the crew what had happened.

Gloria Harris came down the hall and I gave her the admission paperwork from the ER that I'd left at the Nurse's station. She tried the phone number that the Colonel had called the night before but the receiving party claimed there was no one stationed there by that name. Did this man exist?

My coworkers thought I was bored and playing a game or losing my sanity until Dr. Mayberry came in later that morning. "Where's my patient?" he asked.

We never found out.

#### An Epilogue

Recently I spent the day looking at county roads in the Book Cliffs with Dave Warner, the County Road Superintendent. The drive jogged a memory he hadn't considered in years. He told me of the time in the late Eighties when on the day after Thanksgiving he had seen a Huey military helicopter flying out of the area above Floy Wash. He remembered seeing it come down from high up on the Book Cliffs, close to the Utah State Roadless area. On a cable below it dangled a truck. I asked him if he had any Old Bushmills to spare and then told him of my night at the hospital on Thanksgiving Day.

Cool or what ?

The owner of the paper is Jim Stiles and he can be reached at [zephyr@lasal.net](mailto:zephyr@lasal.net)

Another thing I found out since moving out west. I've met people from Roswell NM, and they are all POSITIVE that the 1947 crash and coverup are real.

keep up the good work

Leo

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## P-1947: Fort Itaipu, Brasil?

From: Ed Stewart <[egs@NETCOM.COM](mailto:egs@NETCOM.COM)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 16:50:55 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 08:45:42 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: Fort Itaipu, Brasil?

Hello list,

Loren Gross needs as precise a location as possible for Fort Itaipu, Brazil? The site of a November 1957 UFO incident.

Where on the coast is it? Somewhere in southern Brazil on the coastline is the best I can determine, but where? It doesn't seem to show on any maps. My recollection is that it was near Santos in the state of Sao Paulo. Also, was it part of Fortaleza Duque de Caxias by any chance?

Thanks ahead of time.

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart egs@netcom.com | So Man, who here seems principal alone,
There is Something | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.
  Going On!      ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,
Salvador Freixedo ( O O ) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.
-----ooOO-( )-OOoo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: John Rimmer <[j\\_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk](mailto:j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 13:27:50 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 08:41:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

Apologies again from the P.L.A.Driftwood Organisation for its continued computer problems, leading to this rather late response to:

> From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
> Date: Tue, 21 jul 1998 11:13:33 -0400  
> Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> Mr. Rimmer also misses the point that my message pointed out that  
> the burden falls on anti-OEH proponents to deal with why it  
> should be that a variety of completely unrelated physical,  
> optical, mental and medical causes lead to a single result: the  
> UFO.

I am happy to address this point.

In fact this is exactly what the PSH predicts. The PSH is not an \*explanation\* for each individual UFO reports, and PSH proponents accept that there are many separate stimuli which generate UFO reports. These can indeed be optical, mental and medical. I'd add to that meteorological and mechanical amongst others. But as Mr. Cashman notes, they all result in a UFO report. Now unless Mr Cashman is saying that \*all\* UFO reports cannot be explained by mundane phenomena, he must accept that the conventionally quoted figure of 90% UFOs represents 'a variety of completely unrelated' phenomena which have, demonstrably, resulted in UFO reports.

So we have the remaining 5%. The only linking factor in these instances is that they have \*not\* been linked to one of the 'unrelated phenomena'. This in itself is not proof of any other link between them, such as the ETH.

Where the PSHers start to get interested is when we find that there is no substantial difference between these cases, and the ones which are 'solved' to Mr Cashman's satisfaction. The link, we think, must be in the way visual stimuli which are unfamiliar to the percipient are interpreted by the individual. This interpretation is determined by the psychology of the individual and the preoccupations and assumption of the society in which they live. In the past this has often involved societies dominated by religious belief, so interpretations have fallen into that template: angels, the Virgin Mary, the voice of God, etc. Others interpretations which will be familiar to readers include the invasion scares of the early 20th Century in Britain, a variety of folkloric figures over centuries (well documented accounts of fairy sightings exist well into the 20th century in Europe and elsewhere), or even black helicopters in the paranoid 'nineties.

There are of course a range of other possibilities that others might put forward: people are seeing 'real' ETs and interpreting them as religious figures; or are seeing physical manifestations of the Deity and interpreting them as German airships; or are seeing fairies and interpreting them as extraterrestrial beings. Or indeed that they are having a form of migraine which they cannot recognise as such and are interpreting it as visions of ET craft

It is worth pointing out that the PSH is still perfectly valid

even if some of the original stimuli for sightings \*are\* extraterrestrial craft - we would still be interested in the way they were interpreted before 1947!

So the answer to Mr Cashman's question is: a variety of unrelated physical, optical, mental and medical causes lead to a single result because they provide the percipient with a stimulus which they are unable to immediately relate to any known source, so interpret it in a way which is mediated by the psychological state of the percipient (both generally and at the time of the event), and by the cultural and social milieu in which the event occurs.

I could probably polish it up a bit given time, but I hope that will do for the moment.

John Rimmer  
The Captain of the "Flagship of Psycho-Social Ufology"  
Magonia. ([www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk))

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## P-1947: Levelland series

From: **Herb Taylor** <[HerbUFO@AOL.COM](mailto:HerbUFO@AOL.COM)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 13:18:05 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 08:50:10 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: Levelland series

To Mark and the List:

There's no doubt that the series of sightings in the vicinity of Levelland, Texas on the night of November 2/3, 1957 were one of the most dramatic in American UFO history.

There's also no doubt that since the official investigation was poorly conducted, the resultant explanation(s) cannot be taken seriously. But, your statement that "the concentration was not followed by a drawn out series of similar accounts over the following days..." needs clarification.

The fact is that several similar cases DID occur in the Texas/New Mexico area in the following days. Also, that various vehicle E-M cases were a feature of this wave.

It should also be noted that misidentifications of Venus as a "UFO" were rampant during this period. Also, that the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek did NOT view this as a real UFO wave.

Still, this period of UFO history is one of the more fascinating on record.

Regards,  
Herb Taylor

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## Re: P-1947: Levelland Series

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET](mailto:jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 12:47:24 PDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 08:53:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: P-1947: Levelland Series

>Also, that the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek did NOT view this as a  
>real UFO wave. Still, this period of UFO history is one of the  
>more fascinating on record.

I understand (and concur with) the second sentence here. The first, as I understand it, makes no sense -- unless Taylor is holding Allen Hynek to the views he held in 1957, which is both misleading and unfair.

In The UFO Experience (pp. 123ff.) Hynek discusses the Levelland events, in effect apologizes for his own failings then, and has many critical words to say about the Blue Book "investigation."

Jerry Clark

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## Hynek's 'The Emerging Picture of the UFO Problem'

From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto  
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 08:36:56 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 08:36:56 -0400  
Subject: Hynek's 'The Emerging Picture of the UFO Problem'

Thanks to Francis Ridge <[slk@EVANSVILLE.NET](mailto:slk@EVANSVILLE.NET)> & 'Jean' of the Current Encounters List for the lead on the following.

There are many Web-impaired subscribers to UpDates - this is mainly for them.

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From: Brian Zeiler's 'Science, Logic, and the UFO Debate' site

<http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler/papers/aiaa12.htm>

The Emerging Picture of the UFO Problem  
By Joseph Allen Hynek  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Presented at theAIAA 13th Aerospace Sciences Meeting Pasadena, Calif., January 20-22, 1975

### Abstract

This paper intends to present the elements of the UFO problem, today. Truly unidentified reports of events in the air, and close to the ground, exist, events worldwide in origin and appearing to fit a relatively small number of patterns. The data, amenable to study of an interdisciplinary nature, involving a number of scientific disciplines and probably necessitating new departures in methodology, have been imperfectly studied in the past and have been virtually ignored by science. An increasing interest in, and open-mindedness about the UFO phenomenon, whatever its cause, on the part of established scientists and the educated public exists, and there has been created a Center for UFO Studies, whose activities are guided by a scientific board of established scientists in their respective disciplines. The outstanding objective of the attack on the UFO problem is the formulation of a hypothesis - or hypotheses - that encompasses the established parameters of the UFO phenomenon - no matter how far beyond the boundaries of present day science it may have to be.

The contemporary picture of the UFO phenomenon that has at long last emerged is that the UFO phenomenon is indeed a legitimate problem for science, though to which discipline, or disciplines, it rightfully belongs is a problem in itself; it seems clearly to be an interdisciplinary problem, requiring an interdisciplinary methodology. The available data are only partly amenable to the strict experimental procedures of the physical scientists; the data are observational data and not laboratory and experimental, and hence are more akin to the observational data of the astronomer than to the experimental results of the physicist. Like the astronomer who must wait but be ready when an event such as an eclipse or a fireball occurs, the investigator of the UFO phenomenon cannot order events but must wait for them, but he knows not where or when. But neither the physicist nor the astronomer, unlike the biologist and the

social scientists, deal with phenomena that exhibit intelligent behavior; the UFO investigator may be so confronted. If so, the methodology of the behavioral sciences would thus be applicable; indeed, of intelligent behavior on the part of the UFO can be definitely established, elements of game theory may need to be employed. It may involve the concept of "do they know that we know that they know that we know". In any case, a flexible methodology for this interdisciplinary problem is called for.

But one element that is common to all scientific endeavor is the problem of signal-to-noise ration; in the UFO phenomenon this problem is a major one. The UFO problem is, initially, a signal-to-noise problem. The noise is, and has been, so great that the existence of a signal has been seriously questioned. Isaac Asimov, whom no one could accuse of lacking in imagination, writes:

"Eyewitness reports of actual space ships and actual extraterrestrials are, in themselves, totally unreliable. There have been numerous eyewitness reports of almost everything that most rational people do not care to accept - of ghosts, angels, levitation, zombies, werewolves, and so on... The trouble is, that whatever the UFO phenomenon is, it comes and goes unexpectedly. There is no way of examining it systematically. It appears suddenly and accidentally, is partially seen, and then is more or less inaccurately reported. We remain dependent on occasional anecdotal accounts."

(in the December 14, 1974 issue of TV Guide, a media magazine with a very great circulation and hence powerful in forming public opinion.)

Here we see a very important part of the UFO problem, that of the presentation of data to men of science, and to men, like Asimov and others who excel in writing about science.

Scientific efforts can be seriously hampered if the popular image of a subject is grossly misleading. Funds can be curtailed and good men of science who wish to give time to the subject are apt to face misrepresentation whenever their work receives any public attention. Ball lightning is just as much an unknown as the UFO phenomenon, yet scientists can openly discuss these "balls of light" but are likely to be censured if they talk about similar unidentified lights which last much longer, are brighter, and move over greater distances, but are labeled UFOs. Proper presentation of the UFO phenomenon to the media may not seem an integral part of the UFO problem, per se, but its effects loom large.

The signal-to-noise aspect of the UFO problem is aggravated to a high degree because the signal is a totally unexpected signal, and represents an entirely new set of empirical observations which do not fit into any existing framework in any of the accepted scientific disciplines. One may even contemplate that the signal itself signals the birth of a new scientific discipline.

I return to the out-of-hand dismissal of the UFO phenomenon by persons like Isaac Asimov, in part, because of the poor presentation of the data to such persons. This is an important facet of the UFO problem itself and must be taken into account if we are to make any progress with the study of the signal. An analogy may be useful here: In the isolation of radium, Mme. Curie was obliged to work through tons of pitchblende to obtain a minuscule amount of radium. Yet there was no question of the signal in the "pitchblende noise". The radioactivity of the pitchblende was unquestioned. Let us suppose that instead there had been a rumor - an old wive's tale, or an alchemist's story - that there existed a miraculous unknown element which could be used in the transmutation of elements, and which had miraculous healing powers and other exotic properties. Would any scientist, on the basis of such an alchemist's tale, have done what Mme. Curie did to lift the signal out of the noise of tons of pitchblende? Hardly. Mme. Curie knew that there was a signal - it wasn't a rumor. And although the labor was immense, there was a definite, scientifically accepted methodology for separating the signal from the noise.

