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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 09:38:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 23:56:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 02:28:00 +0000
>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
>To: <updates@globalserve.net>,
>Subject: They Cut Off Robert!

>[<http://ww2.broadcast.com/artbell/archive98.html#dec98> --ebk]

>Art Bell and Richard Hoagland cut me off at 2:04am MST ON
>12-31-1998 when I asked Art to ask me questions from Richard
>since Richard was incoherent and would not ask me any more
>questions.

Dear Sir(s):

Do not feel alone.

However, if you were cut off by Art Bell, one must ask why you
were trying to get on in the first place.

Good evening Sir(s)

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Korff Spams The News Groups!

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 11:44:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 00:00:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Korff Spams The News Groups!

>Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 10:46:06 -0800
>From: Kal Korff <Kalkorff@Kalkorff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Korff Spams The News Groups!

>>Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 08:21:00 -0600
>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Korff Spams The News Groups!

>Dear Alfred,

>Obviously, you do not understand me, so I will try to convey
>this to you for the last and final time.

Uh -- Oh <g>-- but I think I do understand you, Kal. You forget what's going on here. I am that public you work passionately to convince regarding the validity of your position. I am the individual that you are reporting to. I am the person that you want to maintain credibility with. I'm in a position to provide you with valuable feed back, and even more valuable support, and I'm reporting back to you that half baked proclamations with a woo woo sound track (yay or nay) don't get it any more. I'm informing you that everyone understands your use of easy to demolish straw examples in your expos=E9s to demonstrate that the whole FIELD is bunk, stuff, and nonsense. I'm letting you know that your campaign is ineffective, insulting, and works as an impediment to your honorable journalistic success.

>There are no "emotional high ground" games going on here. If you
>wish to play any, then do so without me. What is going on,
>however, is a sincere quest for the truth.

. . .As sincere as professional wrestling, and certainly approached by you the same way. The rational aren't sucked in. "Quest for truth," indeed -- please. I snort derisively.

>You, sir, in your emails to and about me, including your literal
>poetry about me over the past year that you have published on
>the web, (please feel free to make up a posting of ALL your
>links discussing me that you have ever written!)

No need Kal -- it's there regardless! The interested reader can peruse at her leisure.

>seem unable of
>divesting your emotional feelings from the intellectual
>arguments and case logic that you purportedly advocate.

. . . And which you have certainly not provided, in any shape, way, manner, or discernible form. . .

>Since I
>do not seem able to distinguish between the two when reading
>your writings, then I feel that further correspondence is
>pointless.

And you are probably correct -- except I am loath to let yours

be the final word on it!

>Therefore, I am discontinuing it, until if and when the time
>comes that you are able to email me or post your point(s) minus
>the severe emotionalism and ad hominem you presently include.

I see them as honest and meaningful expressions of frustration and disappointment that you front for agendas wallowing in the bottom stirring dross of the easily contested. I resent that you don't use your position, experience, and talent to perform REAL investigations on substantive issues. I resent that you are talented enough to draw the concerned and perplexed into your prevaricating and misleading camp. I resent your theme, method, and slap-dash-Persian-bazaar approach, sir. I don't think this qualifies as "severe emotionalism and ad hominem," but I'm content to let our readers be the judge.

>And oh yes, sir, also omitting data and charges for which you
>have no evidence, would also be desirable.

This is just a situation report from the field, Kal -- your public talking back to you. I'd take a lesson, were it me.

>When you do this, I will be extremely happy to read an email
>from you and finally be able to answer to your issues and
>points, because I will at last have understood them!

I think we both appreciate the full import of both issues and points, Kal. But I struggle free of your scales, innuendo, and darkness. I retreat from your smothering lack of understanding, your ambushed conclusions, and your apparent lack of journalistic integrity.

>Feel free
>to make this as wide a public issue as you like. I welcome close
>scrutiny of your postings and written behavior.

I'm all for that <g>. Given the insulting provocation of your assertions, I think my behavior is admirable.

>I will not waste my time going through your past writings, as
>you curiously recommended,

It's what you would recommend to me, sir, if you could truly stand behind your shallow proclamations; but you know that they are blown away in the first small breeze of critical evaluation, so you don't suggest it.

>because having been the subject of
>some of them in often less than flattering terms, why should I
>re-read charges and claims that are patently false?

I'm your reading public, Kal. True or false - they are based on your track record and subject to change based on your performance (or lack of same). Do something of journalistic integrity, and I'll be the first to sing your praises. Continue as you are, and I will also continue to critically string my guitar with your smoke and mirror innards.

>I don't think you would waste your time on them either.

On the contrary, I would take them point for point, as I have been doing, and not snip away the portions that are hard to argue, as you did with all the preamble to this post.

>Looking forward to your writing and publishing, for everyone to
>see, your complete list of writings about me, and also, those
>final emails that are minus the unprofessional verbiage.

. . .Nonsense, you just need to learn to take valid criticism better.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

<Updated 28 December>

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"Only thin, _very light_ envelopes with a return address will be accepted <g>." ~~~ \$225.00 pledged -- \$125.00 collected ~~~

"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: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 13:05:23 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 00:05:02 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 22:59:22 -0500
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

<snip>

>To further recap:

>During September 1995, in a posting to CompuServe's MUFON forum,
>Bob Shell wrote:

>"The tent footage, shot at the crash site under light from
>emergency lanterns, shows technicians cutting the "space suit"
>off one of the bodies because, to quote the cameraman, it was
>holding in heat and hastening decomposition. The fabric was
>very tough, and they eventually had to use sheet metal cutters
>to cut it".

>How could the 'cameraman' - presumably Ray Santilli 'passing on'
>the message - confirm this if it's now claimed the 'cameraman'
>didn't recognise the 'tent footage' and by September of 1995,
>Ray knew that film was a joke?

The comments from the cameraman were provided by Ray or someone
at his office. I honestly do not recall who told me this.

>Given that Ray Santilli now states he knew at an early stage
>that the 'tent footage' was a joke, perhaps Bob Shell can
>confirm the obvious deduction that he was never informed.

Correct. What Ray did tell me was that he was not releasing the
footage because the cameraman could not verify it as material he
had shot.

>Similarly, Philip Mantle stated he would publicly reveal the
>'tent footage' during his BUFORA conference lecture at the
>University of Northumbria on 27 January 1996, did show it at the
>April 1996 Fortean Times 'Unconvention' and it was also intended
>to be shown by Philip at the Greensboro MUFON conference in the
>summer of 1996, a full year after it was supposedly acknowledged
>to be a practical joke.

>Again, can we surmise that Philip was never told by Ray Santilli
>that this film was a joke?

I believe at this time that Philip had been told the same story
I had been told, that the film could not be verified.

>It's not so much compounding Ray Santilli's failure to
>communicate his only recently claimed knowledge that he knew the
>tent footage was a joke played on him, the repercussions now go
>beyond that. For example, answering criticisms re the late
>delivery of 'Roswell: The Footage' videos ordered from Ray's
>company, Bob Shell responded on the CompuServe MUFON forum in
>September 1995:

>"I'm assured that the delay was only because Ray was trying his

>best to get permission to include the first autopsy and the rest
>of the tent scene. These negotiations apparently were not
>successful".

This is what I was told at the time.

>Later, during October 1995, he added:

>"This morning I asked about the absence of the tent footage from
>the video. I am told this was just loose in the box and that the
>cameraman now says he can't recall what this is or when and
>where he shot it. Since I have not seen it, I can't comment, but
>I was told that this may not be an alien in he photo, but simply
>an injured serviceman".

>Patently known to Ray Santilli that it was neither an 'alien' or
>an 'injured serviceman', why was Bob apparently still being led
>to believe that was a possibility, when it was already known the
>footage was solely in jest?

Good question. Ask Ray.

Bob

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 13:12:04 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 00:08:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!
>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 22:42:07 -0500

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 13:44:25 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>>>Date: Mon, 28 Dec 1998 23:03:48 -0800
>>>From: Kal Korff <Kalkorff@Kalkorff.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>>Hic! Excuse me, please.

>What did everyone expect from the KKK-BK duo, a W5 on UFOs?

>Come on everybody, we got exactly what we all supposed we were
>gonna get: a cheap show shooting in the dark - and missing the
>mark by a mile or two - with no educative intent and aimed at an
>audience with the IQ equal to half the sum of the IQs of the
>KKKBK.

>Who's expecting to find the Third Secret of Fatima in a box
>Cracker Jack?

Oh my gosh Serge! You are a God Damned GENIUS man! A GENIUS! I
am supposed to be creative. It's what Dr. Gesundt PAYS me to
be! But it took a man with (probably, I don't know you, Serge)
no experience whatever as a marketing genius to make history for
Freshly Made!

Gosh. I should seriously consider hanging up my three Ph.D.'s
in Gorilla Marketing for missing out on that one. What a
dimbulb I am.

Serge, you wrote...

>with no educative intent and aimed at an
>audience with the IQ equal to half the sum of the IQs of the
>KKKBK. ...
>Who's expecting to find the Third Secret of Fatima in a box
>Cracker Jack?

Serge, you just described our market, man! THAT'S IT!!!

Dear Mr. Kal Courgh... Cork, Krofff, whatever, I love you.
What's more, I support everything you do. You, Sir, are a
genius the likes of which I haven't seen since Fromage.

And have I got a deal for you.

I, Dr. James S. Mortellaro, Jr., Ph.D., MBA, M.O.U.S.E., Come
Loud, personally endorse your show. In fact, you can tell your
sponsors to go stick the heads in a warm wet place. Not only do
I endorse your show, I endorse everything you do. Dr. Gesundt's
CSUFOLRSADHFW will sponsor everything you do form now on.

Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

In fact, I think I'll issue a press release right now. May even have a web site created. Hmmm. Lemme see. Gotta think of a good theme. Uh, how about this.....

If you thought that Chees vendor's site was great, wait'll you see ours! The Kal Kropf (say, do I have that spelling right?).... the Kal Kropf Fatima Riddle Solved Web site. Finally revealed, the secret of Mary whatshername!

"The Mother was a Alien!"

Oh, but I am getting ahead of myself. Write me write away, Sir. My email address is,

FRESHWINESFOREVER-GODISGOODBUTHISMOMWASAALIEN@INEBRIATED.COM

Let's do lunch!

Dr. Morty

PS: OK, we can end this thread now. I got what I wanted.... the Kropf account!

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Tent Footage Images

From: neil morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 19:48:00 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 00:11:55 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Tent Footage Images

>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 22:59:22 -0500
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Regarding the FOX 'Hoax Special' program...

>To recap:

>1) The 'tent footage', was the first film to be shown and Reg
>Presley saw at least part of this sometime between December 1994
>and January 1995. According to Philip Mantle, he saw the entire
>unreleased 'first autopsy' on 28th April 1995 and the 'second
>autopsy' was then shown to an invited audience at the Museum of
>London on 5 May 1995.

>The 'debris footage' appeared circa June 1995 and via the
>distinctive "I-beams with 'hieroglyphics'" was the only direct
>film connection to the 'Roswell' story.

<snip>

All,

Enhanced images from this "pirate" footage have been available
on my web site for some time. (1997)

The faces of the people involved are not obscured but the
overall quality of the video footage is quite diabolical, though
I would imagine from a direct optical blowup from the original
print the features of the 2 figures seen in shot could be made
out without much difficulty.

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

Neil.

Neil Morris@Home.
Email: Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk

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Re: '92 Sighting

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 12:01:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 07:31:38 -0500
Subject: Re: '92 Sighting

>From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Info on '92 Sighting
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 11:45:10 +0800

>Hi there all,

>I was hoping that someone might be able to help me with some
>information concerning a sighting which occurred in 1992. All
>the information I have follows -

<snip>

>Thank you in advance, and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Dear Ms. Kardol:

I regret that my oply record from Endeavor Hills was on
09Oct1989 and obviously unrelated.

In the 1989 account, two observers saw a 20 foot (6 metre)
object [poorly described] hovering near some power lines.
Grass in the vicinity later died in some odd manner.

For fine and necessary details on this particular event, one
must consult Bill Chalker's book " The OZ Files", page 189.

There is a second source: /r123 p 231. For ten centavos,
I will go look that up too, but please allow time.

If you are short of time, please let me know in advance.

With all due respects

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: **Farley Scott** <SCOTT@HughesLuce.com>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 14:07:26 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 07:37:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>From: Geri & Alfred Webre <Ecotoday@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 13:46:17 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Dear All,

>We find that gratuitous sarcasm and dissing tend to corrode the
>atmosphere of discussion about UFO posts that may have a
>'Colonel' (sic) of insight here and there.

<snip>

>From what we understand, Stephens (for whom we hold no brief)
>himself admits to being in the UFO field for only 70 days or so.
>He deserves some slack. Heads up critique, but not reckless
>political gossip. He is, after all, from a war-strategy
>background, and may have something valuable to contribute, at
>least to our thought processes.

>What does the List think?

Hi List,

I think this Stephens guy is either
a.) a complete fraud, or
b.) a real person who is very misinformed, or
c.) a major crackpot

Others have already pointed out his bogus information such as
where he states that the moon does not rotate about its own
axis. This guy is supposed to be knowledgeable in celestial
mechanics?

He also talks about scrambling SR-71s for intercept. Why, I'll
bet it only takes a few hours of prep time to scramble
one of those at a moment's notice.

I have now listened to the Art Bell program where Stephens is a
guest. I am not a Hoagland supporter, and I am definitely not an
Art Bell supporter as he is always reading these letters from
"credentialled individuals" that he is very impressed with but
can't reveal who they are, etc. Just blather.

But this Stephens guy doesn't make any sense whatsoever. I
can't believe a NASA contractor in his position would have
access to the kind of information that he claims.

He sounds like a lonely man wanting attention. Art Bell to the
rescue. Maybe this guy knows something. But I doubt it. He
sounds VERY confused. I've seen people like him who stand on
street corners and rage at unseen demons. He makes about that
much sense. Maybe he is a politician?

Just my opinion.

Farley Scott

Dallas, TX

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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: **Lea H. MacDonald** <inventor@kingston.net>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 14:46:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 07:45:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

[Non-Sub Post]

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 11:32:27 -0600
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 02:43:55 +0000
>>From: Robert A.M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: [Fwd: Very Well Done Robert!]

>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 03:52:58 -0500
>>From: Lea H. MacDonald <inventor@kingston.net>
>>To: sti3818@montana.com
>>Subject: Very Well Done Robert!

>>I can't say how proud I am of you! :) Bell was reduced to having
>>to terminate the show in order to keep Hoaxland from being
>>reduced to ashes in an intellectual fire storm! You Sir, are
>>walking tall!

><snip>

>>_Very_well_done_!! :))

>>Very, Very Best Regards,

>>Lea MacDonald.

>With all respect ma'am, I don't think we listened to the same
>show.

With all due respect Sir, you, like Hoagland, should check your
data before responding!

I'm a guy!

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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 08:38:31 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 07:50:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 10:20:36 -0600
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 02:28:00 +0000
>>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
>>To: <updates@globalserve.net>,
>>Subject: They Cut Off Robert!

>>[<http://ww2.broadcast.com/artbell/archive98.html#dec98> --ebk]

>>Art Bell and Richard Hoagland cut me off at 2:04am MST ON
>>12-31-1998 when I asked Art to ask me questions from Richard
>>since Richard was incoherent and would not ask me any more
>>questions.

<snip>

>I heard the program sir -- I think that this is what occurs when
>you open your mouth, insert your foot, and then attempt to echo
>internationally. I think you got more civility than you deserve.

I couldn't agree more. Any man who pretends to be an expert and then claims that either the F-117A stealth interdictor or the SR-71 have been used as "interceptors" deserves no air time at all - even if Hoagland and Bell are running the modern-day equivalent of the Banana Splits for conspiracy theorists.

As far as I and many colleagues are concerned Stephens is another Ed Fouche - big on talk and totally lacking in remotely credible evidence.

Tim Matthews.

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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 08:43:30 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 07:56:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 06:38:11 +0000
>From: Robert A.M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: From Art To Robert

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 06:32:17 +0000
>From: "Robert A. M. Stephens" <sti3818@montana.com>
>To: ArtBell@aol.com
>Subject: Re: cut Robert off

>ArtBell@aol.com wrote:

>>My God man!, you did not make sense. You totally contradicted
>>yourself. You did NOT discuss the real issues. What the hell
>>happened to you? I have had THOUSANDS of e-mails saying
>>something VERY different.

>> Art

If Stephens is a scientist then I'm a prophet.

He, as much as Bell and Hoagland, is putting out nonsensical
fantasy and has, as far as I can see, been unable to support any
of his claims.

I passed Stephens conversational material with Peter Gersten
onto some aviation writer and satellite communications
colleagues.

I think they are all in hospital tonight having laughed
themselves silly.

No wonder the general public treat Ufologists with such
contempt!

Tim X

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 15:24:29 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 08:03:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 05:18:14 -0800 (PST)
>From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@earthlink.net>
>To: <updates@globalseve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>Who the hell are you to question my scientific/research
>approach?!! That is quite rude of you. In fact, as venomous as
>some folks here believe Kal to be.

I am Michael Christol...I am 54 Years Old, and a person who has devoted 40 years to the study UFOs, aka Flying Saucers, and the RUSSIAN and UNITED STATES Space Programs, starting with the Lauching of Sputnik 1 and the ill fated US attempts to equal that fete, by implimenting a rush job program ordered by Dwight David Eisenhower, President of the United States at that time.

I know that following initial failures to successfully launch a satellite, following the Russian Sputniks 1 and 2, that the United States finally achieved success on Jan. 31, 1958, with the launch of Explorer 1, which weighed 30.8 pounds, compared to the Sputniks which weighed 184 pounds and 1,120 pounds respectively... The Second American Satellite, Vanguard 1, lanunched March 17, 1958 was a tiny sphere, 6.4 inches in diameter and weighte a paultry 30.8 pounds.

While successful, it hardly matched the performance of the Soviets with their Mammoth Booster Rockets, while we used small rockets, such as the Redstone booster, which was later used to launch Allen Sheppard and Gus Grissom on their sub-orbital trips, after the Soviets had successfully orbited Yuri Gagarin on April 12, 1961. Allen Sheppards launch was five weeks after Gagarin, on May 5, 1961....

It doesn't matter that Dr. Wernher von Braun and other scientists had urged President Eisenhower to allow the launching of a satellite prior to the Russian Launch, or that as far back as the Pre-Korean War, that these same scientists urged then President Truman to allow them to use an Atlas rocket to launch a 1000 pound scientific satellite into orbit.

President Truman refused, citing he could see no use for it...

Speculation was that if the North Koreans saw that the United States had the capability to place a Nuclear Bomb in orbit over their country, as well as China and The Soviet Union, in 1950, that there would have been no Korean War, nor would China or Russia have interfered in that Nations politics...Why, because, at that time, the War Mentality being what it was, these Nations would have assumed we would not fail to use those nuclear bombs on them, considering that we had already proven we would do so, during the final days of WW 11, in Japan!

I know that NASA was born on October 1, 1958 and as a result absorbed the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), which was primarily concentrating its energies on Aviation at that time, but did much of the groundwork which lead to the establishment of NASA, i.e., the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Is that enough about what I know about the early space program?
I think so...I don't have to prove my history beyond that point.

As far as UFOs, I first became aware of "flying saucers" in 1953, when I heard my first news broadcast about a sighting near where my family and I lived in Rome, Ga. My father was a construction worker, i.e., Boilermaker, Welder, for the TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority), which supplied electrical Power over the Tennessee Valley and parts of Georgia and Alabama at that time.

I was nine years old at that time...

When I reached the ripe old age of 12, I began checking out virtually every book on the subject of Flying Saucers, I could find at the Libraries...

I read Pro and Con books, one of them being by Dr. Donald Menzel, whom, in my opinion was the predecessor of Phil Klass, the next, prominent Debunker in Ufology... Needless to say, my young mind preferred the pro-Flying Saucer books, but I realized the need for ballance even at that age.

I read: Donald Kehoe; Edward Ruppelt; Adamski; Frank Scully; Frank Edwards; MK Jessup; Amie' Michel; among others. I learned as much about the beginnings of the "modern era" of Flying Saucers" as I could...I studied the cases of early sightings in the South by Air Line Pilots, who claimed to be buzzed by long, cylinder shaped objects, in view of the passengers as well.

I wrote and received replies from George Adamski and his associate C.A Honey...

I wrote Dr. J. Allen Hynek, in April, 1985 and conversed with him via phone several times prior to his death. I submitted my first plant and soil samples from a soy bean field in the county about 15 miles from where I live to NICAP on August 7, 1967 and received a reply on Aug. 21, 1967 from Emilie B. Sinkler, Staff Assistant...

Enough! I get so damn tired of having to promote my value to this field. I get off my butte and into the field, face to face with those who make claims...check out the data to the best of my ability, type up reports, which I share with close associates, but mostly keep to myself, filed away in my own filing cabinets, for posterity, or to use as a source of double checking later reports of similar nature....

I really don't care if you, Kal Korff, or anyone else thinks I am qualified to comment on this field as well as the Aeospace field or not! I know what is locked away in the vault of my mind...as well as in the files in my cabinets...not to mention in the archives of my cyber filing cabinets...

>You take such a position against me for supporting Kal in
>revealing Meier as a fraud, then in the same message you say I
>haven't this, I haven't that regarding your own research of
>Meier. You say you "cannot say completely that the Meier case
>is authentic". Come on Mike, either you believe or you don't!
>Take a position! Until then, don't question other people's
>"opinions" of Meier.

In the first place what Kal says is merely conjecture. He has never talked to Billy face to face. He talked to Poppi, Billy's ex-wife, but what ex-wife has ever had anything positive to say about her spouse...I happen to have one of the original Genesis III videos, where she states categorically, that she has personally witnessed a sighting while with Billy and others of the group, as well as being a part of the group which recorded the "sounds" which appeared to originate from above them in the clouds. So say what you will...but I would not base my 'belief' system on Kal Korff...

The only way it would be possible for me to 'know if what Billy Meier is saying is so, would be for me to personally experience it! Since I did not, you are asking me to make a statement of Knowledge, not belief, based on what I have accumulated about his case! How can I do that? How can you, likewise do that! You are suppose to be trained to base your "educated opinion" on the accumulated information available to you, not just someone else's opinions.

I have taken a position: A position of 'Wait and See'! I shall let History show the reality or fraudulence of this case! If that is not good enough for you, Roger, that is just to bad! No one says you have to read my posts. No one says you have to reply to what I address to you! It is strictly Your Choice!

Anytime you see a message posted in the UFO UpDates, by myself, just click on 'delete' and go on to the next one. It won't bother me at all.

>Just to clarify my "opinion" -- note I never once said I did >research and know for a fact. I believe Meier a hoax because:

>1. Many sources believe his UFO shots appear to be done using a >model of some sort.

>2. Meier has a "cult-like" following - whether this is his >intention or not

>3. He claims to channel with these Pleidians that come to visit >him in his model UFO's.

>4. No scientific data ever has shown the Pleides to have the >possibility to be life-sustaining.

>Just my opinion.

And you are entitled to your opinion...yet, much of what you have stated in the above is based on half-true information. Why don't you take the time to check out each of the four statements you have made and see if you find information which alters those views...I will not comment on them until you do so...then, maybe I won't have too. <g>

>What's yours?

Sigh...some people....
It does not matter what my opinion is. What matters is whether or not any of the material involved in this case can be verified.

I use to talk to Marcell Vogel about his studies of the 'metal samples' which Wendelle Stevens delivered to him. He had something definite to say about those samples, and he also made a video which shows part of those tests. He had a helper, who worked with him on those samples, prior to his death...whom I still communicate with on accassion, and whom have met face to face and consider a friend. He has told me much about the metal samples which Marcel did not reveal to me....

>Roger R. Prokic
>Telecom Design Lead
>Mars Surveyor Program
>Lockheed Martin Astronautics
>Denver, Colorado USA

REgards, Mike Christol,
Nobody.....

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Carl and Richard

From: Doug Paul <doug paul@river.netrover.com>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 16:21:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 08:08:07 -0500
Subject: Carl and Richard

I've been reading this list for about 3 years now and have noticed a collective perspective that never fails to interest me.

I have read Richard C. Hoagland's book, "The Monuments of Mars: A City on the Edge of Forever". I enjoyed it greatly and thought what he had to say about Mars made sense. I have also read some stuff by Carl Sagan on the search for extraterrestrial life--that was the title of his last book I believe, and was no so impressed.

My year-end question, therefore, is: why do most people on this list dismiss almost everything Richard Hoagland writes, does or says, while admiring (dare I say worship?) almost everything Carl Sagan wrote, did or said?

Thanks=85.

Doug Paul

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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: Keith Wyatt <kew@teleport.com>
Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 04:00:14 GMT
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 08:14:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

On Thu, 31 Dec 1998 11:10:06 -0500, you wrote:

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 02:43:55 +0000
>From: Robert A.M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: [Fwd: Very Well Done Robert!]

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Mr Stephens,

You are correct about Richard Hoagland in one way. He is so deluded with conspiracys that he thinks they are true. How many people remember when Richard C. Hoagland claimed that pictures from NASA showed Glass structures on the moon? How many times has Richard Hoagland made outlandish claims only to be proven wrong? Richard Hoagland lives in his own world and Art Bell even takes him with a grain of salt. Everything that goes wrong with a NASA mission is some 19.5 conspiracy.

IMHO,

Keith

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(1994) NEXRAD Weather Radar Info

From: Bob Soetebier <bikebob@mo.net>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 22:18:33 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 08:19:18 -0500
Subject: (1994) NEXRAD Weather Radar Info

Considering the current [Hoagland] weather radar "anomalies" controversy, I thought you all might (or, might not) find the following (appended below) information about NEXRAD weather radar of interest. The first part is information that I personally typed up and had subsequently publicly posted on "The Weather Room" subject public message area of a St. Louis [Missouri] metro area "WWIV"-based electronic BBS back in 1994. The second and third parts are public responses from the "moderator" ("Badger #106"...who also happened to be an employee of the National Weather Service facility in nearby St. Charles County, Missouri) of "The Weather Room" sub to the NEXRAD controversy information I had posted.

Bob Soetebier

St. Louis County, Missouri

Tailwinds to you... See you ON the road!

/// BICYCLE BOB /// bikebob@mo.net

By chance, I just happened to vaguely be listening to today's [3-3-94; St. Louis, MO] Montel Williams TV talk show (while working on the computer, of course.) The show's subject was the apparent raging controversy over the placement of the National Weather Service's 150 ELF/microwave (NEXTRAD, I believe) weather radar towers (like the newly-installed one in our area at Weldon Springs, MO --- apparently, there are two other NEXTRAD locations out near K.C., and also somewhere southward of K.C., too.)

The show featured residents of Ojay, CA in Ventura County (about 100 miles or so north of L.A.) including Larry Hagman [of "I Dream of Jennie"/"Dallas" fame] who's \$5-million home (which took five years to build) is now located only a couple of hundred yards within *direct* line-of-sight of a brand new 100-foot NEXTRAD (38' in diameter microwave dome-top) tower atop Ojay's Silver Mtn. The entire tower was literally put up within 48-hours over Thanksgiving weekend, virtually without any real notification or discussion to area residents, nor environmental impact statements, and violating local area building codes on *non* federal gov't. property. (Apparently, the Nat'l. Weather Service chose the Silver Mtn. top location -- literally just above and adjacent to hundreds of private homes in Ojay [pronounced "OH HI", by the way] -- instead of placing it on other just as suitable locations miles away on property already owned by the fed. gov't.)

Each one of the 150 NEXTRAD radar units will cost the U.S. taxpayers \$2.5 million. But, that's not where the *major* controversy apparently lies. What concerns these folks (and me too) is the fact that the ELF/microwave emissions from these new towers are at least well over 1000 times more powerful than the old radar units (and/or the highest powered mountaintop

radio antennae already in place; if I caught the info on the show correctly, that is.) --- Because of attendant public health concerns, the NWS was forced (or "agreed to") move (*before* they were allowed to be erected) their New York-area NEXTRAD to a remote location on Long Island.

NWS Dir. "Joe" Friday was on the show and tried to diplomatically assuage public fears over the 150 new radar installations, but was not able to do so in the face of testimony given by the Ojay, CA residents on the show, an epidemiological research doctor who noted the direct connection of such ELF/microwave irradiation from such radar facilities and direct human health problems such as cancer and deleterious brain and eye problems, and Montel Williams' own statements concerning his *direct* knowledge of dire hazard warnings in working near or around ELF/microwave transmission during his military service (in the Navy or Marines, I believe.) In MW's words: "We were told never to go topside while they were transmitting or we would be 'smoked.'" Ojay area residents said they have since learned that NWS personell have been warned never to stand or walk by or in front of the transmission beam or they could or would suffer permanent deleterious health effects. They (the residents) also said they had been told of problems of dead birds around such NWS ELF/microwave towers elsewhere.

U.S. Rep Elton Gallegly (R-CA) who represents the Ojay, CA/Ventura County area was on the show. He said he had weeks ago written Ron Brown, Secretary of the U.S. Commerce Dept. [which oversees the NWS] requesting info on the 150 new weather radar installations and any possible health concerns, without (as yet) a reply. He promises to persue this matter this matter on the national level.

[By the way, the effective long-range transmission/emmission of the Nat'l. Weather Service NEXTRAD ELF/microwave towers is 250 miles, with a detailed storm analysis range of 125 miles.]

Msg #: [31/32] Base: The Weather Room (Local)
Date : Fri 11 Mar 1994 8:48a Stat: Public
From : Badger #106
To : Bicycle Bob #146
Title: Re: New Weather Radar Health Problems; Specifics about the Ojai, CA Site

The only precautions taken around the radar is to shut it off when electronic technicians enter the dome to do maintenance.

I can only pass-on what has been told to me and frankly, whether its true or not, doesn't really bother me.

Based on accepted safety standards, scientific studies to date on Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR) energy indicate that there is no health risk posed by operation of the WSR-88D radars. The radar exceeds all scientific safety standards. WSR-88D weather radars emit non-ionizing RFR energy and levels emitted by the radar are below the minimum safety limits.

The radar only emits a signal for 6 sec of every hour. The rest of the time is spent listening. The safety standards established by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) include a safety factor of 50 in the standard. At ground level 1/2 mile from the radar, the strength of the signal is 100,000 times below the ANSI/IEEE standards.

A person standing at an operating WSR-88D tower receives 2000 time less than the maximum safe level of exposure to RFR according to these groups.

I could go on and on, but this sort of bores me. Here's the specifics about the Ojai site. (I won't bother much with specifics about the radiation since we already covered that. The NWS feels there is no danger from that.)

As far as the site goes, the NWS prepared a Prorammatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) in Nov.1984 to comply with

the National Environmental Policy Act. The PEIS was filed with all state clearing houses, including the CA Office of Planning and Research, in accordance with Guidelines of the Council on Environmental Quality.

In April 1986, NWS issued a Preliminary Site survey for the Sulphur Mountain site, including an initial Environmental Assessment considering potential impacts of a WSR-88D site on resources in the area.

In August 1987, NWS issued an in-depth site survey for the site again, which was update again in April 1993.

In January 1989, the director of NOAA's Ecology and Environmental Conservation Office signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the site based on 1984 PEIS and the 1986,1987 surveys.

In February 1989, the FONSI was filed with the California State clearinghouse, which replied with a letter of 'no response' on March 15, 1989.

On March 10,1989, the Jan.1989 FONSI was filed with the California Association of Governments, the local clearinghouse, which did not respond.

On March 26, 1993, NOAA issued a draft supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) reviewing all pertinent studies related to the bioeffects of non-ionizing high frequency radiation that had been conducted since the 1984 PEIS.

On July 15, 1993, a FONSI was issued. The SEA was filed with all state clearinghouses and provided to those individuals and organizations who had expressed interest.

As far as local interests go....

April 1992 - The NWS Area Manager for Southern Calif. briefed the Ventura County board of Supervisors on the installation of the radar.

March 1993 - A letter from the Area Manager was sent to local congressmen and politicians, including Congressmen Gallegly.

June 1993 - The County of Ventura exempted the Sulphur Mountain project from its permitting requirements.

....and that's about all I know.

/\ \ the (- o) BADGER >>>\ />>

Msg #: [30/30] Base: The Weather Room (Local) Date :
Fri 22 Apr 1994 11:06p Stat: Public >From : Badger #106 To
: Bicycle Bob #146 Title: Latest on the WSR-88D / NEXRAD

Because of the concern of Ojai citizens (southern CA), on Feb.16-17, 1994, the NWS retained a team of engineers from the Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute to measure the strength of the WSR-88D signal to ensure that the emission from the Sulphur Mountain site complied with the IEEE/ANSI and NCRP safety standards. The NWS had originally planned for the team to take these measurements at the homes of the concerned residents. However, Sulphur Mountain residents unanimously agreed they would neither participate in the testing nor allow access to their property. The measurements were then taken on public available property near the residents' homes. These tests confirmed that the energy level transmitted by the WSR-88D is a very small fraction of energy levels permitted by either standard.

Subsequent testing was conducted in Ojai at KDAY, Jones Cable Oxnard, Ventura Cable, and a private residence. The television stations agreed with the findings of the engineering team that neither the WSR-88D nor the microwave line of site were causing interference problems. Testing at the private residence appears to indicate that the radar was not the source of an interference problem.

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Happy New Year And Thank You For Up With Me Putting

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 02:29:02 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 08:24:41 -0500
Subject: Happy New Year And Thank You For Up With Me Putting

I would like to extend a very happy New Year to all on this list. I wish you good health, lots of love and a little wealth wouldn't hurt.

I would also like to thank each of you for putting up with me. According to my wife, this is exceedingly difficult, especially as a life time enterprise. She told me just a moment ago that I am strange and she is wonderful. I concur.

So, despite the correctness of the statement... God bless us, Everyone..... _Please_

Jim and (the long suffering) Rosemarie Mortellaro

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Australia: UFO Heralds Santa

From: Stig Agermose <Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 08:40:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 08:27:16 -0500
Subject: Australia: UFO Heralds Santa

Source: "alt.ufo.reports".

Stig

>From rezpat@wantree.com.au Thu Dec 31 05:06:54 1998
Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports
Subject: Monday 28th, UFO Sighting Australia,
From: Patricia Ziegler <rezpat@wantree.com.au>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 12:06:54 +0800

This is taken directly from the Monday 28th Dec, Western Australian Newspaper.