Now, in the UFO problem we did not know at the start that there was a signal - there were merely tales, unacceptable to scientists as a body. Only those of us, through a long exposure

to the subject, or motivated by a haunting curiosity to work in the field and to get our hands dirty with the raw data, came to know there was a signal. We know that we cannot find a trivial solution to the problem, i.e., a common sense solution that the phenomenon is either entirely a matter of misidentification, hallucinations, and hoaxes, or a known phenomenon of nature, e.g., of a meteorological nature. We know that there exists a subset of UFO reports of high strangeness and high witness credibility for which no one - and I emphasize - no one, has been able to ascribe a viable explanation. But the Isaac Asimovs and the trained scientists, as well as large segments of the public, do not know this. And we cannot expect them to know this unless we present data to them properly, and thus provide motivation to study the subject. We who have worked in the UFO field are somewhat in the position of Einstein who wrote to Arnold Sommerfeld in response to Sommerfelds' skepticism of the General Theory of Relativity:

"You will accept the General Theory of Relativity when you have studied it. Therefore I will not utter a word in its defense."

Emotional defense of the UFO phenomenon is pointless; the facts, properly presented, must speak for themselves.

With the noise level so high, and with the popular interpretation of UFOs as visitors from outer space rather than simply what their initials stand for, Unidentified Flying Objects - an unidentified phenomenon whose origin we do not know - it is very difficult for one to be motivated to study the subject.

The noise in the UFO problem is two-fold. There is the obvious noise, and also the more "sophisticated" noise, which might even be part of the signal. The obvious noise is akin to that well known to any scientist. An astronomer recognizes the noise of errors of observation, of instrumental errors, or that introduced by atmospheric distortion, by photon statistics, etc.

In our problem the noise is likewise comprised of errors of observation (though to a much greater degree), but also to wishful thinking, deliberate substitution of interpretation of an event for the event itself, as, "I saw a space ship last night" for "I saw a light in the sky last night", and the totally extraneous noise of the unbalanced imaginations of the pseudo-religious fanatics who propagate unfounded stories and who uncritically accept anything and everything that appeals to their warped imaginations.

Air Force Project Blue Book amply demonstrated the major and obvious noise problem. Study of some 12,600 cases in Air Force files showed that the great majority of initial reports - about 80% of them - proved merely to be misidentifications of common objects or phenomena, other types of mistakes, and a few hoaxes. This finding is fully substantiated by my own many years of experience in the investigation of UFO reports, and by the experience of serious investigators in various countries with whom I have discussed this matter.

The ratio of 4:1 seems to be sort of an invariant; it was present in the early Project Sign report (1949) and has been so far, present down the years since then. The high noise is a betenoir for the makers of catalogues of UFO reports; clearly if 80% of the raw reports represent noise, very little of consequence can be extracted from such extensive lists unless a mechanism is employed to upgrade the original basic data. Dr. Saunders, from whom we shall hear later, and who has done extensive work in the production of the voluminous UFOCAT, is, of course, well aware of the high noise level and has made provision in his coding system whereby cases having a high degree of probability of being 'signal', can be extracted from the noise. Less scientifically oriented investigators or organizations may not be fully aware of the strong dilution factor the noise level represents.

The obvious noise inputs can be allowed for; it is the data input which may or may not be noise that remains to vex us. Take, for example, close encounters in which physical effects and craft occupants, respectively, are reported. Project Blue Book considered all of these as noise, dismissing the first almost always as a "hoax" and the second as "psychological".

But were they all hoaxes or the products of unbalanced minds? Today, with a far larger data base than was available to Blue Book (for not only a great many UFO reports in this country never made their way to Blue Book, but the flow of foreign reports, gathered by UFO organizations and investigators in many other countries also largely by-passed Blue Book), we recognize the self-same patterns occurring today as were reported in the 1950's. It has become increasingly harder to dismiss these reported patterns. Some of what many of us regarded originally as noise may even prove to be part of the signal! Take, for example, the reports from widely scattered regions of the globe, of the seemingly paranormal aspects of some UFO reports. These "contactee" cases have generally been regarded even by seasoned UFO investigators as crackpot emanations. Could they, however, possibly be part of an extremely complex signal that our culture does not know how to interpret?

All of this, of course, complicates our assessment of the UFO problem. But it does remain, foremost, a signal-to-noise ratio problem. Let us therefore acknowledge the noise and its ubiquitous presence, and turn to the main elements of the emerging picture of the UFO phenomenon.

The aspects of the UFO problem and the scientific objectives relating to them are, in my opinion, these:

- (1) Truly unidentified reports of events in the air or close to or on the ground exist.\_

To deny this would be tantamount to saying that we, as scientists, understand everything that happens in the sky, in the air, and on the ground. (We don't understand ball lightning, for example!) A large percent of these sightings have been popularly termed UFOs, and also popularly interpreted most frequently as evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence. Such an interpretation is obviously unwarranted without a detailed study of the content of reports of unidentified sightings. It is essential to establish with a high degree of probability, if not with certainty, the characteristics, both specifically and statistically, of the content of these unidentified sightings, for the contents of the reported sightings constitute the UFO phenomenon. For, the "U" in UFO simply means unidentified, and may cover a wide range of unrelated causes.

- (2) Those sightings termed UFO sightings represent a phenomenon that is worldwide and appears to manifest in a relatively small number of patterns of appearance and behavior.\_

These patterns are being well delineated by UFO investigators and some are the subject of later papers in this program, and so I will only broadly summarize them, based on my own work in the subject. The content of the most reliable reports, as judged by the caliber of the witnesses, describes, on a global basis, apparently physical craft which have the following properties: they can maneuver with ease in our atmosphere, they appear largely unaffected by gravity and the inertial properties of matter (as exhibited by the ability of hovering a few feet above the ground or high in the air with seeming little effort, and the ability to accelerate, often noiselessly, at incredible rates by ordinary standards). They appear capable of detection by radar on occasion, as attested by some of the best accounts which involve radar confirmations of visual sightings, and vice versa. At night they are primarily visible by self-generated light and only secondarily by reflection, and virtually all colors of the spectrum are reported, with a change in color often observed as the UFO accelerates.

The UFOs are capable of physical effects: they are reported to leave "landing marks" or other physical evidence of their proximity, such as rings or other types of imprints on the ground, plant life is withered or blighted, they are capable of being recorded photographically, capable of influencing animals (it has frequently been reported that attention to the presence of a UFO was first given by animals), and physiological effects on humans have been frequently reported, e.g., temporary paralysis and blindness, headaches, nausea, but permanent or fatal damage has been rarely reported.

The question of whether the UFO phenomenon is a manifestation of some type of intelligence, whether extraterrestrial,

"meta-terrestrial", or indeed some aspect of our own, is a critical one. Certainly, in those close encounter cases in which creatures or occupants, ostensibly the pilots of the craft, are reported, intelligent behavior of some sort seems obvious. Even if the occupants are robots, a more distant intelligence is implied. The almost universally reported response to detection by these occupants is an important part of the picture; upon detection the creatures are reported to disappear quickly and take off. Except in certain cases, there appears to be no desire for any involvement with the human race.

The non-occupant cases, ranging from lights seen at night (whose behavior, general appearance, and trajectories do not conform to obvious explanation), to the metallic looking discs frequently reported in the daytime, to the domed, portholed craft reported mostly at night, all exhibit behavior which can be characterized as intelligent as contrasted to random-walk behavior.

The very peculiar property of the UFO, and one which has caused many to dismiss the entire subject, is the extreme localization of the phenomenon in space and time. "Why didn't more people see what so-and-so reported?" is frequently asked. The answer is probably two fold: It has been the experience of most investigators that close encounter cases manifest preferentially in relatively isolated places, away from dwellings and installations frequented by humans. This is evident from a study of specialized catalogs of these events from which as much noise as possible has been vetted. One might be tempted to say of such cases that a sort of "avoidance principle" has been followed, but much more study is needed to firmly establish this point.

Secondly, why UFOs are not seen by large groups of people, or sequentially by independent groups of people along the trajectory of a UFO, is simply that vertical rather than horizontal trajectories are greatly favored. Recently, it was pointed out on a popular TV broadcast that when a particularly bright meteor occurred it was seen by large groups of people, photographed by many, and its trajectory accurately traced. Why is this not the case of UFOs? This was the famous case of a bright daylight fireball that travelled almost horizontally, miles high, across several states, and crossed areas of high summer tourist density (camera equipped!). UFOs, however are most frequently reported as descending at a steep angle, hovering for a few moments, and then taking off again on a nearly vertical trajectory. Coupled with the appearance in generally isolated regions this offers a reasonable explanation of the paucity of witnesses.

The majority of the sightings are at night, and, as Vallee and Poher have shown, if rectification for mankind's sleeping habits are valid, the majority of events (but not sightings) occur in the very early hours of the morning.

All in all, the emerging picture of the UFO problem revolves about the equally emerging picture of the UFO phenomenon as one that represents a set of entirely new and empirical observations which our present scientific framework is severely strained to encompass. Instead, the hovering, the rapid accelerations, and the apparently effortless maneuvers of the UFOs clearly imply a far advanced technology - if, as UFO investigators tend to agree, the reported events do represent signal and not noise.

(3) The UFO phenomenon has been ignored or very imperfectly studied by the scientific fraternity.

I believe this has largely been due to the poor presentation of the subject matter. It could hardly be expected that the scientific fraternity could have been self-motivated to study UFO reports in the face of the extremely high signal-to-noise ratio and the poor 'sponsorship' of the subject. In TV parlance, the program has had a bad sponsor. It was presented mostly in tabloids, in pulp magazines, and in the sensational press.

(4) UFO data are amenable to study of an interdisciplinary nature, involving a number of scientific disciplines and probably necessitating new departures in methodology.

We do not know to whom the UFO problem really belongs - to the physical scientist, to the sociologist, or to the psychiatrist. We know only that it exists. Radar returns and other physical

effects of the UFO phenomenon including photographs, are obviously susceptible to laboratory and other physical analysis.

Until spectrograms of nocturnal lights are obtained, and accurate measures of angular accelerations, trajectories, sounds, and of colors and color changes become available, less precise methods, akin to those used in the piecing together of intelligence data, must be employed. Statistical methods, as those already used by Poher, Saunders, and Vallee, can be powerfully employed.

As long as our primary data are presented in the form of witness accounts, one has the same problem, for instance, as does the investigator of air crashes when questioning witnesses, or a detective investigating a suspected case of arson. It is becoming abundantly clear that in the UFO problem, the methodology must be adapted to the phenomenon, and not the phenomenon to a particular methodology.

- (5) \_There is an increasing interest in, and an open-minded attitude toward, the UFO phenomenon. whatever its cause, on the part of established scientists and the educated public.\_

A very interesting aspect of the emerging picture of the UFO problem is the increasing willingness of scientists and technical persons to enter into discussion of the UFO phenomenon, even though conducted on the controversial level. An increasing number of knowledgeable persons no longer dismiss the subject as sheer nonsense and as being in the same category as witchcraft, demonology, werewolves, etc., although one still finds serious books on UFOs shelved in libraries and bookstores under "Occult", "Mysticism", and "Science Fiction."

- (6) \_There has been created a Center for UFO Studies, a free association of scientists motivated by their common interest in the UFO problem.\_

The Center was established to fulfill three main functions. First, to provide a focal point for the efforts of those scientists who have become intrigued by and concerned about the UFO problem and wish to contribute their expertise in their respective disciplines to an attack on the problem; second, to provide a locus for those who wish to obtain authoritative and reliable information about the UFO phenomenon, documents, reports, etc., which are not easily available elsewhere; and thirdly, to provide a place where people who have had a UFO experience can report it without fear of ridicule and where they can feel that such a report can contribute to a scientific approach to this problem.

The Center is not open to general membership, for obvious reasons, but does have the status of a not-for-profit corporation, and as such, can accept contributions that are tax-deductible. It openly seeks financial support so that it can support and publish the research of its scientific members, maintain a library, organize symposia, and act as a "clearing house" for inquiries from other scientific bodies and from the public.