Flashing Lights Herald Santa

Twas the night before Christmas and all throughout the land not a creature was stirring - except for a pulsating red, green and white light, zigzagging throughout the northern Goldfields sky.

Security officers at the Murrin Murrin (sic!) nickel project filed an unusual report after they watched the light for about half an hour on Christmas eve.

The object, which appeared to be a bright star, was first seen at 7.50pm low on the western horizon.

The security officers said in their report that, the star began to pulsate red and green and white and traveling up and down in sudden jerking movements, with the red and green lights becoming more vivid.

It then sank lower and zigzagged from side to side before emitting a burst of white light and disappearing below the tree line.

David Smith, of Murrin Murrin, said the officers spent half an hour watching the area where the object disappeared, but nothing reappeared.

He said the object was traveling too quickly to be a conventional aircraft.

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Fax That Got Stephens Off-Track On Bell?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 10:05:44 -0500
Subject: Fax That Got Stephens Off-Track On Bell?

Source: Sightings On The Radio

<http://www.sightings.com/ufo2/warninglet.htm>

Strange Warning Letter Received By Richard Hoagland

1-1-99

Note - The following is a transcript of the Art Bell/Richard Hoagland discussion of a warning letter received by Richard and presented on the Art Bell program of 12-30/31-98. Transcript prepared by

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From Ufoseek@aol.com <http://members.aol.com/ufoseek/warning.htm>
Reference site
<http://ww2.broadcast.com/artbell/archive98.html#dec98>

After commercial and program comes on advance to 2:04 time point in program.

Transcript of 2nd hour, reading of fax forwarded to Art Bell from Richard Hoagland:

B. All right. I'm going to begin this segment with Richard. Now as you know Richard Hoagland, over the past, I don't know it's over a month or two has been documenting what he believes to be weather control occurrences. With radar photographs, this is part of what A.M. Stephens, Mr. Stephens is going to be talking about but I have something that I want to bring up and I'm going to let the audience be the judge of what we're going to be into here. In passing and possibly not at all connected with any of this is the fact that a man named Speaking Wind, a Native American. Ah, who was on my program literally just days ago and talked extensively about HAARP, about weather control. Ah, about the whole thing had a massive heart attack and is now dead with in days of doing the program. That much you may have found out if you were on listening last night on the program. Now Richard has been pursuing these radar images of what would appear to be, some sort of weather control. Now I'm not an expert on radar but on his site, you will see multiple images most of them near military bases of, of weather patterns that are illuminating what appears to be an attempt at weather control or in fact weather control. And I think we're into something very dangerous here and I'm going to read something in a moment from somebody that I've had on the air before who I'm not going to identify for obvious reasons. Ah, but Richard would you characterize this person without identifying this person, please would you characterize the person.

H. This is a very serious, individual, a technical individual who has great expertise in the area of what I've termed Hyperdimensional Physics and the extensions of Maxwell's original work. He has had a background in black ops area.

B. Very heavily credentialed.

H. Heavily credentialed, very serious, not a frivolous person, not a flight of fancy person, not a paranoid person.

B. Ah ump, I agree with that completely. That's my personal assessment to the audience. We're not going to give this person's name for obvious reasons. I'm going to read you part of what he sent to Richard, leaving a couple details that would identify this person out, and you can make up your own mind about what, what it all means. Richard I'm not obviously for obvious reasons I'm not going to read, not going to read this entire thing.

H. Sure

B. But I'm going to read enough so the audience understands what we're up against here.

B. All right here we go. This was a response to Richard from this person we both respect. This credentialed person Richard had written to this credentialed person with respect to the, radar images that are on the Enterprise Mission. com site.

Dear Richard,

Agree with much of what you have said but it doesn't change things for me at all. As you know I have a completely different notion of inquotes "aliens" and that whole scene. Very little change from the old 1978 briefing presentation except the Physics got better. In my view we ourselves created them from the collective unconscious. So the critters remain rather "insane", in quotes, like a waking nightmare. Hell, that's precisely what they are. No longer any concern of mine as that has been overridden by events. NOW LISTEN VERY CLOSELY (Bell advises)! It's this simple. If I wish to live for even 48 hours I cannot go into that or other things, he's referring now to these, this weather control business. Let me repeat that. If I wish to live for even 48 hours I can't go into that or the other things. Or go high profile publicly. I won't do anyone any good winding up dead very abruptly. Bluntly in my estimation my life expectancy right now is about June of '99 if I fortunate. Perhaps even only May if certain others here in the Rogue US Groups have their way, maybe sooner. That's it. Nothing anyone can do to prevent or effect that as a old soldier of - I omitted a age here, a few days ago I accept the inevitable. It doesn't change what I have to try to do in what little time I have left. Time to do the McArthur bit and just fade away. Most everyone else may not be very far behind anyway. Nothing you or I or anyone else can do can change what's coming down now. All the TV shows and radio talk shows and such cannot change one hairs breath. Only the Little Nation can avert it. Perhaps I give it a 50 a 75 percent probability no higher but would not argue that 50 percent is more correct. (pause)... let me see if I can go on. alright I can. None of the conspiracies, alien plots, plans, maneuvering, politics, Clintonistas, rogues, UFO researchers, pontificators, intell. agencies, armed forces, scientific communities, etc. have any further effect on any of this. It's really simple. We have a pending strategic strike unparalleled in all history now rapidly coming upon us. It's in place and counting down and the initial preparation period has already begun. At this point there are only two players in the game and the US is not either one of them. Nothing the entire United States can do can change anything at this point period. And that's where I'm going to stop. There is more. But I respect this individual, very highly. He is a credentialed individual and he is scared out of his mind. It is his view if he were to proceed, to go on the air with Richard his life would be over inside of 48 hours. Richard is that a fair assessment and reading?

H. Except for the characterization of scared out of his mind. I think that more of a measured, there is so much blood in the body as Jody, Carter once said, President Carter's Press Secretary Jody Powell.

B. Um hm

H. And this individual has decided not to waste it on this effort but to focus instead in low profile on those areas where he thinks he can make a difference.

B. But he has clearly said here that if he were to go public with this he would be dead in 48 hours. Now I didn't

H. (not clear)... from being scared witless.

B. All right.

H. All right. He's making a reasoned judgement. Now he also in this same note warns me that if I pursue this course.

B. I know.

H. That I may in fact incur a similar fate.

B. I know.

H. And I had a discussion earlier about this. This is why the previous two hours have been somewhat of a side show because regardless of whether Paul Dore was behind or was not behind this whole thing. Events have now rapidly escalated to where we have discovered real data.

B. I understand that, I do understand that

H. (garbled) use specifics and possible real, threat and concern to everyone. And there are people who may have died and maybe about to die if they step forward and that's what we should focus on tonight.

B. Yep, I completely agree with you and it's because of my respect and understanding of the credentials of the individual who wrote this that, you know I wouldn't say I'm scared out of my wits. I have, I thought about it really hard and I'm sure after reading this response you thought to Richard, you know you've gone down a lot of roads in your career Richard some of them have been crooked roads with dead ends and some have been, very productive roads. The danger here is that you may be going down a productive road that could get you killed.

H. We've discussed this at various benchmarks in this long and twisted investigation that we have shared and have told you again and again. And I will tell the country tonight my firm belief is the truth must out. And that high visibility is the best protection. The people that we're up against the so called rogue agencies that this individual refers to. They are not mad men. They are not emotional idiots. They are not out for revenge. They are out to keep secrets because they believe they have the God given authority to decide what happens to all the rest of us.

B. But this very, very reasoned very credentialed individual is absolutely convinced that they wouldn't hesitate two seconds, to take him out and sure as hell would ah, hesitate to take out you or me.

H. Well I think that this individual is coming from a different perspective. Remember he has spent his career on the inside. He has spent his career in the shadows, he has spent.

B. Oh sure.

H. His career in the halls of power.

B. Well that, that that is what validates it's all the more.

H. From that perspective he does not approach this like you and I do and my and I do basically because of my network years with Walter. In that I really believe in the power of the American people and the power of the First Amendment and I believe that the only reason that we have made the progress we have made is because we have shared freely. Even those things at the cutting edge that some people have accused us of speculating wildly about. The fact is that if I were to turn up dead tomorrow morning there would be one remarkable hurrah that we in fact were correct.

B. Um hmm

H. Clinton's problems began with the death of Vince Foster. Bodies tend to focus. Remember I can count on among my friends Ted Kopple, Walter, you obviously and many others that I would

hope would not stand by and simply - you know, wipe a tear and put a rose on my grave. The fact is that exposure and the light make the cock roaches go away. And that's my philosophy and I will live by that.

B. And or, all right, ah.

[conversation changes to discussion of Robert A M Stephens]

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Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 10:24:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology
>Date: Mon, 28 Dec 1998 17:26:29 -0500

>>Date: Sun, 27 Dec 1998 19:59:37 -0500
>>From: Gary <galevy@pipeline.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>>>How long did Larsen serve in CIC, and precisely what did he do?

>>Dear Greg,

>>If you need any information on Sherm Larsen please contact my
>>good friend on this List, Jerome Clark. Jerry has stated
>>publicly that he knows everything there is to know about him.
>>In fact I am finding it hard to believe that he has not posted
>>this information to this List just to prove that he does know
>>everything.

>I take this to mean -- until proven otherwise -- that you don't
>know the answer to my very simple, very uncomplicated question.

>Greg Sandow

Now what kind of an author would I be if gave away the results
of interesting and expensive research on a "free" InterNet
listserve? Some folks [you known who you are ;-)] are laboring
under the assumption that I am trying to convince you or sway
you in some way, when my observations of this list over the last
two years have shown that to be quite impossible. No, I am doing
something else entirely.

I knew full well in advance that several people would hit the
ceiling over the original messages but I was not interested in
the reactions of those people. I was hoping only that the list
owner would keep the thing going long enough to engage some of
the people who don't post. After all, as we know, much
important activity generated by a listserve goes on OFF the
list! This activity is one of the truly valuable things about a
listserve: it can connect people not previously in contact with
each other.

The list owner has been most tolerant of controversy as this
thread has developed and I, at least, owe him a vote of thanks.
I owe my critics thanks as well for clarifying the issues some
of my future readers will have. We don't have to respect each
other to find each other useful; and judging from the names,
insults and drivels my critics have directed at me, it is my
observation that they seem to enjoy a little primal scream
therapy!

Gary Alevy

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From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
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Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>From: "Stan Friedman" <fsphys@brunnet.net>
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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology
>Date: Sat, 26 Dec 1998 22:48:08 -0400

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>I first met Allen Hynek in the late 1960s and saw him in a
>number of different places after that including his home, Idabel
>Epperson's home in LA ,at MUFON Conferences., Etc.

>I thought he was naive about both interstellar travel and
>government secrecy and I strongly believe that Jim McDonald was
>certainly a more persistent and better investigator. But I never
>saw the slightest hint of Allen covering things up.

>As I once said there is no point in criticizing a good washing
>machine for being a poor dryer. He was not a dynamic aggressive
>person and often sounded like an apologist ufologist. But I saw
>no sign of the things Gary has conjured up.

>Ditto for Sherm Larsen.

>First thought that came to mind was his following up my
>suggestion to Industrial Research and Development Magazine to
>devote one of their monthly reader reply polls to UFOs. Because
>of his actions they did it, twice.

>As I pointed out in IUR later, a majority of those professionals
>who expressed an opinion said UFOs are real.

>It is certainly not true that Allen and I agreed about
>everything. But I just can't find any basis for Gary's claims.

>Stan Friedman

Look Who's Running Down Dr. Hynek Now!

I'll say one thing for Allen Hynek, his erstwhile friends sure do one heck of a job of "defending" him! That is, both Mr. Clark and Mr. Friedman damn Dr. Hynek with faint praise...or praise him with lukewarm damnation, take your pick. But it's odd. It's like the "Reagan Defense" that was put up after the Iran/Contra affair broke into the news and the President was asleep or out of town when the various deals went down.

All respectable people said there wasn't anything to Iran/Contra, and the President feigned incompetence or inattention. But, you know, there WAS quite a bit to it and the President WAS involved, or in a coma, take your pick.

Do people lie about their activities? Yes.
Do they dissemble? Yes.
Can they fool their friends, especially friends who have good reason to want to think the best of them? Double yes.
Will they ignore evidence any way they can when their friends are involved? Yes.

I look at Dr. Hynek's career, closely, and it's almost funny, how easily he re-invented himself after the Michigan disaster. Using his personal qualities he was able to put everyone to sleep, or rather, nearly everyone. As always, there were many who preferred sleep, as do so many on this list today. But perhaps a seed has been planted, a doubt raised. Remember, there is much on the public record if you simply will look at it.

Does any of this matter? Probably not. That is, the "New Ufology" is about to put itself, and just about everyone else, to sleep -- out of boredom -- while the "Old Ufology" reinvents the same wheel for the fourth or fifth time. By this time it's all rather beside the point.

All of this is most interesting, in the sort of a sinking sensational way that a crashing airplane probably gives as it begins its final plunge.

Thanks ebk, Updates is an amazing resource.

Gary Alevy

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Edgar Mitchell Book?

From: Jack Mayoros <maxroc@webtv.net>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 09:48:29 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 10:36:07 -0500
Subject: Edgar Mitchell Book?

Do you have the name of the book recently released by Edgar Mitchell of Apollo 14 fame?

He was on Dateline last night but I don't know if it was a new show or a repeat.

Happy New Year!

Jack

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Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 16:17:31 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 10:41:42 -0500
Subject: PRESS RELEASE/Art Bell Censors NASA Contractor

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NASA Contractor Censored by Art Bell

"2:04 AM MST, 12-31-1998 NASA Contractor, Robert A.M. Stephens, was cut off by Art Bell in his initial opening debate with Richard Hoagland of the Enterprise Mission. The censorship incidence happened on 12-30-1998 on Art Bell's popular late night show, Coast to Coast, 34 minutes into the solicited interview. There was no apparent reason.

Art Bell, for the first time, not for profanity, vulgarisms, or for any other reason, stopped the release of truth. Probably the first time truth has ever been uttered on the talk show host's program, Coast to Coast. Bell was unavailable for comment. Emails have not been answered.

It ended after Stephens had started to asked Hoagland why Hoagland had told ex-employees they should leave Washington D.C., because as Hoagland had told them: Washington D.C. was going to drop nuclear weapons on itself. This was the first of 200 questions Stephens had prepared for the supposed 4 hour 'debate'. After this, Bell cut Stephens out of the program. Contact made by this reporter divulged that said employees were advised as Stephens claimed they were and were willing to come forward on Bell's show if need be. Bell stopped this questioning.

For some reason, connected to continued falsehoods and lies perpetrated by Richard Hoagland, of the Enterprise Mission, his close accomplice in lie-macabre', Art Bell terminated the solicited interview with Mr. Stephens. Stephens had just asked Mr. Bell to have Hoagland then field questions since Hoagland had become unresponsive and incoherent, and suddenly, Stephens was silenced. Without explanation, the line went dead according to Stephens and thousands of listeners who were outraged at the act.

Stephens said after the strange censorship act, "This entire group, Art Bell-conspiracy-UFOs et al, is nothing short of scientific terrorism. It assaults the senses with such lies and dementia mixed with selective irrationality that is nothing short of a form of end millenium insantiy."

Stephens had hoped to touch on subjects on the show as critical assessment of NASA as well as triumphs and new, never before released 'insider' information on new NASA exploits. Instead, he was censored. Stephens had also prepared a 200 question list to asked Hoagland thinking this was going to be a true 'debate'.

Stephens will be appearing on several other shows upcoming shortly as well as an online interview on PBS regarding the 'Art Bell Disinformation Show'. Asking the 20 year esteemed NASA contractor why Bell did this heinous act, the very thing Bell

loves to rail against on his show, he said, "they both seem to be involved in some sort of disinformation campaign of insidious felonious lies. Art Bell called me a week ago and asked if I would 'debate' Richard Hoagland. I did not know it was some sort of trap, since all other shows I have been on have been professionally handled and presented. This is the first time ever, doing interviews on main network shows and others in all media, that someone shut me off like that. I just wanted clarification on the vicious and malicious lies the Enterprise Mission and Richard Hoagland propagate against NASA along with other bizarre claims toward organizations and other innocent victims. But then that whole fringe group is tied in with other malcontents." Stephens said. In a terse email to Stephens, Art Bell told the NASA contractor, "you were incoherent, MAN. What happened to you?"

The question is, actually, what happened to Mr. Truth turned Censorship: Art Bell?

The Eclipse of a one time tell all and critique of coverup, now lost in a sad demise of self delusion. This is the same man who recently asked a guest on his show: "...how many times did you hit the alien?" That of course, was not censored.

Release: NBC, MSNBC, AP, CBS, ABC, Netscape, Rueters, NY Times, Jane's Weekly, BBC, Tokyo Times, Washington Post --- reported-mdjohnson

END

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Stephens' Response To Bell

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 16:56:49 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 10:49:28 -0500
Subject: Stephens' Response To Bell

ArtBell@aol.com wrote:

>Robert,

>You had one full hour to put some real issues on the table. What

>you did do was cause me to wonder about your mental stability. I

>have interviewed some pretty strange people over the years but
>you take the cake.

>Had I let that insanity go for more then 1 full hour, somebody
>would have taken ME off the air, and with good reason. Your
>phone number was sent to me by Peter Gersten at the top of your
>Published piece in the CAUS letter. I thought Peter meant for me

>to call you and let you challenge Richard on the air. It was a
>well written piece by you and sounded SANE. What the hell
>happened when you got on the air? You may have good and bad
>days, that was a very bad one.

> Art Bell

Art,

(from Robert)

You may discredit me all you wish. You were to be a moderator, a host, per se, not a judge under the solicited venue. You and Hoagland revealed what you represent. It is not subject to further debate.

Sorry, Roper and DataWatch international media survey disagrees with your above assessment. In fact, it is about to be seen that was your worst day. You erred.

Reap the Whirlwind Bell

-- Robert A.M. Stephens
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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: **Michael Hodges** <mwhod@roanoke.infi.net>
Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 12:25:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 10:52:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 10:20:36 -0600
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

<snip>

>>-- Robert A.M. Stephens

>I heard the program sir -- I think that this is what occurs when
>you open your mouth, insert your foot, and then attempt to echo
>internationally. I think you got more civility than you deserve.

Alfred,

I was wondering if you could share the reasoning for your
apparent poor attitude in this post against Robert Stephens.

Michael Hodges

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Re: Help Needed

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 18:44:56 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 10:55:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Help Needed

>Date: Sat, 19 Dec 1998 08:40:12 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Help Needed

Hi Bob

This reply of yours slipped me by but now :-) I caught up with it.

>>Hi people

>>I'm looking for two articles or information on etc etc and I was
>>wondering if any of you learned people 'out there' could help me
>>please.

>>1) A little while ago there was a story about some science lab
>>transmitting a concerto/concert via tachyon beam at speeds
>>calculated to be faster than light.

I found this article in the "New Scientist" from April 1995!
Only it wasn't tachyons but photons.
I can send you a copy if you wish.

>>2) Recently there was another article about the universe.
>>Apparently todays scientists have "discovered" that the universe
>>is actually bigger than they first thought.

>Sean,

>Don't know about that first one. Never heard that.

>There is an article in the current Scientific American about the
>new discoveries about the size of the universe.

Is there any chance at all that you could photocopy this for me
and post it to me please. I would be happy to pay any costs
incurred.

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New Images Placed On RPIT Site

From: Neil Morris <neil@adm1.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 12:11:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 10:58:22 -0500
Subject: New Images Placed On RPIT Site

All on UpDates,

I've today place 2 new images on my web site that address more of the features in the "weather balloon" debris photographed on July 8th 1947 in Gen Ramey's office at Fort Worth Tx.

The first is a small section of the "balloon envelope" debris from the MarcelRight picture. This shows a number of features but the two most significant being, the fact that the "2" like symbol spotted in the RameyDubose image is here reproduced in "embossed" form on the "fabric" and secondly a "cross" like emblem can be clearly seen standing out lighter on a dark "shield" like background.

The second image again has a number of items to be seen two of which are, a set of clearly identified raised symbols on a beam which look remarkably like a "7" and a "5" until you look very closely at how they are constructed, and a curious raised "disk". The image also features what might be written/printed script seen on a folded over section of one of the "foil sheets".

The 2 images can be accessed by following the links marked "updated 1st Jan 1999" from the webpage:

<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/new-1/index.htm>

The new images are at the bottom of the 2 updated pages.

Best Regards and a Happy New Year,

Neil.

Neil Morris@Home.
Email: Neil@adm1.ph.man.ac.uk

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Re: (1994) NEXRAD Weather Radar Info

From: Bob Soetebier <bikebob@mo.net>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 22:30:09 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:10:33 -0500
Subject: Re: (1994) NEXRAD Weather Radar Info

(My apologies for cross-posting this. But, it would seem the best way not to lose anything in the "translation". --Bob S.)

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 22:20:06 -0800
>From: Michael Theroux
>Subject: Re: IUFO: (1994) NEXRAD Weather Radar info

>-> IUFO Mailing List

>At 10:14 PM 12/31/1998 -0600, you wrote:

-> IUFO Mailing List

>>Considering the current [Hoagland] weather radar "anomalies" >>controversy, I thought you all might (or, might not) find the >>following (appended below) information about NEXRAD weather >>radar of interest. The first part is information that I >>personally typed up and had subsequently publicly posted on "The >>Weather Room" subject public message area of a St. Louis >>[Missouri] metro area "WWIV"-based electronic BBS back in 1994. >>The second and third parts are public responses from the >>"moderator" ("Badger #106"...who also happened to be an employee >>of the National Weather Service facility in nearby St. Charles >>County, Missouri) of "The Weather Room" sub to the NEXRAD >>controversy information I had posted.

>>Bob Soetebier

>>St. Louis County, Missouri

>Bike Bob,

>I don't understand why anyone bothers to post such things >without doing any research. This article continually refer to >the NEXRAD (not NEXTRAD) Radars as "ELF/Microwave" radars when >the frequency range is 2700Mhz to 3000Mhz. Where does the ELF >come from? It has nothing to do with its low PRF. While you got >the pronunciation of Ojai right, but you misspelled it >throughout. Please see the following URLs:
><http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/nexrad/terms.html>
><http://www.osf.noaa.gov/nnow.htm> (this one will give some >insight into the problems associated with NEXRAD)
><http://www.met.tamu.edu/class/Metr475/lab6.html>
>http://www.trytel.com/~rvarsen/tutorials_WA.htm

>~~~~~
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Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 22:21:44 -0600 (CST)
From: bikebob <bikebob@mo.net>
To: I-UFO <iufo@world.std.com>
Subject: Re: IUFO: (1994) NEXRAD Weather Radar info

I stand corrected. It seems that, at least in this case, Mr. Theroux appears to be quite right on all counts.

It was my fault for not taking the extra time to add a note of the fact that I was passing the posting/s along in the "original" state: Both my previously posted information (including my original misspellings of NEXRAD as "NEXTRAD"; etc.) along with the two *clarifying* public responses by "Badger #106" (the National Weather Service employee). (In retrospect, had I noted that fact, it might have saved both Mr. Theroux, and myself, some time.)

I do, though, want to thank Mr. Theroux for taking the time to make his comments. I also wish to thank him for his passing along the URLs (quoted/noted below).

BTW...when I just happened to catch that TV show (to which I was only partially listening, while I worked upon the computer at the same time -- as was noted in my original information from 1994) discussing "NEXRAD", that was, more or less, my first introduction to the issues surrounding the technology. (I'm *still* not all that familiar with it. However, if/when I get the chance/time to check out the URLs Mr. Theroux has referenced, maybe that will not remain the case.)

Bob Soetebier

Tailwinds to you... See you ON the road!

/// BICYCLE BOB /// bikebob@mo.net

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Mars Probe To Launch Sunday

From: **Steven L. Wilson Sr** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 00:44:57 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:16:44 -0500
Subject: Mars Probe To Launch Sunday

NASA Launches New Probe of Red Planet
To the Martian Pole

By Kenneth Chang
ABCNEWS.com

Jan. 1 -- New Year, time for a new mission to Mars.

Next up in NASA's continuing barrage of spacecraft to the Red Planet is Mars Polar Lander, which will be the first probe to land near one of the poles.

Was Mars Warm and Wet?

A companion spacecraft, the Mars Climate Orbiter, was launched last month. These latest missions are designed to explore the history of the Martian climate. While they won't directly look for life, they will look at whether the conditions hospitable to life once existed on the planet.

Launch opportunities (all times EST)

Jan. 3	3:21:10 pm
Jan. 4	3:13:34 pm
Jan. 5	3:05:42 pm
Jan. 6	2:57:33 pm
Jan. 7	2:49:03 pm
Jan. 8	2:40:03 pm
Jan. 9	2:30:05 pm
Jan. 10	2:19:08 pm
Jan. 11	2:22:03 pm
Jan. 12	2:25:59 pm
Jan. 13	2:43:06 pm
Jan. 14	2:47:10 pm
Jan. 15	2:27:55 pm
Jan. 16	2:35:07 pm
Jan. 17	2:25:28 pm
Jan. 18	2:15:32 pm
Jan. 19	2:05:15 pm
Jan. 20	1:54:44 pm
Jan. 21	1:51:40 pm
Jan. 22	1:41:11 pm
Jan. 23	1:30:17 pm
Jan. 24	1:19:18 pm
Jan. 25	1:08:05 pm
Jan. 26	12:56:41 pm
Jan. 27	12:53:45 pm

Equipment on Mars Polar Lander, which will land at Mars in December, includes a robotic arm that will scoop up a few inches of soil for chemical analysis, weather-observing instruments and a microphone that will be the first to pick up and broadcast sounds from another planet.

Beneath the Surface

Also on Mars Polar Lander are two basketball-size probes that will detach from the main spacecraft about five minutes before entering the Martian atmosphere and then literally crash into the planet at about 400 miles per hour. That will allow the part

of the probes to penetrate three feet into the Martian soil in an effort to find frozen water there.

One of the mysteries of Mars is whether all its water has gone. Huge floods almost certainly carved the gigantic canyons on the Martian surface, but today the surface is dry. The polar ice caps contain only a fraction of the water believed to have once bathed the planet. Many planetary scientists believe the rest of the water is frozen beneath the surface.

In order to line up the trajectory of Mars Polar Lander with its destination near the Martian south pole, its launch has to be timed literally to the second. The first chance to launch comes Sunday 10 seconds after 3:21 pm EST. These near-instantaneous once-a-day launch opportunities continue through Jan. 27.

Weather predictions gave a 30 percent chance of a launch on Sunday, 60 percent on Monday.

Cost Cutter

Mars Polar Lander continues NASA's trend of packing more into less. Mars Polar Lander and Climate Orbiter cost a combined \$190 million -- two missions for less than the \$262 million price tag of Mars Pathfinder two years ago, which itself was a remarkable cost cutter compared to earlier NASA missions. The failed Mars Observer mission that disappeared without a trace in 1993 cost \$1 billion.

Here's an overview of Mars Polar Lander:

Spacecraft Facts

What: Mars Polar Lander

Why: To explore the environment near the Martian south pole.

When: Scheduled for launch 3:21 pm, Jan. 3 from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Destination: After a 11-month journey, the spacecraft will enter the Martian atmosphere Dec. 3, 1999 and land near the Martian south pole.

Size: 3.5 feet tall, 12 feet wide

Weight: 1,270 lbs.

Mission cost: Together with Mars Climate Orbiter, \$190 million

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[Fwd - Stephens] Re: Art Bell show

From: Robert A.M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 06:45:31 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:27:44 -0500
Subject: [Fwd - Stephens] Re: Art Bell show

James Arthur wrote:

>Hello Robert. Now THAT was Radio! I thought it interesting that
>RCH did not deny sending the e-mails that you mentioned. But
>instead said something to the effect that What are you doing with
>private mails, and how do you prove they are from whom you say
>they are from. There was not (that I heard) any categorical denial.
>You should post those E-mails with follow up statements from those
>who have divulged to you that RCH has indeed done those things.

Super mail. I did give the fact that those referenced had not only wrote me, unsolicited, but had called to and would be more than anxious to come forward. Bell silenced this. Who: (Dr. Richard Sauder, Joe Gill, Dr. Mavis French and a man named Lindsey?) Dr. Ralph Greenberg and Dr. Bruce Cornet also had information to help me with as well as a publication called NEXUS (?) had all sort of documented data. This all, along with 200 questions I had prepared directly from Hoagland's web page, were in my sheaf for the debate. Some I had tried to get to Hoagland (via Peter Gersten) for Hoagland to have as data so he could defend himself. (normal grace in a debate format). They were data that I got from Dr. Greenberg's page, (fine page) my own data, all on the issue of 'recurrence' numbers such as 19.5, and 33. I was going to devastate his claims. I wanted to take issue with his lack of Heim data regarding orbital incidence of spacecraft regarding constellations and such in the doctored and stolen NASA photos he has on his site.

Out of 200 questions, I got 1 out and was cut off.

>One thing is for sure, you threw them for a loop. You blew them away so
>bad that the only defense they could put forward was that they could
>not understand what you were saying. But when asked for the evidence
>that RCH was a liar, thats exactly what you did. This of course remains
>as well to be backed up by supporting data (IE the actual E-mails with
>documentation supporting their credibility).

See above.

>Your attack on Hoagland smacks of another scandal unfolding, Clinton
>refuses to admit he lied. Hoagland on the other hand did not admit to
>sending those E-mails, yet did not exactly dent it either. However, If
>he did send them, they seem to be of such a personal nature that he may
>actually BELIEVE the possibilities of this Nuclear strike to N.Y.

I didn't care. His personal dementia was not subject to analysis. His pathos and lies were.

Thank you for the good assessing mail.

Let it be known: Hoagland is the dregs of things. I do not undertand why he is tolerated. He isn't science. He is truly a pathological liar out to do harm. And he does. I will no longer edit the 'nice' guy stuff. Journalist should be forewarned. Enough is enough.

Read the formal statement passing around on the internet by Dr.

Bruce Cornet for which we are getting together on a team effort with some NASA folks, if possible, on his own compelling engima and doing this effort from a real science point of view.

Dr. Cornet's situation is a classic to embrace. I will be linking to his page along with Dr. Greenberg's also. I encourage people to consult these gentleman's pages and sites. Cornet's is totally new to me, as you are all aware since I am 'dumfounded' by this field at this early stage. Dr. Greenberg's expresses the freedom of math.

sincerely,

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Re: Carl and Richard

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 08:49:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:34:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Carl and Richard

>From: Doug Paul <dougpaul@river.netrover.com>
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 16:21:38 -0500
>Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 08:08:07 -0500
>Subject: Carl and Richard

Previously, Doug asked:

>I've been reading this list for about 3 years now and have
>noticed a collective perspective that never fails to interest
>me.

<snip>

>My year-end question, therefore, is: why do most people on this
>list dismiss almost everything Richard Hoagland writes, does or
>says, while admiring (dare I say worship?)almost verything Carl
>Sagan wrote, did or said?

Happy New Year, Doug!

Three years? I don't know; I've only been with the list about four months and I've heard enough dissing of Carl Sagan to last me a life time. You might want to go back through the archives, starting with the ill-fated "Failure of the Science of Obergian Debunking" thread to get an earfull about Sagan. In addition, you might check out any of the threads about SETI as well. Both Hoagland and Sagan have their detractors, each for different reasons. But "worship" of Sagan? I don't see it. Not on this List.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 07:15:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:37:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 14:46:11 -0500
>From: Lea H. MacDonald <inventor@kingston.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>[Non-Sub Post]

>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 11:32:27 -0600
>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 02:43:55 +0000
>>>From: Robert A.M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: [Fwd: Very Well Done Robert!]

>>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 03:52:58 -0500
>>>From: Lea H. MacDonald <inventor@kingston.net>
>>>To: sti3818@montana.com
>>>Subject: Very Well Done Robert!

>>>I can't say how proud I am of you! :) Bell was reduced to having
>>>to terminate the show in order to keep Hoaxland from being
>>>reduced to ashes in an intellectual fire storm! You Sir, are
>>>walking tall!

>><snip>

>>>_Very_well_done_!! :))

>
>>>Very, Very Best Regards,
>
>>>Lea MacDonald.

>>With all respect ma'am, I don't think we listened to the same
>>show.

>With all due respect Sir, you, like Hoagland, should check your
>data before responding!

>I'm a guy!

>Very Best Regards, Lea MacDonald.

Not in here! That's what I love about this medium -- just notes
of pure consciousness! You ought to give it a try; it set's you
free! Moreover, your reminder regarding irrelevant sex suggests
you may be obsessing over the wrong data, much less
unchecked data <g>.

Regards exceeding those cast at me, sir, respectfully --

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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Alfred's Odd Ode #287

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 07:37:27 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:38:54 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #287

Apology to MW #287 (For January 2, 1999)

Demoted to the status of another mouth to feed, the new born are a horror and a treat. On the one hand they continue what it was that *something* started; on the other they are parasitic fleas. On the one hand they're a savior, on the other they detract from the bounty that humanity has made. On the one hand they are wondrous with potentials of the gods, on the other -- tiny devils we've betrayed!

We teach them infidelity, and we disrespect their brains. We ridicule their innocence, and teach the wrong refrains. We socialize them mindless, and we hook them on mere sports. Some try and teach them "God" in school -- despite the bad reports. We treat them like the children we invent but never are; discounting the experience, we distract them from the stars. We lie suggesting worship for the framers of a system that exults a landed gentry as the cure for human schism. We feed them vague distortions of the truth on UFO's. We obfuscate those issues with a finger in our nose. Pretending we have answers where we, point in fact, have none, we add to their contention that we're finished, pointless -- done!

The kids all know the deal, and they'll hate us if they can. They resent the pap we feed them 'cause the truth got hard to stand. They hate our lack of courage, and the way we rape the planet. They hate their bland coercion, and the reasons we have planned it. They hate that YOU resent them 'cause, as yet, they have no blame. You envy them their innocence, and the fact they have no shame. You hate them, their reaction to a FLEET of UFO's <g>, is to clap their hands in fearless glee, and dance up on their toes.

They hate that they're demoted to another mouth to feed. They hate you don't fulfill, in them, their truthful, honest need. They hate you don't believe them, and they hate that you don't care; they hate that you discount their lives as shallow, futile -- bare. They hate you don't give credit; they hate that you're not real. It's why they may go crazy, why they drop out -- miss the deal. They've had the *best* of teachers, those too young, or "dead of brain." Education is a low rent field, the profession's warped and stained.