- (7) \_The outstanding objective in the attack on the UFO problem is the formulation of an hypothesis, or hypotheses, - no matter how far reaching or how much in apparent conflict with the present day scientific concepts such hypotheses may have to be - that will encompass the patterns of UFO behavior that have been established by the most careful analysis.\_

Given the elements of the present picture of the UFO phenomenon, it is clear that any viable hypothesis that meets these picture elements satisfactorily will be, according to present views, "far out". There have been other times in the history of science when striking departures from classical concepts were necessary. Since new hypotheses must in some way use present knowledge as a springboard, it is a sobering thought to contemplate that the gap between the springboard of the known and a viable UFO hypothesis might even be so great as to prevent the formulation of an acceptable hypothesis at present. Thus, for example, only a century ago, an inconsequential period of time in total history, the best scientific minds could not have envisioned the nuclear processes which we now feel certain take place in the deep interiors of stars. The question of energy production on

the sun capable of maintaining the sun's prodigious outflow of energy for hundreds of millions of years - a time period demanded by the fossil history millions of years - was simply not answerable by any hypothesis conceivable to the scientists of a century ago. It is indeed sobering, yet challenging, to consider that the entire UFO phenomenon may be only the tip of the proverbial iceberg in a signalling an entirely new domain of the knowledge of nature as yet totally unexplored, an unexplored and as unimagined as nuclear processes would have been a century ago.

It is necessary to be aware of this possibility but it should not cow us into hopeless inactivity. There may be viable hypotheses which can be couched in present terms. The UFO phenomenon exists, and this fact alone should represent a challenge to science and not a roadblock. We have a responsibility as scientists to support those who accept this challenge even though we may not ourselves be inclined to pursue the matter. In any event, ridicule of those who do consider this subject should not enter, for ridicule is certainly not a part of the scientific method.

It is to support these scientists who have become intrigued by the challenge of the UFO phenomenon that the Center for UFO Studies has been created, and the scientific board of the Center welcomes your interest and cooperation.

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## Ancient Astronaut Society?

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Date: Wed, 30 Jul 1997 19:41:55 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 16:16:35 -0400  
Subject: Ancient Astronaut Society?

Hi folks,

I'm working on an article about von Daenikens "Ancient Airplanes" but to my surprised the Ancient Astronaut Society-Homepage isn't on acces, ch anymore!

Does anyone out there know what is going on there? Is there another way Erich or Uli can be reached?

Greetings from a cold and rainy Holland,

Andy Denne  
(A.U.R.A)

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## P-1947: McDonald Paper

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Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 23:42:16 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 10:54:34 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: McDonald Paper

Dear List,

For those who might be interested, I've made available the complete text of James McDonald's "UFOs -- An International Scientific Problem" paper. Visit:

<http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler/>

for further download details.

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## UFO Roundup Appeal For Sighting Reports

From: John Hayes <[jhayes@cableinet.co.uk](mailto:jhayes@cableinet.co.uk)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 15:58:44 -0400  
Subject: UFO Roundup Appeal For Sighting Reports

UFO ROUNDUP APPEAL FOR SIGHTING REPORTS

Since it first started UFO ROUNDUP has built up a regular but lopsided "feed" of reports from around the world.

The USA, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa offer regular reports.

France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Croatia are also good sources, while Germany and Japan are sporadic.

We get good periodic reports from Latin America, in particular Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Though there are plenty of UFO reports on Mexican television nothing gets to the USA.

The UFO ROUNDUP team welcome reports from all countries and would appreciate news from Mexico, the Arab countries, Egypt and North Africa; Poland and points east, Hungary, Romania, the smaller Balkan countries, Iran, Pakistan, India, the countries of southeast Asia, and China.

We have a strict confidentiality policy to protect eyewitnesses and will not publish your details without permission.

Please note that if you have a sighting to report we need 'hard details' and as much information as possible.

Your report should include the following:

Location.  
Day, date and time of sighting.  
Color, shape and other descriptions.  
Direction(s) of object(s).  
Estimated height and speed(s) of approach and departure.  
If the sighting was reported on TV/Radio or in the press please provide details.

All reports should be sent to: Joseph Trainor  
<[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)>. Mail should only be sent to John Hayes  
<[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)> if you have problems contacting Joseph.

(Please note that mail to the 'ufoinfo' address might not get replies for around three weeks due to building work at home - this will also affect web site updates. My apology for any inconvenience - John.)

Reports can also be posted to:

UFO ROUNDUP,  
c/o J. Trainor,  
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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 11:09:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 15:51:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 13:27:50 +0100  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> From: John Rimmer <[j\\_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk](mailto:j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk)>  
> Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> Where the PSHers start to get interested is when we find that  
> there is no substantial difference between these cases, and the  
> ones which are 'solved' to Mr Cashman's satisfaction.

The problem with this is that the two major studies which have addressed this point, the Batelle study and the GEPAN study did not find this to be the case. They indicated that the IFO and UFO reports represent distinct populations in terms of the characteristics of the observed objects.

One also must note that the vast majority of "solved" cases are NL cases, which, as noted by Hynek, have the lowest survival rate, and that CE cases have the highest survival rate.

One must also note that with an existing literature on the UFO subject, one can expect hoaxes to have a decided resemblance to the typical UFO case. However, those organizations which had the capability, authority, and a decided interest in finding hoaxes among CE reports were generally unable to do so - to the extent that only a tiny percentage of reports have been explained as hoaxes.

Anticipating a previously stated objection to this low percentage, I will simply say that it is not scientific to make assumptions about the percentage of undiscovered hoaxes.

The model of UFO perception used by the UFO community is somewhat different from the PSH model.

1) Witnesses who report UFOs do so because they are aware of a conceptual category called UFO into which a variety of unusual aerial and ground sightings may fit. Witnesses unaware of this category, or of anyone to whom reports may be submitted, typically retain their experience, and when they do finally discover or decide that their experience may fall into this category, and assuming they can overcome their reluctance to report, they then transmit their information.

2) Certain specific natural stimuli can cause a witness aware of the UFO category to consider the possibility that a UFO was sighted. These natural stimuli are remarkable in that they are unfamiliar to the observer, they are atypical presentations of a specific phenomenon, or they are otherwise unusual.

3) Natural stimuli misperceived by the UFO witness do in fact have an appearance similar to that which a UFO as reported during a close encounter would have at a distance from the witness. These include luminous phenomena, metallic objects such as aircraft at the limits of perception, etc. Thus, it is to be expected that the awareness of the presence of the concept of the UFO leads to the potential for misperception.

This is not the same as stating that the existence of the UFO concept causes the misperception, and that UFOs are no more than misperceptions, hoaxes, and hallucinations, which is the

fundamental inversion presented by Mr. Rimmer.

Once again, usually, the witness recognizes the natural stimulus and does not report it as a UFO. Unreported but witnessed unusual natural phenomena are much more frequent than UFO reports.

When the witness does not recognize the natural stimulus and reports it as a UFO, investigators are highly successful in identifying the stimulus. This is because the witness is able to successfully describe the phenomenon such that its resemblance to a natural cause is noted by the investigator.

Given that this suggests the natural reliability of witness perception (as opposed to interpretation), what are we to make of the reports which cannot be identified?

- a) They are natural phenomena so remarkable as to be outside the experience and knowledge of one or more investigators and analysts.
- b) They are so distorted by the witness perceptual or interpretive faculties that they are unrecognizable.
- c) The witness is lying.
- d) The phenomenon occurred largely as reported and represents a genuinely unusual phenomenon.

In the case of (a), one does not expect any natural phenomenon to have certain appearances (metallic, structured, contains occupants). Thus, such reports may be safely removed from category (a). In the case of (b), an interview is usually capable of determining the witness perceptual ability and the degree to which they are capable of distinguishing natural phenomena. Most investigators use the on-site reenactment to determine if the witness is prone to identifying non-UFO stimuli as UFOs. In the case of (c) one assesses the personal or professional cost of a UFO hoax to the witness. This is why investigators consider the strongest cases to be those from individuals with high levels of civic responsibility.

Thus, having done due diligence, the investigator leaves the cases in (d) for the analyst. Certainly some noise remains in this category, and given the variability of the UFO phenomenon, it is difficult to filter this material. Generally the analyst wishing to reduce the noise level in category (d) rejects accounts of communication with UFO occupants, repeater sightings, and any suggestion that the witness has been "chosen" by the UFO source.

One must note that this once again leads us to a set of reports of clearly structured objects, engaged in distinctive behavior, often leaving physical traces or having physical effects, including medical effects, which are, as a body, quite distinguished from those which are initially or later filtered.

Again, as a body, these contain reports which are either close range observations of clearly physical structured objects, or longer range observations of distinctly configured luminous or metallic objects. The reports in this class do not resemble folklore or tall tales; they do not contain explanations or resolutions; the witness is neither hero nor victim.

4) The UFO reporter is highly curious as to the source of the stimulus and often engages in a sequence called the "escalation of hypothesis" as they attempt to identify the occurrence. It is only when this fails that the observer considers a UFO event to have occurred. In many cases even when the event cannot be identified by the witness, the witness dismisses the observation, assuming there must be some explanation. This is in complete variance with a PSH model of the witness, where the witness is prepped by pervasive folklore to force-fit unfamiliar stimuli into the UFO category.

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Let us distinguish between two things which Mr. Rimmer mixes. There are indeed social ramifications of UFO reports, there are indeed cultural influences on witness perception of UFO events, and there are effects of reports on the body of potential and

actual witnesses. This is, however, far from the leap which then attributes all UFO sightings to non-real or misperceived events shaped by culture.

An examination of some of the reports of the 1897 wave makes clear the difference between the real UFO reports of the era and the folkloric hoaxes and misperceptions. One can easily see that there are reports of UFOs which do not contain mentions of wings, gondolas, bearded or female occupants, or communication with those occupants in English. These UFO reports from that era describe luminous objects, sometimes with unusual performance, light beams, and other phenomena familiar to the modern UFO community.

Furthermore, events such as the Orson Welles' War of the Worlds, which did not trigger a UFO wave despite the panic engendered by the broadcast, tend to mitigate against a PSH explanation of UFO waves, flaps, and concentrations. In addition, concentrations such as Levelland, where in a matter of hours a set of essentially identical reports was received from witnesses not in communication with each other or with any aware media, also invalidate PSH as a hypothesis accounting for UFOs.

Finally, UFOlogy is not the only science where there is some resemblance between non-related phenomena and related phenomena. One might cite the history of quasars as an example of such a process - initially quasars were thought to be stars with unusual qualities. A good deal of subsequent investigation was required before it was determined that despite their resemblance to stars, they were, in fact, active galactic cores.

One would not suggest that as a consequence, all stars are active galactic cores... right?

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## Lake Ontario Lights - 07-29-98

From: Jennifer Jarvis <fierycelt@full-moon.com>  
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 14:02:27 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 16:22:30 -0400  
Subject: Lake Ontario Lights - 07-29-98

Hi Errol and list.

We were back on the north shore of the lake last night and had a new friend from this list join us.

ORBS were evident from about 21.30, but earlier, at 20.34, we had some interesting activity in the way of bright lights. These were in a similar location to the lights we recorded in May 1997 with identical timings.

We have put up some frames from the video, and will do a more detailed report over the weekend.

The link to the images is from the Main Page of Orbwatch, on the New Site Updates Menu dated 29th. July.

Best wishes.

Jennifer Jarvis

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"It is a strange place where ships, planes and people vanish into thin air, where weird fogs and globes of light abound, where ominous waters shroud sinister events."

- Hugh Cochrane, 'Gateway to Oblivion'

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### P-1947: Hynek on The Leveland, Texas, Sightings

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Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 14:46:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 11:14:21 -0400  
Subject: P-1947: Hynek on The Leveland, Texas, Sightings

For the record:  
Fran Ridge

[From: 'The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry'  
pages 122-128. (1972)]

The Leveland, Texas, Sightings  
by  
Dr. J. Allen Hynek

For the moment, let us look at the probability that motors are killed and lights and radio stop by coincidence when the driver has a UFO close sighting.

We have all seen cars stopped by the side of the road, hood up, waiting for tow trucks. It would be highly improbable that a car would become completely immobilized and then a few moments later "heal itself," yet it can happen. Perhaps, for example, a wire that had become loose was jarred back into place in some way. But to combine this low probability event with the simultaneous appearance of a strange light coming down from the sky and hovering over the car, the car remaining disabled only so long as the light was present, is dubious at best.

It is, of course, much the easier way out to dismiss the whole matter as "psychological" (whatever that means in this context) and return to commonplace, understandable matters. However, that would not be acting true to the high ideals of science, which involve being curious about all things that occur in man's environment, investigating and weighing them, and calmly considering the evidence.

If the probability of a happening in any one case is extremely low, consider the probability of coincidence in the following train of events - if they happened as reported.