What's this to do with UFO's? It's kids aren't trained to see! What we tell them they should look at, we must show could make them free. The way of it must set them off, to soar among the clouds, to loose them from our tethers, and to teach them useful doubt. If we want them to respect us, we respect them first, in turn. We cop to crass inequity, and we show there's more to learn! Do we breed a race of liars to commit continued crime? Do we insist the same mistakes are made another time? Are we the ones (who wallow in a sickness rife with pus) to pretend we're doing right by them -- to turn them into us?

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

The child is the father to the man. Seems a great time, in a period of wealth like there has NEVER been (with NO thanks to a rabid right, or anarchist left) . . .to cop to it, treat the

kids as we would individually be treated, and discover that with regards to them -- less is assuredly more <g>. Lastly, know that their world is more vital to them than our world. It is filled with challenges, threats, and anxious priorities we have forgotten. It's up to us to provide the bridge and relevance to our present contrived reality that would repel them if they only knew. But that's our problem, a problem that withers away into startingly obvious when confronted at last by the generic genuine. <g>.

Restore John Ford!

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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 08:00:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:40:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>From: Keith Wyatt <kew@teleport.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens
>Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 04:00:14 GMT

>On Thu, 31 Dec 1998 11:10:06 -0500, you wrote:

>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 02:43:55 +0000
>>From: Robert A.M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: [Fwd: Very Well Done Robert!]

>-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----

>Mr Stephens,

>You are correct about Richard Hoagland in one way. He is so
>deluded with conspiracys that he thinks they are true.

Yeah -- but Kieth. Your unspoken suggestion is that there is NO
conspiracy, and that doesn't work either. Man -- the world is
alive with conspiracy; you can bank on it.

>How many
>people remember when Richard C. Hoagland claimed that pictures
>from NASA showed Glass structures on the moon?

Yeah -- what about that? One more anomaly that never got a good
look.

>How many times
>has Richard Hoagland made outlandish claims only to be proven
>wrong?

Proven? None that I know about, but I remember some where he was
proven right, . . .Salt water oceans on Ganymede?

>Richard Hoagland lives in his own world and Art Bell even
>takes him with a grain of salt. Everything that goes wrong with
>a NASA mission is some 19.5 conspiracy.

. . .May be! The only SURE thing is that we are not doing any
real looking to find out! In parable, a CIA proclamation that
it's straight is not overly convincing to _me_. There's IS
something FUNNY going on, pardner -- You suggest that there is
NOT?

>IMHO,

>Keith

Me too -- Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:30:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:43:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 13:12:04 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!
>>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 22:42:07 -0500

<snip>

>But it took a man with (probably, I don't know you, Serge)
>no experience whatever as a marketing genius to make history for
>Freshly Made!

Jim,

Well, I had the choice between what I posted and the following:

"All the time I was watching the show, I had the impression
someone was telling me to go FOX myself."

<snip>

>Gosh. I should seriously consider hanging up my three Ph.D.'s
>in Gorilla Marketing for missing out on that one. What a
>dimbulb I am.

You are still experiencing some secondary effects of a brief
exposure to ____ ____ ____ <auto-censored>. It won't last.

<snip>

>Dear Mr. Kal Courgh... Cork, Krofff, whatever, I love you.
>What's more, I support everything you do. You, Sir, are a
>genius the likes of which I haven't seen since Fromage.

<snip>

Great rehearsal of the dumb-dumb stuff. But if I were you, I'd
be careful, Kal could take you seriously.

<snip>

>If you thought that Chees vendor's site was great, wait'll you
>see ours! The Kal Kropf (say, do I have that spelling
>right?).... the Kal Kropf Fatima Riddle Solved Web site.
>Finally revealed, the secret of Mary whatshername!

Why not:

Finally revealed, the secret of Mary whatshername
by Kal whatashame

eh?

Take care,

Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

Chuckling all the way as I wrote this,
Serge Salvaille, Mr.

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Re: Edgar Mitchell Book?

From: Sue Koviows <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:30:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:47:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell Book?

>From: Jack Mayoros <maxroc@webtv.net>
>Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 09:48:29 -0500 (EST)
>To: updates@globalserve.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)
>Subject: Edgar Mitchell Book?

>Do you have the name of the book recently released by Edgar
>Mitchell of Apollo 14 fame?
>He was on Dateline last night but I don't know if it was a new
>show or a repeat.

Web search only brought up one book:

'The Way of the Explorer; An Apollo Astronaut's Journey Through
the Material and Mystical Worlds'

by

Mitchell, Edgar and Williams, Dwight; Retail Price: \$24.95;
Hardcover; Published in 1996.

Sue

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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 10:33:30 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:50:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 12:25:36 -0500
>From: michael Hodges <mwhod@roanoke.infi.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 10:20:36 -0600
>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

><snip>

>>>-- Robert A.M. Stephens

>>I heard the program sir -- I think that this is what occurs when
>>you open your mouth, insert your foot, and then attempt to echo
>>internationally. I think you got more civility than you deserve.

>Alfred,

>I was wondering if you could share the reasoning for your
>apparent poor attitude in this post against Robert Stephens.

>Michael Hodges

Sure, Mr. Hodges.

Forgetting his obfuscation in an E-mail (forwarded to me by UFO UpDates) where he ignored my simple questions regarding his proclamation on STS 48, but derisively described his strange predilection to pay others to urinate on him, and that I might do the same thing <?!?>-- _continued_ the same _kind_ of disjunct, impossible to follow, and seemingly disturbed reasoning on Art Bell's show with Mr. Hoagland.

His discourse was incontinent, self contradicting, murky, and insulting at _best_. His testimony _precludes_ the existence of anomaly, conspiracy, and high, high strangeness which I have seen with my own eyes, so is, then, an ideological opponent I feel compelled to help debate, unmask, and otherwise expose.

It's not personal, as you seem to intimate, just my two cents to a seeming prevaricator.

I understand he did the same thing on the Jeff Rense show. What do you find to _defend_ in such a performance?

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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Happy New Year To All!

From: Roy Hale <roy_hale@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 08:39:21 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:51:38 -0500
Subject: Happy New Year To All!

Hi All,

I would just like to say Happy New Year, to all of my colleagues
World-Wide.

And thank you Errol for a real great Forum for debate over the
last year.

Roy Hale,

(Proof By Perseverance)Watch The Skies !

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Re: Carl and Richard

From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 08:46:55 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 11:59:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Carl and Richard

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 16:21:38 -0500
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Doug Paul <dougpaul@river.netrover.com>
>Subject: Carl and Richard

>I've been reading this list for about 3 years now and have
>noticed a collective perspective that never fails to interest
>me.

>I have read Richard C. Hoagland's book, "The Monuments of Mars:
>A City on the Edge of Forever". I enjoyed it greatly and
>thought what he had to say about Mars made sense. I have also
>read some stuff by Carl Sagan on the search for
>extraterrestrial life--that was the title of his last book I
>believe, and was no so impressed.

<snip>

Have you ever heard Carl Sagan on the Art Bell show? <g>

Roger R. Prokic
Telecom Design Lead
Mars Surveyor Program
Lockheed Martin Astronautics
Denver, Colorado USA
--[sent from a Palm III & HandMail v2.0.1]--

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Filer's Files #52

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 21:43:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 21:43:27 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #52

From: Skywatch International Inc. <skywatch@ltlb.com>
To: "sky open list" <skyopen@unix.ltlb.com>
Subject: (Skyopen) FW: Filer's Files #52
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 18:49:50 -0600

From: JosephS843@aol.com [mailto:JosephS843@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, January 01, 1999 4:15 PM
To: W4VIW@aol.com; U1@juno.com; WFHassel@aol.com
Subject: Filer's Files #52

Filer's Files #52-1998, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, MUFON Eastern Director, Happy New Year
December 31, 1998, Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020

Senator Barry Goldwater, Alan Sheppard the first American in space, Lt. Col. Corso and Col. Colman Von Keviczky all friends of Ufology passed away in 1998. Senator Goldwater the Republican presidential candidate in 1964 stated: The subject of UFOs is one that has interested me for some long time. About ten years ago, I made an effort to find out what was in the buildings at Wright Patterson Air Force Base where the information is stored that has been collected by the Air Force, and I was understandably denied the request. It is still classified above Top Secret." Thanks to Above Top Secret by Timothy Good. These officers felt the public has a right to be informed about UFOs. We salute these wonderful men who spent much of their lives serving their country and dedicated to exploring for extra-terrestrial life.

MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLEBORO--On December 10, 1998, the witness spotted a strange brightly lit craft in the sky around 9:00 PM. The craft had numerous red, green, blue and white colored lights. As the witness watched the it broke into two UFOs. The two UFOs flew geometric patterns at high speed around the sky. The colored lights were spectacular and eventually the two UFOs combined into one and shortly there after disappeared. The witness then noticed what he believes were Air Force jets investigating in the same general area as the UFOs.

GEORGIA

TROUP COUNTY--John Thompson State Section Director writes: I am now going to have to reassess what flew over west central Georgia on December 10, 1998, at 10:20-10:30 PM. I have located a witness who was directly under the path of the unknown object. This ex-Air Wing Marine says it was definitely flying under 1,000 feet and when directly overhead was seen only as a fireball of orange-yellow color making a huge roaring noise. On it moving off to the ESE, he said it appeared to have a dark Grey bottom that was slightly illuminated. Now it appeared to be of a long delta shaped craft with a rectangular shaped boxed-off end, with four fires coming out of the "box." (Note: See other

witness in initial e-mail description who said its end was boxed-shaped.) He said he saw no wings, per-se, no airplane lights, and that it looked much like drawings of the Aurora craft that is alleged to be flying. He wondered if it was a cruise missile of some kind but said the craft was considerably bigger than an F-16. Total time of hearing the unknown object was nearly 10 minutes! The racket it made he said in both intensity and duration was like no other aircraft he has ever heard. He, like many others, also wondered if it was not a jet aircraft of some sort that was fixing to crash. The speed of the unknown object was slower than a jet but he thought faster than a prop plane. Unlike most witness, who heard a loud roaring noise for only 2-3 minutes, this witness was outside the entire time when the unknown object passed eastward and he heard it from beginning to end. Another witness, seven miles north, at where Highway 100 intersects Highway 27 south of Franklin, in Heard County, heard nothing but saw a bluish-red fireball with short tail. This 48 year old witness said that the fireball, which had no sparkler effect but seemed to be rolling, was three-quarters the size of a full moon. It flew level across nearly 45 degrees of sky in three seconds. While this witness is sure she and her 17 year old nephew saw this at between 10 and 10:30 PM, like all others, she is not certain if it was on 12/10/98 (a Thursday). She is certain that it was on a weekday night during that same week. She says what they saw was not an airplane or "shooting star." Her description, however, suggests a spectacular meteorite, which is what I initially thought the 12/10/98 unknown object was. There is another witness who lives in the Liberty Hill area of extreme southwest Heard County, one mile from my house, he says he thought it was a dirigible! There is obviously considerable confusion on what passed through three counties going towards Savannah and possibly Ft. Stewart on 12/10/98 between 10:20 and 10:30 PM. A meteorite, cruise missile, black budget craft, disabled military aircraft, UFO imitator, or even true UFO are options. It should be remembered that in the Troup-Heard Corridor during 1994-1995 there were several reports of a low-flying, slow-moving and loud roaring to "rumbling" UFO documented. The FAA has not replied thus yet; while they, most likely will have no radar data (assuming the altitude of the unknown object was extremely low) they could have voice communication between pilots. LaGrange's Callaway Airport said they had no pilot reports but did not think it was a dirigible or blimp as they usually are given a "clearance" notice when one flies over the area. Initial description: This occurred at night and my wife and I both saw whatever it was that made the "racket"--as many witnesses described it. We heard it, like nearly all, for at least two minutes; possibly even three minutes. I've seen many jets fly over but I've never seen one like this! What my immediate reaction was on hearing and seeing it, was that it was a spectacular meteorite that seem to be going too slow. But the path and length of noise heard are consistent with an airplane. What is not consistent was the huge rocket like noise and the large fireball at its rear. I can only assume that the jet--if that is what it was--had some kind of engine trouble that was emitting fire for over 45 seconds, the interval we had it in sight. Since e-mailing you, I have talked to an individual just north of our house who said it was a "box shaped," rear ended, jet that had blue, red and white lights. I also talked to a Meriwether Sheriffs Dept. dispatcher, 30 miles to the East in Greenville, who saw it. She said that it had a blinking red light and that the sky was completely clear where she was located. There are over 20 people who heard it, but usually could not see it because of cloud cover over most of the area. Considering these two witnesses, and despite what we saw, it must have been some kind of plane with jet engine problems. Then again, it may well have been someone trying to generate a UFO report. What kind of plane flies over that rattles windows 15 miles away in at least three counties and yet is going below the speed of sound? Since the Art Bell LaGrange report of July 1997, I have seen several of these unusual events. Remember, the huge red light plane seen here twice over the Troup-Heard Corridor that reek of UFO simulations. I have to wonder is someone is trying to create UFO reports for unknown reasons? I cannot imagine, what it must have sounded like inside that plane? At a distance many witness said it sounded like thunder. Closer up, the loud rocket-like roaring noise sounded like the aircraft was about to crash.. So far I have received no reply from the FAA on anomalous radar/voice communication data or Tim Long of Georgia Tech on seismic data. I want to emphasize I am not sending this as a

UFO report. Incidentally, if you follow the azimuth of 110 degrees from southwest Heard County (just north of Glenn) through Greenville, Meriwether County, the flight-path of this "plane" would have been towards Hunter Air Field, south of Savannah. I believe this "racket and fire maker" would have also passed over an area where other UFO reports were investigated by Chief last year: Jeff Davis County. A curious coincidence? Best Regards, John Thompson
gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com Editor's Note: Hunter Air Field is only a few miles from the Atlantic Ocean and has one of the longest and strongest runways in the US. Interestingly it was designed to handle aerospace craft.

CYLINDRICAL UFO FLIES OVER LONDON

On Thursday, December 16, 1998, at 9:05 a.m., David W., his wife and two children were driving on Manthorpe Road, heading into Brewery Road in London when they spotted a UFO. "The sky was clear blue, with slightly patchy cloud near the horizon," Dave reported, describing the UFO as "a solid white cylinder, smooth but reflective surface with rounded edges, no visible wings, markings or other appendages." The UFO, he added, "flew like a slow-moving missile, travelling 'a level straight line' east to west, from Abbey Wood to central London. Thanks to Marc Bell and Errol Bruce-Knapp. EDMONTON-On November 17, 1998, north of London a triangular shaped craft was sighted flowing low over just after midnight. Observers of the Leonid meteor shower reported seeing a low flying craft with triangular shape. There were a dozen amber lights coming from the craft that appeared to flying at a high altitude. This report was sent from England and carried in FF #49, but apparently originated with Victor Kean who should have been credited. Thanks to Victor Kean.

AUSTRALIA CONTROVERSEY

Robert Frola writes that his group cannot confirm Ross Dowe's report you posted on #50 of Filer's Files: A message dated December 10, 1998, from Ross Dowe of the Australia National UFO Hotline reads: The Hotline has been very busy taking sighting reports from most parts of Australia over the last 48 hours. UFO reports are coming from Melbourne, Victoria; Perth, Western Australia; Darwin, Northern Territory; Brisbane, Queensland; Canberra, Australian Capital; and Albury, New South Wales. All these reports are similar in nature. Respondents are claiming that they have sighted a very large black or dark triangular shaped object with an illuminated array underneath, descriptive of "Ezekiel's wheel." The UFO was seen standing still, rotating and moving slowly passing overhead. Ross Dowe (ippoz@eisa.net.au) Robert Frola writes: There has been no activity that I am aware of as all groups in Australia are in communication with each other. On the contrary, it has been very quiet, with little or no reports coming through. There were reports from Darwin and the Northern Territory, but they were not what Ross is reporting to you. Here is what Diane Harrison posted:

NORTHERN TERRITORY: From local Northern Territory News by Maria Billias 12/14/98. UFO reports in the Territory have increased astronomically, with the latest sightings occurring in Katherine yesterday morning. UFO Researcher Keith Douglass of Unidentified Flying Objects Research, Alice Springs, yesterday said UFO sightings were reported to him every two or three days. And he said reports had soared, not just in the Territory, but all over the world. Mr Douglass said: "It's bigger than anyone could imagine. "UFO sighting is on the increase because it's becoming more acceptable not to be called an idiot. TENNIS "A lot of people are seeing them in the Territory especially, with strange lights being reported on average every two or three days. Mr. Douglass said the most recent sighting came from Katherine early yesterday morning, with two tennis-sized red ball illuminating the sky. He said: "I think there is something going on out there. Warwick S said: The time was 2.10am I had gone out side to have a smoke and enjoy the beautiful night/early morning. I said a prayer, looked up and around the Milky Way that hung there in the sky. I saw a shooting star and then to my right a flashing light approaching, the lights caught my attention. At first I thought it was a plane as the Airport isn't far away. It flew past me slowly observing me and letting me observe them. It maintained the same speed around (5 km/h) and then flew out to sea. It was 20 meters in height. Objects lights were blue, red, yellow, and orange. The objects were oval

with light through the middle. The witness was scared, excited, overwhelmed, and disappointed because they didn't stop to chat during the ten minute sighting. Thanks to Diane Harrison and Robert Frola.

FAMED REMOTE VIEWER TO REVEAL ALIEN SECRETS

Ingo Swann, a gifted natural psychic who was one of the first and most influential members of the U.S. government's super-secret remote viewing program, has recently announced the forthcoming publication of a new book in which, he says, he will reveal astonishing secrets about alien activity. The book is called "Penetration: The Question of Extraterrestrial and Human Telepathy." A brief description now posted on the web says that Swann was part of an unnamed "deep black" agency with an extraordinary focus: "UFOs and extraterrestrials on the moon, and worries about ET telepathic/mind control powers." Swann says this group used to meet in an underground facility near Washington, D.C., but was so secretive that it left no paper trail. He says the only secrecy oaths he took were verbal, not written, and that they have recently expired, so now he can reveal some of his official knowledge concerning UFOs and aliens. During his time with the secret agency, Swann says, he was taken to a remote lake in Alaska where he witnessed a large triangular UFO at close range.. Swann was reportedly told that this kind of craft emerged from the Alaskan lake every day. Swann's main concern is the undeveloped nature of human telepathy and its contrast with "the probable existence of fully developed alien telepathy." Swann also says he will reveal new secrets of the moon, its origins, its atmosphere, its occupants and many other features." More information at: <http://www.biomindsuperpowers.com/Pages/PenetrationCovers.html>. Thanks to Skye Turell for bringing this story to our attention.

ROSWELL PHOTO CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

Did a space craft crash near Roswell in 1947? Photographs now being examined may show possible strange symbols and writing that seem unlikely to be engraved or embossed on Mogul balloon materials and a radar target like kite. Numerous books have been written claiming an alien craft crashed, but they are based mostly on forty or fifty year old memories and testimony. Intelligence officer Major Jesse Marcel had picked up some of the debris on a ranch near Roswell, showed it to his family and brought it to Roswell Air Base for examination. On July 8, Colonel Blanchard announced that the Army Air Force had captured a flying saucer. Major Marcel and the debris were flown to Fort Worth, Texas. James Bond Johnson was ordered by his newspaper the Fort Worth Star-Telegram to go to the base and photograph the debris. When he arrived at the Eighth Air Force Commander's office, he was met by Colonel Dubose the Chief of Staff. General Ramey was not there, but a still wrapped package of debris was on the floor. Colonel Dubose and Bond Johnson unwrapped the debris and spread it out to prepare for the photo shoot. Respected researchers have maintained that the real alien debris had been switched. In the book, The Roswell Incident, by Charles Berlitz and William Moore on Page 35 it states: "Actually," said Major Jesse Marcel, shown kneeling here amid what he described as some of the less spectacular pieces of wreckage, "this material may have looked like tinfoil and balsa wood, but the resemblance ended there." At first newsmen were permitted only as close to this material as was necessary to take the picture. Later, after torn-up pieces of an actual weather device had been substituted for the real wreckage on General Ramey's orders, press photographers were permitted to examine at will. Editor's Note: One problem we have is that Moore offered three different versions of the quotes attributed to Marcel, first in his book, then when he sent out his notes, and finally in his magazine, FOCUS. The controversy continues.

KEVIN RANDLE writes: I think it is time to review the various tales told by J. Bond Johnson as he continues to tell us about the photographs he took in General Ramey's office. I think we now agree that he took six pictures rather than the two that he originally claimed. The evidence here is the quality of the pictures. They all look basically the same, have the same lighting and angles, the debris in the pictures, and RAMEY'S HAT and tie on the radiator. (Yes, examine the picture carefully and you'll see a brigadier general's star on the cap and not a major's leaf.) Now, Johnson is telling us that when he entered Ramey's office, Colonel DuBose was there and they unwrapped the

debris while waiting for Ramey to arrive. What Johnson said to me originally was "So I drove directly to Carswell [though in 1947 it would have been the Fort Worth Army Air Field] and my recollections are now I went in and I opened my carrying case with my Graphic [camera] and I had just brought one holder with me with two pieces of the four by five film. I posed General Ramey with this debris..." Notice that he said nothing about unwrapping debris or anything else at this point. This is all based on what he told me during our first conversations in early 1989 and are, of course, on audio tape. Johnson reported in February 1998 that "I was met by COL DuBose and ushered into Ramey's office. Dubose (sic) went to find Ramey. I used that time to further unwrap and arrange the debris." When he was challenged on this point, that he was unwrapping the material in General Ramey's office, the story shifted subtly. Now we learn, "When he arrived at the Eighth Air Force Commander's office, he was met by Colonel Dubose (sic) the Chief of Staff. General Ramey was not there, but a still wrapped package of debris was on the floor. Colonel Dubose and Bond Johnson unwrapped the debris and spread it out to prepare for the photo shoot. Fifteen minutes later, General Ramey arrived clutching a piece of paper..." Once again Johnson raises the question of when Ramey told him it was a weather balloon. "No one seemed to know the exact identity of the debris." Not according to Johnson himself. He told me, in 1989 in two separate interviews that Ramey told him it was a weather balloon. To quote Johnson, once again, "I posed General Ramey with this debris. At that time I was briefed on the idea that it was not a flying disc as first reported, but in fact, was a weather balloon that had crashed." There was no misunderstanding here. That quote came in the middle of a long narration by Johnson. My original question had been just to have him relate, in detail, what happened. I was not questioning him closely so that he was confused and I did not put words in his mouth. Those were his own memories until he decided that he must have photographed the "real" stuff. Johnson posted, on the Internet, a "press release" in which he alleged that the University of Texas at Arlington held the photographs under high security, that they were arranging a special public showing of huge blowups of the photos and that the University and the Air Force had fought about the photos. According to the University, none of this is true either. When I ordered the blowups for analysis, I was told, without asking, that these tales were not true. There was no special security, there was no planned show, and there had been no fight with the Air Force. I could go on with other Johnson misrepresentations, but is there any real point. Johnson has changed his story significantly, he changes when facts suggest a version of his tale to be wrong, and he keeps inventing new details to thrill us all because he is the "Roswell Photographer." Isn't it time to stop reporting his tales. They only confuse the issue rather than clarify it. His transparent attempt to read the "Ramey message" with all sorts of references to "victims" and "wreckage" and a second site at "Magdalena" have not been duplicated by other researchers. The interpretations of the message leave a great deal to be desired. Thanks to Kevin Randle

RESPONSE FROM JAMES BOND JOHNSON: There remain two unwrapped packages of the debris in clear view in the Ramey office photos, including in the Newton photo. Bob Durant and others continue to expose their ignorance re the remarkable findings of the RPIT (Roswell Photo Interpretation Team) volunteers. Instead of embarrassing himself with his ignorance by taking cheap pot shots at this very dedicated international group of photo analysts, they MIGHT have joined this distinguished group in their quest to finally solve the Riddle of Roswell. How can fully displayed symbols and other anomalous objects carefully unearthed from the Ramey office photos be dubbed "fantasies?" Again and again the RPIT has invited wider assistance and has NOT drawn any final conclusions as to the preliminary revelations of their remarkable findings! Durant --along with other UFOlogists -- have been invited repeatedly to roll up their sleeves and PARTICIPATE in this fascinating project. Second, Johnny Mann, when he was in Roswell with Major Jesse Marcel, Sr. showed Marcel the pictures in THE ROSWELL INCIDENT. Mann says that Marcel told him those pictures had been staged. There is NO dispute that the pictures taken of Major Marcel were staged. I staged them. It has been published repeatedly that I helped to unpack the "flying saucer" crash debris that Marcel couriered from Roswell to Fort Worth on orders of General Ramey. Then I "posed" -- arranged, displayed -- the junk in an attempt

to make a meaningful photo record and then took the six famous pictures of Major Marcel, General Ramey and Colonel examining the debris. There is NO issue here. As far as I know, that is the only time that Marcel referred to those pictures. See website at: <http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/index.htm>. Thanks to Colonel James Bond Johnson

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In Memorium... Betty Cash

From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 11:44:42 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:25:44 -0500
Subject: In Memorium... Betty Cash

Dear CAUS Members:

In 1981 I represented three People in a lawsuit against the United States Government for injuries that resulted from their contact with an unusual aerial object.

Betty Cash, Vicky Landrum and Colby Landrum are the only three People to ever sue our government for injuries from a UFO. On the eighteenth anniversary of her encounter, Betty Cash died.

Betty Cash was a warrior and heroine. She fought the US government and, even in defeat, showed a spirit and tenacity that will now be her epitaph. CAUS and I pay tribute to a very brave lady...and a victim of this government's callousness to the rights of the individual. The following is the announcement of her death:

MUTUAL UFO NETWORK
103 OLDTOWN RD.
SEGUIN, TX 78155

December 30, 1998

For Immediate Release:

INJURIES CAUSED BY UFO CLAIMS WOMAN'S LIFE

Betty Cash, one of three people injured in a UFO close encounter near Huffman, Texas, on December 29, 1980, died on the 18th anniversary of the event, in Birmingham, Alabama. She had been in poor health ever since the encounter. At the time of the event, Mrs. Cash operated her own businesses near Dayton, Texas.

Betty Cash, along with Vickie Landrum and grandson Colby Landrum, encountered a huge UFO accompanied by military helicopters on a dark road in the east Texas Piney Woods. They were exposed to radiation from the object, which caused extreme medical problems such as burns, eye damage, hair loss, diarrhea, and vomiting. Although they and others observed a large number of military helicopters along with the UFO, the U.S. Government refused to acknowledge the event or assist them in any way.

After the encounter, Betty Cash was hospitalized and treated for burns and the other maladies. The extent of the injuries was so great, she was forced to close her businesses and never worked again. Her life became a series of hospital stays, many of them in intensive care. Eventually, she developed cancer, which was successfully treated. In November 1998, Mrs. Cash suffered a stroke. On December 29, during her recovery, an unusual turn of events claimed her life.

Mrs. Cash was a hero in the fight against government UFO cover-ups and brought hope to other victims of UFO incidents. She was devoted to family and friends and never allowed her illness to prevent her from helping others to cope with the trauma of UFO close encounters.

For further information, contact John Schuessler, MUFON's Deputy Director of Administration, and primary investigator of Mrs. Cash's UFO incident, at (303) 948-6224, FAX (303) 948-6225, or e-mail at: schuessler@mho.net.

Betty Cash will be missed...but never forgotten.

Peter A. Gersten
Director

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Re: Help Needed

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 12:46:36 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:29:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Help Needed

>Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 18:44:56 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Help Needed
>>Sean,

>>Don't know about that first one. Never heard that.

>>There is an article in the current Scientific American about the
>>new discoveries about the size of the universe.

>Is there any chance at all that you could photocopy this for me
>and post it to me please. I would be happy to pay any costs
>incurred.

Check their web site first, and let me know if it is there. My
wife may have thrown out the magazine by now, but if you can't
find on their site let me know and I'll see if we still have it.
I don't save them, so if we still have it I could post the
magazine to you.

Bob

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Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 99 13:41:35 PST
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:31:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 23:48:27 -0500
>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDate <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology
>>Date: Mon, 28 Dec 1998 17:26:29 -0500

>>>Date: Sun, 27 Dec 1998 19:59:37 -0500
>>>From: Gary <galevy@pipeline.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>The list owner has been most tolerant of controversy as this
>thread has developed and I, at least, owe him a vote of thanks.
>I owe my critics thanks as well for clarifying the issues some
>of my future readers will have. We don't have to respect each
>other to find each other useful; and judging from the names,
>insults and drivel my critics have directed at me, it is my
>observation that they seem to enjoy a little primal scream
>therapy!

Nah, Gary, we just enjoy the laughter you've so generously
afford us all.

Jerry Clark

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Interesting Images From Mexico

From: Dan Geib <geibdan@qtm.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 14:27:22 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:34:38 -0500
Subject: Interesting Images From Mexico

Hello and Happy New Year

I have just received some very interesting photos from Mexico from

Santiago Yturria Garza
Onvestigdor Mexicano del Fenomeno OVNI
=A5 OVNI Investigaciones
yugs@nll.telmex.net.mx

They are located in the 'Want To See A UFO' Section UFO Photos
for 1999!

Recent Ovnis In Mexico

UFO Folklore!
<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/framemst.html>

Check em out
Hope you find them interesting

Dan

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Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 99 14:25:25 PST
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:38:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 00:14:16 -0500
>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>>From: "Stan Friedman" <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology
>>Date: Sat, 26 Dec 1998 22:48:08 -0400

>><snip>

>Do people lie about their activities? Yes.
>Do they dissemble? Yes.
>Can they fool their friends, especially friends
>who have good reason to want to think the best
>of them? Double yes.
>Will they ignore evidence any way they can when
>their friends are involved? Yes.

>I look at Dr. Hynek's career, closely, and it's almost funny,
>how easily he re-invented himself after the Michigan disaster.
>Using his personal qualities he was able to put everyone to
>sleep, or rather, nearly everyone. As always, there were many
>who preferred sleep, as do so many on this list today. But
>perhaps a seed has been planted, a doubt raised. Remember, there
>is much on the public record if you simply will look at it.

Patient and gentle listfolk:

As we all know by now, Gary long ago escaped the bonds of
rationality to go floating happily through the vacuum of
paranoia and fantasy. Therefore. what follows is not addressed
to him.

As anyone who has spent a lot of time on the question of
Allen Hynek, as I have, would likely agree, Allen was almost
a classic case of cognitive dissonance: a guy who was able
to hold two equal and opposite thoughts in his head at one
time.

On one level he was an Air Force debunker; on the other, he was
bugged by the suspicion that maybe there was something --
something big -- going on. He also juggled conflicting
interests. One, not necessarily admirable but entirely
understandable, was the paycheck the Air Force gave him. In the
end it helped educate his children, no small consideration as
any parent on this list will understand.

There was also his desire, as a guy who had a career in
astronomy to protect, not to get too far ahead of his scientific
colleagues, who he knew would criticize him vehemently if he
began to champion the notion that UFO reports are genuinely
anomalous. (This, of course, did happen eventually.) There was
also the consideration that his views on the subject fluctuated
wildly. In the late 1950s he was even privately urging that the
term "unidentified flying objects" be jettisoned because it
implied that there were objects which could fly. Allen was so
conflicted on this subject (as private and official memoranda

richly confirm) that sometimes one gets the impression that his view of UFOs depended upon which side of the bed he got up from on a particular day.

The good Allen Hynek was privately critical of Donald Menzel's pseudoscientific explanations of UFO reports (see, for example, The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., p. 634), and within Blue Book he was generally on the side of the angels -- though not to the point of directly confronting the bad guys. As early as 1952 he cautiously told the Optical Society of America that puzzling reports existed and that witnesses ought not to be ridiculed. (It was here that he made the deserves-to-be immortal observation "Ridicule is not a part of the scientific method, and the public should not be taught that it is.") He was depressed and frustrated by the Robertson panel's dismissive attitude.

People tend to think that Hynek's emergence as a UFO proponent in the 1960s happened overnight. It didn't. Even then there were false starts and stops, culminating in the embarrassing "swamp gas" episode which troubled Allen the rest of his life and to which he kept returning in both public and private discussion. Ironically, it was ridicule -- ridicule on the opposite side, of lame-ass Air Force and bogus "scientific" explanations for UFO sightings -- that finally forced Allen into his role as proponent. It is even possible that, had it not happened, he would have maintained an equivocal posture for years afterwards.

(An additional aspect of Hynek's cognitive dissonance: On one level, he was a trained, well-credentialed, accomplished scientist. On the other, he entertained mystical notions and had a deep -- and, it seemed to me, profoundly credulous -- fascination with occultism.)

Hynek's chronic Hamlet-like indecision drove the aggressive, damn-the-torpedos James E. McDonald nuts, and he despised Allen for it. "Despised," by the way, is not too mild a term. The contempt was palpable. McDonald, whose personality could not have been more different from Hynek's, found Allen's timidity infuriating and irresponsible, and he believed Allen had failed as a scientist.

Even so, for all that he was willing to believe just about anything bad about Hynek, McDonald was too smart to entertain paranoid notions or level goofy charges such as those we've been subjected to on this list. Still, in common with Gary, he had no feeling for the complex human reality that underlay Hynek's long failure to step forward. He could only conclude that Allen was a venal man who cared more about his AF consulting fees than he did about his duty as a scientist.

History will have to decide which of these two men was right. In the meantime, it does neither history nor rational discourse any good to go fishing in schools of red herrings. The reality is complex and interesting enough. A good book could be written on the subject, I am sure. I am equally sure that Gary Alevy is not the one who will write it.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 15:19:21 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:42:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 15:24:29 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 05:18:14 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@earthlink.net>
>>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO Update: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>>Roger R. Prokic
>>Telecom Design Lead
>>Mars Surveyor Program
>>Lockheed Martin Astronautics
>>Denver, Colorado USA

>REgards, Mike Christol,
>Nobody.....

Hi Mike

Boy am I glad I wasn't on the end of this :-) I would feel firmly put in my place and that's for sure.

I am so very glad that you took pains to point out to Roger that it doesn't matter how many qualifications that a person has, or how many letters after one's name in the field of ufology it doesn't matter. What counts is plain old hard work.

Roger I mean no insult to you whatsoever, please believe me on this, but I do feel that you opened yourself up when you said "Who the hell are you to criticize me", sorry but it was bound to happen at some time to someone on this List because there are a lot of hardworking people who have been up to their respective elbows in it for decades. Also I intend no insult to any of the eminently qualified people here on the list i.e. Stanton Friedman. In the field of Ufology there is no recognised 'Degree' or 'Diploma' that can be earned so all that counts is hard work, is it not?