On the evening of November 2, 1957, at about 11:00 P. M., just one hour after the Russians had launched their second, dog-carrying artificial satellite (that certainly was coincidence) but before we Americans knew about it, Patrolman A. J. Fowler, officer on duty at Levelland, Texas (population 10,000), received the first of several strangely similar phone calls.

The first was from Pedro Saucedo, who, with companion Joe Salaz, had been driving four miles west of Levelland when a torpedo-shaped, brilliantly illuminated object (as Saucedo described it) rapidly approached the car. Fowler listened to a terrified Saucedo relate the incredible story of how, as the object passed close over the car, the truck headlights went out, and the engine died. A certified copy of a statement made by Saucedo reads:

To whom it may concern: on the date of November 2, 1957, I was traveling north and west on route 116, driving my truck. At about four miles out of Levelland, I saw a big flame, to my right front. . . . I thought it was lightning. But when this object had reach to my position it was different, because it put my truck motor out and lights. Then I stop, got out, and took a

look, but it was so rapid and quite some heat that I had to hit the ground. It also had colors - yellow, white - and it looked like a torpedo, about 200 feet long, moving at about 600 to 800 miles an hour.

As the UFO moved into the distance, the truck lights reportedly came on by themselves, and Saucedo found that his truck started easily. The two men drove on to Whiteface, ten miles west of Levelland, and it was from a phone booth there that the call was made to Officer Fowler. Fowler apparently figured the man must have had one too many drinks, and he dismissed the report from his mind.

Considered by itself, the testimony of an uneducated, frightened truck driver, as sincere in his reporting as he might have been, has little credibility. But one hour later Fowler got another call, this time from Mr. W. of Whitharral. Fowler was told that he (Mr. W.) was driving four miles east of Levelland (the direction in which the Saucedo object had disappeared) when he came upon a brilliantly lit egg-shaped object, about 200 feet long, sitting in the middle of the road. As Mr. W. approached it, his car engine failed, and the headlights went out.

According to the observer, the object was lit up like a large neon light and cast a bright glare over the entire area. The observer decided to get out of his car, but when he did so, the UFO rose and, at an altitude of about 200 feet, the object's light or glare blinked out entirely. Mr. W. then had no trouble starting his car.

A short time later Officer Fowler got another call, from another Whitharral man, who was, at the time of the incident, some 11 miles north of Levelland. He reported to the police station that he had come across a glowing object sitting on the road and that as he approached it - the reader can finish the sentence -his car engine stopped, and his headlights went out. But when the object left shortly thereafter, all was again well.

But that was not the end. According to a signed statement in Project Blue Book files, at 12:05 A.M. that Saturday night in November, a 19-year-old freshman from Texas Tech, driving roughly 9 miles east of Levelland, found that his car engine began to sputter, the ammeter on the dash jumped to discharge then back to normal, and the motor "started cutting out like it was out of gas." The car rolled to a stop; then the headlights dimmed and several seconds later went out.

Baffled at the turn of events, he got out of his car and looked under the hood but found nothing wrong. Closing the hood, he turned away and then noticed for the first time, he reported, an oval-shaped object, flat on the bottom, sitting on the road ahead. He estimated it to be about 125 feet long, glowing with a bluish-green light. He stated that the object seemed to be made of an aluminum-like material, but no markings or other details were apparent. Frightened, he got back into the car and tried frantically but in vain to restart the car.

Resigned, he sat and watched the object sitting in front of him on the road (he did not state how close he thought he was to the object) for several minutes, hoping that another car would drive by. None did. The UFO finally rose into the air, "almost straight up," and disappeared "in a split instant." Afterward, the car was again fully operable.

"I then proceded home very slowly," his statement continues, "and told no one of my sighting until my parents returned home from a weekend trip . . . for fear of public ridicule. They did convince me that I should report this, and I did so to the sheriff around 1:30 P.M. Sunday, November 3."

At 12:15 A.M. Officer Fowler got still another call, this from a man phoning from a booth near Whitharral. This observer reported his encounter with the strange object at a point some nine miles north of Levelland. Once again the glowing object was sitting on a dirt road, and as his car approached it, its lights went out and its motor stopped. Soon the object rose vertically, very swiftly, and when it reached an altitude of about 300 feet, its lights went off and it disappeared from sight. As the reader expects by now, at this point the car lights came back on and the car was started with no difficulty.

By this time Officer Fowler had finally realized that something odd was going on, and he notified the sheriff and his colleagues on duty, some of whom took to the roads to investigate. Two of them reported bright lights, seen for just a few seconds, but they did not have any car-stopping encounters.

At 12:45 A.M. another single witness - I have broken my rule to use only multiple-witness cases because of the independent witnessing of essentially the same event or object, with the same physical effects, from independent nearby points - driving just west of Levelland and thus close to the spot where two hours earlier Saucedo had had his sighting, spotted what looked like a big orange ball of fire at a distance of more than a mile. The ball then came closer and landed softly on the highway about a quarter of a mile ahead of the observer. It covered the paved portion of the highway.

The witness reported that the motor of the truck he was driving "conked out" and his headlights died. Meanwhile, the object sat there on the road ahead of him, glowing bright enough to light up the cab of his truck. In about a minute, the observer reported, it made a vertical ascent - and, of course, things returned to normal. This encounter was not phoned in at the time to Officer Fowler but was reported the following day. One possibly significant clue to some as yet unknown process may lie in the fact that the reporter stated that when the UFO landed it changed from its original red-orange color to a bluish green but that when it rose it changed back to red-orange. And it is perhaps of interest to note that the object or objects always landed on the pavement, except once, when it settled on a dirt road.

But that is not all. At 1:15 A. M. Officer Fowler got another call, this time from a terrified truck driver from Waco, Texas, who was at the time just northeast of Levelland, on the "Oklahoma flat road." The man told Fowler that his engine and headlights suddenly failed as he approached within 200 feet of a brilliant, glowing egg-shaped object. He said that it glowed intermittently "like a neon sign" and that he estimated it to be about 200 feet long. He reported that as he got out of the truck, the UFO quickly shot straight up with a roar and streaked away.

Officer Fowler stated that the truck driver was extremely excited when he called and that the witness was most upset by his close encounter. The truck engine and lights worked perfectly when the object left.

By this time patrol cars were out looking for the reported object. Sheriff Clem and Deputy Pat McCulloch were being kept up to date by Fowler as they drove around the area. At 1:30 A.M., while driving along the Oklahoma Flat Road, between four and five miles from Levelland, the two men spotted an oval-shaped light, "looking like a brilliant red sunset across the highway," a good 300 or 400 yards south of their patrol car. "It lit up the whole pavement in front of us for about two seconds," said Clem.

Patrolmen Lee Hargrove and Floyd Gavin were following in their patrol car several miles behind. In his signed statement Hargrove stated:

Was driving south on the unmarked roadway known as the Oklahoma Flat Highway and was attempting to search for an unidentified object reported to the Levelland Police Department.

=B7 . . I saw a strange-looking flash, which looked to be down the roadway approximately a mile to a mile and a half. . . . The flash went from east to west and appeared to be close to the ground.

Constable Lloyd Ballen of Anton, Texas, also reported seeing the object, although his statement was: "It was traveling so fast that it appeared only as a flash of light moving from east to west."

None of these patrolmen's cars was affected, but Levelland Fire Marshal Ray Jones, who also was looking for the UFO, stated that his car's headlights dimmed and his engine sputtered but did not die, just as he spotted a "streak of light" north of the Oklahoma Flat.

Officer Fowler reported that a total of 15 phone calls were made to the police station in direct reference to the UFO, and he added, "Everybody who called was very excited."

In terms of probabilities, that all seven cases of separate car disablement and subsequent rapid, automatic recovery after the passage of the strange illuminated craft, occurring within about two hours, could be attributed to coincidence is out of the statistical universe - if the reports are truly independent (and they are, according to the tests we've used throughout).

Suppose we try to attribute the happening to mass hysteria, although that does not disclose a mechanism for killing engines and extinguishing lights and stopping radios. The observers were independent unless all of them, for example, were listening to a local radio station that carried the news. (No investigator ever checked into the important question of whether the radio stations were notified and if they broadcast the reports.) We know that at first Officer Fowler discounted the reports, and it is unlikely that he would have almost immediately notified the local station. But let us suppose that he or someone else did and that all car radios were tuned in to that particular station. We still would need an explanation for the physical effects reported unless we attribute them to downright prevarication rather than to hysteria.

What was needed at the time was swift reaction by Blue Book and a serious, thorough investigation. Captain Gregory, then head of Blue Book, did call me by phone, but at that time, as the person directly responsible for the tracking of the new Russian satellite, I was on a virtual around-the-clock duty and was unable to give it any attention whatever. I am not proud today that I hastily concurred in Captain Gregory's evaluation as "ball lightning" on the basis of information that an electrical storm had been in progress in the Levelland area at the time. That was shown not to be the case. Observers reported overcast and mist but no lightning. Besides, had I given it any thought whatever, I would soon have recognized the absence of any evidence that ball lightning can stop cars and put out headlights.

I was told that the Blue Book investigation consisted of the appearance of one man in civilian clothes at the sheriff's office at about 11:45 A.M. On November 5; he made two auto excursions during the day and then told Sheriff Clem that he was finished.

A newspaper reporter subsequently said that he had recognized the investigator and identified him as an Air Force sergeant.

In any event, Blue Book came under severe pressure. In a memo dated December 4, 1957, Captain Gregory complained that.... as a result of pressure from both the press and public

=B7 . . Assistant Secretary of Defense requested that ATIC immediately submit a preliminary analysis to the press . . . a most difficult requirement in view of the limited data."

Interfering with cars on the highways is but one of the physical effects reported in this category of Close Encounters. There are also the reported - and photographable - effects on living things, notably plants and trees. Many witnesses have reported temporary paralysis in their limbs when their encounters have been quite close.

More than 300 cases of "scorched, denuded circles" and related "landing marks" frequently associated with the sighting of UFOs at close range have been cataloged. These, like UFOs in general, have been reported from many parts of the world, and a definite pattern is evident. The prototype is clear from an examination of even a few cases.

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## Re: Ancient Astronaut Society?

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 14:21:06 PDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 17:42:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Ancient Astronaut Society?

>Date: Wed, 30 Jul 1997 19:41:55 +0200  
>From: Andy Denne - A.U.R.A. <[aura@telekabel2.nl](mailto:aura@telekabel2.nl)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: AAS

>Hi folks,

>I'm working on an article about von Daenikens "Ancient Airplanes"  
>but to my surprised the Ancient Astronaut Society-Homepage isn't  
>on acces,ch anymore!

>Does anyone out there know what is going on there? Is there  
>another way Erich or Uli can be reached?

>Greetings from a cold and rainy Holland,

>Andy Denne  
>(A.U.R.A)

Greetings -

The Ancient Astronaut Society website has been taken down but a new organization called the Archaeology, Astronautics and SETI Research Association has taken its place. Von Daniken and the others can be reached via the new website at:

<http://www.aas-ra.org/>

As I member of the Ancient Astronaut Society, I would just like to add that the Ancient Astronaut Society will cease publication of its bimonthly journal, Ancient Skies, in February 1999. However, the new organization has a similar type of publication called LEGENDARY TIMES.

Regards,

- Blair Cummins  
[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)

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Date: Thu, 31 Jul 1997 01:17:55 +0200  
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Thank you for your fast response!

Andy Denne

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## National Geographic's 'Return To Mars'

From: Mark LeCuyer <[randydan@wavetech.net](mailto:randydan@wavetech.net)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 17:28:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 10:36:31 -0400  
Subject: National Geographic's 'Return To Mars'

Hello Everyone:

If you haven't heard, National Geographic now has the Return To Mars on their website:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/98/mars/>

Explore the surface of Mars from the comfort of your home, with National Geographic's Return to Mars. See 3D photos of the surface of Mars, and then hop in the Virtual VRML Rover and explore the surface (access the virtual rover by clicking on the "Rover VRML" button in any of the landing sections). As you explore the surface, you'll be able to hear details about some of the things that the Mars Pathfinder discovered on its journey.

It's must see, check it out!