And that means going out into the field and investigating. (I do not imply or suggest that you don't Roger)

BTW with regards to Meter, and Adamski for that matter, I have no bias either way. The reason for this is I have not investigated either of them and have neither the time or resources to do so. I will however listen with an open mind to all that have investigated either and have an informed opinion.

climbing off this soapbox

In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>

UFO page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Stephens & Art Bell Show

From: James Arthur <holy@sirius.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 12:36:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:47:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Stephens & Art Bell Show

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Since Roberrrt A.M. Stephens thought to foreward edited portions of my E-mail to this List, with commentary, I thought it was in order to post my E-mail in its entirety.

James Arthur

Subject: Art Bell show.
Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 22:06:51 -0800
From: James Arthur <holy@sirius.com>
Organization: Ethnomycology
To: sti3818@montana.com

Hello Robert. Now THAT was Radio! I thought it interesting that RCH did not deny sending the e-mails that you mentioned. But instead said something to the effect that What are you doing with private mails, and how do you prove they are from whom you say they are from. There was not (that I heard) any categorical denial. You should post those E-mails with follow up statements from those who have divulged to you that RCH has indeed done those things.

One thing is for sure, you threw them for a loop. You blew them away so bad that the only defense they could put forward was that they could not understand what you were saying. But when asked for the evidence that RCH was a liar, that's exactly what you did. This of course remains as well to be backed up by supporting data (IE the actual E-mails with documentation supporting their credibility).

Your attack on Hoagland smacks of another scandal unfolding, Clinton refuses to admit he lied. Hoagland on the other hand did not admit to sending those E-mails, yet did not exactly deny it either. However, If he did send them, they seem to be of such a personal nature that he may actually BELIEVE the possibilities of this Nuclear strike to N.Y.

I've heard this rumor before (not that I believe it, or do not believe it) but anyone who did believe it would certainly (if no fear was present of making oneself a fool) advise a friend. A public statement of this sort would surely draw incredible ridicule. Suppose he did make it? The logical next step would be, WHY? As "you" say, RCH wastes his time on frivolous crap, and should swerve towards the more productive. Perhaps what he DOES know only surfaces in private e-mails, while he loads the airwaves with useless banter.

At any rate, it behooves you to solidify your statements with supportable evidence. I have found your Scientific statements to be severely lacking, yet your insider (in theory) information is interesting and should be your focus. Art Bell is NOTORIOUS for cutting people off just when it gets interesting. Thats a shame!

Sincerely, James

[It should be noted that this was a private E-mail and was not intended for distribution to anyone except the person I sent it to, nor was my permission given to distribute an edited version to anyone. IMHO RCH is anything but useless banter (just clarifying the previous projected statement) and he has always said there are things he can not talk about, publicly. James]

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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: John W. Ratcliff <jratclif@inlink.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 16:32:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:57:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

My pathetic contribution to this pathetic excuse for intellectual discourse follows. Listening to list members argue about Richard Hoagland and his 'data' conjures visions of absurdity threatening the rational mind with self-implosion. It's analogous to hearing two self appointed scientists discussing, with grave seriousness, the flight worthiness of Santa's sleigh, with or without Rudolph. In all fairness, Art Bell is an entertainer, nothing more, nothing less. Richard Hoagland, however, is...(opinion self-censored by author)

Personal attacks are frowned upon in these forums for public discussion, and I will try to refrain from them here. The simple fact of the matter is that Richard Hoagland suffers from paranoid delusions, involving conspiracies and imaginary happenings which run unchecked through an ego unbounded. To be fair, I have purchased and watched a number of Hoagland's videos which document and serve proof positive for my previous statement. I have purchased his book and digested it with more than just a little bit of gastronomical distress. I have given an objective look at the Mars data, including the more sane commentary by the likes of Stanley McDaniel. However, a pile of rocks ultimately turns out to be just that, a pile of rocks.

To waste any more intellectual energy on this man is rather missing the point. I would gladly contribute a significant portion of my personal UFO/anomaly budget to fund some sort of intervention program to help Hoagland better deal with his reality integration problems.

I know the new millennium is upon us, and we can look forward to a year of hype, hysteria, and general insanity, much of it to be fueled by the likes of Bell/Hoagland/religious fanatics, etc. but is it too much to hope that the voice of reason might cut through this shrill hysteria on occasion?

John W. Ratcliff
Irrational Rationalist

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 18:46:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 13:02:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!
>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 14:47:33 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>I think that no case should be investigated by less than two
>investigators. And I also think that every important
>investigation should be followed up about 1 year and 5 years
>later with a reinterview, leaving every possible amount of room
>for the witness to explain or disavow the reality of their
>report without blame.

This is one of the rarely-appearing good ideas in ufology. I have long advocated "long" investigations which make the witness(es) wait. Several of my investigations have been carried out over years (New Zealand - 1979 to 1982 or 1983; McMinnville, 1974 to 1982) or months (Japan Air Lines 1628 jumbo jet case of Nov. 1986 - Jan 1987 to April, 1987) for example.

Recently, I spent about 4 months investigating and analyzing the 'peanut' UFO video case.... an investigation that COULD have been accomplished within a week..... but I wanted to give the witnesses plenty of time to give any indication of a hoax before going public.

Cashman's suggestion probably will not be taken up except in very exceptional situations in which 'new' investigators pick up on an 'old' case, such as happened with Roswell when Schmidt and Randall began an in-depth re-investigation about 10 years after the initial investigation had started (late 1978).

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 18:39:33 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 13:04:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>From: Farley Scott <SCOTT@HughesLuce.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 14:07:26 -0600

>Others have already pointed out his bogus information such as
>where he states that the moon does not rotate about its own
>axis. This guy is supposed to be knowledgeable in celestial
>mechanics?

>Just my opinion.

>Farley Scott
>Dallas, TX

What? What! Where did you or anyone else get the idea that the moon rotates on it's axis? The moon rotates around the earth, keeping the same face to us at all times. It does not rotate as the earth rotates...

Otherwise there would be no "backside" of the moon which is "unseen" by astronomers or the average person.

I seem to have missed something here...I can't believe that people think the moon rotates through a cycle ever so many hours...If it did, then we would see its other faces...

Please help me to understand this....

REgard, Mike

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Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 18:53:19 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 13:16:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens

>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens
>Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 08:38:31 -0000

>I couldn't agree more. Any man who pretends to be an expert and
>then claims that either the F-117A stealth interdictor or the
>SR-71 have been used as "interceptors" deserves no air time at
>all - even if Hoagland and Bell are running the modern-day
>equivalent of the Banana Splits for conspiracy theorists.

>As far as I and many colleagues are concerned Stephens is
>another Ed Fouche - big on talk and totally lacking in remotely
>credible evidence.

>Tim Matthews.

I could care less if you like these people or not, but I object with passion that you choose to make statements like the one above with such ease in an open mail list.

You Sir, have no manners. You are totally uncouth and as such, regardless of whether or not you know what you are talking about, I would not accept one word as the gospel.

When you learn manners, then let me know, and I Sir will apologize to you. Until then, I will urge others to follow the same practice.

Mike

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Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 22:51:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 13:16:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 00:14:16 -0500
>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology
>>Date: Sat, 26 Dec 1998 22:48:08 -0400

>><snip>

>>I first met Allen Hynek in the late 1960s and saw him in a
>>number of different places after that including his home, Idabel
>>Epperson's home in LA ,at MUFON Conferences., Etc.

>>I thought he was naive about both interstellar travel and
>>government secrecy and I strongly believe that Jim McDonald was
>>certainly a more persistent and better investigator. But I never
>>saw the slightest hint of Allen covering things up.

<snip>

>Look Who's Running Down Dr. Hynek Now!

>I'll say one thing for Allen Hynek, his erstwhile friends sure
>do one heck of a job of "defending" him! That is, both Mr. Clark
>and Mr. Friedman damn Dr. Hynek with faint praise...or praise
>him with lukewarm damnation, take your pick. But it's odd. It's
>like the "Reagan Defense" that was put up after the Iran/Contra
>affair broke into the news and the President was asleep or out
>of town when the various deals went down.

<snip>

>Gary Alevy

I seem to have missed the point. I wrote about and criticized
Allan Hynek many years ago. But I saw nothing in my many
contacts with him to justify the strange claims you have made.
And so far as I can tell you have presented nothing to justify
them, either.

Stan Friedman

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UFO Photographed In Australia 11-06-98

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 13:26:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 13:26:09 -0500
Subject: UFO Photographed In Australia 11-06-98

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@fan.net.au>
To: UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>
Subject: UFO Photographed In Australia 11-06-98
Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 12:40:00 +1000

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UFO Australian Research Network Hot Line Number
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UFO Sky-Hi caught on film

Source: Sunday Mail news paper
Date: 3rd .1.1999

Good Mail, with John Hay
E-mail : smieters@gmp.newsltd.com.au
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The truth is out there, So are the UFOs.

Madelenine Patterson 63 is a dedicated sky gazer and she knows instinctively. Mrs. Patterson aimed her camera at the sky from the backstairs of her Toowong home on November 6th 12 1998 and wasn't in the least surprised when a UFO appeared on the developed film. "I didn't see the UFO at all" she said, "but I had a feeling there was something unusual to photograph. It's something like when people get a feeling there is going to be a storm."

Retired nurse Mrs Patterson, who is also a naturopath and nutritionist, has added the photograph to her growing collection of photographs of cross formations and angels. It includes about six photographs of UFOs. "" These things are there for everyone to see. All my life I've been interested in things that are beyond physical and material spheres and I watch the skies closely." She firmly believes there are other living beings out there. "Otherwise we'd be like cave people, thinking we are the only people in the universe.

Reporter By Elissa Lawrence

1800 Call In Code: 00010

Date 1.1.1999
Day: Friday
Time Reported: 1.12am
Source: Jean W
Location: Forrest Lake Brisbane QLD
Tel 07 33 72
Report Given to nearest Rep: Robert Frola

ufologist@powerup.com.au

Report: While sitting under the back pergola, Mr W and his wife sighted a triangular object, moving very slowly over the western horizon in a north to north westerly direction. The object had a yellow orange glow about it. Through binoculars it was yellow on top and orange on the bottom. 15 minutes later, an identical object appeared and travelled along the same flight path. The witness, an ex-Vietnam vet, estimated the speed of the object to be around 80 to 90kph. No noise was heard. Both witnesses wear glasses. Classification: CE.1

Sighting Report UFOICQ

Date 31st 12 to 1st .1.1999

Day: Thursday/ Friday

Time Reported: 10.35pm

Source: James B

Location: Woodridge

Tel 07 3209

ufologist@powerup.com.au

Report: Over a period of three to four hours, a husband and wife, while relaxing on the back veranda of their home, sighted a number of unknown objects. The first was around 10.30pm on New Year's Eve. 8 objects were seen over the top of Mt Tamborine.

The next group of objects, (15 in number), were seen shortly after midnight. These objects were described as white balls of light with a red outer glowing rim. Looking through binoculars, the objects appeared to have flecks of light emanating from the circumference of the objects.

NOTE: RAAF Amberley had received numerous reports of similar objects. No military or civilian aircraft were flying in the area at the time of the sighting. The witnesses had contacted Ross Dowe after the RAAF Duty Officer of the day gave them his telephone number. Ross Dowe's explanation to the sightings: a meteor shower. Weather condition at the time: full cloud cover (1000-1500 feet), rain moderate to heavy. The meteor shower explanation seems ludicrous said sightee. Contacted authorities, who were involved with fireworks display. Objects do not fit the description of any fireworks they have in their inventory. Their suggestion, UFOs or meteor shower. Witness, being a CB/short wave enthusiast, was contacted by a gentleman living in Wynnum. He also saw the same objects but over the bay.

They also recounted a sighting, which occurred on Christmas Eve. A red ball was seen over Middle Rd Greenbank area. This object travelled across the sky in a straight line, before going vertical, disappearing quickly through the clouds. Classification: NLS

Regards,

Diane Harrison, Robert Frola
UFO Investigation Center
Queensland

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From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@fan.net.au>
Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 15:53:37 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 13:32:18 -0500
Subject: Australian UFO Research Network Hot Line Number

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You have one minute to record your message.

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- QUFON Queensland
- UFOICQ Investigation Center, Queensland, Diane Harrison & Robert Frola
- UFO New South Wales, Brian Dickeson
- WUFO Investigation Center ,Warrnambool, Victoria Jason Groves
- Perth UFO Reporting Center, Brian Richards
- TUFOIC Tasmania, Paul Jackson
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- Ufologist Magazine, Robert Frola

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Jerry Black's Challenge To Whitley Strieber

From: Glenn Joyner <infohead@airmail.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 03:03:12 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 15:01:48 -0500
Subject: Jerry Black's Challenge To Whitley Strieber

Hello Errol, and List members:

As you know, I do transcription work for Jerry Black. Here's the latest "open letter" from Jerry. Please note that his site has moved to:

<http://members.xoom.com/blackshole>

Thanks,

Glenn

An Extensive Review of Whitley Strieber and His Claims of
Encounters With the Visitors

by Jerry Black

January 1999

I have spent the last three and a half to four months carefully reviewing all of Whitley Strieber's books, beginning with his book Communion. I have also reviewed the book by Mr. Ed Conroy by the name of 'A Report on Communion'. All of the books mentioned are very well written. Both men are accomplished writers. However, the purpose of my review is to try to determine whether Mr. Strieber did indeed have the experiences with the Visitors that he relates throughout his books.

Mr. Ed Conroy's book, Report on Communion, is just that: It is a report on Communion. It does not scientifically or objectively investigate the material alleged in Communion, or Mr. Whitley Strieber. He has gone to great lengths to interview many top Ufologists, Whitley Strieber, Mr. Strieber's wife, Ann, Mr. Strieber's mother, and some neighbors who knew Mr. Strieber when he was a youngster. All of these interviews are very interesting, and appear to be well documented. However, this does not help us evaluate the actual validity of Mr. Strieber's experiences. Mr. Conroy makes no attempt to sponsor any psychological evaluation of Mr. Strieber, nor does he make any attempt to sponsor any polygraph tests for Mr. Strieber. He accepts the self-examination that Mr. Strieber has made of himself, and uses that material in writing his book. So, basically, Ed Conroy has done just what the title of his book implies; he has merely reported on Communion, and is certainly not an objective investigation of the material in the book.

Whitley Strieber has had more abductions and encounters with the "Visitors" than anyone else in the history of Ufology. Of course, we must remember that Whitley Strieber, as late as the book written by Ed Conroy, claims that he is not sure that the Visitors are extraterrestrial. However, we look at all of the books Mr. Strieber has written, and the covers of them certainly all do depict humanoid beings that look like what we would consider to be extraterrestrial beings. I do not know if this is a marketing ploy by the book company, or if the covers are done by the direction of Mr. Strieber. But, as one picks up one of these books, one would naturally assume that Mr. Strieber has had

experience with extraterrestrial beings, as the cover images depict the particular types of humanoids which are widely accepted by many as "extraterrestrial."

Having said that, we know that Mr. Strieber has made claims on the Internet, and on his website, that his experience with the Visitors is the most well-documented case of abduction and UFO encounter in the country. We find that to be an untrue statement. Mr. Strieber has basically self-examined his own case.

In the beginning Mr. Strieber was at odds with many Ufologists. I can only say that, in my own brief experience with Mr. Strieber, in letting him know that I was going to do this review, that he certainly does not accept criticism well.

Obviously, one has to expect that when a writer like Mr. Strieber comes forward and begins writing what he has told people to be his true experiences with abductions, and with these Visitors (and for many years before that has been a prolific and well-known science fiction writer), UFO investigators would naturally proceed very cautiously in digesting the material he presents. It is my belief that, in the beginning, the differences between the UFO researchers and Mr. Strieber, which kept them at odds for quite a few years, were basically the fault of Mr. Strieber. He should have been well-aware of the scrutiny he would be subject to, coming out with these "true" stories of encounters with the Visitors, after being such a well-known fiction writer.

Just in my brief contact with Mr. Strieber over the Internet, he was very antagonistic about my making a review of his work. So the fact that Mr. Strieber has taken it upon himself to review his own case, in terms of psychological examinations and polygraph tests, is certainly questionable, in my opinion.

I found many troubling things in my reading of Whitley Strieber's books. First of all, he claims, in his books, Communion and Transformation, to have been basically traumatized by these continual encounters with the Visitors at his isolated cabin in New York, during 1985 and 1986, especially. He describes, in dramatic detail, his being fearful to the point of tears, and frightened to the point of physiological shock, at these continual encounters with the Visitors during the numerous weekend trips that he took to the New York cabin.

However, we are asked to believe that he regularly took his young son, Andrew, as well as his wife, Ann, with him on these weekend trips, knowing that the odds were very high that he was going to be confronted with more experiences with these terrifying Visitors. I find no logic in this course of action whatsoever. In fact, if these encounters are indeed real, I find it very disturbing that he would allow his young son, Andrew, to possibly be subjected to the vision of these terrifying beings on any given weekend that he took the boy along. If Andrew had been subjected to an encounter with the Visitors, the psychological trauma which he may have suffered could have required some very extensive psychiatric help for years.

It is equally perplexing that he would subject his wife to the possibility of these horrifying encounters. So I found this to be completely out of what one would consider the normal actions of a loving father and husband, in subjecting his son and wife to such a scenario, weekend, after weekend, after weekend.

In the front of his book, Transformation, I note the following transcript:

Transformation is dedicated to those who have had the courage to be named in this book as witnesses to my experience.

Then there is a list of well over 20 names here, two of which are Mary Sue and Patrick Weathers. I had nine of my friends, some investigators, some not, who had not read the book Transformation, to read the sentence above, along with the names listed. I asked them what that meant to them. I asked what they perceived that the sentence was saying. All nine of them indicated that they felt like Mr. Strieber was saying that the people listed, at one time or another, had been in the presence of Mr. Strieber when he was having an experience of either seeing an object or possibly encountering Visitors.

However, upon reading the book, I found the statement to be untrue, or at the very least extremely misleading. None of the people listed were actually personal witnesses to Mr. Strieber's experiences. All of these people have had UFO sightings or experiences of their own, which Mr. Strieber claims helps to verify his own personal experiences. In the cases of many of these people, and especially that of Mary Sue and Patrick Weathers, whose experience occurred in 1955, if the analogy is to be used, it seems they would be using Mr. Strieber's encounters to verify their experiences, not the other way around. In any event, none of these people mentioned has any bearing whatsoever on the validity of Mr. Strieber's experiences, because all mentioned had individual experiences on their own, many much earlier than that of Mr. Strieber. None of them occurred in the presence of Mr. Strieber, and vice versa. So the statement is very, very misleading, until one actually reads the book.

Later, at the end of Transformation (and this is also picked up at the beginning of his book Breakthrough), Whitley Strieber attempts to offer as proof of his experiences with the aliens the fact that one evening at the cabin he was hearing knocks on the roof. The knocks are in the sequence of three, a pause, then three, and a pause. As Mr. Strieber was putting this information into his book, Transformation, and it was released to the publisher, only a few people knew this information. At that point in time, Ed Conroy made mention to Mr. Strieber that, in Glen Rock, Wisconsin, there had just been a report that hundreds of people in the town had heard these knocks on their roofs, with no explanation. Some of the people even claimed that the knocks came in sequences of three at a time. Whitley Strieber continued forward with this in his book Breakthrough, and made mention of the knocks heard by the hundreds of people in the small Wisconsin town. He used this at the beginning of the book to illustrate as proof beyond a shadow of a doubt of his experience with the Visitors. This certainly is not proof of his encounters with the Visitors.

During the past 40-odd years, this type of occurrence has happened many times throughout this country at different locations. In the early sixties, here, in Cincinnati, Ohio, I can remember very distinctly (and it can be verified through newspaper records at the library, if necessary) in the local section of the newspaper, there was a heading which read What Goes Boom Boom in the Night? This referred to one evening, early in the 1960's in the western part of Cincinnati, when hundreds of people heard such knocks on their roofs, with no good explanation.

It so happens that one of these hundreds of people was a young lady who worked at my own place of employment at that time. I asked her about the occurrence, being curious about all unusual phenomena, and she could only say that she had heard these knocks repeatedly on her roof, had run outside, as many other people had that night, but could find no one on her roof, and no reason for the noise. She did not mention at that time that the knocks came in sequences of three. Some people may have. However, the point I strive to make is that this is a phenomena which has been occurring for over 40 years, with no rational explanation. There is no proof or evidence of what causes this strange phenomenon, and there is certainly no proof that it is, in any way, connected with extraterrestrials.

Consequently, the fact that Mr. Strieber heard knocks on the roof of his cabin, and the fact that residents of Glen Rock, Wisconsin heard similar knocks on their roofs at about the same time that Transformation was going to print, is no proof whatsoever about Mr. Strieber's encounters with the Visitors. However, he tries to intimate that this occurrence is proof of his experience with the Visitors.

In reality, upon reading all of the books that Mr. Strieber has written on this subject, there is actually no verification whatsoever, no proof whatsoever, that Mr. Strieber has had the experiences that he claims to have had with the alleged Visitors. Contrary to his claims of his being the best documented case of abduction and encounters with the Visitors, many other cases in the field of Ufology seem to have more authentication and objective investigation to support the contentions of the principals than do Mr. Strieber's.

Mr. Strieber has basically self-examined his own case. Again, I can only stress to our readers that one cannot conduct one's own psychological evaluations and polygraph tests and consider them as valid. Mr. Strieber has wasted his time and money by sponsoring and paying for his own psychological and polygraphic examinations.

Of the four tests taken, two of the tests were sponsored by television networks. Again, a television show is not an objective third party. They have a vested financial interest in Mr. Strieber passing such tests, so he can appear on their programs, and thus increase their ratings. So all of Mr. Strieber's efforts to verify his own case are null and void, from this writer's perspective. Mr. Strieber's case stands out there as one which has had no substantiation whatsoever, by any scientific and objective investigator that we are aware of.

Whitley Strieber certainly has a flair for dramatization, as well. I noted that some two or three years ago he was on a television program where a moving video of an alleged alien being, somewhat in distress, was shown. There were three other people besides Mr. Strieber on a panel viewing this particular video. Of course the television program was interested in the opinions of all four of these alleged abductees.

The other three abductees came forth after viewing the video, and very calmly stated their opinions. Mr. Strieber, in a very dramatic fashion, said something to the effect of, "Oh, no, no, take it away, take it away! I don't want to see it anymore." Mr. Strieber's actions were very animated and somewhat uncalled for, especially in view of the fact that he, as an intelligent human being, had to realize that the chances of this video truly being that of an actual alien being were less than realistic.

As it turned out, since that time there has been no substantiation that this video is indeed authentic. So what was the necessity of the overly dramatic response of Mr. Strieber regarding this alleged alien? I found it to be unnecessary and somewhat embarrassing to serious Ufologists.

Again, just recently, there was a gentleman on the Art Bell Show, who claimed to have actually killed an alien which had first killed the man's dog. That gentleman's name was Jonathan Reed.

I am told by friends who heard the first interview of Mr. Reed that Whitley Strieber was also on the show, and that when Mr. Reed told his story, again Mr. Strieber was reacting in an overly dramatic way, gasping, acting as if it were a tremendous story. He of course had no idea whatsoever if there was any truth to Mr. Reed's story, or any evidence to support Mr. Reed's claims of having killed an alien.

Mr. Strieber's actions here remind me of his original reaction about the Gulf Breeze case, in stating that people should take a second look Ed Walters' Gulf Breeze photographs. He bases his entire opinion on this case, besides his actually going to Gulf Breeze at one time, I believe, on the fact that a close friend of his saw an object very similar to the Ed Walters object, two days before the alleged Walters encounters. Obviously Mr. Strieber is not a UFO investigator, because one cannot rely on one person's sighting of an object to validate the UFO sighting of another person. In this case, I obviously do not know what his good friend saw two days before Ed Walters first took his photographs, but whatever he saw was not what Ed Walters alleges to have seen, because it has been conclusively proven that the objects that Ed Walters photographed were models. Accordingly, there is no way that Mr. Strieber's friend, two days earlier, could have seen the objects in the sky that Ed Walters photographed.

The more recent book, Confirmation (which we hear has received a very bad review by a book critic in New York), is what I call simply writing a book for the sake of writing it.

In any case, what I am saying, and have said many times before, one cannot use the experiences and cases of others to validate and verify one's own. The first two thirds of Transformation attempts to do this. Mr. Strieber cites other peoples' cases, in an effort to validate his own story. Each case must stand independently on its own merits, its own investigation, its own polygraph tests, its own psychological profiling. But Mr. Strieber tries to impress us with the fact that other people have

had similar experiences to what he writes about.

The last third of the book deals with his alleged implant. It appears again that Mr. Strieber is writing the book simply for the sake of writing it. He claims he has an implant behind his ear, but when unnamed surgeons attempted to remove it, the implant moved around, and they ended up only getting a small piece of cartilage. By his own admission, regarding the attempted removal of his implant, and even of the removal of one from another gentleman, there is no proof whatsoever that any material that has been removed is of extraterrestrial origin. Again we are left with Mr. Strieber's own evaluation, and his own self-examination, in the case of the implant.

What has raised our ire most recently, and what should be a clear indication of where Mr. Strieber is coming from, is the that I was alerted to the fact (and subsequently told that Mr. Strieber discussed this on the Art Bell Show) that, in the summer of 1998, while doing a promotional tour of Confirmation in Toronto, Canada, he was awakened at 3:00 a.m. by a knock on the door of his motel room. When he went to the door, there was a small human being who proceeded to tell him of the gloom and doom that was forthcoming for this planet.

Mr. Strieber perceives this person to have been from a secret society operating on this planet. This person seemed to be very knowledgeable about the Visitors that Mr. Strieber refers to throughout his books. During that evening, Mr. Strieber, through information related to him by this human being who belonged to the "secret society," was given enough material to write a new book. Mr. Strieber claims he was in the process of writing another book, called The Edge, and subsequently had to stop the writing of that book, to get this critically important information out, which had been given to him about the forthcoming planetary doom. My problem with that is, if there was so much gloom and doom information given to him by this secret society member, would he not, as a good citizen and good friend to all humanity, want to give this information out on the Art Bell Show? Or on the Oprah Winfrey Show? Could he not hold a national press conference, as opposed to taking the time to write a book? At this particular time I have not yet seen a copy of that book on the shelves. Wouldn't it be more proper to just tell everyone, so we could prepare for these looming calamities as soon as possible? Evidently not. He chooses, as he has in the path, just to write a book. This, to me, is extremely, extremely interesting.

It is my personal view that there is no evidence whatsoever to support Whitley Strieber's contention that he has had numerous encounters and abductions with and by beings he refers to as the Visitors. No objective and scientific investigator has ever investigated Mr. Strieber's claims. Thus, I can only conclude that there is no basis to believe any of the claims that Mr. Strieber has made. Until such time as Mr. Strieber allows a thorough investigation by objective investigators, there is no basis for anyone to believe that Whitley Strieber's accounts are true.

Many of our readers are aware that I used polygraph tests in the investigation of the three women in Liberty, Kentucky, Mona Stafford, Elaine Thomas, and Louise Smith, in 1976. All three women passed the polygraph tests.

Most recently, I have used polygraph tests in the case of Travis Walton, regarding the movie Fire In the Sky. I was asked by Tracy Torme, one of the producers of the movie, to re-investigate the case, which I did for over a year and a half. I subsequently gave polygraph tests to Travis Walton, Mike Rogers, and Alan Dallas. All three of these gentlemen passed the polygraph tests with flying colors, as did the three women in Liberty, Kentucky.

My objectivity and fairness is well-known in the UFO community. I support the Travis Walton case, and I support the Liberty, Kentucky case. An extensive investigation, of four and a half years, into the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze case has conclusively shown that the case is a hoax. Ed Walters was given the same opportunity. He was asked on two different occasions by myself, and on one occasion by Mr. Rex Salisbury, to undergo a third party polygraph test, properly sponsored. Mr. Walters has refused all three requests to undergo a properly-given polygraph test.

At this time, I am asking Mr. Whitley Strieber to take a properly-administered polygraph test, sponsored by a third party.

As I have said earlier, and as confirmed by Mr. Billy J. Riggs, who was the President of the Polygraph Association of Florida in 1992, and which is also the view of the National Polygraph Association, the subject person under investigation cannot take his own polygraph test. It is considered an invalid test.

In fact, in the words of Mr. Billy J. Riggs, no good competent polygraph expert, in his opinion, would give a polygraph test under those circumstances. Mr. Ed Walters tried this, as well. Of course, his test results were considered null and void. As I stated earlier, Mr. Walters refused to take a properly-sponsored polygraph test.

So, Mr. Strieber, I am offering you the opportunity to help authenticate your experiences, by undergoing this third-party, properly-administered polygraph test. I am willing to have this test sponsored, at no expense to you. Many people know that I have, in the last six months, been very, very fortunate, in the fact that I now have an impartial sponsor from the west coast (it is not Robert Bigelow), which has agreed to underwrite investigations in regard to polygraph examinations, examinations of alleged alien implants, soil samples, or other major expenses involved in my UFO research.

With that in mind, Mr. Strieber, I can at this time offer to give you and your wife, Ann (I must be able to test you both) polygraph tests at no expense to you. The polygraph expert will be flown in to your location, delivered to your front door, and all expenses incurred will be the responsibility of myself, and underwritten by my sponsor. This test will be administered by a polygraph expert with over 20 years experience. This will possibly be either Mr. Hugh Jones, or Mr. Cy Gilson from Arizona. While that is not a definite situation, we will most definitely find someone who has at least 20 years experience in the field to conduct these tests.

I will be the one to make up the four questions to be asked in the polygraph test. Those questions will be reviewed by the polygraph expert, and he will change the wording as necessary to ensure that definite "yes" or "no" answers can be obtained. I can assure you that all questions will be very blunt and to the point.

If you are sincere about your experiences, if you are telling the readers of your books the truth, you should have no reservations about taking this polygraph test. By testing both you and Ann, the chances of both of you either failing the tests or passing the tests incorrectly are extremely small. The more people involved, the more accurate the tests are.

I will arrange to schedule these tests for you after the first of the year (1999), at your convenience. The results of the test will be placed on my website, and the website of others, whether you pass or whether you fail.

Please be advised that you will have 30 days from January 4, 1999, to respond to the offer of these polygraph tests. If you do not respond within 30 days, I will assume you are refusing to take the third party polygraph tests that I have requested of you. I will instruct the transcriptionist of this letter to post it to a public UFO discussion forum, and to e-mail a copy to you personally.

I eagerly await your reply.

Regards,

Jerry Black

JB/gmj

A NOTE ABOUT JERRY BLACK:

Mr. Jerry Black has been researching and investigating UFOs in a scientific and objective manner for the past 40 years. His Internet website can be found at:

<http://members.xoom.com/blackshole>

Mr. Black invites your comments on the above. He does not have an e-mail address, but can be reached at the following address and phone number:

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From: BufoCalvin@aol.com
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Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 15:22:03 -0500
Subject: BWW Media Alert 19990103

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January 2, 1999

Well, this is your last year to get the 20th century right :) . As most of you know, I tend to be pretty positive in outlook: the twentieth century has been okay to me so far...great in some areas!

Last week's FOX broadcast of WORLD'S GREATEST HOAXES: SECRETS FINALLY REVEALED seemed an incredible display of chutzpah. Bob Kiviat, who had produced the very successful alien autopsy show for FOX (among other weird shows), brought us this one apparently angled towards skepticism. I haven't dissected it thoroughly, but it was amusing in its lack of balance and the use of red herrings. While it appeared that some people, such as Kal Korff, may have had legitimate things to say, it was difficult to tell in this format. Essentially, someone would claim inside knowledge that something was a hoax, without much if any collaborating evidence. The logical people to respond (the people being accused of hoaxing) were generally not made available. They may, of course, have chosen to stay clear, but we didn't have statements like "Ray Santilli/Bob Gimlin/the President of ANE/ declined to be interviewed". In the cases where someone did respond, such as Billy Meier, Doc Shiels, or the supposed man in the suit in the Patterson film, it was all denials. My favorite thing was the guy trotted out who claimed to have been appeared in the alien autopsy film...except it wasn't a piece of film that had ever been shown before! The quality was way below that of the "actual footage". The gentleman seemed to have a tough time keeping a straight face: was that because he was revealing the real hoax, or hoaxing the revelation? The thing I was most disturbed by was the equation of the Billy Meier "cult" with the Solar Temple and Heaven's Gate (which both contained members who committed suicide). It seemed to be guilty by association, and could start unjustified (but not necessarily incorrect) action. The statement that some folks who hang out with Billy Meier also were members of the Solar Temple ignores, for example, the fact that many members of Heaven's Gate were STAR TREK fans: does that mean that there will be a mass suicide at the next Trek convention? Let me stress that I think it was fine that the program was run, and I encourage Bob Kiviat to do more. They had the standard "hey,

this isn't news, it's entertainment, so we can do whatever we want" disclaimer. We all assume that everybody who watches tv is smart enough, and disciplined enough, to keep that in mind, right? ;). Besides, it was a great chance to tape the Patterson film.

Interestingly enough, Nessie came out relatively well. One of the ones they didn't debunk (despite the fact that you could have easily found people who would have said it was fake) was the Robert Rhines group of underwater photos. This week, look to NOVA to do an episode on Nessie which is also rumored to be not overly negative. The old girl may be recovering somewhat from the allegations about the "surgeon's photograph".

By the way, I'm starting a new monthly feature in FATE magazine soon, covering weird reports from around the world. If you are interested in contributing, please let me know and I'll send you the criteria.

On to the listings: Times are generally Pacific.