From: Mark - Alien Astronomer  
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583>

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## Filer's Files #30

From: George Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 20:07:42 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 11:35:48 -0400  
Subject: Filer's Files #30

UFOs ARE NO LONGER ON VACATION AND ACTIVE

RHODE ISLAND: V-SHAPED UFO

On Wednesday, July 22, 1998, at 10 p.m., Pamela S. and her husband were relaxing on the deck of their home in Matunuck, RI when they spotted a V- shaped UFO passing overhead. "It was a warm evening, and I was laying down on my deck," Pamela reported, "Suddenly, I saw this huge V-shaped object coming from the south heading north. It appeared to glide across the sky, and I could not hear any engine-type noise." Matunuck is a village on Rhode Island's southern Atlantic Ocean shore, located about 40 miles south of Providence, the state capital. As the UFO came in over the ocean and flew north over Washington she added, "I would say it was silent. It appeared to have several box-shaped areas that sort of glowed. I wouldn't call it a light. My husband also saw the object, but could not see any details without his eyeglasses." Thanks to Peter Gersten of CAUS.

CONNECTICUT

Dean Burgess writes I have been seeing star like objects since 1997, and only recently have come to the conclusion that they are not stars, satellites or aircraft. In August 1997, I saw the same object come over a lot closer than before. This time it ignited from bellow illuminating the bottom of the craft. It looked like Gulf Breeze, FL UFO sightings. The star like objects can be seen anytime.

Thanks to Dean Burgess: [djburgess@snet.net](mailto:djburgess@snet.net)  
Middletown, CT.

NEW JERSEY

Vinny in recent weeks has been photographing what appear to be plasmas or vortexes in New Jersey and at Pine Bush, New York. Vinny says, "I have been filming what I call Orbs. I need to find out what they are or could be. The plasmas appear to be twirling masses of energy. Please let me also include, I have no camera problems in another words. I can film them with Digital and regular film. I don't use throw away cameras or junk. Everything I have and own is expensive I don't film in rain, snow, etc. So it isn't moisture. But what? Pictures are posted at: [Http://members.aol.com/ufologic/Paranormal](http://members.aol.com/ufologic/Paranormal)

Thanks to Vinny Ufo Contat.

Editors Note: Since you are able to obtain photographs on a regular basis I suggest we need to obtain more data and measurements about the plasma orbs. These are being filmed all over the US but their exact identity is not known at this time.

GEORGIA

MUFON's John Thompson reports that more proof has emerged that a giant saucer- shaped UFO is visiting the Troup-Heard Corridor in west-central Georgia. A LaGrange man says that about 19 months

ago three silvery dark beings of 4 1/2 to 5 feet tall entered his home by coming through his bedroom wall. He said, they seemed to "freeze" him. They then took him through his bedroom wall. The entities have a ceramic-like skin with no seams or wrinkles. The witness thought the entities might have been a solid form of energy. Although, his glimpses of them were distorted, he felt watching them was like "looking at coins in a deep pool of water." He was unable to discern their facial features, but the aliens were humanoid shape. They had arms and legs but strangely their hands seemed club-like except when they sometimes showed "webbed" digits. Muscles and bone structure could also be seen in the entities' bodies. The short beings entered the man's room around 2:00 AM, on a cool weekday night in the early winter of 1997. On coming outside into his backyard and despite only being able to move his eyes and head slightly, he saw the outlines of a truly huge saucer. Only the "dark-light" edged perimeter of the craft could be seen. When measured against the entire length of the street he lives on, the outline of the UFO exceeded 1700 feet. This is nothing like he had ever seen in movies or TV. He seldom watches TV, and claims he has not seen "Independence Day" so did not know how his saucer would compare to what the props purport to show in that movie. He went on to say this was "not like you see in movies. This was real!" The UFO was 100 to 150 feet high and hovered above the many trees in the area. A portion of the dark craft hung down immediately behind his house. Below this portion of the craft a light emerged. In an instant the witness and the entities were inside the craft as if there was no "gravity." There was no beam as the movies sometimes depict. Just a flash and they were inside. The interior of the craft was brilliantly bright, like on a sunlit day "in the middle of a three million acre farm."

The witness said, "The UFO interior looked like a hi-tech "factory." There were aliens everywhere and he was put on an examination table. Although, he could barely move his head, he could see the tables were full of people. He was asked whether he saw men, women or children. He answered, "All I could see was the bottoms of their bare feet." Machines with long arms, similar to x-ray machines were moving around each table. A probe thumped his right front calf, while he laid on his back. He was then flipped over and something thumped his left rear buttocks. A mechanical arm also grabbed the crown of his head. The machines were indescribable he exclaimed, "Their technology is beyond anything we've got and I've never seen anything like what I saw. You have to be there to know what I'm talking about. I can't describe it." Humans and aliens with their attending machines were as far as he could see. The investigator asked, if the witness thought his whole neighborhood had been abducted? He replied, "I surely am not going to tell them, I had been abducted!" He does not know how he got back to his home. The witness awakes each morning at 5:30 AM, but he slept until 10 AM. He had over-slept, and was several hours late for work. When he awoke he found a perfect circle of peeled skin, the size of a quarter on the front of his right thigh. The circle was painful and red, as if someone had taken a "catfish skinner and a compass" to make it. On his left buttocks was a large sore bruise. On the crown of his head was a scab. He said, "I knew for certain on discovering these painful marks the next morning that my abduction had been real!" I "felt hot inside all-over." He is certain that since the UFO didn't move it would not have been seen by passing aircraft. This is a typical case where a large craft loiters under the cover of darkness in a low-lying area that is masked by hills. There was also a surrealism outside during the abduction. "You could hear a pin drop." The only noise he heard was the sounds of moving machines. The aliens spoke in a low and unintelligible language. Without the physical marks left on his body he said he still would not believe in abductions and UFOs. It was his first and only encounter and he had never believed in UFOs or aliens before. He claims he has "never taken drugs" and was not drinking. The next day, he showed his best friend his circle of peeled-off skin. For those who still think UFOs and aliens are a joke he said, "When it happens to them, they'll believe in it then. It's no joke!"

Thanks to, John C. Thompson. COPYRIGHT, 1998 All rights reserved.

FLORIDA

On July 29, my wife and I saw three different UFOs on Interstate 10 going east at marker 235 near Jacksonville FL at 10:00PM. The first object looked like a saucer shaped cloud that was glowing and flying south at 700 feet.. The vehicle was the size of a blimp and 1/2 mile in front of us as we traveled east at 70 mph. It took five seconds to pass over the highway and disappear. Two minutes later, we saw a metallic object hovering above us. It was a shiny chrome metallic saucer with arches on the left and right side. The top and bottom were convex and concave. It looked as though another saucer could fit on top. The craft flew at our 70 mph pace. The vehicle rotated so that the right arch was now facing us but, the body of the craft stayed straight. My wife said it's beginning to move and it flew twenty miles east in five seconds. When the vehicle went above the clouds you could see glowing light shine through the clouds. The third vehicle was the shape of a diamond standing on its point. The diamond was lit up with a yellowish incandescent light with a skirt of florescent lights beaming down from it. The lights were about half the length of the ship. When the diamond moved the beams stopped glowing. I think the vehicle was creating a magnetic field that ionized the clouds causing them to glow! We could see the last UFO to our right and the moon to our left.

Thanks to Robert Whitman [Bob@Resource1.com](mailto:Bob@Resource1.com).

#### LAKE HURON

Ed Lepps reports we were racing on July 14, 1998, on a boat in the Port Huron to Mackinac boat race. At 2:30 a.m., we were about 2.5 nautical miles north of Presque Isle, Michigan when I looked up and saw a bright white sphere moving east across the sky. It was moving very slowly and quite erratically from side to side. This lasted for about a minute, then it moved very rapidly at a 45 degree angle into the sky and disappeared. Three other people were on deck at the time and saw the same thing.

#### MICHIGAN

On Friday, July 17, 1998, at 11:10 p.m., a person in Pinckney, MI noticed a 'white light' flashing just outside her kitchen window. She found this odd because the kitchen window faces a large open field, not the road, and it does get pitch black out there. Moving closer to the window, the witness looked outside and noticed a very bright red light. It flew from the southeast to the northwest. It stopped above the tree line outside her kitchen window. It was the size of softball, round, and bright red light like a big tomato' with no defined edges. The light hovered in this position for ten minutes then moved slowly vanishing from view. Pinckney is 52 miles west of Detroit. (Thanks to Alex Cavallari.)

#### OKLAHOMA

Cliff Capers, Skywatch International Oklahoma State Director reports: "I spotted a black triangle while I was in the panhandle near Elmwood helping my father-in-law bring in his wheat harvest on June 21, 1998." Around 11:45 p.m., my brother-in-law spotted something in the sky. I turned and saw what looked like a small black rectangle about two degrees wide above the horizon. The object was moving toward us from south to north. My Dad came out and the three of us watched the stars wink out as this object covered them. It was not a cloud, it was solid and very black. The object flew straight at us at a slow pace and slowed to 40 to 50 mph. The shape was triangular with one tip facing us. As it came closer the craft grew huge and the wind picked up to 30 mph coming from the direction of the triangle. Using these roads as a guide I was able to estimate the triangle was one and a half mile wide from tip to tip. Its altitude was around 1,000 to 1,500 feet, the craft's height was 200 to 300 feet and its length was 400 to 500 feet. There were no lights of any kind on the object and no surface detail was visible. Throughout the sighting the object made no sound. The Once the object reached one mile from our location, it started moving west of us without slowing or turning. It never did pass directly overhead. This right angle change in direction was amazing as it was instantaneous. The triangle continued west for a mile and then returned to a northerly course. We noticed that the wind direction changed, so I assume the wind originated from

it. After the triangle moved passed our location the wind stopped.

Thanks to Cliff Capers.

#### ARIZONA

Karl J. and three friends spotted a triangular UFO over Sedona on July 15, 1998, at 10:00 p.m. Karl described the UFO as "several times larger than a passenger airliner" and as "a dark-colored equilateral triangle. There was a bright white light on each corner and a larger glaring orange-red light in the middle. It came from the general direction of Flagstaff (north) and abruptly veered off in an eastern direction. It made very little, if any, sound. The entire sighting lasted five to ten minutes, ending when it flew out of visual range. Another witness, Michelle, reported, "The triangular-shaped object was moving across the sky faster than conventional aircraft. Because of the excessive size of the craft, it created the impression that it was moving in a slow, steady rate. The craft was a dark or amber brown and gave the impression of an effervescent gilded glow" that helped to define its triangular shape. "If I held up a watermelon at arm's length it would not have obscured the triangular shape. It was bigger than a football field."

Thanks to Peter Gersten, CAUS.

#### OREGON: DAYLIGHT DISC SPOTTED IN CORVALLIS,

James D. was at his home in Corvallis, OR when he spotted a gleam in the sky in mid-afternoon on July 16, 1998. "I was in our front yard in admiring the blueness of the sky," James reported. He looked up and saw a plane go by from north to south at a high altitude above the western horizon. While still facing west with my head turned up, "I saw this whitish thing speed by traveling west until it disappeared in the distance at about 20 degrees elevation." It was only visible for about two seconds at the most it was going so fast. "It seemed to be at 500 to 1,000 feet," he added. "It was a 'misty' white object with no shaded underside and no highlights reflecting the sunlight." Corvallis is 81 miles south of Portland.

Thanks to Steve Wilson & UFO Roundup Vol. 3, #30, July 26, 1998  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

#### CALIFORNIA: FOUR UFOs HOVER OVER REDDING

On Thursday, July 22, 1998, at 1:35 a.m., four brightly luminous UFOs hovered over a suburban neighborhood near Lake Boulevard in Redding, CA. For thirty minutes. The objects were seen by a woman and her two grandchildren. According to Bonnie R., her mother, her 12-year-old niece, and her six-year-old nephew Devon R. They watched the UFO display for over 45 minutes. The incident began when Devon "was awakened by the extremely bright light coming through the bedroom window, and he woke his sister up. They couldn't see any fuselage because of the intensity of the white light that was the size of a golf ball held at arm's length. "The UFOs were less than a tenth of a mile away. It started with four bright lights that were rising up and bobbing in the air doing side-to-side maneuvers, then they 'exploded' and lights and small sparks flew around." "My nephew was screaming, my mom was terrified they had come to abduct her again. Devon described what they were seeing on the phone.

Thanks to UFO Roundup Vol. 3,#30, 7/26/98, Editor: Joseph Trainor.

#### PROPULSION

Dr. Bruce Maccabee, MUFON's Maryland Director writes: Regarding your comments on UFO propulsion. "The phenomenon associated with the presence of a UFOs can be accounted for within the following scientific parameters: The craft emit Electromagnetic radiation measured isotropically that is in all directions of approximately one megawatt, that is a million watts." Bruce states, "This number must be considered a complete guess. The only real data we have (here I ignore any possible data the

"control group"-- should there be one -- might have; I refer only to "open literature data") is that, at least in some cases, UFOs radiate visible light in the hundreds of KW to MW range. However, the visible spectrum is only part of it. A photo taken by Ed Walters in the presence of witnesses in Pensacola, Florida on March 12, 1991, using infrared film indicates that there could be many (ten? hundred?) more times in the infrared (see UFOs ARE REAL, HERE'S THE PROOF, Avon, pg. 177). And there are numerous other wavelengths as well. Hence "one megawatt" MIGHT be an underestimate in some cases. On the other hand, it might also be an OVERESTIMATE in other cases. The wave length is of one-tenth to one twenty- five millimeters at sixty to eighty cycles per second. Where does this come from? That is, wavelength = 0.1 to 0.25 mm and at "60 to 80 Hz" I don't know where you get these numbers, but as stated this makes no sense if the "60 to 80 Hz" refers to the electromagnetic wave frequency (the "carrier" wave). Electromagnetic radiation travels at the speed of about 300,000,000 m/sec (or 186,000 miles per second). The relation ship between wavelength, w, frequency, f, and speed, s is:  $wf = s$ . Hence a wavelength of 0.1 to 0.25 mm = 0.0001 to 0.00025 m corresponds to  $f = 300,000,000 / (0.1 \text{ to } 0.25) = 3,000,000,000 \text{ to } 1,200,000,000$  cycles per second or Hz (these numbers could be written in exponential notation as  $3E9$  and  $1.2E9$  Hz or 3 Gigahertz and 1.2 Gigahertz). These are known as "microwave" frequencies. They are still 1/1000 the frequency of infrared radiation. On the other hand, if the "60 to 80 Hz" refers to frequency of radiation pulses (of 1.2 to 3 GHz basic "carrier" frequency.. the pulses are a modulation of the carrier), then the only parameter still needed to define the wave would be the pulse duration. There appears to be an undulation motion and high frequency oscillations of constant amplitude. ??? Where is this from? The Pulse width is ten to forty microseconds. The pulse is a brief surge of voltage or pulsating. Pulsating what? Current? This statement provides the pulse duration implying the 1.2 to 3 GHz carrier wave is "on-off" modulated (like a square wave) with the carrier being turned on 60 to 80 times a second and each turn-on duration is 20-40 microseconds. Let's pick 80 Hz and 40 microseconds. The time between turn-ons is  $1/80 = 0.0125$  second = 12,500 microseconds between turn-ons (I could wait that long to get turned on!). The duty cycle is the ratio of the turned on time (40 microseconds...much too short for me well, we got to find some humor in this stuff) to the time between turn ons (12,500 microseconds) or 0.0032. If it radiates a megawatt on average, then the peak power must be  $1/0.0032$  or 312 times greater, In other words, 312 MW peak power pulses of 40 microseconds duration each and occurring at a rate of 80 Hz will put out an average of 1 MW. I should point out that 300 MW is an "awesome" peak power!

On top of the craft is an exceptionally high magnetic field which is about a million times more powerful than we know how to produce on the Earth. The very few actual measurements or "chance observations" we have do suggest huge magnetic fields, occasionally! However, one may assume that such strong fields are not always present because magnetic effects are not always detected. Also, whether a field will be detected or depends upon whether this is a static field (constant polarity and constant amplitude) or an alternating field (polarity switching at some rate, as in an electromagnetic wave). A static field or slowly varying field could produce some of the reported effects on mechanical systems (noisy road sign, wobbling compass). There is also a slow ripple effect of about ten per second. That ripple is what causes the spinning of compasses? Maybe. Compasses could also spin if a "non-rippling" magnetic field source were simply to move past a compass. Incidentally, just how many such observations are there? (I already know about Fred Johnson, prospector, June 24, 1947)

Regarding the high power of the UFOs, we have found that some fairly simple instruments may be useful for tracking them. They are know to cause disturbances to compass readings. Rather than watching the compass continuously it is possible to get an alarm from any compass that is setting still and starts deviating. A simple optical- electrical circuit of the "beam breaking" type can be used to measure the deviation of a compass needle from its rest position. Requires a large magnetic field from a close UFO to set it off. Scanning of the radio frequency spectrum can sometimes pick up electrical disturbances caused by UFOs. This can be done with rudimentary equipment such as radio receivers. Amateur radio enthusiasts listen to a range of about 200 kHz

through about 30 MHz. Any actual detections confirmed by observation, or is this a guess? There are cases of radio disturbance and TV disturbance...but this does not always happen (just as car-stopping does not always happen). These would be the short wave listening hobbyists. The ham radio operators would also have these, but could scan additional bands of higher frequency. They could, if sufficient interest were generated, build or modify equipment to scan frequencies in the microwave region. Radar receivers often used by high speed drivers can also be used to measure the microwave range energy that is sent out by many UFOs. Note: radar stations use microwave radiation of various frequencies. they also have very sensitive receivers and large antennas. Numerous radar detections have been recorded. However, only rarely (I know of one case) is there a real likelihood that radiation FROM the UFO (as opposed to radar radiation bounced off the UFO) has been recorded. Hence I would conclude that the likelihood of detecting a UFO by listening for microwave radiation is low at best. Editors Note: Most of my data on UFO capabilities are taken from MUFON's former Director of Research, Jim McCamble's data. Although the data is thought to be accurate, there are numerous types and models of UFOs and each could produce various types of ionization, and electromagnetic effects. I also suggest reading UFOs Are Real by Dr. Maccabee an excellent book.

Please send your sightings to George Filer at [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com).

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## Re: Re: Hynek's 'The Emerging Picture of the UFO

From: Jerry Cohen <[rjcohen@li.net](mailto:rjcohen@li.net)>  
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>Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 08:36:56 -0400  
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>Subject: Hynek's 'The Emerging Picture of the UFO Problem'

>Thanks to Francis Ridge <[slk@EVANSVILLE.NET](mailto:slk@EVANSVILLE.NET)> & 'Jean' of  
>the Current Encounters List for the lead on the following.

>There are many Web-impaired subscribers to UpDates - this  
>is mainly for them.

>ebk

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>From: Brian Zeiler's 'Science, Logic, and the UFO Debate' site

><http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler/papers/aiaa12.htm>

>The Emerging Picture of the UFO Problem  
>By Joseph Allen Hynek  
>Northwestern University  
>Evanston, Illinois

>Presented at the AIAA 13th Aerospace Sciences Meeting Pasadena,  
>Calif., January 20-22, 1975

I only disagree with one thing in this entire post ebk....  
this is not mainly "for the Web-impaired subscribers to UpDates,"  
but rather, it is for all of us to remember. It is another  
reason why Dr. Hynek was the one person who gave me a modicum of  
"peace of mind" all those years after my own sighting. It is  
another classic example of things that he said back then which  
still have great meaning for us today.

Thank you Francis, Jean [van Gemert], Brian, ebk for posting this.

God bless,  
Jerry Cohen

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## Re: UFO\*BC Updates - Sightings On The Radio

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 00:03:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 12:28:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO\*BC Updates - Sightings On The Radio

>From: Bill Oliver <[boliver@direct.ca](mailto:boliver@direct.ca)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: UFO\*BC Updates- Sightings On The Radio  
>Date: Mon, 27 Jul 1998 22:53:19 -0700

> Special  
>guest . . . Palmiro Campagna, author of 'The UFO Files, The  
>Canadian Connection Exposed'.

>Sightings On The Radio . . . <http://www.sightings.com>

>[Ah, yes... Campagna. The man who maintains that Michalak saw  
>high in the air, and was permanently damaged by, AVRO Aero-cars  
>at Falcon Lake? Another UFO 'Expert'! Seeing 'The Truman Show'  
>tonight - that's much more real --ebk]

ebk, you have him all wrong! It was the exhaust from one of those  
\_low\_flying\_ AVRO cars..... operating on automatic pilot (no one  
inside).... which had parked for refueling when luckless Michelak  
happened to walk by and look in.

I'm sure you enjoyed the Truman Show (I did)!

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## Re: P-1947: Fort Itaipu, Brasil?

From: Zuzu <[lydia.ribeiro@infolink.com.br](mailto:lydia.ribeiro@infolink.com.br)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 22:06:57 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 12:17:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: P-1947: Fort Itaipu, Brasil?

>Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 16:50:55 -0700  
>From: Ed Stewart <[egs@NETCOM.COM](mailto:egs@NETCOM.COM)>  
>Subject: Fort Itaipu, Brasil  
>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

>Hello list,

>Loren Gross needs as precise a location as possible for Fort  
>Itaipu, Brazil? The site of a November 1957 UFO incident.

>Where on the coast is it? Somewhere in southern Brazil on the  
>coastline is the best I can determine, but where? It doesn't  
>seem to show on any maps. My recollection is that it was near  
>Santos in the state of Sao Paulo. Also, was it part of Fortaleza  
>Duque de Caxias by any chance?

>Thanks ahead of time.

Dear Friends,

Itaipu is a very beautiful beach near Niter=F3i, in Rio de Janeiro  
State, near Rio de Janeiro City. It's a place that people from  
Rio de Janeiro use fo their weekends. It is not a big city. It  
is much a touristic city.

Its coastline is beautiful and there is a good place for  
sea-sports liker sailing, swimming etc.

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## Re: P-1947: Hynek on The Leveland, Texas, Sightings

From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 03:02:24 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 12:52:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: P-1947: Hynek on The Leveland, Texas, Sightings

>Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 14:46:22 -0500  
>From: Fran Ridge <[slk@EVANSVILLE.NET](mailto:slk@EVANSVILLE.NET)>  
>Subject: P-1947: Hynek on The Leveland, Texas, Sightings  
>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

<snip>

I've felt for a while that this is the single strongest case on record of what Mark Cashman calls the "Objectively Existing Hypothesis". Based on these reports, something mainstream science knows nothing of was definitely there.

The repeated sequence: headlights off, engine dies, headlight on, car can start, I had not seen before. I had wondered how precisely we knew that the electrical interference was tightly correlated with the presence of the object or objects. My only concern is: do we have the reports/signed statements to back this up? Or could blanks have been 'filled-in' by Hynek's enthusiasm? I know he was a careful scientist, but this is so crucial I'd prefer not to depend on his infallibility.

My other concern is the disparity in appearance between the "flaming torpedo" and the "huge egg".

Keith

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## Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 00:04:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 12:30:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957

>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Subject: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957  
>Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 02:04:41 -0400  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>This case, perhaps the most important concentration of vehicle  
>interference events in the United States, stands as a classic.

Thanks for mentioning the Levalland sightings. Hope you didn't  
forget the "Sputnik Connection" (not that any of the witnesses  
saw Sputnik)

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## Re: C-E: What To Do With Sturrock?

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 00:04:17 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 12:45:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: C-E: What To Do With Sturrock?

>Date: Tue, 28 Jul 1998 10:18:26 -0500  
>From: slk <[slk@EVANSVILLE.NET](mailto:slk@EVANSVILLE.NET)>  
>Subject: Sturrock Panel  
>To: [CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

>On Tue, 28 Jul 1998 11:08:17, Bob Durant <[70232.17@compuserve.com](mailto:70232.17@compuserve.com)>  
>wrote:

>What To Do With Sturrock?

>Public opinion polls show that over 50% of adult Americans think  
>UFOs are "real," over 70% think the government is hiding  
>information about UFOs, and 40 % think that the government is  
>concealing information proving the existence of UFOs, presumably  
>hardware or bodies. Only one out of three are skeptics.>>

>Those are extraordinary numbers. They mean that more Americans  
>believe in UFOs than the number who voted for Reagan or Bush or  
>Clinton. Roman Catholics are the largest religious denomination  
>in the U.S., and the UFO "believers" outnumber them two to one.  
>Fundamentalist Christians comprise about 10% of the population,  
>and exert a huge influence on the Congress. UFO "believers"  
>outnumber them by five to one.

>Almost without exception since the press began reporting the UFO  
>story in 1947, journalism has demeaned the topic and those who  
>take it seriously. The climate of ridicule surrounding the UFO  
>phenomenon has prevented meaningful activity by those elements  
>of our society in a position to study it. I mean, the scientific  
>and academic communities. UFO research has been pushed into a  
>tiny backwater, unfunded and without the resources that are  
>automatic in every established discipline.