TELEVISION

A&E

Next Sunday, January 9, 4:00 PM, ANCIENT MYSTERIES WITH LEONARD NIMOY: UFOS: THE FIRST ENCOUNTERS (from ancient texts)

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Sunday, January 3, 10:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: CASTLES, TOMBS, AND LEONARDO (includes haunting in England)

Monday, January 4, 2:00 AM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: CASTLES, TOMBS, AND LEONARDO (includes haunting in England)

Thursday, January 7, 10:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: ANCIENT PUZZLES (oddly, this series which has always been cryptozoological before, appears to be stepping outside)

Friday, January 8, 1:00 AM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: ANCIENT PUZZLES (oddly, this series which has always been cryptozoological before, appears to be stepping outside)

Saturday, January 9, 2:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: ANCIENT PUZZLES (oddly, this series which has always been cryptozoological before, appears to be stepping outside)

Next Sunday, January 10, 12:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: WARNINGS FROM THE FUTURE

Next Sunday, January 10, 10:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: CASTLES, TOMBS, AND LEONARDO (includes haunting in England)

Next Thursday, January 14, 10:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: GIANT SERPENTS

Next Friday, January 15, 1:00 AM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: GIANT SERPENTS

MTV

Sunday, January 3, 2:30 PM, ROAD RULES: UFO stories (don't know if this is really appropriate or not)

Sunday, January 3, 4:30 PM, ROAD RULES: haunted hotel

Monday, January 4, 10:00 PM, ROAD RULES: UFO stories (don't know if this is really appropriate or not)

Saturday, January 9, 8:00 PM: ROAD RULES: UFO stories (don't know if this is really appropriate or not)

Next Monday, January 11, 10:30 PM, ROAD RULES: haunted hotel

PBS

Next Tuesday, January 12, 8:00 PM, (although many stations will show it at different times, on different days, or even with different content) NOVA: THE BEAST OF LOCH NESS (rumor has it that they actually came out somewhat favorable to Nessie. Considering some of the skeptical bent of other episodes, that will be surprising if true)

THE SCIENCE CHANNEL

The new schedule (since December 28, 1998) is weird programming for an hour each at 3:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. Alternating shows are: INTO THE UNKNOWN and ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE. They also run a Roswell show now every other week (it's probably the same show every time) at 4:00 AM and noon on Sundays.

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Tuesday, January 5, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3007 (haunted English castle; UFOs and popular culture; ghost-busting; Santeria; lunacy; dowsing)
Wednesday, January 6, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3008 (Iranian UFOs; psychic detective; heartland ghost)
Thursday, January 7, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3009 (Ohio UFO; Henry Rucker, spiritual healer)
Friday, January 8, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3010 (heartland ghost follow-up; Siberian UFO crash ((Tunguska?)); dolphins; Nessie)
Tuesday, January 12, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3011 (finding children from a previous life; Montreal UFO; monster in Japan; psychic detective)
Wednesday, January 13, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3012 (haunting; past lives; Florida UFOs; psychic detective)
Thursday, January 14, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3013 (English weirdness; aliens; psychic sculpture; premonition)
Friday, January 15, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3014 (psychics in Russia; crop circles; ghosts of the Oregon Trail)

SYNDICATED

Wednesday, January 6, MONTEL WILLIAMS: psychic Sylvia Browne
Thursday, January 7, JUDGE JUDY: psychics

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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Re: In Memorium... Betty Cash

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:43:03 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 15:25:53 -0500
Subject: Re: In Memorium... Betty Cash

>From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 11:44:42 EST
>To: CAUSupdates@caus.org
>Subject: [CAUS updates] - In Memory of Betty Cash

>In 1981 I represented three People in a lawsuit against the
>United States Government for injuries that resulted from their
>contact with an unusual aerial object.

>Betty Cash, Vicky Landrum and Colby Landrum are the only three
>People to ever sue our government for injuries from a UFO. On
>the eighteenth anniversary of her encounter, Betty Cash died.

>Betty Cash was a warrior and heroine. She fought the US
>government and, even in defeat, showed a spirit and tenacity
>that will now be her epitaph. CAUS and I pay tribute to a very
>brave lady...and a victim of this government's callousness to
>the rights of the individual. The following is the announcement
>of her death:

Dear Peter...

I am sorry to hear about this.

I had the good fortune to meet Betty and Vickey at the 1996
MUFON Convention in Pensacola, Florida.

I have a photograph of Betty, Vickey, Walt Andrus and his wife,
which I took, hanging on my wall, here in my computer room.

I have a montage of photos from different UFO events which I
have taken over the years.

Again my deepest sympathy to Betty's family and friends. Ufology
has indeed lost a valiant warrior...

REgards, Mike

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 14:02:14 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 15:28:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 15:19:21 +0000
>Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:42:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 15:24:29 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 05:18:14 -0800 (PST)
>>>From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@earthlink.net>
>>>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

Previously, Sean offered this in regard to Michael Christol's response to Roger Prokic:

>I am so very glad that you took pains to point out to Roger that
>it doesn't matter how many qualifications that a person has, or
>how many letters after one's name in the field of ufology it
>doesn't matter. What counts is plain old hard work.

>Roger I mean no insult to you whatsoever, please believe me on
>this, but I do feel that you opened yourself up when you said
>"Who the hell are you to criticize me", sorry but it was bound
>to happen at some time to someone on this List because there are
>a lot of hardworking people who have been up to their respective
>elbows in it for decades. Also I intend no insult to any of the
>eminently qualified people here on the list i.e. Stanton
>Friedman. In the field of Ufology there is no recognised
>'Degree' or 'Diploma' that can be earned so all that counts is
>hard work, is it not?

Not.

The only thing that matters is results.

When I was a kid, I wanted to play baseball. I sucked at it. Therefore, I had to try twice as hard to make the team and put out a great deal more effort than other kids better than me. Needless to say I did not make the team. But, if "hard work" was the measure for success, then I damn well should have been team captain.

Sorry, Michael, but unless all your much bally-hoo'd hard work (or anyone else's, for that matter) has uncovered something unique or different regarding UFOs that we don't already know, then you are only a guy with an opinion, just like Roger, no matter how hard you had to work to form that opinion.

>From what I've read of your own posts, your much touted neutral "wait and see" position COULD be considered little more than a dodge of dealing with difficult issues. And your habit of limiting yourself to only one response MIGHT seem far too convenient an escape route for someone truly interested in exchanging ideas or exploring the results of someone else's research. Or is your own research the only "real" research you

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recognize? Ironic, don't you think, that someone so committed to research, i.e. learning new information, would be so prejudicial of another person's ideas simply because of a title after the name? How petty.

I know of no "facts" or "evidence" uncovered by anyone on this list, regardless of their "field work", that has added to our over all knowledge anymore than some of the "armchair" UFO enthusiasts that also participate. In fact, some of the "armchair" members have actually brought up some interesting things for discussion. So when Roger asks, "Who the hell are you to judge me?" he has a legitimate point and I think you owe him an apology.

But then what do I know? I don't have the "field" experience that you do so I guess my opinion means nothing, also.

Roger Evans

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 13:21:48 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 15:33:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 15:19:21 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!
>Hi Mike

>Boy am I glad I wasn't on the end of this :-) I would feel
>firmly put in my place and that's for sure.

>I am so very glad that you took pains to point out to Roger that
>it doesn't matter how many qualifications that a person has, or
>how many letters after one's name in the field of ufology it
>doesn't matter. What counts is plain old hard work.

Grin...Thanks Sean...I appreciate your supportive thoughts.

I really mean no disrespect to Roger or anyone else. I just wish them to think about their words in the 'field'. As you said, in the part that I snipped away, there are no recognized 'Degrees' in this field...

If there were so, then based on what I have actually read on this mail list, there would only be about ten, max! <G>

I respectfully leave myself out of the ten.... I would place myself somewhere in the sophomore year of my degree work...and I would place many others in elementary and junior high school. Ha, ha, ha...but, as you know, those young minds "know everything" about everything, but that which they are there to learn. <g> ;-)

Take care Sean.

REgards, Mike

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From: Perry Mick <perrym@teleport.com>
Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 11:28:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 15:39:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 18:39:33 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>>From: Farley Scott <SCOTT@HughesLuce.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs
>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 14:07:26 -0600

>>Others have already pointed out his bogus information such as
>>where he states that the moon does not rotate about its own
>>axis. This guy is supposed to be knowledgeable in celestial
>>mechanics?

>What? What! Where did you or anyone else get the idea that the
>moon rotates on it's axis? The moon rotates around the earth,
>keeping the same face to us at all times. It does not rotate as
>the earth rotates...

It's such a simple thing, I think people just get confused by
the language used to describe it.

The moon does rotate, but it's period of rotation is the same as
it's orbital period around the earth. That is why it always
keeps the same face towards us.

I couldn't understand how it could so perfectly keep the same
face towards the earth. It was explained to me about a year ago
that it is tidal forces that 'lock' the near side of the moon
towards the earth, and this took several eons to accomplish. In
fact, eventually (billions of years) the earth's rotation will
slow down enough so that the earth will also keep one face
toward the moon. Our days will then be perhaps 28 days long!
This is also due to tidal forces between the earth and moon.

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'Strange Days...Indeed' - Tonight: Michael J. Woods

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**
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Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 18:39:24 -0500
Subject: 'Strange Days...Indeed' - Tonight: Michael J. Woods

On 'Strange Days... Indeed' tonight we'll be talking with Michael J. Woods.

Mike Woods has worked for 17 years in the news business. He started in radio, working as a news writer at CHUM AM & FM, and lead reporter at CKWW radio. He was editor and managing editor of Business and Finance Magazine. For the last seven years he has been with CITY-TV in Toronto, for three years as a news writer for CITY-TV's Breakfast Television, for almost a year the Producer of 7 'live' hours of Pulse 24 - the 24 Hour Cable News Service and just recently he's gone back to BT as the news producer. He also conducts UFO research and lectures on UFOs and the media.

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 11:31:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 14:02:14 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>Not.

>The only thing that matters is results.

>When I was a kid, I wanted to play baseball. I sucked at it.
>Therefore, I had to try twice as hard to make the team and put
>out a great deal more effort than other kids better than me.
>Needless to say I did not make the team. But, if "hard work" was
>the measure for success, then I damn well should have been team
>captain.

Yes, I was the same way, Roger... I loved baseball, but didn't
have the extra qualities to be great at it...I was only only
average...

Yet, taught my son to play and he was much better than average.
But due to his small stature, he choose music over sports, and
graduated from college with a music degree, which led to a
modeling and acting career...he is only in the early stages of
both, so is not yet known to the average person..."time will
tell" if he is successful in the field he has chosen...<g> I
know this is irrelevant, but I was also a Boy Scout. I wasn't
very good at that either...but I did earn several merit badges
and was assistant Troop Leader...<g> Just a little trivia which
has nothing to do with anything...ha, ha, ha...

>Sorry, Michael, but unless all your much bally-hoo'd hard work
>(or anyone else's, for that matter) has uncovered something
>unique or different regarding UFOs that we don't already know,
>then you are only a guy with an opinion, just like Roger, no
>matter how hard you had to work to form that opinion.

I can't help but agree with you Roger...however, I do have
videos of informtion and artifacts which I have had for years
and not shared with the whole of Ufology. I have shown some of
this material to people who I am close to... One example of one
who has seen some, not all of my material is Tom Theofanous,
whom Errol knows very well. You may wish to coax Tom into a
discussion of this... whether he will participate, I cannot say.
Errol knows me...I have been to Toronto on three different
occasions.... Here again this has nothing to do with
anything...

>>From what I've read of your own posts, your much touted neutral
>"wait and see" position COULD be considered little more than a
>dodge of dealing with difficult issues. And your habit of
>limiting yourself to only one response MIGHT seem far too
>convenient an escape route for someone truly interested in
>exchanging ideas or exploring the results of someone else's
>research. Or is your own research the only "real" research you
>recognize? Ironic, don't you think, that someone so committed to
>research, i.e. learning new information, would be so prejudicial
>of another person's ideas simply because of a title after the
>name? How petty.

I respect your right to those opinions Roger...But, unless I or anyone else has the materials in our physical possession, we can only make some tpe of choice...I choose to wait and see. I am sure that this whole phenomena will be explained in another 50 or a hundred years...I may not be alive to see it, but if history is any type of forbearer, there will be someone alive who will say: "Mike Christol chose a wait and see attitude. If he were alive now, he would have seen his faith justified"... Whether that be they are real and the cases were real, or they were all hoaxes...either way, I will have been vendedicated for not passing judgement....

If I _had_ had a personal experience in this field, then without a doubt I would be standing on it and allowing others to believe as they choose.

I dodge nothing...I will give you my honest opinion...but I cannot tell you I know something I do not. I will not tell you something as fact that I know is not...I Sir, will not lie about something.

Example: I have a friend who is blind. He has known me for 30 years and loves me like a brother. One day, while playing around with him, I told him I had seen a UFO land in a cornfield in the boondocks outside our town...I said I had watched from about 50 yards away as a door opened and a ramp slid down to the ground.. there was a white light inside the craft... I told him that suddenly, a being appeared in the door and walked down the ramp...etc., etc... My friend believed every word I told him...He sat there hanging on every word I spoke...He trusted me...

Well, Roger, I finally stopped and told him it was all just a joke. The look on his face which lasted only a moment, and then broke into laughter, was one I shall never forget...

Sure he thought it was funny, but, Roger, From that point on, I created a situation to fill his mind called "doubt."

No matter that I told him it was a joke. If I were to actually have that type of experience again, and tell him; even if he said he believed me, I know there would always be that little bit of doubt in his mind as to whether I was telling him the truth or just telling him another story.

I do not ever want to see that look on the face of anyone I know or share UFO information with again, as long as I live.

Thus, I will not make claims which I have not experienced. As far as opinions go...they are of no good...just speculation. I don't have the billions of dollars necessary to "verify" all of the info we receive on a daily basis...if I did, I would. I can be very choosy...I have been in this field long enough to choose whom I talk to and whom I ignore....but, Roger, I do not wish to be that way...I think the greatest thing we can bring to this list is "UNITY." Good manners and a good attitude are essential to doing this...

>I know of no "facts" or "evidence" uncovered by anyone on this
>list, regardless of their "field work", that has added to our
>over all knowledge anymore than some of the "armchair" UFO
>enthusiasts that also participate. In fact, some of the
>"armchair" members have actually brought up some interesting
>things for discussion. So when Roger asks, "Who the hell are you
>to judge me?" he has a legitimate point and I think you owe him
>an apology.

So, if I were to say that "I have metal samples from something which allegedly crashed in Northern Indiana back in the 70's", that would not apply as proof either, would it? I thought not. So, I won't say it...<g>

>But then what do I know? I don't have the "field" experience
>that you do so I guess my opinion means nothing, also.

Roger...your opinion is just as important as mine....I have no problem with opinions. What I have is trouble with Authoratative Figures, who profess to know what is right and good for all of us and indicate that we should accept their input as gospel.... Please forgive me if I present that type of

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attitude. It is not intended...<smile>

No, feel free to chew on my ears any time you wish...I'm, a big boy, I can take it...but, know, I can give as good as I get... sometimes better. <g> ha, ha, ha....

I don't mind double intimidation, from both parties...but I do mind intimidation from one source only, with the undertones which imply that you had better not reply, but keep your mouth shut and accept it...P--- on that!

>Roger Evans

I am proud to know you Roger Evans...you are not afraid to say what you feel, even if you suspect there will be a big discussion to follow....

Keep it up...you are good for Ufology.
I once told Phil Klass the same thing...
I told him if it wasn't for him, we UFO
investigators would be fruther off in left
field than we already were...
He looked shocked...but then smiled...
Regardless of what most think of Phil,
I like him...he can be very entertaining
when you get him in a group discussion..

For anyone who is reading this and was in Albuquerque, NM, at the 1992 MUFON Convention, and happened to be in the bar area, with Don Ecker, Robert Dean, Phil Klass and others, will know what I am talking about...Phill was very entertaining that night...<g>

Ok...take care Roger.

REgards, Mike

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>Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 11:28:11 -0800
>From: Perry Mick <perrym@teleport.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>,
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

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>the language used to describe it.

>The moon does rotate, but it's period of rotation is the same as
>it's orbital period around the earth. That is why it always
>keeps the same face towards us.

If it didn't rotate on its axis, it would show one face to Asia,
and the opposite face to North America.

Greg Sandow

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Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 11:47:33 -0500
Subject: Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 20 Dec 1998 13:31:03 EST
>Fwd Date: Mon, 21 Dec 1998 12:21:07 -0500
>Subject: Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 16 Dec 1998 14:06:06 EST
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Dec 1998 21:00:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

<snip>

>I am providing this background in order to establish that my
>credentials as a long-time UFO investigator are secure and that
>I am not a knee-jerk debunker, though I am a serious critical
>thinker and find much of "UFOlogy" today to be based on a flimsy
>house of cards and chimera.

I was certainly not personally criticizing Brad Sparks, although
I was aware that he had proposed the "bouncing meteor"
explanation for the 1949 Arrey sighting of Charles Moore and
others. However, I was criticizing his meteor theory because I
felt it to be seriously deficient for the reasons I enumerated
in my original post.

<snip>

>Back in 1979 I first realized that the Charles B. Moore case of
>April 24, 1949, near Arrey, New Mexico, appeared to be that of
>an escaping or tangential meteor, i.e., a meteor that skipped
>back out into space instead of burning up in the earth's
>atmosphere or crashing into the ground as a meteorite. Since
>that time I've been compiling research data on similar such
>cases.

>Here are some answers to the recently posted objections to
>explaining Moore's 1949 sighting as an escaping or tangential
>meteor:

>1. Approx. 60-second Duration: The Rocky Mountain Fireball of
>Aug 10, 1972, was tracked by classified Air Force DSP
>missile-warning satellites which proved for the first time in
>history that a meteor had entered the earth's atmosphere then
>bounced back into outer space. The DSP sensor data so far
>declassified shows a tracking duration of 101.2 seconds, and a
>number of ground observers were able to observe it nearly
>horizon-to-horizon for upwards of 60 seconds. If the Arrey
>meteor braked close to escape velocity it could extend these
>durations perhaps by 20% or more.

I was unaware of this information. Thanks. Obviously a meteor
could last for 60 seconds. So toss that objection in the trash
can. On the other hand, all other aspects of the 1972 daylight
fireball were very unlike the Moore 1949 sighting. The 1972
fireball was very obvious and attracted the attention of
thousands. It was bright, large, with a long flaming tail, and
constantly spitting off pieces of molten matter. And it flew on
a ballistic trajectory.

>2. No contrail or "meteor train." Most meteors do not leave a
>"train" (the technical term in meteoritics for what we would
>perhaps better term a "contrail").

That's because the vast majority of meteors are little more than specks of dust. Yet what Brad Sparks is proposing is a very substantial chunk of matter that could endure high speed passage through our atmosphere for at least a minute without burning up. This will inevitably produce the spectacular characteristics of the 1972 fireball, i.e., large, bright flaming fireball, pronounced trail, etc. Yet NONE of these characteristics were associated with the Arrey 1949 sighting.

I would very much like to know of any documented daylight, long-duration fireball sightings in which there was no associated trail. Even an artificial object like the space shuttle which is designed NOT to disintegrate (or more accurately, disintegrate very slowly and in a very controlled fashion), leaves a very pronounced trail (at least at night when I have seen it). It also appears to be much larger than a minute of arc (the size of the Arrey object). The shuttle fireball was probably on the order of 10-15 minarc, or 1/3 to 1/2 the size of the moon. Furthermore, in returning from orbit, it would be flying considerably slower than a tangential escaping meteor, yet it still puts on a spectacular show from frictional heating. Not so the Arrey object.

>2a. Seeming lack of other witnesses. This is a problem for a UFO
>as it is for a meteor -- why wasn't the UFO seen by numerous
>people?

A characteristic of many true unknowns (noted clear back in 1947 by Gen. Schulgen in his infamous memo) is their vertical characteristic, i.e. they tend to appear and disappear in a vertical direction, and operate, and hence are seen, over a correspondingly small area.

This, however, is not the case with these long-lived tangential fireballs, such as in 1972. They can travel hundreds of miles horizontally while in our atmosphere, put on a spectacular pyrotechnic show that draws people's attention, and are potentially visible along the length of the path for tens of thousands of square miles.

E.g., if the Arrey object averaged 6 miles/sec over 60 seconds, then it travelled about 360 miles during its observation. If it was at an altitude of 60 miles, then observers to either side of it over 600 miles away would still potentially see it above the horizon (assuming no line-of-sight obstructions). At least where Moore and company made their sighting, the skies were completely clear. This leaves a potential observable area from all directions of over half a million square miles. Even if we chop this by 80% because of daylight, obstructions, etc., we still get over 100,000 sq. miles of observation area. Yet as far as anyone knows, there weren't any other reports of this object, completely unlike typical major fireball events.

Aside from the lack of normal spectacular fireball features, I suggested this lack of witnesses might also be partly due to the sparse population in the region of the sighting. While this is generally true, it is also true that they would have lost sight of the object when it passed very near Albuquerque, the most densely populated area of the state. So again, one must wonder where all the sightings were.

>Perhaps the meteor/UFO WAS seen but we don't have the
>reports because the reports are inaccessible in government files
>or reports were never made at all (Stan Friedman's famous
>overused dictum "Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence"
>applies here). In late April 1949 the corrosive Sidney Shallett
>article in Saturday Evening Post had just come out which mocked
>and ridiculed UFO witnesses and their reports, and several weeks
>earlier Project SIGN had been transformed into the unfriendly
>anti-UFO Project GRUDGE, hence witness reporting was officially
>stigmatized and no doubt stymied.

I find this theory for lack of witnesses extremely strained. The most probable reason that nobody else reported this object was because it was extremely tiny and not very bright. It was not the sort of thing to draw attention to itself. The Moore group seemingly only caught sight of this otherwise inconspicuous

object because 1) It was part of their job to be intensely watching the sky at the time, and 2) it happened to be in the same region of the sky as their tracked balloon.

As for active suppression of eyewitness accounts, we could compare this event with another fireball that occurred in the area just a few months before and was seen by thousands for hundreds of miles in all directions. This was the giant green fireball of Jan. 30, 1949 seen all over northern New Mexico and into the Texas Panhandle. This prompted an extensive secret investigation by the Air Force, a memo of searching for a crashed saucer, and secret conferences to discuss the findings. At one of these conferences, it was noted that attempts were indeed made to keep mention of the event out of the media. However, I have a front page article from the Albuquerque Journal of Jan. 31 (also one from the Santa Fe New Mexican) in which a number of locals reported seeing the object. Dr. LaPaz, the local meteor expert and lead Air Force investigator, also invited the public to send him any reports. The Santa Fe New Mexican article was from United Press, which means the event was probably mentioned in a fair number of papers throughout the country. Frankly it would be pretty difficult to keep something like this out of the newspapers.

Another interesting point is that LaPaz eventually triangulated the trajectory to the panhandle of Texas. Like the Arrey object, this object also flew horizontally. However, it was at much lower altitude than the Arrey object, no more than 10 miles high, and visible for only a few seconds, and yet was seen by a large number of people, obviously very low on the horizon, from Albuquerque, some 250 miles away. One pilot reported seeing it from Gallup, about 400 miles distant. This just emphasizes that major fireballs can be seen from surprisingly large distances, but seemingly not the Arrey object, which practically passed right over Albuquerque. In all fairness, however, the Jan. 30 fireball happened just after nightfall, which would make the event much more noticeable to people.

>3. Object's shape. The object could not possibly have had a
>"well-defined shape" if as reported by Moore he was unable to
>obtain a "hard or clear focus, and no good detail was
>observable."

Moore reported getting glimpses of it through the theodolite as he attempted to track it. He reported it being elliptical in shape, 2-1/2 to 3 times as long as it was wide. He could see that it nearly filled the field of view of his 25 power telescope. From this he deduced that it was approximately 100 feet in length.

> The object was much too small to be seen with the
>naked eye (0.02 degree is at the limit of resolution by the
>human eye)

Doesn't that alone strike you as a little weird for a long-duration fireball? Even speck-of-dust shooting stars produce glowing paths that are at least .02 deg (or 1 minarc) wide. Remember this "meteor" would have to have very substantial mass to survive long transit through the atmosphere. It's streaking through our atmosphere at a bare minimum of 5 miles per second, probably faster. It's going to be blazing hot from friction. The surface is rapidly being melted away. The surrounding air is likewise extremely hot and ionized. This creates a large glowing mass, much larger than the actual object itself. People report big, bright fireballs. Descriptions like "a quarter of the size of the full moon" are typical. But this thing was tiny and scarcely noticeable, even though it was bright enough to clearly stand out from the daylight sky.

So again we run into this conundrum. A meteor would have be a big mass to survive a long passage through the atmosphere. Thus it should have created a big, bright, flaming fireball with a prominent trail. Yet this object had none of these characteristics.

> so the only detail that could have been seen would
>have had to have been observed through the theodolite. Such a
>rapidly moving object would have been difficult to keep within
>the extremely narrow field of view of the theodolite (FOV
>roughly the same size as the object about 0.02 deg.), at 5
>degrees/second this would mean a movement of about 250 fields of

>view per second!

A very experienced user of a theodolite, as Moore was, can track a smoothly moving object using the unaided eye with its large field of view to guide the theodolite while simultaneously looking through the eyepiece of the scope with the other eye. It is thus possible to obtain glimpses of the object even under these very unfavorable conditions. I have done something similar many times on the guide scope of my reflecting telescope when following something like a jet plane. This is actually much more awkward than in the Moore situation, since the scope is on an equatorial mount and is big and bulky. I have even been able to track a plane with some success looking solely through the 50X eyepiece of the main scope without benefit of the unaided eye to maintain position. Once the object is located, it is usually possible to anticipate its movement and move the scope to keep up with it. In short, Moore very likely got a number of glimpses of the object through the scope just like he said.

>The object disappeared into the glare of the sun about midway
>through the sighting and the course seemed to also change about
>that time. Meteor fragmentation probably occurred at that point
>which was not visible due to the sun (see next point for more
>discussion on this).

This was not the only major course change, at least two others occurring toward the end of the sighting when they weren't looking into the sun. Fragmentation was not observed. In any case, fragmentation could not possibly cause the huge course changes that were observed, spelled out in more detail below.

> Small fragments could have broken off at
>other points which would not have been visible to the naked eye
>because of the small size, and not visible through the
>theodolite because it was out of focus

I don't understand why the theodolite would have been out of focus. They were initially tracking a balloon at some distance from them. The theodolite would be focused at infinity at all times.

> or because the main
>object filled or dominated the small field of view thus blocking
>the split-second view of any small fragments.

If you compare this object with the 1972 one, people with their unaided eyes had no problems at all seeing bright, spark-like fragments continually breaking off the main body in the 1972 meteor. That was also a daylight meteor. But nobody reported seeing any fragments at all with the Arrey meteorite despite 60 seconds of observation.

The fact is there is NO supporting evidence that there was any fragmentation of this object at any point in its flight.

>If fragments flew
>off at angular velocities comparable to the main body but in
>differing directions, then even if a fragment could have been
>seen across as much as half of the theodolite's field of view,
>it would have been visible for only about 0.002 second (2
>milliseconds), too brief to have been seen at all. The human
>retina's refresh rate or "flicker speed" (as with movie camera
>and television frame speeds) is about 20 to 30 milliseconds.
>Nothing in sight for less than this interval can be seen unless
>it emits a powerful enough flash of light as to register on the
>retina despite the brevity, and small meteor fragments by
>definition would inherently not have been as bright as the main
>body.

Which was already anomalously dim for a long-lived meteor fireball.

Once again I find Brad Sparks arguing that everything that should have been there was miniscule or dim to the point of invisibility, yet this was a meteor massive enough to survive a very long period of time.

>4. Variable or Linear Trajectory. As Rudiak points out, the
>account obtained by James McDonald from Moore in about 1967
>indicates a purely linear or ballistic trajectory consistent
>with a meteor. However, the original azimuth/elevation data from

>the theodolite in 1949 do indicate a course change.

>But it must

>be recognized that a meteor that fragments MUST change course,
>by the same laws of conservation of momentum that are observed
>every day with subatomic particles that fragment with a "main
>body" (the heavier particle) being deflected from its path while
>smaller particles fly off in differing directions.

Well, no, not really. Energy also has to be conserved. The object could break in half, but unless there is some sort of energy to separate the halves laterally, both halves would continue on their original course flying side by side.

So what would a course change require? First of all we're talking about a very large course change -- not 1 or 2 degrees but 40 or 50 degrees. Let's call it 45 degrees to keep it simple. At 45 deg, the new sideways velocity will equal the original forward velocity. Thus if the "meteor" is moving forward at 20,000 mph, the new perpendicular velocity vector required for the course change will likewise be 20,000 mph! A high velocity like this would require some massive explosion, which would probably shatter the meteor and end its flight right then and there.

Nor can the main body of the meteor simply eject smaller fragments to effect such an enormous course change. E.g., if a fragment 10% of the main mass was ejected sideways, what would its velocity have to be to propel the main mass in the opposite direction by 20,000 mph? Momentum conservation tells us it would have to fly off at 180,000 mph!!

On the other hand, if Moore and company lost sight of the main mass after the explosion and instead tracked a fragment ejected by an explosion at 20,000 mph, then why would this smaller fragment seem no different in appearance from the original main object? In fact, Brad Sparks is arguing that ejected smaller fragments would be invisible to the ground observers to try to get around the problem that the ground observers reported to fragmentation of the object at all.

No matter how one goes at this, the scenario required for the large course change seems preposterous. And this wasn't the only large course change.

> In addition,

>a meteor with a random aerodynamic shape and orientation could
>"bounce" in a HORIZONTAL direction just as well as in the
>VERTICAL direction, without ANY FRAGMENTATION.

I don't know that that has ever been observed with real meteors. I've seen thousands of shooting stars and not one has ever noticeably changed course. And if the above argument had any merit, these mostly tiny grains of sand should be affected much more strongly by atmospheric buffering than some big mass.

I would also like to know how an object of random aerodynamic shape and orientation would be deflected in a strictly nonrandom direction. Wouldn't it be deflected a little bit one way, then another, so that the net course change would again end up approximately zero? I seriously doubt that any postulated hypothesis such as a "boomerang" or "curve ball" meteor would stand up to careful scrutiny.

The only thing I can imagine that would cause a significant course change would be the so-called Coriolis force. An object moving that fast on a northward ballistic trajectory would appear to deflect to the left a few degrees over a minute's time because of the rotation of the Earth underneath it.

>4a. The Object's Rise at the End. The approximately 4-degree
>ascent of the Arrey object in 1949 is roughly comparable to the
>2-degree rise of the Rocky Mountain Fireball in 1972 that was
>measured by DSP satellite triangulation. Given the round-off
>errors in the figures hurriedly taken down by Moore's crew
>(notice they did NOT report theodolite readings to a minute of
>arc or 0.017 deg. as the instrument was capable of providing),
>the 25 and 29-degree readings could easily have been +/- 0.5
>degree each or even +/- 1 degree each, so the "rise" could have
>been from say 25.5 to 28.5 degrees or even 26 to 28 degrees.
>Thus the Arrey object might really have ascended by the same

>2-degree angle as did the Rocky Mountain Fireball.

First of all, at the point that they noticed the object rising, the object had for a short time ceased to move relative to their position, i.e., it was moving in a line-of-sight direction directly away from them (or possibly toward them or even hovering if an artificial object, but lets assume away as a good meteor should go). This represents yet another drastic course change. First the object was in the SSW at 45 deg elevation heading eastward. Then it turned in the ESE at about 60 deg elevation and headed northward, a deflection of some 40 or 50 degrees. This alone would have meteor experts rolling their eyes and exclaiming "Impossible." Then this "meteor" arcs northward and downward across the sky until it is in the NNE at an elevation of 25 deg where it ceases to descend and the azimuth is no longer changing. It's now moving directly away from the observation point.

If you do even a crude sketch of this, it is obvious that once again the "meteor" has changed course by a whopping 40 or 50 degrees, not 2 degrees. This is some meteor!

At that point the object appeared to rise in elevation by 4 degrees. This rise occurred over a number of seconds (as I recall about 10 seconds), so this angular movement was an order of magnitude less than the earlier 5 deg/sec. One would assume the accuracy of their tracking would improve correspondingly.

But even if one again fudges the data and reduces the elevation change to 2 degrees rather than 4 degrees, please note this is a projected change in angle, not an absolute change. They weren't observing the object from the side but from in back as it moved off in a more-or-less radial direction. Thus the actual absolute deflection upward was greater than the projected angular elevation change from their observation point.

Finding the actual deflection would require knowing the speed of the object as it moved radially away, its height above the ground, and the duration of the elevation change. E.g., if the object were 60 miles above the earth at the beginning of its rise, traveling at 5 miles per second, and observed for 10 seconds, then the actual deflection from original path is around 6 degrees if the projected elevation change was 2 degrees. And if the elevation change was their reported 4 degrees, then actual deflection would have been around 12 degrees.

This is not as drastic as the two other course changes of around 40-50 degrees, but still considerably more than the benchmark 2 degree deflection of the Rocky Mountain fireball.

>5. Speed. Moore ASSUMED escape velocity in order to estimate an altitude and distance to the object, since quite logically the >object clearly was not headed for the ground and did appear to >have ESCAPED the earth's gravity or at the very least have >entered earth orbit

Please note that this almost directly contradicts what Brad Sparks says further below, in which he declares that no one thought of an escaping meteor before. Well obviously they WERE thinking in terms of an escaping something or other. If it had characteristics of a meteor they undoubtedly would have thought escaping meteor. But it didn't.

>(as had long been suspected of the great >fireball meteor procession seen by numerous observers from >Ontario to New Jersey and Bermuda in 1913).

Here I feel Brad Sparks is trying to explain one highly anomalous event by comparing it to another, even more anomalous one, which has also never been adequately explained. Affixing the word "meteor" to both events does not make either one so, considering the many factors that were completely unlike normal, well-behaved meteor fireballs.

Let's quickly look at the 1913 fireball procession to see just how extraordinary it was. (The following information BTW was taken from a review of the sighting in Arthur Bray's book "The UFO Connection.") It was originally studied by California astronomer Dr. C. A. Chant, who noted some of the following anomalies that left him scratching his head. There were multiple groups of objects following right after another, some composed

of perhaps dozens of objects, and flying in perfect formation that was retained throughout the display. Even when parts seemed to break off, they continued to follow the parent body without loss of speed rather than being dragged down to earth by air friction (there were a few reported exceptions, however). And these objects seemed to be flying relatively low, so there should have been considerable air friction. For one thing, they could be heard rumbling in the sky. Chant originally estimated the altitude at only 26 miles based on available data, then revised it upward to 34 miles. Another contemporary astronomer, W. F. Denning, raised this to the more rarefied altitude of 38 miles. He too had big problems with the multiple fireballs not being dragged to Earth by friction.

Most extraordinary, however, was the enormous range and duration of the fireballs. Chance placed the minimum flight path at 2400 miles, requiring 4 to 5 minutes for each object to cover its entire observed track. In 1968, John O'Keefe in the R.A.S.C. Journal reported more historical data showing that the event actually extended some 6000 miles, from Brazil to western Canada. At the upper end of estimated speed of 10 miles/second or 36,000 mph, this required 10 minutes of transit time. At the lower end of the speed spectrum of 5 miles/second, which also seemed to best-fit the seeming constant-altitude circular trajectory of the fireball train (according to British meteor expert M. Davidson), a transit time of 20 miles would be needed.

The problem is nobody can understand how multiple "meteors" like this could survive such a lengthy, high-speed passage through the atmosphere without either being burned up or dragged to earth by friction. Chant called it "quite without parallel," "a very exceptional occurrence," and "truly extraordinary."

Bray also quoted a "well-known astronomer who holds a high position (who shall remain unnamed)" who wrote, "I too have been puzzled by the "meteor" explanation and feel that, in the light of the full UFO phenomenon, this hypothesis must be seriously questioned."

The same, I think, applies to the 1949 Arrey sighting.

>The speeds that were posted recently (see below) are in error by >more than 20%, they are understated,

No, not really. I just used different assumptions. See below.

>and correcting the errors

>brings us about half way even to the 35,000 mph meteor velocity >cited, though that is not really necessary as much slower >meteors are on record. The Rocky Mountain Fireball was tracked >by DSP satellite to a minimum speed of 31,790 mph, for example.

Please note the operative word "minimum" here. This would be AFTER friction and gravity had already slowed the object. During the rest of the passage, a passive object like a meteor would have been travelling faster.

>For an object 60 miles high at 60 degrees maximum elevation and >an angular speed of 5 degrees/second, the slant-range distance >is found from $60 / (\sin 60 \text{ degs.}) = 69$ miles approx. and the speed >is about 6 miles/second or 22,000 mph (NOT 5 miles/sec or 18,000 >mph). At 80 miles high the distance is 92 miles and the speed is >about 29,000 mph (not 24,000 mph).

However, based on Dr. James McDonald's report from the Congressional Record, I was assuming a ballistic trajectory, which in this sighting would have taken the object directly overhead at closest approach and maximum angular velocity of 5 deg/sec. 60 miles high at the zenith is also 60 miles distant from the observers. I was also merely giving this as a simple example of how Moore's estimate of 18,000 to 25,000 mph (I used 24,000 mph) translated into altitudes of 60 to 80 miles (at the zenith).

Now as noted previously by Brad Sparks, Moore et al were actually working in reverse. They assumed the object probably DID escape from earth and had a velocity somewhere between orbital velocity of about 18,000 mph and escape velocity of 25,000 mph. From that you can estimate altitude from the rate of angular change.

There are other ways to estimate altitude and speed. There was no sound; therefore the object must have been higher than about 30 miles altitude. And since frictional glow of incoming objects doesn't start until about 70 miles, the object was unlikely to have been higher than that. 70 miles altitude at 60 degrees elevation and 5 deg/sec would translate into a maximum speed of 25,000 mph. But conceivably it could have been half of that or less. We still have a very slow speed for a meteor either way.

>6. No One Thought of an Escaping Meteor Before.

No, as mentioned by Brad Sparks himself, they actually did think in terms of escape to derive estimates of speed and height. The real problem was this object did not behave like a meteor: highly erratic trajectory, lack of trail, etc.

> Until the 1972

>Rocky Mountain meteor was PROVEN to have escaped back into outer
>space by highly classified satellite data, NO ONE in astronomy
>recognized the existence of escaping meteors whether a Donald
>Menzel or anyone else, so obviously such a Space Age- type
>explanation was not previously considered for the Arrey case in
>pre- Sputnik 1949. In fact it was evidently considered an
>IMPOSSIBILITY.

No, this is nonsense. E.g., the 1912 event was attributed to tangential meteors that escaped back into space by the astronomers, like Chant, who first reported on it in 1913. They were well aware of simple Newtonian mechanics, of orbital and escape velocities. This was hardly new stuff. They knew, e.g., that a bare minimum of about 5 miles/second was needed for the objects to maintain a circular orbital trajectory and constant altitude and anything greater than this would cause the bodies to eventually skip out into space. Anything less and the objects would certainly fall to earth. Theoretically the possibility of such a grazing collision was well known since the time of Newton. This was hardly a "Space Age-type explanation."

That solid experimental data of an actual event was lacking until 1972 is a whole other matter. Likewise there was no direct evidence of neutron stars or black holes or gravitational lenses or planets around other solar systems or neutrinos from supernova explosions until some time after they were all theoretically predicted, when instrumentation and observation finally caught up with theory.

> And it doesn't matter that C. B. Moore has a
>distinguished scientific career or not, it doesn't change the
>facts of the sighting. To try to sway the facts of a case based
>on what did NOT enter the MINDS of numbers of fallible PEOPLE,
>instead of what the actual sighting details convey, is a tenuous
>argument at best.

What the sighting details actually convey is that this object could not have been a meteor. And certainly a big-time debunker like Menzel (a major 20th century astronomer whatever else we may think of him) was not loath to explaining away any number of UFO sightings as meteors. No, I think even Menzel had big problems with a meteor, all of which I have spelled out ad nauseum: extreme nonballistic trajectory, absence of trail, small size and dimness for such a long-lived object, etc.

>I very much enjoyed this analysis and appreciate the posting
>that provided much food for thought in the interesting technical
>comments made on this classic 1949 case.

>Brad Sparks

Likewise Brad. I just don't buy the meteor explanation. It makes no sense.

David Rudiak

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Carbon Nanotubes -- Alien Supermaterial?

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Here's a brief article in the Jan. 1999 issue of Discover Magazine on some of the latest known remarkable properties of carbon nanotubes. A quick summary of these properties from this article and elsewhere:

1. Up to 100 times greater tensile strength than steel -- perhaps strongest material theoretically possible.
2. Best conductor of heat of any material.
3. Superconductor or near-superconductor at room temperatures (properties 2 & 3 closely related). They are also less dense, hence lighter in weight, than normal metallic or ceramic superconductors.
4. Can also be configured to behave like normal metals or semiconductors -- prototype nanotube transistor has been made. Thus electronics can theoretically be integrated directly into superstrong structural material.

Carbon nanotubes would make one helluva material from which build a futuristic aircraft or spacecraft. Light in weight, yet tremendously strong and with high heat dispersal properties. All sorts of electronics could be integrated directly into the skin of the craft -- sensors, lights, electronic camouflage, computational devices, you name it.

Superconducting properties could be used to build magnetic energy storage rings integrated directly into the hull. Or the tremendous strength could be used to manufacture humble flywheels rotating at high speed that could also be used to store large quantities of energy.

If the material can conduct sufficient current, very powerful magnetic fields could be generated in a lightweight craft. This would be the basis for practical magnetohydrodynamic atmospheric propulsion. Strong magnetic fields could also be used for partial "inertial dampening" to protect occupants from the effects of high acceleration (same principle as the "floating frog" demonstration from last year). Additionally, the great strength of the material would keep any supermagnet from literally exploding, a serious problem that must be dealt with in the design of any powerful magnet.

Currently carbon nanotubes are little more than microscopic whiskers in research laboratories. However, the potential is obviously enormous. It sounds like the sort of material with which to build our mythical flying saucers (perhaps integrated with metals in the form of composites or laminates of various types).

With structural elements, energy storage, propulsion, and electronics perhaps all integrated and constructed from the same basic material, the remains of an exploded saucer might look a good deal more uniform than that of an exploded 747. Witnesses handling such material might also speak of it being very lightweight yet being resistant to heat and having great strength.

I think most of you can guess what I'm driving at here. Anyway, here's the article.

January 1999, Discover Magazine, page 38

Technology 1998

Tomorrow's Tubes

Ever since they were discovered in 1991, carbon nanotubes -- cylindrical molecules of graphite that look a bitr like rolled-up chicken wire -- have been touted as the material of the future. Pound for pound, carbon nanotubes are about a hundred times stronger than steel and transport heat better than any other known material. But while bridges suspended from whisker-thin nanotube cables are probably some decades away, a newly discovered realm of application for the strange molecules -- electronics -- may be at hand.

When a carbon atom links up with neighboring carbons to make a sheet of graphite, some of the atoms' electrons are left unbound, free to roam around and conduct electricity throughout the sheet. Because carbon nanotubes are simply graphite tubes, it was not surprising that they could also conduct electricity.

But in June, Walter de Heer and his colleagues at Georgia Tech found that nanotubes can do something no ordinary wires can do -- conduct electricity with almost no resistance at room temperature.

While nanotubes are not superconductors (the current in a superconductor, unlike that in nanotubes, continues to flow even when the power source is shut off), their highly regular molecular structure allows electrons to flow freely without losing energy in collisions with stray atoms. Resistance-free nanotube wires could greatly reduce the size of electronic components.

Other research groups found equally surprising properties. In January, teams at Harvard and at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands demonstrated that nanotubes made of a single layer of carbon could conduct electricity either like a metal or like a semiconductor, depending on the alignment of carbon atoms in the nanotube. By May, Cees Dekker of the Delft team had managed to rig up the world's first nanotube transistor; it was less than a tenth of the size of a conventional semiconductor transistor.

Physicsts are already talking about stringing together nanotubes to create carbon-based molecular electronic devices to replace the ubiquitous silicon-based computer chips.

Says Walter de Heer: "There's a new era of electronics awaiting for us."

--Jeffrey Winters

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Greetings List,

I said I wouldn't post on this topic, but I think these comments are warranted.

In the last few weeks Jerry Clark has argued about almost everything, but I must say his assessment of Hynek, certainly is compelling.

Isabel Davis derided Hynek as, "that timid little man!" She really took after him in her letters for what she felt was a slight to serious investigators in Hynek's "Yale Scientific Magazine" article.

>As anyone who has spent a lot of time on the question of
>Allen Hynek, as I have, would likely agree, Allen was almost
>a classic case of cognitive dissonance: a guy who was able
>to hold two equal and opposite thoughts in his head at one
>time.

>On one level he was an Air Force debunker; on the other, he was
>bugged by the suspicion that maybe there was something --
>something big -- going on. He also juggled conflicting
>interests. One, not necessarily admirable but entirely
>understandable, was the paycheck the Air Force gave him. In the
>end it helped educate his children, no small consideration as
>any parent on this list will understand.

I think Hynek wanted to consider UFOs seriously and lend support to a few investigators on the extreme QT. How Vallee came to be a Northwestern University would, I believe, be a tale.

>There was also his desire, as a guy who had a career in
>astronomy to protect, not to get too far ahead of his scientific
>colleagues, who he knew would criticize him vehemently if he
>began to champion the notion that UFO reports are genuinely
>anomalous. (This, of course, did happen eventually.) There was
>also the consideration that his views on the subject fluctuated
>wildly. In the late 1950s he was even privately urging that the
>term "unidentified flying objects" be jettisoned because it
>implied that there were objects which could fly. Allen was so
>conflicted on this subject (as private and official memoranda
>richly confirm) that sometimes one gets the impression that his

>view of UFOs depended upon which side of the bed he got up from
>on a particular day.

Scientific reputations are hard to repair after they are broken. A consideration surely. Hynek did give some support to scientists to look at UFOs after the "swamp-gas" episode.

Hynek's "conversation" is certainly not at this point, but much before. His slipping of USAF reports to CSI-NY, I guess shows him to be a double agent. <BG>

Hynek indicated that he was worried that he had given Ruppelt incorrect about UFO sightings during "Moonwatch," but did little to correct the record publically.

>The good Allen Hynek was privately critical of Donald Menzel's
>pseudoscientific explanations of UFO reports (see, for example,
>The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., p. 634), and within Blue Book he
>was generally on the side of the angels -- though not to the
>point of directly confronting the bad guys. As early as 1952 he
>cautiously told the Optical Society of America that puzzling
>reports existed and that witnesses ought not to be ridiculed.
>(It was here that he made the deserves-to-be immortal
>observation "Ridicule is not a part of the scientific method,
>and the public should not be taught that it is.") He was
>depressed and frustrated by the Robertson panel's dismissive
>attitude.

>People tend to think that Hynek's emergence as a UFO proponent
>in the 1960s happened overnight. It didn't. Even then there
>were false starts and stops, culminating in the embarrassing
>"swamp gas" episode which troubled Allen the rest of his life
>and to which he kept returning in both public and private
>discussion. Ironically, it was ridicule -- ridicule on the
>opposite side, of lame-ass Air Force and bogus "scientific"
>explanations for UFO sightings -- that finally forced Allen into
>his role as proponent. It is even possible that, had it not
>happened, he would have maintained an equivocal posture for
>years afterwards.

I think his trip to France 1955 was something, someone in the know should comment on. Did he met with Michel then?

>(An additional aspect of Hynek's cognitive dissonance: On one
>level, he was a trained, well-credentialed, accomplished
>scientist. On the other, he entertained mystical notions and
>had a deep -- and, it seemed to me, profoundly credulous --
>fascination with occultism.)

He did seem to have a rapport with Col Friend and is almost "gleeful" at checkmating NICAP in the 1960-61 House hearings. "Our competition" he calls them. He claimed that he thought Keyhoe was a mountebank which I take as so much trash talk. I think he was well aware that NICAP was indeed as serious as CSI.

The reluctance to come to the office when Vallee and Hynek were just down the street from NICAP is another demonstration of his extreme conservative nature. I found that Vallee's and Beckmen's concept of McDonald and NICAP was stuck in 1967. How unfortunate they didn't get to know them better.

In Hynek's meeting with Coral in 1953, she comes out with the impression that the Air Force will share with her. Again, another question mark.

>Hynek's chronic Hamlet-like indecision drove the aggressive,
>damn-the-torpedos James E. McDonald nuts, and he despised Allen
>for it. "Despised," by the way, is not too mild a term. The
>contempt was palpable. McDonald, whose personality could not
>have been more different from Hynek's, found Allen's timidity
>infuriating and irresponsible, and he believed Allen had failed
>as a scientist.

Hynek said that McDonald was somewhat hypocritical because he had a significant UFO sighting in 1954, but took almost a decade to come forward. (BTW Jerry, I urge you to publish McDonald's sighting in IUR.) McDonald's early letters to Hall are somewhat tentative, but once he decides to come forward, he jumps in with both feet.

>Even so, for all that he was willing to believe just about
>anything bad about Hynek, McDonald was too smart to entertain
>paranoid notions or level goofy charges such as those we've been
>subjected to on this list. Still, in common with Gary, he had
>no feeling for the complex human reality that underlay Hynek's
>long failure to step forward. He could only conclude that Allen
>was a venal man who cared more about his AF consulting fees than
>he did about his duty as a scientist.

I saw one exchange at CUFOS, I think in which Hynek asks
McDonald when the bashing would end, and McDonald comes back
with a heated remark. However, McDonald says in another letter
to Hall, I think, that his head tells him he should ally himself
with Hynek while his heart couldn't forgive him for his failure
to speak out earlier.

However, when the attempt to set up a separate UFO organization
was made both McDonald and Hynek were to be officers and seek
grants for research, indication the breach was healing.

>History will have to decide which of these two men was right.
>In the meantime, it does neither history nor rational discourse
>any good to go fishing in schools of red herrings. The reality
>is complex and interesting enough. A good book could be written
>on the subject, I am sure. I am equally sure that Gary Alevy is
>not the one who will write it.

Agreed.

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>>Others have already pointed out his bogus information such as
>>where he states that the moon does not rotate about its own
>>axis. This guy is supposed to be knowledgeable in celestial
>>mechanics?

>What? What! Where did you or anyone else get the idea that the
>moon rotates on it's axis? The moon rotates around the earth,
>keeping the same face to us at all times. It does not rotate as
>the earth rotates...

>Otherwise there would be no "backside" of the moon which is
>"unseen" by astronomers or the average person.

<snip>

>Please help me to understand this....

Dear Mike, Farley and List:

Of course the Moon rotates on its own axis, just as the Earth rotates on its own. They are almost, but not quite, in lockstep. It is, however, a misconception that we always see exactly the same face. In fact we can see 59% of the Moon's surface from the Earth over a 30 year period. This is due to a number of Libratory Motions:

1) The Moon's orbit is not circular but slightly eccentric. As described by Kepler's Second Law of Planetary Motion, the Moon moves faster when it is closer to the Earth in its orbit than when it is further away from the Earth in its orbit. The Earth and Moon are rotating at relatively fixed rates. What happens is that sometimes the Moon is moving faster and we get to peek around the following edge, when it is moving slower our rotation carries our view forward, allowing us to peek around the leading edge. This Libration in Longitude allows us to see 7.75 degrees around Eastern or Western limbs of the Moon at different times of the month.

2) A Libration in Latitude occurs because the Moon's orbit is inclined 5 degrees 9 minutes to the ecliptic. Put simply, sometimes the Earth is slightly higher than the Moon, allowing us a peek over the North Pole of the Moon, and sometimes we are lower allowing us to peek under the South Pole.

3) There is a Diurnal Libration because when the Moon is just coming up in the East and almost setting in the West, we are viewing it from opposite sides of the Earth, resulting in a 1 degree peek around the East or West limb.

4) There are also smaller libratory movements.

The combined effects can mean that the center of the Moon can be shifted as much as 10 degrees, 16 minutes. Try looking at the Moon in binoculars, say, once a week. Check out the different position of Mare Crisium (the left ear of the Man in the Moon). You will be amazed at how it changes. Sky & Telescope or Astronomy mags give predictions for these shifts in each issue.

Bob Young

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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>>Just my opinion.

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>people think the moon rotates through a cycle ever so many
>hours...If it did, then we would see its other faces...

>Please help me to understand this....

Say Mike... put on your Captain Video Space helmet for a sec,
here, ol' buddy.... by the way, I still have one! Really!

Now think a moment. The moon doesn't have a backside, not
exactly. Yes. The moon presents the same face to us but the only
way it can is by turning on it's axis of rotation.

Take a tennis ball or if you're my age a Spaulding... remember
those? Place it at arms length and make that black "SPAULDING"
name face you.

Now keep your body still and slowly rotate your arm thru maybe
50 degrees or so, as much as you can without straining your
metarsals framous muss cules.

In order to keep the same face of the ball facing you as it
orbits around your bod, it's gotta turn on it's own axis... see?
It just happens to orbit on it's own axis once every time it
orbits around us... it's a miracle!

Now sit down. With all this excitement, you need a Freshly
Made. May I suggest our Ordinary Vinny? It's bold, but not at
all presumptuous, fresh of course, but not overly ripe. And,
they are mild!

Dr. Gesundt, Astronomer, Consultant to Carl Sagan and Steven
Hawking.... and I'm not just a client, I'm also the president of
Freshly Made.

By the way, everything I said above is a crock of tripe. The
moon has no axis at all. It's hollow. And it's got a three
cylinder, two stroke SAAB 96 ingine just below the surface.
God. Can't even kid around this list anymore without having to

post your resume and present references for pity sake. Just what the hell do you guys think them aliens is doing here anyway. They need oil to add to the gas or the moon just won't stay put!

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 07:21:21 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 12:17:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 14:02:14 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

Hi Roger

>Not.

>The only thing that matters is results.

>When I was a kid, I wanted to play baseball. I sucked at it.
>Therefore, I had to try twice as hard to make the team and put
>out a great deal more effort than other kids better than me.
>Needless to say I did not make the team. But, if "hard work" was
>the measure for success, then I damn well should have been team
>captain.

I think you are wrong here Roger.

To use your analogy

- 1) Life's a bitch!
- 2) How do you know the others didn't try harder, work longer and etc etc? Besides which something like this "talent" comes into it as well.

If you are saying results is all that counts then you are demeaning an awful lot of peoples hard work. For example, Kevin Randles' investigation of the Roswell incident(s), Stanton Friedman's uncovering of the FOIA documents, Chris Rutkowski's annual Canadian UFO Reports to name but a few. No I'm sorry your "results only" argument doesn't hold water in my opinion.

>Sorry, Michael, but unless all your much bally-hoo'd hard work
>(or anyone else's, for that matter) has uncovered something
>unique or different regarding UFOs that we don't already know,
>then you are only a guy with an opinion, just like Roger, no
>matter how hard you had to work to form that opinion.

And in the land of free speech is not everyone entitled to their own opinion?

>>From what I've read of your own posts, your much touted neutral
>"wait and see" position COULD be considered little more than a
>dodge of dealing with difficult issues. And your habit of
>limiting yourself to only one response MIGHT seem far too
>convenient an escape route for someone truly interested in
>exchanging ideas or exploring the results of someone else's
>research. Or is your own research the only "real" research you
>recognize? Ironic, don't you think, that someone so committed to
>research, i.e. learning new information, would be so prejudicial
>of another person's ideas simply because of a title after the
>name? How petty.

I think I answered this in the previous post.

>I know of no "facts" or "evidence" uncovered by anyone on this

>list, regardless of their "field work",

Then, my good Sir, you are sadly lacking. And I leave it to others to point out to you the evidence that they have uncovered, say regarding trace landing cases for example. Or how about Betty Cash and her burns?

>that has added to our
>over all knowledge anymore than some of the "armchair" UFO
>enthusiasts that also participate. In fact, some of the
>"armchair" members have actually brought up some interesting
>things for discussion.

I agree, but its the hard work of others that brings these discussions to results.

>So when Roger asks, "Who the hell are you
>to judge me?" he has a legitimate point and I think you owe him
>an apology.

That's for Mike to decide but I disagree.

>But then what do I know? I don't have the "field" experience
>that you do so I guess my opinion means nothing, also.

So do certain peoples opinion carry more weight than others
Roger?

If so why?

In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>

UFO page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: '92 Sighting

From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 16:38:11 +0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 12:21:29 -0500
Subject: Re: '92 Sighting

>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 12:01:25 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: '92 Sighting

>>From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
>>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Info on '92 Sighting
>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 11:45:10 +0800

>>I was hoping that someone might be able to help me with some
>>information concerning a sighting which occurred in 1992. All
>>the information I have follows -

><snip>

>I regret that my oply record from Endeavor Hills was on
>09Oct1989 and obviously unrelated.

>In the 1989 account, two observers saw a 20 foot (6 metre)
>object [poorly described] hovering near some power lines.
>Grass in the vicinity later died in some odd manner.

>For fine and necessary details on this particular event, one
>must consult Bill Chalker's book " The OZ Files", page 189.

>There is a second source: /r123 p 231. For ten centavos,
>I will go look that up too, but please allow time.

>If you are short of time, please let me know in advance.

Mr Hatch,

Thank you for the information. I don't believe this is the same case, but it's interesting to know there was another sighting in the same area. I will have to obtain a copy of Mr Chalker's book for future reference (being a fellow Aussie it must be a good read :)).

Once again, thank you.

Sharon.

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Conflicts In The Reed 'Alien' Case

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 12:43:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 12:43:24 -0500
Subject: Conflicts In The Reed 'Alien' Case

Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 03:36:45 -0500
From: Scott Hale <shale@columbus.rr.com>
To: updates@globalserve.net
Subject: Conflicts In The Reed 'Alien' Case

All,

I usually don't bother with cases I find to be hoaxes, but I thought I'd throw this out there.

After I finished my first semester at American University in Washington, D.C. I came home from break and decided to catch up on relaxing and goofing off.

Needless to say I'm still on a college sleep schedule, which means I get not sleep at all. So I'm up one night looking at all of the different UFO folklore that's being passed around.

I came across the Reed alien photo story on artbell.com while looking for the occasional interesting personality Art squeezes in between the other guests.

I saved one of the photos and zoomed in on it using photoshop and viola.

The clothing the alien is wearing is uniquely human in its nature, in that it has a button on its shirt..

I decided to look for a transcript of an interview to see what the clothing was described as. I found the interview at:

<http://bbs.rowlandnet.com/cgi-bin/WebX?14@^3802374@.ee75a4e/2>

The clothing was described:

DR: It was a black type of suit made of some type of material that nothing that I had ever seen, almost a tight fitting body wrap type of material. Almost like spandex.

WS: Was it a tailored suit or more like...

DR: It was tight fitting. All the way tight against its neck, torso, legs, feet. All one. All one piece, as far as I could see.

There is no mention of a button.

I don't know whether to be amused or disturbed by the fact that thousands of people crowd around their radios nightly to hear about a paper mach=E9 dummy wearing human clothing.

I made dinosaur masks using the same method as a kid and they looked better than this. Included below is my edited copy of the photograph from Bell's site. See for yourself.

Happy New Year!
Scott Hale

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UFO Reports Acquired From Cincinnati Area

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 04:25:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 13:14:29 -0500
Subject: UFO Reports Acquired From Cincinnati Area

UFO reports acquired from Cincinnati area
By Charles Stuart

A Mt. Healthy resident and his mother reported two separate sightings of unusual aerial objects on consecutive nights. In both instances the UFOs released or ejected a single small light which hovered and then flew away under its own power

On Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998, while walking her dog in a residential district of Mt. Healthy, Ohio (Hamilton County), "Mrs. H." (name is withheld for privacy) reported seeing a large stationary object with "very bright" steady white light in what she said looked to be a circular pattern. As she watched, a small white light detached itself and flew away. Weather conditions were partly cloudy.

The next night (Friday, Jan. 1, 1999) after exiting I-275 onto Hamilton Avenue, Mr. H. and his mother witnessed another unusual object in the same area near their home. Mr. H. describes this object as three steady bright white lights in a triangular formation with another light in the center. It also appeared to be stationary and about 500' in altitude. "It was larger than a plane," Mr. H. assured. As they watched, the center light detached itself once more and flew a short distance before both objects disappeared behind some trees. A small plane with a blinking red light had also been observed passing above the objects before they were all lost to view. Mr. H. said that he had the impression that the main object looked somewhat like a B-1 bomber, however he was unable to explain the light that he saw "drop off." The weather conditions at the time of the sighting were cloudy, prior to a snowstorm.

Both sightings occurred shortly after sundown; the first (Dec. 31) at around 7:30 P.M. and the second (Jan. 1) at 5:45 P.M. (sundown was at 5:28 P.M.).

The area described is in a landing approach area to the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati International Airport. The witnesses have lived in this area for approximately 5 years and claim to be familiar with the appearance of normal air traffic.

A Hamilton County Sheriff patrol helicopter is headquartered at a nearby police facility on Hamilton Avenue, but they inform that they have seen this aircraft come and go many times and insist that a police helicopter is not what they saw.

According to Mr. H., the UFO also drew the attention of other motorists. He said that the people in the car ahead of them were sticking their heads out of their windows to get a better view.

Additional note: The two witnesses are mildly interested in ufology and have told of previous sightings, the most spectacular being in the mid-70s near Milford, Ohio.

Report filed:
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Australian UFO Reports - 01-04-99

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@fan.net.au>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 21:27:52 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 13:19:38 -0500
Subject: Australian UFO Reports - 01-04-99

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A New Ufologist Jason Cowland on line
Australian UFO Reporting Center (AUFORC)

Sighting Reports

Location: Lindisfarne Tas
Date: 10th June 1998

An object was seen dropping to earth leaving a vapor trail over MT Faulkner. The trail that was seen first descend from a cloud the object fell out of it when the vapor trail stopped. The witness described the object resembling a Mac Donald's type logo; a large M shaped object. The witness was driving during the entire time and mentioned that the sunset gave the object an unusual appearance. The descending motion of the object was as if it was attached to a parachute, however, he could not see a parachute on the object.

Although an article appeared in the Hobart Mercury the next day as "Evening UFO mystery", the witness (ex-RAAF) felt that it may be a deflated weather balloon or something that dropped of an aircraft.

Location: Benalla Victoria
Date: 19th June 1998
Time: 10.00pm

An orange light was sighted at 10.00pm when the witness went outside to feed his dog which at first looked like an n airplane. It looked as if the light was about 1-2klms away. It was not flashing and the witness was surprised that no engine noise could be heard. As the light moved in a straight line across the sky the witness was still trying to listen for engine noise, it stopped for 10-20 seconds then dropped straight down out of sight.

I contacted the Benalla Police Station to see if they had received any other reports, which they had not. I also contacted the Victorian Aero Club who conducts glider flying from Benalla. They informed me that no flying is done at night and none is done on Fridays (Fridays night was when the sighting took place).

Location: Orbost Victoria
Date: 21stth August 1998
Time: 08.55pm

Tow orange balls of light where seen traveling together from west to east at 08.55pm. The witness became excited when one of the objects dropped something that sparkled as it fell then burnt out. The object that dropped the glowing substance then

vanished and the other remained in sight and kept moving from west to east then slowly disappeared. The sighting lasted approximately 5-10 minutes.

The witness was very excited by the whole encounter and described her dogs going crazy and barking at the time of the event. She had spoken to other individuals in the Orbost community who had also seen the object at different times that night.

Location: Meadow Heights Victoria
Date: 9th September 1998
Time: ?

A red Light reported as slowly moving around the sky. Described as a bright red star (MARS like) darting erratically but slowly in the night sky. Slowly drifted off in the direction of Cranbourne. No sound heard by the witness who felt it could not be a plane or helicopter

Location: Werribee Victoria
Date: 18th September 1998
Time: 09.30pm

Witness described a triangle set of light while out fishing at approximately 09.30pm in the Werribee inlet. He saw the lights while on his boat, which appeared to be some distance away. They drifted off very slowly and then all three lights separated and went in their own directions. The witness also mentioned that another individual was walking their dog on the bank at the time and that they departed immediately after the light left. The witness was sure that the other individual saw the lights but could not confirm this

Location: Williamstown Victoria
Date: 28th September 1998
Time: 10.30pm

Call was received at 10.30pm on this night to report a fiery object ball of light with what appeared to be light or fiery piece falling front. It was observed for about 5 minutes moving slowly across the sky. A report appeared the next day in the Melbourne Herald-Sun VUFORS also received a call. A news article appeared in Hobart Mercury on 1st October 98 about the King Island UFO described in the Herald-Sun.

Location: Dandenong North Victoria
Date: 4th October 1998
Time: 09.55pm

This sighting took place on the previous Sunday 27th September 1998 at 9.55pm. A family of three saw a bright object about 10 degrees above the horizon for about 3-4 minutes. The object was traveling very fast and had red and white lights. They contacted the Canberra Observatory but had no reply.

Location: Rye Victoria
Date: 10th October 1998
Time: 08 to 08.30pm

Witness explained that a small star like lights have been seen three times over the past two weeks at the same time, between 8.00pm to 8.30pm. he described them as moving across the horizon over the bay. Sometimes they would stop then start up again. Two at once have been seen, traveling in different direction.

Location: Mordialloc Victoria
Date: 22nd October 1998
Time: ?

Witness is an amateur astronomer who described three orange lights larger than star but with less magnitude. The lights had no sound and maintained a regular formation for the 5-10 seconds that she could see them. They were no longer visible when she reached another window to follow the object. She knows of meteorites and other astronomical phenomena. She also mentioned that the lights were lower than local aircraft in and out of Moorabbin Airport.

Location: Noo Jee Victoria
Date: 7th November 1998

Time: 10.15pm

Excited witness called at 10.15pm to describe an orange glowing light that was traveling across the sky in a strange manner. The bright light would slowly move across the sky then stop, drop and start up again. It seems to be heading East and the witness where watching it as they were reporting it. It then disappeared from sight.

Regards Diane Harrison

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Shape Shifting UFO Photographed By Reporter

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 10:41:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 14:03:16 -0500
Subject: Shape Shifting UFO Photographed By Reporter

Ft. Worth Star-Telegram photographer M.L. Gray has taken several photographs of what he thought to be a shape-changing UFO on Nov. 30, 1998 near Keller, Texas.

The details and photographs can be reviewed at:

<http://www.virtualtexan.com/comm/virtual/fun/ufo/>

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Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 14:27:05 -0500
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
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>Please help me to understand this....

>REgard, Mike

Hi Mike,

It is my understanding from college astronomy (24 years ago)
that the moon's period of rotation about its own axis is very
close to the same period as it's orbit about the earth.

Here is a fact sheet on the moon:

<http://delphi.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/factsheet/moonfact.html>

And from Microsoft Encarta 98 (sorry, it's the only general
reference I had):

"It completes one revolution in an elliptical orbit about the
earth in 27 days 7 hours 43 minutes 11.5 seconds with reference
to the stars. For the moon to go from one phase to the next
similar phase, or one lunar month, requires 29 days 12 hours 44
minutes 2.8 seconds. The moon rotates once on its axis in about
the same period of time that elapses for its sidereal period of
revolution, accounting for the fact that virtually the same
portion of the moon is always turned toward the earth."

"Moon," Microsoft(R) Encarta(R) 98 Encyclopedia.
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Regards,
Farley Scott

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Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 13:12:50 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 15:22:16 -0500
Subject: Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 22:10:29 EST
>Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 11:47:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

>Most extraordinary, however, was the enormous range and duration
>of the fireballs. Chance placed the minimum flight path at 2400
>miles, requiring 4 to 5 minutes for each object to cover its
>entire observed track. In 1968, John O'Keefe in the R.A.S.C.
>Journal reported more historical data showing that the event
>actually extended some 6000 miles, from Brazil to western
>Canada. At the upper end of estimated speed of 10 miles/second
>or 36,000 mph, this required 10 minutes of transit time. At the
>lower end of the speed spectrum of 5 miles/second, which also
>seemed to best-fit the seeming constant-altitude circular
>trajectory of the fireball train (according to British meteor
>expert M. Davidson), a transit time of 20 miles would be needed.

Obviously "a transit time of 20 miles" should instead read "a
transit time of 20 minutes." Sorry for the error.

David Rudiak

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Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 99 13:10:40 PST
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 15:25:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 23:12:29 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Sat, 02 Jan 99 14:25:25 PST
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 12:38:31 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 00:14:16 -0500
>>>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology

>>>>From: "Stan Friedman" <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sherman J. Larsen and Ufology
>>>>Date: Sat, 26 Dec 1998 22:48:08 -0400

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>Greetings List,

>In the last few weeks Jerry Clark has argued about almost
>everything,

Ah, Jan, that's just the kind of guy I am. Of course, if there weren't so much excess out there, so much common wisdom which, when examined, turns out to be simple silliness or sweeping self-righteousness, I could retire from the fray and rest on my laurels, such as they are. Reading what passes through the internet on a daily basis, even from some ufologists who one would have thought knew better, presents a steady challenge even to one of my basically optimistic instincts. It's hard to avoid the conclusion that many ufologists seem less interested in studying the UFO phenomenon than in undermining ufology's very legitimacy.