>There are some "good" reasons why scientists steer clear of  
>UFOs, but the "bad" reasons are the overwhelming rule. This is a >  
>cultural issue, not a scientific one.

>When 70% of the population believes its government is engaged i  
>a program of systematic deception on a topic of such fundamental  
>importance as UFOs, this presents an ominous social issue.  
>Regardless of one's belief about the "reality" of UFOs, this  
>fact alone should militate for an open study. This is not a  
>"scientific" reason for such a study, but in a society  
>increasingly alienated from its ruling institutions, it is  
>nevertheless a

<snip>

The biggest roadblock to major public funding of ufology/  
ufologists is the "Self-Cover-Up" - a term I invented when I  
realized the degree of reluctance to "go public" on the part of  
witnesses and interested scientists. It is one thing to make a  
private, anonymous response to a pollster that "yes I believe in  
UFOs" (whatever that is supposed to mean); it is quite another  
thing to say "sure, I'll put some money into it" or "sure, I'll  
be willing to stand up and be counted." I'm certain every active  
investigator has encountered situations where witnesses will  
say they told their closest friends and family, perhaps, but no  
one else for fear of ridicule. "My mother/father.sister/brother,

etc. know me well enough to to I wouldn't lie about a thing like this...but I never told anyone else," is a typical sort of comment. When asked if he/she reported to a UFO group the answer often/usually is "I didn't know there was such a thing."

What has happened is that the skeptics have won the 'propaganda battle' related to UFOs (while, little-by-little losing the war!). If we can reverse the bad propaganda - and the Sturrock Panel results are a step in the right direction - then we can perhaps get funding. But, keep in mind the great reluctance that underlies the "self cover up" - the reluctance to really come to grips with the implications of UFO reality.

UFOs are a mystery that few people really want solved. Most (including me), I suspect, just wish it would go away. What will be the impact of the 'Grand Realization'? I don't know. I suspect most people don't even give it a thought, and those who do are apprehensive.

If you are interested in contemplating the future without and with UFOs..... ask me to email 'Fright Night'. It is self explanatory!

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## Re: P-1947 Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 00:04:31 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 12:48:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: P-1947 Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov

>Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 00:07:03 -0400  
>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@IX.NETCOM.COM](mailto:mcashman@IX.NETCOM.COM)>  
>Subject: Re: Catalog of Levelland concentration, Nov 1957  
>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

>Jan wrote:

>> Great idea, Mark....I am glad you did this! This series of  
>> cases was completely obfuscated by the Air Force.

>Thanks, Jan. No question this case remains one of the most  
>fascinating. I have a suspicion that there is a similar French  
>concentration in the 1954 wave which will be the subject of a  
>future subcatalog.

>> People talk like they know about UFOs. What conceit!  
>> Loren Gross' 1957 history series runs through 10 books.>

>> We are trying to get a slimmed down version of Loren's  
>> 1957 wave history published by FUFOR.

>I'd like to see Loren offer a subscription. I know that I  
>personally could easily see my way clear to fifty / sixty bucks  
>a year. I'm sure others could as well. This could provide long  
>term funding, as well.

Loren's publication over th last ten years is a major 'Labor of  
love'. No one has a more complete history of the subject  
(basically putting the Blue Book file plus lots of other material  
into the books he publishes). His books take up more than a foot  
of length in my library. Anyone who thinks that all the  
'old-stuff' is a waste of time should read his history of 1952  
(in many volumes!).

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## Re: Belgium Sightings: Discussion Summaries &

From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@connectmmic.net](mailto:sergesa@connectmmic.net)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 23:54:18 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 12:25:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Belgium Sightings: Discussion Summaries &

>Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 23:50:05 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Jerry Cohen <[rjcohen@li.net](mailto:rjcohen@li.net)>  
>Subject: Belgium Sightings: Discussion Summaries & Comments

>>From: The Duke of Mendoza - Peter Brookesmith  
>><[DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com](mailto:DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 22:56:04 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 09:38:58 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@connectmmic.net](mailto:sergesa@connectmmic.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Triangular UFOs over Belgium  
>>>Date: Sat, 18 Jul 1998 11:53:17 -0400

>>>>Date: Wed, 15 Jul 1998 11:05:29 -0700  
>>>>From: "Kyle R. Mcallister" <[skytracker@geocities.com](mailto:skytracker@geocities.com)>  
>>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>>>Subject: Triangular UFOs over Belgium

>Peter's correspondence re Serge and Kyle from above:  
><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/jul/m22-004.shtml>

>>>The 1989 Belgium UFO flap was debated on the List last year.  
>>>The debate turned out to be the usual: skeptics on one side,  
>>>truth seekers on the other.

>....snip....

>>I suggest Kyle looks up the discussion of the Belgian flap on  
>>the Ufomind/UpDates Web archive (address below), where he will  
>>find "truth" seekers inventing such items as supersonic balloons  
>>and putting them into the mouths of skeptics. He will also find  
>>Mendoza saying he thought the evidence for there being an actual  
>>FT craft involved was inconclusive, and that little was proven  
>>one way or the other, or words to that effect.

>- - - - -

>JC: Unfortunately there was no URL below that would take us  
>directly to the file in question.

>Notwithstanding, what we really need to do is find the essential  
>"data" of this case by getting to the core of discussions which  
>may contain same, and eliminating all the non-data type words  
>which tend to flow when one party or the other feels affronted  
>for various reasons.

[...]

Jerry,

I have noticed that your synopsis covers ONE sighting of the  
Belgian UFO Flap. But there is some small data missing...

From: Vague d'Ovni sur La Belgique, written by the SOBEPS in 1991,  
a 502 pages book on the Belgium UFO flap.

In chapter 9 (pp. 437-442) we get statistics on 632 reports (capitalized numbers are mine) from November 29 1989 to March 12 1991.

With a rough surface of 31,000 square kilometers Belgium is, for an American, 1.5 times the size of the New Jersey. It should fit 300 times inside continental United States, 8 times inside Great Britain, 18 times inside France. It fits twice within itself due to national problems.

To get an idea of the flap this would have had the US with nearly 190,000 UFO sightings in 16 months, Great Britain with over 5 000 cases, France with more than 11,000.

(Professor Meessen was invited by UFO Qu=E9bec to Montreal in fall of 1992 (or was it 1991). You understand that I jumped out of my chair when one speaker - not Meessen! - started comparing the Belgium flap with an alleged similar flap in Canada. When I asked the speaker how many Canadian sightings he was talking about and he answered 132, I looked at the guy and started to ask him some questions about geography.)

Of course none of the 632 reports is worth looking into. The magic of numbers has had the debunkers ojsimpsonize the F-16 case and thus contaminate the other 631 cases.

That's how you go from flap to flop.

This is science.

Please add this to any future synopsis you make on the Belgium UFO flap.

Serge Salvaille

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## Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

From: John Rimmer <[j\\_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk](mailto:j_rimmer@library.croydon.gov.uk)>

Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 15:56:46 +0100

Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 16:03:24 -0400

Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

> From: Mark Cashman , [mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)

> Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 11:09:20 -0400

> Subject: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

Mr Cashman notes that the Batelle study and a GEPAN study found that there \*was\* a difference between UFO reports which were subsequently identified and those which remained unidentified. Other researchers, e.g Hendry and Monnerie found otherwise. The real problem with Mr Cashman's approach is that he seems to have decided in advance what a "UFO" is: "metallic, structured, contains occupants", claiming that these may be safely removed from the class of reports which might be explained as misinterpretations of natural phenomena. I am not so sanguine about this, particularly if the original sighting triggers psychological reaction in the percipient. This need not necessarily be one of panic, although as Hendry has shown this can induce remarkable reports. The fact that the concept of the extraterrestrial UFO exists, allows percipients to immediately place a puzzling experience into a acceptable context.

Mr Cashman also has a great deal more faith than I do in the capabilities of investigators:

> an interview is usually capable of determining the witnesses perceptual  
> ability and the degree to which they are capable of distinguishing  
> natural phenomena

> Most investigators use on-site reenactment to determine if the  
> witness is prone to identifying non-UFO stimuli as UFOs.

From the first quotation I assume that Mr Cashman is not a lawyer in his day job, or he would be more doubtful about the ability of individuals to accurately describe events months, days or even hours afterwards. Still less than these are of an unprecedented nature or experienced in periods of anxiety. Even if I believed that "most" investigators used on-site reenactment, I would still be doubtful as to how accurately such a reenactment really duplicated the original event, at the same time of day, weather conditions, etc. How, for instance, would they ensure that a suitable UFO-stimulus just happened to be passing by? Presumably the witness simply has to say, "oh, that's a plane, nothing like what I saw", and the investigators can rule out a conventional explanation and start looking for ETs?

Mr Cashman considers that any suggestion that rather more than the "tiny percentage of reports [that] have been explained as hoaxes" might actually be hoaxes is 'not scientific', yet later he tells us that "unreported but witnessed unusual natural phenomena are more frequent than UFO reports". If they are unreported, how does he know? Is this scientific? Presumably there is no such thing as an undiscovered hoax?

I am surprised by the qualifications which Mr Cashman makes when considering his class 'd' reports:

> d) The phenomenon occurred largely as reported and represents a  
> genuinely unusual phenomenon.

<snip>

> Certainly some noise remains in this category, and given the  
> variability of the UFO phenomenon, it is difficult to filter this  
> material. Generally the analyst wishing to reduce the noise level  
> in category (d) rejects accounts of communication with UFO  
> occupants, repeater sightings, and any suggestion that the witness  
> has been "chosen" by the UFO source.

There seems to be no logic to these qualifications. Our 'analyst'  
seems happy to include 'clearly structured objects, engaged in  
distinctive behaviour, often leaving physical traces', but starts  
getting cold feet when this 'distinctive behaviour' includes  
contact with the predominant life-form of the planet the presumed  
ETs are visiting! Is this science, or just a hunch?

John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine

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## Re: '\_Have\_ to Believe' Investigating

From: Tony Spurrier <[TSpurrier@compuserve.com](mailto:TSpurrier@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 10:54:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 15:55:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: '\_Have\_ to Believe' Investigating

>Subject: UFO UpDate: '\_Have\_ to Believe' Investigating  
>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 01:58:33 -0400  
>To: UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>Any investigator who isn't initially skeptical isn't very mature.  
>70%-90% of all initial reports end up identified by reliable  
>investigators.

In the case I mentioned I believe at first the others were  
sceptical but once they had decided it was real they didn't want  
an opposing view point.

>Honestly, I don't want to see "believers" doing investigations.

I personally don't see a problem providing the investigation can  
be done objectively. Unfortunately the 'I want to believe' factor  
often interferes with that objectivity.

>If someone believes, why investigate, since they know? If one  
>doesn't know, that's when one wants to investigate.

Too true. I suppose because most cases are identified as  
conventional the lust for a genuine case becomes an obsession.  
Again this causes an imbalance in being objective.

Thanks, Tony

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## Help Needed With Oz Case

From: Sean Jones <[Tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:Tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 17:42:05 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 16:05:06 -0400  
Subject: Help Needed With Oz Case

Hi Errol Hi All

I have just been passed the scant details of a believed abduction in Australia. Can anyone help me with a contact address snail or electronic for a researcher who could follow this up please.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>

Research page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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From: **Bufo Calvin** <[BufoCalvin@aol.com](mailto:BufoCalvin@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 09:40:52 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 16:13:42 -0400  
Subject: BAR 199807

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In this issue: Featured Title, Recommended by Others, Recent Additions, and Most Intriguing (FLASH: Most Intriguing was killed by the deadline...that's why they call them deadlines :) . I expect for it to return next issue).

### ----- FEATURED TITLE:

The Field Guide To North American Monsters Subtitle: Everything You Need to Know About Encountering Over 100 Terrifying Creatures in the Wild  
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0609800175/bufosweirdworld>  
Field Guide to North American Monsters) by W. Haden Blackman  
Paperback (272 pages) June, 1998 List Price: \$15.00, Amazon Price\*: \$12.00 "As long as you recognize that monsters free us from stale routine and return to us a sense of wonder lost with the end of childhood, your search for monsters has been a success." --W. Haden Blackman, The Field Guide to North American Monsters

If that's all you want, you may be satisfied with this book. If you are interested in cryptozoology (as opposed to what the author calls "monsterology"), you may be a bit disappointed.