As one who continues to think that what we're doing -- when, in any event, we're doing it as it ought to be done -- is important, I intend to keep speaking up. I hope that the rest of you will, too. That includes you, Jan.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 13:33:58 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 15:28:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 07:21:21 +0000
>Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 12:17:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 14:02:14 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

Previously, I had offered this in response to Sean's opinion that all that mattered in ufology was hard work:

>>The only thing that matters is results.

>>When I was a kid, I wanted to play baseball. I sucked at it.
>>Therefore, I had to try twice as hard to make the team and put
>>out a great deal more effort than other kids better than me.
>>Needless to say I did not make the team. But, if "hard work" was
>>the measure for success, then I damn well should have been team
>>captain.

Sean's reply:

>I think you are wrong here Roger.

>To use your analogy

>1) Life's a bitch!

>2) How do you know the others didn't try harder, work longer and
>etc etc? Besides which something like this "talent" comes into
>it as well.

Actually, Sean, I believe I made that very point. I said that I sucked at it and that the other kids were better than me. Obviously, despite my efforts, my end results didn't measure up. I don't see the difference in our two views.

>If you are saying results is all that counts then you are
>demeaning an awful lot of peoples hard work. For example, Kevin
>Randles' investigation of the Roswell incident(s), Stanton
>Friedman's uncovering of the FOIA documents, Chris Rutkowski's
>annual Canadian UFO Reports to name but a few. No I'm sorry
>your "results only" argument doesn't hold water in my opinion.

Are you saying that these people's hard work hasn't produced any results, Sean? My, how flattering. Do me a favor; in the future if someone is dissing me, don't step up to my defense, okay?

Just kidding. I'm sure you didn't mean it the way you wrote it.

I have great respect for all these people. My point is that "field work" is equal to "armchair work" if the results are the same: Only an opinion. But your intended point is well taken. Perhaps your comment that "only hard work matters" should be combined with my comment "only results matter" to read: "Hard work only matters if it produces usable results".

Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

I can't think of anything more fair than that.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Hynek and Michel

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 15:37:07 -0500
Subject: Hynek and Michel

Greetings List

I had asked a question based on faulty memory. Did Hynek and Aime Michel ever met?

They did. Hynek in a 38 page copy of a talk given to the Hypervelocity Impact Conference Banquet at Engin Air Force Base, April 27, 1960, entitled 'UFO's 1960' had the following to say about Michel:

"I would now like to describe for you some French flying saucers. It appears that for about two months in France, from the middle of August to the middle of October, 1954, France was peppered with a barrage of UFO reports. Like mushrooms they sprouted all over France and likewise some in Italy and some in Germany. The reports, of these, however, came in largely through the medium of French provincial newspapers. And it was only through the work of Aime Michel, an enthusiastic investigator in France, that these reports were collated, plotted, and compared. The compilation of these reports appears in a book by Michel, 'Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery'.

The 'Straight-Line Mystery' in the title refers to the fact that when Michel plotted the reports for any one day on a very large-scale map, the reports had a devastating way of forming straight-line patterns on the map, most difficult to explain by chance.

I would not, of course, accept anything I read in a book without knowing something of the author. It chanced that I happened to be in Paris on other business and took two days off on my own to seek out Michel and talk with him. He lives with his wife and small son in a small modest Paris suburb apartment. He is a radio engineer and, what I was particularly anxious to find out of calm rational deportment, quite unlike the typical enthusiast or crackpot with whom it has been my lot to come in contact from time to time. I went over with Michel many of his stacks of newspaper clippings, which he had purchased at his own expense, and his maps, and I, at least, am convinced that the *reports* are real; that is, that the reports do exist as such in various French newspapers on those dates. I firmly believe that hoax and a deliberate attempt to concoct a cock and bull story must be ruled out. It would save us much bother and worry if we could take this way out, namely to say that Michel manufactured the reports out of thin air and wrote the book just to make money. From the returns he has had, I might say in passing that his labors smut have been done at coolie wages.

In any event I feel reasonably certain that some stimulus existed in France--whether political, scientific, extraterrestrial, meteorological, or psychological--that in the space of two months generated several hundreds of reports which show a definite thread of pattern...."

Interestingly this speech was given during a lull in UFO sightings and interest. Hynek goes over a number of reports,

including reports, that he helped knock down for the USAF including the Levelland sightings. Hynek makes a pretty good pitch for serious consideration of the reports long before either he or McDonald go public.

Hynek's visit with Michel probably took place in 1958 or 1959 after the Michel's book had been translated into English by CSI-NY. I think the meeting was more than casual, and was probably set up by CSI-NY. Hynek had been corresponding and meeting with them since 1955.

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Quest Magazine

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 02:26:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 18:20:00 -0500
Subject: Quest Magazine

Dear Colleagues,

I have recently been appointed as Research and Commissioning Editor for QUEST Magazine (no connection to Quest International, publishers of UFO Magazine in the UK) which is published by TOP EVENTS & PUBLICATIONS LTD in the UK.

QUEST Magazine covers a broad range of topics and treats them in a serious manner. For example, in an up-coming issue we will be address topics such as:

Astrology, Astronomy, Ancient Technology, UFO's, Phenomena, Lost Cities, Mysteries Under The Sea, Remote Viewing, SHC, SETI, Ancient Cultures (Egypt, Mexico, China etc) and a whole lot more.

Quest Magazine has been around for quite a while now but 1999 will see it's 're-launch' with many new people, including myself, in place.

I would therefore like to respectfully ask you to seriously consider contributing to QUEST Magazine. We can pay for contributions as well as photographs and illustrations.

If you have an idea for a possible contribution you can contact me at the following:

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QUEST Magazine aims to be the best in its field and I'm sure with contributions from researchers in these many and varied fields it has every chance of doing so.

Please feel free to forward this message onto any of your colleagues who you think might be interested in contributing to QUEST Magazine.

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Mantle.
Research & Commissioning Editor.
QUEST Magazine.

4 January, 1999.

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Re: Jerry Black's Challenge To Whitley Strieber

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 14:27:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 18:25:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Jerry Black's Challenge To Whitley Strieber

>Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 03:03:12 -0600
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Glenn Joyner <infohead@airmail.net>
>Subject: Jerry Black's Challenge To Whitley Strieber

>Hello Errol, and List members:

>As you know, I do transcription work for Jerry Black. Here's the
>latest "open letter" from Jerry. Please note that his site has
>moved to:

><http://members.xoom.com/blackshole>

>Thanks,

>Glenn

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>An Extensive Review of Whitley Strieber and His Claims of
>Encounters With the Visitors

>by Jerry Black

>January 1999

Hi All,

Isn't this the same blowhard who wrote several 25 page+ long internet rants about the Gulfbreeze case? It appears that after having gotten nowhere with Bruce Macabee and others relating to that case, that Mr Black now turns his jaundiced eye towards Whitley Strieber. 'Submit to a polygraph test or I'll splatter your refusal all over the web' says he to Whitley. This guy Black has a pair of cohones that an Indian elephant would envy. Thank Ghod he's not a UN diplomat or we'd really be in trouble! :-D

Porposal: Let's follow the example of the Democrats and simply throw money at the problem!

If we all chip in .50 cents, we will be able to afford a small Sears refractor telescope, a rubiks cube, and maybe even one of those sexy rubber blow up friends for Mr. Black, (who is in desperate need of a time consuming hobby.) I am confident that if the objects we provide him with are 'shiny' enough, it might preoccupy him and spare us from yet another round of his pointless nit picking rantings. I don't know about you, but .50 cents seems a small price to pay for the peace of mind we would all gain in return.

Send all contributions to:

The Jerry Black Hobby Fund (or JEBHOFU)
121 Sparemethegrief Blvd.
Beendere Dondat, California, 90734

Remember, the mind you save may be your own. So please, dig deep, and give till it hurts. It's for a just cause.

Personal note:

You should take some comfort in the knowledge that you are not alone, and that you are not crazy. Others experience the same urge to commit Hari-Kari with a dull butter knife everytime they find a 25 page long post from Jerry Black in their mailbox. There is no need for you to feel isolated or unique. If need be, I will start a support group for those who need help dealing with this unsettling and life disrupting phenomenon.

Let's try the toys first. Failing that, we'll start up the support group. As Ghod is my witness, we will one way or another survive this latest attack on our sensibilities.

'Blackhole' - what an appropriate name for Mr Blacks' website. It's what I feel I've been sucked into everytime I read one of his posts! :-D

John Velez (Speaking strictly for myself)

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: Shape Shifting UFO Photographed By Reporter

From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 14:41:47 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 18:36:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Shape Shifting UFO Photographed By Reporter

>Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 10:41:49 -0500 >From: Kenny Young
<ufo@fuse.net> >To: updates@globalserve.net >Subject: Shape
Shifting UFO Photographed By Reporter

>Ft. Worth Star-Telegram photographer M.L. Gray has taken
>several photographs of what he thought to be a shape-changing
>UFO on Nov. 30, 1998 near Keller, Texas.

>The details and photographs can be reviewed at:

><http://www.virtualtexas.com/comm/virtual/fun/ufo/>

Yes and I have challenged M. L. Gray on his photos! I long ago (51 1/2 years to be exact!) established claim as the official Star-Telegram UFO photographer!

J. Bond Johnson

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Re: 33 Years Ago Today: The Kecksburg, PA UFO Crash

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 14:44:12 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 18:46:54 -0500
Subject: Re: 33 Years Ago Today: The Kecksburg, PA UFO Crash

>From: Stan Gordon <paufu@westol.com>
>Date: Wed, 9 Dec 1998 12:22:57 -0500
>Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Dec 1998 01:20:30 -0500
>Subject: 33 Years Ago Today: The Kecksburg, PA UFO Crash

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>It was 33 years ago today that an event occurred about 40 miles
>from Pittsburgh in a rural area of western Pennsylvania, that
>even now remains controversial for some, and mysterious to
>others. At the time many people saw a brilliant object moving
>across the sky.

The fireball was seen by thousands of people in ten states and Ontario. In a review of published 1965 accounts I found reports that it had crashed, landed or dropped fragments in at least 17 places in six states and the province. Claims like this are typical for fireballs caused by meteors or returning space debris, particularly near the outer edges of the observing area where the object is seen near the horizon. Searches were conducted in at least five places, but no proven debris of the fireball was ever found.

More is known about this fireball than most other objects of its kind because, by good fortune, within seconds two widely spaced Michigan photographers independently took pictures of the cloud train it had left in the sky.

One of these color photos was published on the cover of the January 16, 1966, Detroit News Sunday Supplement and another in the February 1966 issue of Sky & Telescope magazine.

A copy of the later article and picture is part of the Project Blue Book incident file in the National Archives, as well as correspondence with the photographer.

Stan Gordon reported (MUFON UFO Journal, October 1989) that he has been in possession of this file since 1985, yet curiously has never mentioned the picture.

Michigan State University astronomers Von Del Chamberlain and David J. Krause used the pictures, more than 100 eyewitness reports and a seismometer recording of the sonic boom made at the University of Michigan's Geophysics Laboratory at Ypsilanti to determine the object's path in the atmosphere. They estimated its speed at about 14.5 kilometers per second. This is well within the speed of meteors entering the Earth's atmosphere and is about twice as fast as returning man-made objects in low orbits.

Using the pictures and seismic recording for triangulation, they found that the object fell steeply over southwestern Ontario as it moved toward the northeast (not toward Pennsylvania). It fell too steeply to be reentering low orbit debris, such as the Soviet Cosmos 96, which is often mentioned in connection with the incident. This failed Venus probe was in a nearly circular orbit. This and the fact that the satellite reentered some thirteen hours before the Kecksburg incident means that Cosmos 96 is out as an explanation. This conclusion was also reached in

the 1967 Sky & Telescope article, a fact which has never been revealed by Gordon or his associates, who have promoted their exciting Cosmos 96 connection for thirteen years.

The Michigan astronomers found that a possible orbit took the object out to between Mars and Jupiter, in the asteroid belt, where many bright meteors originate. An article was submitted and published in the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Journal (Vol. 61, no.4, 1967). Another article by Chamberlain was published in Meteorites of Michigan, Bulletin 5, Geological Survey of Michigan, 1968.

On April 21, 1992, I sent a copy of the Chamberlain and Krause article to Stan Gordon and asked for his comments. Six and a half years have passed but he has never responded. Gordon has never discussed this hard data and research, nor has he even publicly revealed its existence or the discussed the implications of the Michigan photographs in his many articles, press releases, interviews or in the video he is now selling promoting this incident as a mysterious crash and recovery.

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>The news media focused on a young boy, who while playing outside,
>said he saw an object fall from the sky into some nearby woods.

I plotted the fireball's train on a topographic map (Lake Erie, NK-17, United States Geologic Survey, 1974) and compared it to the direction in which this first Acme, Pa., witness and his mother were looking; the direction they went to search in a neighboring field, the cloud direction that they pointed out later to the State Police, and the direction of the subsequent search by the police. I then plotted these witness directions of sight on a local topographic map (Mammoth Quadrangle, Pa, 7.5 Minute Series, USGS, 1967, photorevised 1979). I found that these first key Acme, Pa., witnesses were looking directly toward the Ontario fireball cloud, hanging low in the western sky.

>Coincidentally, author Frank Edwards, who had written some
>popular books on UFO's, was a guest on a KDKA radio talk show in
>Pittsburgh that evening, hosted by the late Mike Levine.

Frank Edwards' role in this saucer crash myth is certainly no coincidence. Gordon, though, has apparently just tossed in this non-sequiter to trick readers into believing that he has conducted a serious investigation of the incident, and that his conclusions are logically based upon what he found. It is interesting that Gordon never reveals the significance of Edwards' involvement, which was first noted by me in a 1990 report of my investigation into the Kecksburg claims.

Edwards recounted a few months later in Behind The Flying Saucers (1966) that he and Levin had taken many calls about the fireball that night and that he had concluded that the object had probably been a meteor. However, in this best seller (it was the first saucer book to sell a million copies) Edwards said that he thought there might be more to the story, that the Government might be hiding something. He based this largely on an article by researcher Ivan Sanderson written for the North American Newspaper Alliance which was carried widely and reprinted in FATE.

Sanderson's piece (my thanks to Mark Rodeghier, who found an original carbon copy in the old NICAP files at CUFOS) was dated three days after the event, and was based only upon wire service stories and calls to police information desks. Apparently he spoke to no eyewitnesses. He grossly miscalculated, underestimating by a factor of 60, what he thought was the speed of the object, and mixing together time estimates given by witnesses in different places. Chamberlain and Krause obtained their speed estimates from the estimates of the photographers as to how long the fireball was visible and compared this to the known triangulated length of the cloud.

Sanderson then assumed, after selective use of reports from some locations but not others, that because the widely visible fireball was seen someplace, that it must have been there. Because of this error, he concluded that it had exhibited a change of motion. Then he misplotted the fireball's direction of flight during this supposed maneuver on a hand-drawn map he used

with his article. This erroneous change of direction, quoted for years by Gordon who seems never checked the directions on a real map, would have the object passing no closer than 16 miles to the south of Kecksburg.

Crash proponents, desperate to blend conflicting stories into one saleable tale, have since embraced any new witnesses who say that the object maneuvered all around town before coming down.

Can Stan Gordon or other proponents of a reentry offer one single reputable citation to show that the Soviet Union, the U.S., or any other nation of Earth for that matter, possessed such a maneuverable space vehicle in 1965?

Incidentally, both Edwards and Sanderson evidently had second thoughts about the incident, since neither mentioned it in subsequent books in which they listed what they said were UFO debris which had reached the Earth.

Also, no prominent ufologists of the period included the December 9, 1965, event among lists of important incidents they provided to a Congressional Committee. This included Allen Hynek, who was sent a copy of a picture and report by one of the Michigan photographers. It is possible that the Air Force's meteor explanation may have been his. The major civilian groups at the time also exhibited little interest. The fireball was listed as a bolide (exploding meteor) in NICAP files (there was an active Pittsburgh chapter) and Coral Lorenzen never mentioned it in a chapter entitled, 1965 - the Big Year, in a later book.

>During my years of investigation into the matter, other witnesses
>who saw the object go down into the woods that day have been
>located.

Gordon should have said "other claimed witnesses". They began surfacing decades later each time the incident was publicized by UFO researchers. For example, the first man to tell a recovery story said that he had been the 1965 Kecksburg fire chief and had witnessed the armed military recovery operation. He surfaced in 1979 and told this story for ten years. He was not the 1965 fire chief and wasn't even present until most of the excitement was over. The day after filming was completed for the dramatic, 1990 Unsolved Mysteries segment, Gordon, who assisted with the program, called the real 1965 Kecksburg fire chief, Edward Myers, and admitted that even though he had been investigating Kecksburg for 25 years, they had gotten the wrong fire chief. Gordon has claimed that this central figure's long interview had to be cut from the program because of time, not because the man admitted to UM producers that he had made up his story and that he wasn't even there when the events portrayed on the program allegedly happened.

The next key figure in the development of the crash myth was a man who came out of the crowd at a 1987 UFO Week mall display where Gordon and his associates were talking about the 1965 incident and showing off old newspaper clippings. This character was the first to claim to have seen an acorn-shaped, object, itself, in the woods with its Egyptian-style hieroglyphics. This man's tale of an armed military occupation of spots in the area and machinegun-mounted jeeps escorting a mysterious convoy carrying an object not of this world is right out of crash folklore going back to Frank Scully's 1950 blockbuster, Behind The Flying Saucers. Not one of the many reporters from TV, radio and newspapers present in 1965 reported such frightening details.

The comical thing about all of this is that until recently the only specific location ever published for the crash was given in a 1965 newspaper article often cited by crash promoters. But it had events in the wrong gully, =BD mile away from the actual search on a different farm 1-mile from Kecksburg. This erroneous location was given by this new witness and others who followed, and Gordon and his friends were bamboozled into concluding that since this was also where they thought things had occurred, this new witness had confirmed their own research. Local residents and neighbors I've spoken to just howl with laughter at this, which they say is how they can tell if so-called witnesses were actually participants in the events of 1965.

I have collected and examined the accounts of more than 200 claimed Pennsylvania eyewitnesses to the Dec. 9, 1965, events.

All but a tiny handful, and _all original _ published and broadcast 1965 accounts, can be explained by the Ontario meteor, three unsuccessful searches for its debris, and by an admitted prank by teenagers who ran through the woods flashing a camera strobe, causing reports of blue lights (I have a long signed statement by a participant).

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>Hundreds of spectators looked on from a narrow country road which
>circled around the area, unaware that the object appears to have
>fallen on the opposite side of the woods.

This shows the desperation of the crash promoters. The event happened in December. The foliage was off the trees. By the time people arrived it was dark. Anyone who has ever been to Kecksburg or who has closely studied a topographic map of the area, knows that crowds looking down from the spectacular "overlook" portion of the surrounding road (actually named "Meteor Road", by the way - Duh?) could have certainly seen any lighted recovery activity in or on the other side of the woods.

Many of the fantastic details come from members of one family who say their house was used as a headquarters. Yet in 1965 a family member, now dead, was quoted by a newspaper reporter as saying that he had been outside and saw and heard nothing. I have statements from witnesses who were _ on the opposite side of the woods _ throughout the night and who say that nothing was recovered. The farmer closest to the "crash site" has a good view of the woods and crash site. He was home all night and says that he saw no landing or recovery operation. Yet Gordon expects us to believe that =BD mile away from a large-scale, secret, armed military occupation were residents, property owners, reporters, police and crowds of people who somehow missed it all. This is pure fantasy.

>As time passed that evening, many people left disappointed that
>they couldn't see the object.

This is one fact upon which Stan Gordon and I are in complete agreement.

>A few curious folks tried to sneak down into the woods, and later
>told me that they were turned back by the military.

The only proven military involvement were three Air Force men sent from a Pittsburgh radar site of the 662nd Radar Squadron, the nearest Air Force installation. This would have been in conformity with a routine UFO report investigation from the nearest Air Force base, as called for by Air Force Regulation 200-17.

My investigation shows that at several places the road and driveways were closed by fire policemen from the Mt. Pleasant Unity Fire Company, on orders of the State Police fire marshal and township Civil Defense coordinator, in order to prevent roads from being blocked. After all, the initial reports were of an airplane crash or something on fire. Can Gordon cite any reported airplane crash sites where the public has been left to wander around?

Unsubstantiated reports that the Army _ was _ on the way seem to have been because the radar base was located on the Oakdale Army Engineers facility adjacent to the Pittsburgh airport.

The highly imaginative version of events featured on the Unsolved Mysteries segment showing troops armed with automatic weapons, bayoneted rifles, gas masks and riot gear is pure fantasy. It is inconceivable that none of the many reporters from TV, radio and papers present in 1965 would not have reported frightening details such as this. And, incidentally, none of the former reporters interviewed on Gordon's vidoe made these claims. It is also significant that these details seem to be reported principally by the same small group of people who have reported seeing the object, itself, or the mysterious recovery and retrieval

>Late that night, others say they observed a military flatbed
>tractor-trailer truck, carrying a large tarpaulin covered object,
>leaving the area at a high rate of speed.

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Why is it that a former newsman reports in Gordon's own video that he only saw a truck with something covered on the back the size of a couple of suitcases, but nothing else? Gordon simply ignores this conflicting eyewitness account which supports the official version.

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>Officially, no object was found in the woods by searchers. It was
>suggested that the most likely explanation was that the brilliant
>object in the sky was a meteor.

Gordon does not reveal to the members of this list anything about the photographic triangulation of the Ontario meteor, the publication of this hard evidence in a peer-reviewed scientific journal three decades ago, or the fact that he has been in possession of a photograph of the meteor for nearly 15 years. Instead, he prefers to wallow in unsupported eyewitness testimony.

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>After years of searching for government documents relating to this
>event, the only official record located was in the Air Force Project
>Blue Book files.

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>While the report shows a lot of interest from various agencies
>concerning the aerial object, the report also indicates that the
>search found nothing.

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>I have also talked with two former military men who are unknown to
>each other, that [sic] told me that during different years, and at
>different installations, they saw the recovery report on the
>Kecksburg object, and both said the report indicated that the object
>was extraterrestrial.

The Sky & Telescope article included in the Blue Book file concluded that the object was extraterrestrial and not reentering space debris. The editors of this well-known astronomy magazine clearly meant that the fireball was meteoric, and not man-made, not that it was at ET craft. This document may explain these claims, although I believe these two sources, one of whom is Clifford E. Stone, are being deliberately disingenuous about the use of this word to further the notion that the incident involved a UFO.

<snip>

>One man details his claim of seeing a partially covered body inside
>a building at Wright-Patterson, at the same time the Kecksburg
>object was being examined.

This claim first surfaced around 1989, about the same time that the claims of bodies surfaced around the Roswell event. This witness made no mention of this in earlier taped interviews with the late Leonard Stringfield or other investigators, including Gordon. There is no reason to take this anonymous claimant at face value. Among other things which make his story fishy are that his cousin, whom he claimed was also present, at first said he didn't remember the incident, then changed his mind several months later; the claimed loss of all records of their visit to Wright-Patterson which the family business burned, and his claim that a truck load of bricks were unloaded by hand, allowing him the day to roam freely around the base. If you go to any brickyard to investigate this detail, you will find that truckloads of bricks are handled by cranes and pallets. Duh?

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>The Kecksburg mystery remains. Was the object a man-made
>space device or did we receive a visitor from outside of our world?

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>It's time that the truth is revealed, regardless of what the source of

>the object was. It's been 33 years, it's time to break the silence.

It is time for Stan Gordon to break the silence, and acknowledge the existence of the Michigan photographs, the triangulation and the articles appearing in scientific journals more than 30 years ago. Since he has not, we can therefore conclude that it is Mr. Gordon and other proponents of a crash mystery, not the Government, Pennsylvania State Police, astronomers or local doubters who are engaged in a deliberate, continuing cover-up of photographs and documents proving the true nature of the December 9, 1965, meteor.

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>Those who would like information on how to obtain the Kecksburg
>video can see ordering information

<snip>

Followers of this list often see the word disinformation used. When this happens, many folks, I think, assume that it must mean that there is some official policy. But efforts to promote and disseminate the Kecksburg tale at this late date are often examples of another kind of disinformation, that is the deliberate dissemination of false or misleading information for the express purpose of making money or for personal aggrandizement.

Bob Young

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 23:49:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 23:49:34 -0500
Subject: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

Source: <http://www.borderlands.com/robertfraud.htm>

Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud

I have recently done a fairly thorough investigation into the claims made by Robert A.M. Stephens. Borderland Sciences' association with Mr. Stephens began after he emailed me about information I had posted to my website concerning the December 7th Landing. Some of the information Mr. Stephens was presenting seemed very interesting (although unverifiable) and I asked him if he would like us to put up a webpage for him.

After the December 30th, 1998 guest appearance by Mr. Stephens on the Art Bell show, many (including myself) started to question Mr. Stephens credibility.

The following is a report of my investigation on Mr. Robert A.M. Stephens.

Initially, I checked out Robert A.M. Stephens (after his first email to me) by doing a typical search on the internet for his name. I came up with the following references:

<http://www.nasa.gov/hgpao/library.html/arts/samples.html>

<http://digester.et.tudelft.nl/IMp66-15.html>

<http://digester.et.tudelft.nl/IM66-15.html>

<http://www.d21.k12.il.us/~lists/fb1744.html>

http://mirror.apple.com/mirrors/00_links_for_anarchie_dir/Info-Mac.Archive/per/im/infomacv15/infomacv15-051-100/infomacv15-066.txt

I have to admit that my investigation was not very thorough. Mr. Stephens gave me a phone number to a "Larry Mauk", his contact at KSC =97 which turned out to be a fax machine. I sent a fax asking for confirmation of Mr. Stephens, but received no reply.

After the Art Bell show appearance, I began to do a more thorough investigation into his background. I emailed some of the contacts he said he had at NASA. One of them, declared a "buddy" by Mr. Stephens, wrote back saying, "I have never met or talked to Robert Stephens to my knowledge, and I have no idea if he is a Space Shuttle contractor as stated in his e-mail." He then went on to say, "I was simply responding to his e-mail in the spirit of public mail to NASA, and am a bit chagrined that he has termed me his "buddy" and that he posted my e-mail to him to the Web without asking me if he could do so." This NASA spokesperson asked that I do not forward or post his mail without permission =97 I am awaiting his permission.

I then went after the SEAL Team-3 claim. There are many sites on

felt these people were wrong, did he not take issue with them?
He said he did not care.

I told Mr. Stephens that I would be forced to take down his website because of his fraudulent statements, and he replied that that was fine and that I should expose him as a fraud, fake, pathological liar, etc. I agreed. He did say he would be forwarding a letter from Larry Mauk confirming his contracting work with NASA.

I admit that I should have investigated him more thoroughly from the start - as Richard Hoagland said on Art Bell's show, "On the internet, no one knows you're a dog!". This is really quite true, but I must say that a good investigation will reveal alot.

While Mr. Stephens appears to have been deluded, it by no means makes all of his points and statements, invalid. But, how are we to believe anything he has said in light of this information? Does the "NORAD/Fence" database exist? Does the "Blind Transom" DoD tracking software exist? What about his alien implant information? Probably not.

Now, we are left with the question, "What was Robert A.M. Stephens' motivation for all of this?" Was it for his "15 minutes" (actually an hour) of fame? Or, was it some sinister coverup plot devised by whomever he may be really working for? Perhaps we'll never know.

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Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud In Every Way"

From: Jeff Rense <eotl@west.net>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 01:05:32 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 09:27:09 -0500
Subject: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud In Every Way"

Hi Errol,

Received the following statement from Robert Stephens:

<http://www.sightings.com/ufo2/steph.htm>

Hi Jeff,

This should cover everything in question.

Robert A.M. Stephens is, from the very beginning, 10-16-1998 to this date 1-4-1998, a complete and total fraud in every way. From the beginning of the Montana UFO report to every single statement and every single alluding to any and all claims of every description regarding every single email, everything on my short web site, and everything in-between, is the delusions and self described insanities as so charged by the 155 emails I have received so far charging me of same. The delusions and virtual incoherence and total nonsense as pointed out by Art Bell on the show with Richard Hoagland displayed by me is the immutable truth of this fact.

If Art hadn't been kind enough to put a stop to this, he himself would have been 'censored' as he emailed myself and others. All proofs of my insidious lies from any type of involvement with NASA, the military, the art program information, my resume, artwork, art collections, numbers assessment, my work of any kind thus claimed is categorical lies in every fashion. Art Bell is to be praised for this amazing windfall of ferreting out charlatans and fakes in the UFO industry like me and he has shown in this case, "never before in my radio career have I seen anything like this."

And he is obviously correct. My behavior was deplorable and unacceptable in any rational form of human intercouring. Kudos to Mr. Bell, his staff, and his show, as well as the esteemed scientist and respected researcher, Mr. Richard C. Hoagland. In addition, the wonderful and erudite presentation of many of my more delusional errors like railing about the moon and such, must go to Michael Bara.

I do thank Mr. Richard C. Hoagland and Art Bell to give me a opportunity to attempt foolishly to debate topics for which I was obviously ill prepared for and failed miserably.

I thank the brave past and current Selective Service personnel that have come forward pointing out my obvious delusions in having any type of involvement in any branch of the military of any kind past, current, or future. Kudos to these brave souls who come forth in great wonder to bring to bare my deplorable falsehoods.

All pending media dates due to the above mentioned revelations of truth will be canceled in due time for this mail to circulate and be known by all thus interested.

Lastly, I am a total complete fake and fraud in every way a person can possibly be a fraud and a fake. A total delusional fruit cake of the worst kind. A bahl mahl that will be legion in

Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud In Every Way"

the annals of profane, illiterate, lying 'slimey' insects that traffic this planet and attempt to interfere in the natural course of things.

One last little railing from someone who is a total and complete carnival huskster, a poor one at that, is this. You may wish to look here: NRO, OIA.

I am servantly, and I remain always,

Robert A.M. Stephens

Behold.

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NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 23:58:36 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 09:35:32 -0500
Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

Dear CAUS Members:

During a 60 minute telephone conversation, Monday evening, Robert A.M. Stephens admitted to me that he is a fraud. It also became obvious, during our telephone conversation, that Mr. Stephens has no ethical or moral standards against lying. To Mr. Stephens, lying is no different from telling the truth. Mr. Stephens further admitted that the evidence of him not being a Navy SEAL was 'absolutely correct.'

I have now reevaluated my opinion that Art Bell overreacted in prematurely terminating the Stephens interview last Wednesday. I now agree with Art, that no useful purpose would have been served by allowing him to make further confusing and untrue statements. Mr. Stephens' plan that night was to confuse and lie. He knows no other way. No radio broadcast, whether for entertainment or news, should provide a forum for this contemptuous behavior. In a way we have Art to thank for exposing Stephens. No other radio program had terminated him before...quite the opposite in fact. Several had given him unlimited access to the airwaves...even after the Bell show. In the end, we have Art to thank for bringing this travesty to a halt. Art's action signaled the beginning of the end for Mr. Stephens.

A person's credibility is determined in many ways. Finding that a person has lied in the past can lead to the inference that he is lying now. Mr. Stevens lied to us about how he became involved in the UFO field. According to the editor, at no time did Mr. Stephens have any contact with the Lake County Leader in Montana, contrary to what Stephens boasted in several e-mails. Mr. Stephens lied to us about being a Navy SEAL. What lies did he tell us about his NASA affiliation?

Mr. Stephens was a lie waiting to be exposed...and he wanted to be exposed. He challenged us, in several e-mails, to call the newspaper...even listing the phone number in one. He continually referred to his background as a former Navy SEAL...knowing that any reasonable background check would reveal no such affiliation. Mr. Stephens' actions remind me of a serial killer's plea left at a murder scene 'help me before I kill again.' But in this case Mr. Stephens was telling us...no...warning us..'stop me before I lie again.' Mr. Stephens cannot help himself. And we did nothing to help him...and in effect...did nothing to help ourselves.

Mr. Stephens was able to fool us for over 80 days. Shame on us. We are so eager, CAUS included, to find the truth, that we will embrace any 'savior' who presents himself cloaked in the garb of 'knowing the truth.' Tell us you are from the government, the military or NASA and a path will be beaten to your door. In this case the path led to Oz. Tell us you have 'secret' information and we will jump into your bed. In this case, the waterbed just sprung a big leak.

The messages, the indications, the signs...were all there from the beginning. His irrational behavior, his vulgarity, his double-talk were warnings which we failed to heed...because he proudly stated he was from NASA and 'knew' certain things. He

told us about alien abductions, cattle mutilations, Intruders, NORAD/Fence radar and a litany of other subjects so near and dear to our heart. He represented the holy grail in our search for this 'truth' that has eluded us for over 50 years. Unfortunately, his information was only his opinion at best and a complete fabrication at worst. A little knowledge is a dangerous weapon in the wrong hands. In Mr. Stephens' hands, we became willing victims for his expert swordsmanship.

His statements about the intercept capability of the SR-71 and the Stealth 117A were inaccurate; his statements about alien abductions were his opinions and extremely narrow-minded and prejudiced; his statements about being a SEAL and his contact with the Montana newspaper were lies. And most importantly, his ability to access any NORAD system is questionable.

Mr. Stephens has been exposed. He laughed tonight when I congratulated him on lasting 80 days. As I have stated on several occasions...the messenger is always tainted. In Mr. Stephens' case...so was the message...and intentionally so.

Hopefully we can learn from the past and not continue to make the same mistakes. Mr. Stephens was sent to us as an example of what we need to do in the future...if ever presented with another 'savior.'

Mr. Stephens stated that he no longer will be involved in any manner with the UFO field. He has instructed Michael Theroux, his webmaster, to terminate his website. (see <http://www.borderlands.com/robertfraud.htm> for Michael's explanation) He also stated that he will no longer be making any radio appearances or disseminating e-mails. How convenient.

Fool me once..shame on you Mr. Stephens. Fool me twice...shame on me. I would suggest that we not allow ourselves to be fooled again and take him at his word...no more platforms. The only intruder in this story...was Stephens himself.

Good-bye Mr. Stephens. Thank you for the lesson.