Don't get me wrong: I enjoyed the book. It's just that it owes far more allegiance to Jeff Rovin's remarkable popular culture reference works than it does to Bernard Heuvelmans. There is no attempt to be scientific: it's quite clear that the point of the book is to entertain.

The book contains several inaccuracies and omissions, albeit amusingly written. For instance, Roger Patterson is described as leaping from his horse to pursue bigfoot (when he made the most famous film of the creature). The accounts that I have read have always made it clear that the horse was spooked, and his dismount was due to the rearing. Similarly, the escape of Albert Ostman, who claimed to have been kidnapped by a bigfoot in 1924, is described this way: "...Ostman fired his rifle into the air, startling the family, then bolted from the valley." No mention of the "old man" sasquatch allegedly downing a box of snuff first which incapacitated him.

Both of these "plot elements", which to me seem to make the stories more interesting, are reported in the one "classic" bigfoot book cited in Blackman's bibliography (Peter Byrne's THE SEARCH FOR BIGFOOT). Blackman may have chosen not to include them, or perhaps didn't read the book thoroughly. Not surprisingly, he doesn't list other early major bigfoot authors: Sanderson, Green, Napier, etc. These books, sadly, are not that easy to obtain. Books on these topics are treated as ephemera. I had hoped the OPUS Educational Institute could help address this issue. I have renewed hopes for the new Charles Fort Institute.

I have only discussed bigfoot, but one of the strengths of the book is the breadth (if not depth) of coverage. It's nice to see mention of some of the less well-known monsters, like the Chicken Man or the Bear Lake Serpent. Unfortunately, cryptozoology students will probably find it =too= inclusive. The author blithely mixes creatures which witnesses have arguably presented in sincerity with urban legends, denizens of "creative taxidermy" (like the jackalope) and Amerind mythology. In at least one case, the entity seems to be directly from fiction: the Flesh Eater type zombie is straight out of George Romero's NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD. Has anyone ever actually reported encountering these?

I could go on and on: the apparently arbitrary statistics, the way that almost every entry has to be (in some cases contradicting the main body of the article) described as a threat, etc. If any of the Editors on this list would like a longer review, please let me know. Let me sum it up this way: it's fun and well-written, but using it as a reference would be like basing your World War II report on HOGAN'S HEROES.

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#### RECOMMENDED BY OTHERS

Interesting, two different correspondents apparently independently recommended the following book:

Everything You Know Is Wrong, Book One: Human Origins  
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0966013433/bufosweirdworld>  
 Everything You Know Is Wrong, Book 1: Human Origins)  
 by Lloyd Pye  
 Paperback, January 1997  
 List Price: \$20.00, Amazon Price\*: \$20.00

>Here is a great book I would recommend to anyone interested in  
 >an alternative explanation to Darwinism and Creationism, based  
 >on the works of Zecharia Sitchin. --[phiroc@ix.netcom.com](mailto:phiroc@ix.netcom.com)

>If you have not reviewed Lloyd Pye's book Everything You Know  
 >Is Wrong; Book I: Human Origins, you are missing the boat on a  
 >most interesting book. Even if you don't agree with all of the  
 >concepts, it is still a most informative book, full of  
 >exceptional information. If you haven't reviewed it and choose  
 >to, yes, you may use my name as having referred it to you.  
 --[grandmagreen@webtv.net](mailto:grandmagreen@webtv.net)

I'm hoping to get a copy of it soon, so that I can let you know what I think. Thank you again for your recommendations! If =you= have a book (or video, etc.) to recommend, I'd appreciate the opportunity to pass it along. Please be sure to let me know if you would like to be cited.

RECENT ADDITIONS:

Some of the items recently added to Bufo's WEIRD WORLD BOOKS:

Alien Agenda

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061096865/bufosweirdworld>

Alien Agenda (paperback))

by Jim Marrs

Paperback, August 1998

List Price: \$6.99, Amazon Price\*: \$5.59

Dreamland

Subtitle: Travels Inside the Secret World of Roswell and Area 51

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0679456511/bufosweirdworld>

Dreamland (Patton)

by Phil Patton

Hardback, August, 1998

List Price: \$25.00, Amazon Price\*: \$17.50

Edgar Cayce on the Millenium

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446605875/bufosweirdworld>

Edgar Cayce on the Millenium)

by Jess Stearn

Paperback, August 1998

List Price: \$6.50, Amazon Price\*: \$5.20

The Mars Mystery

Subtitle: The Secret Connection Linking Earth's Ancient Civilization and the Red Planet

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0609600869/bufosweirdworld>

The Mars Mystery)

by Graham Hancock and Robert Bauval

List Price: \$26.00, Amazon Price\*: \$18.20

Time Travelers From Our Future

Subtitle: An Explanation of Alien Abduction]

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1567183077/bufosweirdworld>

Time Travelers From Our Future

by Bruce Goldberg

Paperback, July 1998

List Price: \$12.95, Amazon Price\*: \$10.36

The Uninvited

Subtitle: An Expose of the Alien Abduction Phenomenon

(<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0879518782/bufosweirdworld>

The Uninvited (Pope))

by Nick Pope

Hardback, June 1998

List Price: \$22.95, Amazon Price\*: \$22.95

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\*Prices are set by Amazon.com. Clicking on the link will take you to their current listing and reflect the current price.

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This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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## Re: P-1947: Fort Itaipu, Brasil?

From: Donnie W. Shevlin <[dshevlin@primary.net](mailto:dshevlin@primary.net)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 13:19:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 23:53:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: P-1947: Fort Itaipu, Brasil?

> From: Zuzu <[lydia.ribeiro@infolink.com.br](mailto:lydia.ribeiro@infolink.com.br)>  
> To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: P-1947: Fort Itaipu, Brasil?  
> Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 22:06:57 -0700

> Dear Friends,

> Itaipu is a very beautiful beach near Niter=F3i, in Rio de Janeiro  
> State, near Rio de Janeiro City. It's a place that people from  
> Rio de Janeiro use fo their weekends. It is not a big city. It  
> is much a touristic city.

> Its coastline is beautiful and there is a good place for  
> sea-sports liker sailing, swimming etc.

> Sincerely,  
> Lydia

I say, all on this list should go to Itaipu for an in-depth  
analysis of the 1957 incident and, perhaps, get in some water  
sports. Now this is the place to do some ufology work. :)

Donnie

Disclaimer: I reserve the right to lose common functionality of my brain  
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## Nua Blather: Negative Capability

From: Dave Walsh <[dave@nua.ie](mailto:dave@nua.ie)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 16:22:19 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 23:55:18 -0400  
Subject: Nua Blather: Negative Capability

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### NEGATIVE CAPABILITY

#### EXPLAINING THE Z

Following Blather's blabbers about the mysterious July 10th \*Z\* in the sky (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives2/issue2noll.html>), a cornucopia of diverse explanatory theories have reached HQ.

'There never was an explanation which didn't itself need to be explained.' - Charles Fort

Dr Carl Bradbury at the Atmospheric Physics Department at Manchester Institute of Science and Technology was in touch, and while he didn't himself witness the 'Mark of Zorro' he does have a theory -- and only a theory, mind -- to explain them: Mesospheric clouds.

'Mesospheric clouds around 83km [52 miles] (altitude take the form of either Polar Mesospheric Clouds (PMC) or Noctilucent Clouds (NLC), which can be observed during the summer in the latitude range 50-70N in the twilight arc of the Earth's shadow. These clouds are known to be comprised of water-ice crystals which form at the Mesopause (the top of the mesosphere) as a result of the extremely cold temperatures in that region. Usually this water reaches the mesosphere during the summer through the upward movement of solar heated air from the stratosphere over the poles. However, it is now thought by some that cometary fragments containing water are constantly entering the Earth's atmosphere, where they vaporise in the upper atmosphere (although there is still a big argument over this one). If the conditions were just right (clear sky, a substantial cometary fragment, and the right size of water droplet forming) it is possible that a vapour trail could appear as a thin noctilucent cloud. As you said yourself, such a trail would then be shifted by atmospheric circulation and form the letter Z.

'Of course, all this depends solely upon the time of the sighting. If it occurred more than an hour after sunset it wouldn't be a noctilucent cloud as the cloud would be in the Earth's shadow. In which case its back to the drawing board.'

He later added:

'I'd like to stress that it's only a theory. Noctilucent clouds and Polar Mesospheric clouds are established phenomena, although you cannot see the former because the frozen cloud droplets are too small. There is still a bone of contention over the existence of a constant hail of cometary fragments - some scientists have attributed

black spots and streaks in infra-red satellite images to the resulting water vapour trails (I had a reference here, but can't find it, sorry). I find it surprising that some people will not admit the possibility of such a phenomena, when we know that this is exactly the process by which the Earth gained all its water in the first place. I'm still a bit worried about the time though, 10:30 is still quite a long time after sun set. Although, thinking about it, at the equinoxes the sun takes 12 hours to cover the 180 degrees of sky. If we use the civil definition of "night" as beginning when the sun sinks 6 degrees below the horizon, then it will take 24 minutes to cover those 6 degrees. There is still an amount of twilight left even after this official time, so I dare say we could extend the period of twilight in the west for up to almost an hour. Ok, I've convinced myself. It is possible.

'Sorry about my reticence to commit myself fully to the hypothesis, but as a Fortean I feel it is my duty not to do so!'

David Moore from Astronomy Ireland was also in touch with Blather (<http://ireland.iol.ie/~ai/>). He did see the formation, and reckoned it was a "?" shape. Several of AI's members phoned in to report meteor sightings.

#### RUMOUR MILL

A little bird emailed Blather during the week with some seemingly well founded rumours. I shall refrain from identifying the avian informer for now, but the tale originates from an acquaintance who works at the Belfast docks.

Quite recently, he was indulging in an after work drink with his friends, when a conversation was struck up about UFOs. Some of his fellow drinkers told of how a certain ufologist -- mentioned perhaps all too regularly in this column (he's even mentioned elsewhere in this issue) -- managed to sneak on board a US Navy Vessel with an unidentified accomplice. When stopped and challenged he told them his name and that he was "Ireland's Most Respected Ufologist", and that he was there because there 'might be something of interest to him on board'. The US Navy were quite \*amused\*, enough to keep "Ireland's Most Respected Ufologist" in the brig overnight. Looks like The Irish Independent article of Saturday July 11th has gone to his head. Of course, this is all hearsay and rumour, and Blather wouldn't claim any of it to be true. . .

Another Blather co-conspirator wonders if 'can we look forward to ICUFOS storming Area 51? Burgling the Pentagon? Graham Birdsall, Tony Dodd and Tim Good in a Ninja assault on Whitehall? Cool...!'

#### GIVE AND TAKE

In \*On the Boyle\*, we quoted from BOING BOING magazine:

'\*The Sceptical Believer\* reckons that "despite his lisp, Greer is a charismatic, powerfully articulate man, probably one of the best public speakers I've ever heard. And I can definitely say that he's probably the best damn liar I ever heard and this possibly makes him, despite his politically correct trappings, the most dangerous of all UFO cult leaders."  
(<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives2/issue2no10.html>)

And The Irish Independent:

'When Doherty asks about "alien abductions that involve experiments and coercive sex", Ansbros counters with "You get back what you put out..."'

The every enigmatic Brother Blue, B:.B:. of the Brotherhood of Galactic Science got in touch to tell us that

'One of our young Initiates -- upon reading these two Profound Sayings IN THE SAME ISSUE impetuously asked us, "So does that mean if Doc Stevie gets oneathem strange probes shoved up his butt, he must've been putting out bullshit?"

'We scolded him severely, of course.'

#### OCCASIONAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Negative Capability, that is when man is capable of being in uncertainties, mysteries, doubts, without any irritable reaching after fact and reason.'

- Poet John Keats, letter to George and Thomas Keats, 21 December 1817

NOTE  
This Blatherskite will be unavailable for comment until August 20th, as he will be off in Norway on the GUST Expedition (<http://www.bahnhof.se/~wizard/gust/>). How and ever, Blather shall arrive in everyone's mailbox as usual. Please direct all technical queries (until August 20th) to [paul@nua.ie](mailto:paul@nua.ie)

Dave (daev) Walsh  
Friday, 31st July 1998

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