Peter A. Gersten
Director

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Rense To Gersten Re: Stephens

From: **Jeff Rense** <eotl@west.net>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 01:19:32 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 09:39:05 -0500
Subject: Rense To Gersten Re: Stephens

Dear Peter,

Excellent post regarding Mr. Stephens' exposure for fraud. However, I want to be certain that neither you nor anyone on your list has any misunderstanding about Mr. Stephens' last few appearances on my program. To wit:

12-28-98. One hour to discuss the STS 'close calls' (well spoken) 12-29-98. One hour to discuss STS-50 and the anomalous object

A total of 2 hours during the last four weeks of shows in December. And then:

12-31-98. One hour to discuss what happened on the Art Bell program the night before (which I did not hear). We always cover breaking news when possible.

You said, "Several (radio programs) had given him unlimited access to the airwaves...even after the Bell show.."

I would ask that you post this to your list for the sake of clarifying the 'unlimited access' expression. One hour does not constitute 'unlimited access' in the case of this program.

Thanks again for referring me to John Schuessler to do the much-deserved tribute to Betty Cash on my program this evening, 1-4-99. He was outstanding. So was Ms. Cash...

Thanks and best regards,

Jeff Rense

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Re: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 07:39:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 09:55:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

At 04/01/99 11:49 PM -0500, Michael Theroux wrote:

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>the internet hosted by former Navy SEALs which enjoy exposing
>those who make such false claims. Here is a list:

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>Director
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Well I've done searching myself <g>. Some of this sounds too coincidental.

I started with: <http://www.geek squad.com/agents/66bio.htm>
(Dossier on Robert Stephens)

Over a three year period, he rose to become head engineer of the lab while earning scholarships from the U.S. Navy and the FAA for research into virtual reality and construction of a computer-based flight and driving simulator. It was also during this time he started a computer consulting business. In April 1994, after three years at the University, he formed Geek Squad, Inc. with \$200. Now four years old, The Geek Squad is a 24-hour on-site rapid-response computer task force with eighteen Special Agents. The Geek Squad has over 3500 clients, including 3M, General Mills, IBM, Cargill, Twentieth Century Fox, Warner Bros, and The Rolling Stones. Now 29, Robert lives in Minneapolis.

Look at the other titles of the 'Special Agents' and their portfolios.

and I checked out: <http://www.geek squad.com/aboutus.htm>

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side.

I checked out: <http://www.artic.edu/saic/ats/courses.html> which are numerous courses in the Arts & Technology field Mr. Stephens and others may have taken (including holography and 3-D animation)

I think these 'Geeks' have been toying with the ufological community. Stand at attention guys. What do you think? Perhaps they've been 'contracted' by NASA and the Navy SEALs on a computer-consulting basis. Perhaps that's why no one wants to comment.

Sue Kovios

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25 Rules of Disinformation

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 14:29:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 14:29:11 -0500
Subject: 25 Rules of Disinformation

In the light of the most recent RAMS events, I thought the following might make interesting reading.

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Source: <http://www.trufax.org/research2/disinforules.html>

Twenty-Five Rules of Disinformation - The Politicians Credo

Courtesy of American Patriot Friends Network and Walt
July 15, 1998

Note: The first rule and last five (or six, depending on situation) rules are generally not directly within the ability of the traditional disinfo artist to apply. These rules are generally used more directly by those at the leadership, key players, or planning level of the criminal conspiracy or conspiracy to cover up.

1. Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil. Regardless of what you know, don't discuss it -- especially if you are a public figure, news anchor, etc. If it's not reported, it didn't happen, and you never have to deal with the issues.
2. Become incredulous and indignant. Avoid discussing key issues and instead focus on side issues which can be used show the topic as being critical of some otherwise sacrosanct group or theme. This is also known as the "How dare you!" gambit.
3. Create rumor mongers. Avoid discussing issues by describing all charges, regardless of venue or evidence, as mere rumors and wild accusations. Other derogatory terms mutually exclusive of truth may work as well. This method works especially well with a silent press, because the only way the public can learn of the facts are through such "arguable rumors". If you can associate the material with the Internet, use this fact to certify it a "wild rumor" which can have no basis in fact.
4. Use a straw man. Find or create a seeming element of your opponent's argument which you can easily knock down to make yourself look good and the opponent to look bad. Either make up an issue you may safely imply exists based on your interpretation of the opponent/opponent arguments/situation, or select the weakest aspect of the weakest charges. Amplify their significance and destroy them in a way which appears to debunk all the charges, real and fabricated alike, while actually avoiding discussion of the real issues.
5. Sidetrack opponents with name calling and ridicule. This is also known as the primary attack the messenger ploy, though other methods qualify as variants of that approach. Associate opponents with unpopular titles such as "kooks", "right-wing", "liberal", "left-wing", "terrorists", "conspiracy buffs", "radicals", "militia", "racists", "religious fanatics", "sexual

deviates", and so forth. This makes others shrink from support out of fear of gaining the same label, and you avoid dealing with issues.

6. Hit and Run. In any public forum, make a brief attack of your opponent or the opponent position and then scamper off before an answer can be fielded, or simply ignore any answer. This works extremely well in Internet and letters-to-the-editor environments where a steady stream of new identities can be called upon without having to explain criticism reasoning -- simply make an accusation or other attack, never discussing issues, and never answering any subsequent response, for that would dignify the opponent's viewpoint.

7. Question motives. Twist or amplify any fact which could so taken to imply that the opponent operates out of a hidden personal agenda or other bias. This avoids discussing issues and forces the accuser on the defensive.

8. Invoke authority. Claim for yourself or associate yourself with authority and present your argument with enough "jargon" and "minutiae" to illustrate you are "one who knows", and simply say it isn't so without discussing issues or demonstrating concretely why or citing sources.

9. Play Dumb. No matter what evidence or logical argument is offered, avoid discussing issues with denial they have any credibility, make any sense, provide any proof, contain or make a point, have logic, or support a conclusion. Mix well for maximum effect.

10. Associate opponent charges with old news. A derivative of the straw man usually, in any large-scale matter of high visibility, someone will make charges early on which can be or were already easily dealt with. Where it can be foreseen, have your own side raise a straw man issue and have it dealt with early on as part of the initial contingency plans. Subsequent charges, regardless of validity or new ground uncovered, can usually them be associated with the original charge and dismissed as simply being a rehash without need to address current issues -- so much the better where the opponent is or was involved with the original source.

11. Establish and rely upon fall-back positions. Using a minor matter or element of the facts, take the "high road" and "confess" with candor that some innocent mistake, in hindsight, was made -- but that opponents have seized on the opportunity to blow it all out of proportion and imply greater criminalities which, "just isn't so." Others can reinforce this on your behalf, later. Done properly, this can garner sympathy and respect for "coming clean" and "owning up" to your mistakes without addressing more serious issues.

12. Enigmas have no solution. Drawing upon the overall umbrella of events surrounding the crime and the multitude of players and events, paint the entire affair as too complex to solve. This causes those otherwise following the matter to begin to loose interest more quickly without having to address the actual issues.

13. Alice in Wonderland Logic. Avoid discussion of the issues by reasoning backwards with an apparent deductive logic in a way that forbears any actual material fact.

14. Demand complete solutions. Avoid the issues by requiring opponents to solve the crime at hand completely, a ploy which works best for items qualifying for rule 10.

15. Fit the facts to alternate conclusions. This requires creative thinking unless the crime was planned with contingency conclusions in place.

16. Vanishing evidence and witnesses. If it does not exist, it is not fact, and you won't have to address the issue.

17. Change the subject. Usually in connection with one of the other ploys listed here, find a way to side-track the discussion with abrasive or controversial comments in hopes of turning attention to a new, more manageable topic. This works especially well with companions who can "argue" with you over the new topic and polarize the discussion arena in order to avoid discussing

more key issues.

18. Emotionalize, Antagonize, and Goad Opponents. If you can't do anything else, chide and taunt your opponents and draw them into emotional responses which will tend to make them look foolish and overly motivated, and generally render their material somewhat less coherent. Not only will you avoid discussing the issues in the first instance, but even if their emotional response addresses the issue, you can further avoid the issues by then focusing on how "sensitive they are to criticism".

19. Ignore proof presented, demand impossible proofs. This is perhaps a variant of the "play dumb" rule. Regardless of what material may be presented by an opponent in public forums, claim the material irrelevant and demand proof that is impossible for the opponent to come by (it may exist, but not be at his disposal, or it may be something which is known to be safely destroyed or withheld, such as a murder weapon). In order to completely avoid discussing issues may require you to categorically deny and be critical of media or books as valid sources, deny that witnesses are acceptable, or even deny that statements made by government or other authorities have any meaning or relevance.

20. False evidence. Whenever possible, introduce new facts or clues designed and manufactured to conflict with opponent presentations as useful tools to neutralize sensitive issues or impede resolution. This works best when the crime was designed with contingencies for the purpose, and the facts cannot be easily separated from the fabrications.

21. Call a Grand Jury, Special Prosecutor, or other empowered investigative body. Subvert the (process) to your benefit and effectively neutralize all sensitive issues without open discussion. Once convened, the evidence and testimony are required to be secret when properly handled. For instance, if you own the prosecuting attorney, it can insure a Grand Jury hears no useful evidence and that the evidence is sealed an unavailable to subsequent investigators. Once a favorable verdict (usually, this technique is applied to find the guilty innocent, but it can also be used to obtain charges when seeking to frame a victim) is achieved, the matter can be considered officially closed.

22. Manufacture a new truth. Create your own expert(s), group(s), author(s), leader(s) or influence existing ones willing to forge new ground via scientific, investigative, or social research or testimony which concludes favorably. In this way, if you must actually address issues, you can do so authoritatively.

23. Create bigger distractions. If the above does not seem to be working to distract from sensitive issues, or to prevent unwanted media coverage of unstoppable events such as trials, create bigger news stories (or treat them as such) to distract the multitudes.

24. Silence critics. If the above methods do not prevail, consider removing opponents from circulation by some definitive solution so that the need to address issues is removed entirely. This can be by their death, arrest and detention, blackmail or destruction of their character by release of blackmail information, or merely by proper intimidation with blackmail or other threats.

25. Vanish. If you are a key holder of secrets or otherwise overly illuminated and you think the heat is getting too hot, to avoid the issues, vacate the kitchen.

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 17:35:35 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 15:06:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 00:32:51 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Dear Mike, Farley and List:

>Of course the Moon rotates on its own axis, just as the Earth
>rotates on its own. They are almost, but not quite, in
>lockstep. It is, however, a misconception that we always see
>exactly the same face. In fact we can see 59% of the Moon's
>surface from the Earth over a 30 year period. This is due to a
>number of Libratory Motions:

<snip>

>The combined effects can mean that the center of the Moon can be
>shifted as much as 10 degrees, 16 minutes. Try looking at the
>Moon in binoculars, say, once a week. Check out the different
>position of Mare Crisium (the left ear of the Man in the Moon).
>You will be amazed at how it changes. Sky & Telescope or
>Astronomy mags give predictions for these shifts in each issue.
>
>Bob Young

Thank you Bob for the above informatin...It is new to me...
I appreciate you taking the time to post it.
May I take it that you are no less than an amature astronomer?
Possilby a professional astronomer?

I gladly admit that the information you have posted is far
beyond what I have taken the time to study regarding the moon.

Again Thanks.

REgards, Mike

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 17:50:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 15:08:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 01:46:28 EST
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Say Mike... put on your Captain Video Space helmet for a sec,
>here, ol' buddy.... by the way, I still have one! Really!

Jim Old Boy, I never had a Captain Video Space Helmet.... I happen to have conservative parents and they wouldn't but me one...Gauddddd....I would have loved to have had one back then....<G>

>Now think a moment. The moon doesn't have a backside, not >exactly. Yes. The moon presents the same face to us but the only >way it can is by turning on it's axis of rotation.

Jim, Bob Young finally got me straightened out on this. Thanks for your attempt to explain to an old hard headed guy like myself...Man, I don't know how I could not have know this, as much as I read about our solar system in the youth of my life.

I think it was them dang American Astronauts as well as Old George Adamski which caused me to fixate on the idea that there was a true unseen backside to the moon. IN fact, I think I did read that at one time...that there was a side of the moon that we were not able to see from earth....

But, I guess I was wrong...Oh, well, pick myself up, wipe the egg from my face and start again...sigh....My poor old knees are getting very sore from all this crawling...<g>

>Now sit down. With all this excitement, you need a Freshly >Made. May I suggest our Ordinary Vinny? It's bold, but not at >all presumptuous, fresh of course, but not overly ripe. And, >they are mild!

More bad news Jim...I don't drink any form of Alcohol, not even the rubbing type...<g> I am strictly a teatotaler... Sorry...don't mean to put a dampre on your sales...

I toured some Wineries in Southern France in June, 1994, and out of courtesy to the host, I managed to sip down a sample taste...but since I have not developed a taste, I didn't know if it was good or not...(hickup...opps...sorry about that...)<G>

>Dr. Gesundt, Astronomer, Consultant to Carl Sagan and Steven >Hawking... and I'm not just a client, I'm also the president of >Freshly Made.

Good news Jim...maybe between a glass of wine and a good old fashion brow beating you and those mentioned in the last sentence, with the exception of Carl Sagan can beat me into submission... Ha, ha, ha...<g>

Thanks, Jim...enjoyable post...

>By the way, everything I said above is a crock of tripe. The

>moon has no axis at all. It's hollow. And it's got a three
>cylinder, two stroke SAAB 96 engine just below the surface.
>God. Can't even kid around this list anymore without having to
>post your resume and present references for pity sake. Just what
>the hell do you guys think them aliens is doing here anyway.
>They need oil to add to the gas or the moon just won't stay put!

Shhhhhhhiiii...you're not suppose to tell everyone that... I have
been keeping it under wraps...shucks, now its out and everyone
will know it...<g>

i-)

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From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 18:06:13 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 15:10:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>From: Farley Scott <SCOTTF@HughesLuce.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs
>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 10:29:48 -0600

>Hi Mike,

>It is my understanding from college astronomy (24 years ago)
>that the moon's period of rotation about its own axis is very
>close to the same period as it's orbit about the earth.

>Here is a fact sheet on the moon:

><http://delphi.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/factsheet/moonfact.html>

>And from Microsoft Encarta 98 (sorry, it's the only general
>reference I had):

>"It completes one revolution in an elliptical orbit about the
>earth in 27 days 7 hours 43 minutes 11.5 seconds with reference
>to the stars. For the moon to go from one phase to the next
>similar phase, or one lunar month, requires 29 days 12 hours 44
>minutes 2.8 seconds. The moon rotates once on its axis in about
>the same period of time that elapses for its sidereal period of
>revolution, accounting for the fact that virtually the same
>portion of the moon is always turned toward the earth."

>"Moon," Microsoft(R) Encarta(R) 98 Encyclopedia.
>(c) 1993-1997 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

>Regards,
>Farley Scott

Thanks Farley...

I have had this information passed on to me by several users on
UFO Updates today...

I am grateful for all of you taking the time to correct my views
on this subject.

I guess I took my views from the idea that the astronauts were
looking at a side of the moon that the people on the earth never
got to see. Thus mistakenly "assumed" that the moon did not
rotate.

Thanks again...

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Re: Jerry Black's Challenge To Whitley Strieber

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 20:28:21 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 15:45:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Jerry Black's Challenge To Whitley Strieber

>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 14:27:37 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Jerry Black's Challenge To Whitley Strieber

>>Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 03:03:12 -0600
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: Glenn Joyner <infohead@airmail.net>
>>Subject: Jerry Black's Challenge To Whitley Strieber

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>>As you know, I do transcription work for Jerry Black. Here's the
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>><http://members.xoom.com/blackshole>

>>Thanks,

>>Glenn

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>>An Extensive Review of Whitley Strieber and His Claims of
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>Hi All,

>Isn't this the same blowhard who wrote several 25 page+ long
>internet rants about the Gulfbreeze case? It appears that after
>having gotten nowhere with Bruce Macabee and others relating to
>that case, that Mr Black now turns his jaundiced eye towards
>Whitley Strieber. 'Submit to a polygraph test or I'll splatter
>your refusal all over the web' says he to Whitley. This guy
>Black has a pair of cohones that an Indian elephant would envy.
>Thank Ghod he's not a UN diplomat or we'd really be in trouble!
>:-D

>Porposal: Let's follow the example of the Democrats and simply
>throw money at the problem!

>If we all chip in .50 cents, we will be able to afford a small
>Sears refractor telescope, a rubiks cube, and maybe even one of
>those sexy rubber blow up friends for Mr. Black, (who is in
>desperate need_ of a time consuming hobby.) I am confident that
>if the objects we provide him with are 'shiny' enough, it might
>preoccupy him and spare _us_ from yet another round of his
>pointless nit picking rantings. I don't know about you, but .50
>cents seems a small price to pay for the peace of mind we would
>all gain in return.

>Send all contributions to:

>The Jerry Black Hobby Fund (or JEBHOFU)

>121 Sparemethegrief Blvd.
>Beendere Dondat, California, 90734

>Remember, the mind you save may be your own. So please, dig
>deep, and give till it hurts. It's for a just cause.

>Personal note:

>You should take some comfort in the knowledge that you are not
>alone, and that you are not crazy. _Others_ experience the same
>urge to commit Hari-Kari with a dull butter knife _everytime_
>they find a 25 page long post from Jerry Black in their mailbox.
>There is no need for you to feel isolated or unique. If need be,
>I will start a support group for those who need help dealing
>with this unsettling and life disrupting phenomenon.

>Let's try the toys first. Failing that, we'll start up the
>support group. As Ghod is my witness, we will _one way or
>another_ survive this latest attack on our sensibilities.

>'Blackhole' - what an appropriate name for Mr Blacks' website.
>It's what I feel I've been sucked into everytime I read one of
>his posts! :-D

>John Velez (Speaking strictly for myself)

Dear Mr. Velez and List;

Our beloved founder ... has heard you.

Dr. Jaime Gesundt, out of infinite generosity, will donate 100
cases of his latest project, "Wine and Latex, You Gotta Love
'Em" and will send them to the address specified.... in a plain
crate so nobody gets to sniff, blow or snoop.

This latest "L-Squared" (Latex and Loony) product consists of
Dr. Gesundt's most powerful elixir we've aptly named, "WOOF!"
It comes with one blow up latex lady (or one latex [reinforced,
of course] "guy doll") with every bottle. Normally selling for
only \$19.95 a settee set, JEBHOFU gets it on free, for Black's
perspiration pleasure. And, it's loaded.... with vitamin Gee!?!
Drink and.... uh, whatever, in good gesundt, that's Yiddish for
"health."

Oh, one last suggestion. Make sure the person using our product
keeps well hydrated or he may look like a prune after only a few
minutes on WOOF!

Dr. Morty for Dr. G.
To your "Good Health & Good Lovin' with lotsa water!"
God bless America

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Re: Alien Images

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 21:07:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 15:52:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Images

>From: John Ratcliff <johnr@simutronics.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Alien Images
>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 16:17:07 -0600

>A few years ago when I was following the alien autopsy story as
>it unfolded I commissioned a friend of mine to create a couple
>of alien logo images based on the now infamous film. These were
>supposed to be for t-shirt designs, with all profits to go to a
>fund to help children suffering from polydactly and other
>symptoms exhibited by the tragic figure in the alien autopsy
>drama. I had long since forgotten about this and, of course,
>never got around to making the t-shirts. I would love to credit
>the artist but I am ashamed to admit that it has been so long I
>cannot recall the name of my once good friend.

Hi, John,

As shown on the first figure, Karl Kofoed was the designer . . .
at the time you were both frequent visitors to the forum.

Terry, formerly of CIS's Encounters Forum.

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 21:44:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 15:54:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 18:39:33 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
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>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 14:07:26 -0600

>>Others have already pointed out his bogus information such as
>>where he states that the moon does not rotate about its own
>>axis. This guy is supposed to be knowledgeable in celestial
>>mechanics?

>>Just my opinion.

>>Farley Scott
>Dallas, TX

>What? What! Where did you or anyone else get the idea that the
>moon rotates on it's axis? The moon rotates around the earth,
>keeping the same face to us at all times. It does not rotate as
>the earth rotates...

>Otherwise there would be no "backside" of the moon which is
>"unseen" by astronomers or the average person.>

>I seem to have missed something here...I can't believe that
>people think the moon rotates through a cycle ever so many
>hours...If it did, then we would see its other faces...>

Rotation or non-rotation depends upon your point of view. For
a person on th earth a thousand years ago the accepted point of
view was that th earth was flat and certainly did not move
(otherwise we would feel the motion!). Everything else moved
(relative to the stationary earth).

The Copernicus (and others) advocated the sun as "stationary"
and the earth going around it. This can only be "seen",
however, from the point of view of the distant ("fixed"...but
they are moving) stars.

Now, from the point of view of an observer stationary with
respect to the fixed stars, who is positioned far above the
orbital plane of the solar system, and said observer looking
down at the north pole of the earth, then the earth rotates about
its axis once every 24 hours. The moon orbits around the earth
AND..it turns (about its own axis) slowly as it orbits such that
one "face" of the moon continually points toward the earth.

Thus the fact that we see only the "man in the moon" side of the
moon translates to one rotation about its axis every 28 days
(about) with respect to the distant stars.

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>Mr. Strieber's actions here remind me of his original reaction
>about the Gulf Breeze case, in stating that people should take a
>second look Ed Walters' Gulf Breeze photographs. He bases his
>entire opinion on this case, besides his actually going to Gulf
>Breeze at one time

(did Mr. Black ever do that?)

>I believe, on the fact that a close friend of
>his saw an object very similar to the Ed Walters object, two days
>before the alleged Walters encounters. Obviously Mr. Strieber is
>not a UFO investigator, because one cannot rely on one person's
>sighting of an object to validate the UFO sighting of another
>person.

Hmmmmmm.... in past years Black and other skeptics have
"complained" that other witnesses to the thing that Ed
saw/photographed were deluded, were part of the "conspiracy"
along with Ed and family, or were simply trying for publicity.
Now we have Strieber saying he personally knew someone who
claimed to have seen the same thing two days before Ed's
photos...and so, if this were true, could not possibly have
been influenced by Ed's photos (which were not publicized until
8 days after they were taken on Nov. 11, 1987).

Not surprising that Strieber would be inclined to believe his
friend. And, assuming he believed his friend, and that his
friend's description was reasonably accurate, then if his
friend's description matched that of the UFO Ed photographed it
would certainly appear that (a) such things were in the vicinity

and real and (b) hence the sightings could be mutually supportive. There were other people who claimed to have seen the same thing. I don't know who Steiber's friend is and so I don't know if that person "went public." But about a dozen did, including Dr. and Mrs. Fenner McConnell, who said they saw the same thing in July, 1988.

So accepting his friend's story and allowing it to lend some support for Ed's sightings doesn't make Steiber a "bad UFO investigator."

> In this case, I obviously do not know what his good
>friend saw two days before Ed Walters first took his photographs,

Perhaps Jerry should have found out before making the following statement:

>but whatever he saw was not what Ed Walters alleges to have seen,

Now we learn the real reason why Mr. Black can't accept the observation by Streiber's friend:

>because it has been conclusively proven that the objects that Ed
>Walters photographed were models. Accordingly, there is no way
>that Mr. Strieber's friend, two days earlier, could have seen the
>objects in the sky that Ed Walters photographed.

Conclusively proven?

Only in Mr. Black's mind (and that of a few others).

Arguments over the Gulf Breeze photos have raged over years... and despite the efforts of the dyed in the wool skeptics, the photos still stand. They don't/won't understand the examinations those photos have undergone.

For example, a test which killed the recent Mexico City Video of Aug. 7, 1997 (big disc goes behind building...featured on the "Fox Hoaxes" show)...was applied to Ed's photos (years before, of course). The test was to see if the background image and the UFO image were smeared by the same amount when rapid camera hand vibration occurred. IN the Mexico city case the background was smeared by motion but the UFO image was not.

OF course, Ed's photos were not movies. HOwever, they were presumed by the skeptics to be "two step" creations (double exposure) which DOES allow for a test of relative image smear. IT is assumed the first photo was taken of a model in a dark room,model lighted, silhouetted against a black backdrop. Then the camera was taken outside and the backgroud scenery was photographed. In each case there was the possibility for camera smear since these were essentially time exposures (about 1 second). That is, hand vibration during the photo of th UFO model would create one smear of the image of the model (unless mounted on a tripod...which it wasn't)...and hand vibration during the second exposure would create another smear, this time of the background.

Fortunately for analysis of the first photographs the nearby scenery included a streetlight. The smear of this light image was compared with that of the light in the UFO image. The smears were found to be equal in magnitude and direction. This was reported by Jeff Sainio in the 1992 MUFON SYmposium proceedings.

The result of this sort of test, finding the camera vibration smears of the UFO and background images to be the same, argues against a double exposure of a model. THERE are other arguments against faking of the Gulf Breeze photos presented in th book 'UFOs Are Real, Here's The Proof' by Walters and Maccabee (Avon paperback, 1997)

>My objectivity and fairness is well-known in the UFO community. I> support the Travis Walton case, and I support the Liberty, >Kentucky case. An extensive investigation, of four and a half >years, into the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze case has conclusively >shown that the case is a hoax. Ed Walters was given the same >opportunity. He was asked on two different occasions by myself, >and on one occasion by Mr. Rex Salisbury, to undergo a third >party polygraph test, properly sponsored. Mr. Walters has >refused all three requests to undergo a properly-given polygraph >test.

>At this time, I am asking Mr. Whitley Strieber to take a
>properly- administered polygraph test, sponsored by a third
>party.

>As I have said earlier, and as confirmed by Mr. Billy J. Riggs,
>who was the President of the Polygraph Association of Florida in
>1992, and which is also the view of the National Polygraph
>Association, the subject person under investigation cannot take
>his own polygraph test. It is considered an invalid test.

>In fact, in the words of Mr. Billy J. Riggs, no good competent
>polygraph expert, in his opinion, would give a polygraph test
>under those circumstances. Mr. Ed Walters tried this, as well.
>Of course, his test results were considered null and void. As I
>stated earlier, Mr. Walters refused to take a properly-sponsored
>polygraph test.

To say that the test results were "null and void" is a statement
of opinion only and not of fact. Mr. Black, so far as I know,
never talked to the polygraphist who tested Ed twice. I did talk
to him. He gave good reasons for believing that his polygraph
test was valid.

The polygraphist's opinion, based on the testing, was - (a) Ed
is telling the truth as Ed believes it to be true and (b) Ed is
not a sociopath... This opinion is consistent with that of
clinical psychologist Dr. Dan Overlade (whose statement is in
the book 'Abductions In Gulf Breeze' by Ed and Frances Walters).

Overlade gave Walters a battery of psychological tests and found
no signs of mental disorder and no signs of a sociopathic
personality. He found no evidence that Ed was making it all up
or that Ed had hoaxed anything.

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From: **Ted Viens** <drtedv@freewwwweb.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 22:02:02 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:02:48 -0500
Subject: Re:

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs
>Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 17:14:18 -0500

>>Date: Sun, 03 Jan 1999 11:28:11 -0800
>>From: Perry Mick <perrym@teleport.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>,
>>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>>>What? What! Where did you or anyone else get the idea that the
>>>moon rotates on it's axis? The moon rotates around the earth,
>>>keeping the same face to us at all times. It does not rotate as
>>>the earth rotates...

>>It's such a simple thing, I think people just get confused by
>>the language used to describe it.

>>The moon does rotate, but it's period of rotation is the same as
>>it's orbital period around the earth. That is why it always
>>keeps the same face towards us.

>If it didn't rotate on its axis, it would show one face to Asia,
>and the opposite face to North America.

Well, almost, no, not really. On any given day, within the 24 hours of the earth's rotation, all parts of the earth would see essentially the same side of the moon. Now, if the moon did not rotate on its own axis basically one revolution for each orbit around the earth, then at the first quarter, we would see the opposite side of the moon than at the third quarter. Since we don't see this, the moon rotates on its own axis...

Bye... Ted..

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Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

From: Sean Jones <seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 07:12:28 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:05:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 13:33:58 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Cough, Korf, Ahem!

>I have great respect for all these people. My point is that
>"field work" is equal to "armchair work" if the results are the
>same: Only an opinion. But your intended point is well taken.
>Perhaps your comment that "only hard work matters" should be
>combined with my comment "only results matter" to read: "Hard
>work only matters if it produces usable results".

>I can't think of anything more fair than that.

Hi Roger

I didn't actually say ONLY hard work, but I'll concede you are being reasonable.

In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.
Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>
UFO page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Help Needed

From: Sean Jones <seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 07:11:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:09:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Help Needed

>Date: Sat, 19 Dec 1998 08:40:12 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Help Needed

Hi Bob

I seem to have "lost" all my email from the 3rd so I've had to reply to this manually.

I have found at:

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/1998/0398cosmos/0398linde.html>

an article called "The Self-Reproducing Inflationary Universe" but I am sure this is not quite the article I was looking for. So I would be extremely grateful if your beloved wife has not thrown out the recent magazine with the article that I am looking for in it :-)

Cheers

In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>

UFO page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 08:56:33 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:15:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

>Source: <http://www.borderlands.com/robertfraud.htm>

>Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud

>I have recently done a fairly thorough investigation into the
>claims made by Robert A.M. Stephens. Borderland Sciences'
>association with Mr. Stephens began after he emailed me about
>information I had posted to my website concerning the December
>7th Landing. Some of the information Mr. Stephens was presenting
>seemed very interesting (although unverifiable) and I asked him
>if he would like us to put up a webpage for him.

>After the December 30th, 1998 guest appearance by Mr. Stephens
>on the Art Bell show, many (including myself) started to
>question Mr. Stephens credibility.

>The following is a report of my investigation on Mr. Robert A.M.

<snip>

>While Mr. Stephens appears to have been deluded, it by no means
>makes all of his points and statements, invalid. But, how are we
>to believe anything he has said in light of this information?
>Does the "NORAD/Fence" database exist? Does the "Blind Transom"
>DoD tracking software exist? What about his alien implant
>information? Probably not.

>Now, we are left with the question, "What was Robert A.M.
>Stephens' motivation for all of this?" Was it for his "15
>minutes" (actually an hour) of fame? Or, was it some sinister
>coverup plot devised by whomever he may be really working for?
>Perhaps we'll never know.

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My God. And some of us dimbulbs (me included) still wish to
continue doing the work in this zoo illogical UFOillogical
society. Klassers must be having a laugh a minute with all this.

Look for motives? Why? Doesn't really matter, does it? Neil
Young wrote a song about the "Needle and the Damage Done." I
respectfully suggest we begin to recycle our needles or we are
going to get very sick indeed. Perhaps we should be considering
Freshly Made prior to posting. It may make more sense in some
cases. And you don't need a needle... just a big mouth and cast
iron stomach!

"Oh, oh... the damage done..."

Every time something like this happens, it brings us all down a
notch. 1998 was a year for notching down, and just when things
were notching up, too .. events, sightings and exciting research

went on despite the fakes and fakirs. But the results of all this labor of love and generous giving of self (plural) by dedicated and worthy men and women has been drawn down into the pits of disbelief and double entendre.

Add a dollop of subterfuge, of cavil, of haggling and quibbling among us, and fold in some vagueness for good measure. The result is a level of mistrust among ourselves, not to mention the general population of people who are interested in the subject.... mistrust over anything we uncover.

Fold in a burgeoning Internet which acts to disseminate all this indignity with the speed of light, almost literally, and you "... aint got no faith, you got unbelief ... " God I love Dylan!

Doubt... it's what it's all about. From Stephens to Korff, from ... "Ah, but we (sic I) were so much older then... we're (sic I'm) younger than that now..."

Would one of you care to deliver an on-line address on the state of our disunion? Include New Age, sex with reptilians, forecast landings in Paduca, aliens with buttons and bows, channeling, laughing and scratching, billion dollar web sites, NEXRAD anomalies... Shoot, harp used to be what my mother in law did whenever my name came up... and much, much more. Put it together and what have you got, bibitty bobitty boo.

Please excuse this miserable excuse for a post. I am depressed and I ran outa Gripple. Damn. Story of my life. Just like a cop, I mean, when you need one he's out ripping off a drug dealer and when you don't, he's giving his life for the job.

I'm so confused!

Now for some recent headlines...

Kavorkian maned as White House Physician!

Honk if you've been abducted! (Oops, sorry, that's a bumper sticker)

My God, they've killed them all!

OK, which one of you is telling the truth?

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I taught I taw a UFO?

Shut up kid, it was just swamp gas!

Secrets of alien agenda, revealed. Film at eleven!

Faked Secrets of alien agenda revealed, film at...

This just in... nothing happened!

OK, which one of you is telling the truth?

I feel much better now that I've given up.

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Re: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:11:16 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:18:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

>From: Jeff Rense <eotl@west.net>
>Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 01:05:32 -0800 (PST)ud In Every Way"
>Subject: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud In Every Way"

Previously, Mr. Stephens came clean:

>Robert A.M. Stephens is, from the very beginning, 10-16-1998 to
>this date 1-4-1998, a complete and total fraud in every way.

<snip>

>Art Bell
>is to be praised for this amazing windfall of ferreting out
>charlatans and fakes in the UFO industry like me and he has
>shown in this case, "never before in my radio career have I seen
>anything like this."

<snip>

>I do thank Mr. Richard C. Hoagland and Art Bell to give me a
>opportunity to attempt foolishly to debate topics for which I
>was obviously ill prepared for and failed miserably.

Wow. Looks like 1999 is gonna be a good year after all.

Hey, maybe we can get Gary Alevy to appear on Art Bell next!

Ahhhhh. Wishful thinking...

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:32:16 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:22:19 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 23:58:36 EST
>Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 09:35:32 -0500
>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

Previously, Peter offered this insight into Robert Stephens:

>Mr. Stephens was able to fool us for over 80 days. Shame on us.
>We are so eager, CAUS included, to find the truth, that we will
>embrace any 'savior' who presents himself cloaked in the garb of
>'knowing the truth.'

<snip>

>A little knowledge is a
>dangerous weapon in the wrong hands. In Mr. Stephens' hands, we
>became willing victims for his expert swordsmanship.

<snip>

>Hopefully we can learn from the past and not continue to make
>the same mistakes. Mr. Stephens was sent to us as an example of
>what we need to do in the future...if ever presented with
>another 'savior.'

I am stunned.

If you have been reading this list at all, I think you'll find that virtually NO ONE took Stephens seriously, much less thought of him as a 'savior'. His "swordsmanship", as you put it, was so severely lacking that even most armchair ufologists didn't even give him a second thought. The fact that you were fooled doesn't mean that the majority was also. With all due respect, Mr. Gersten, you need to speak for yourself. The picture you paint is one of justification for your own gullibility and you can leave me out of it.

I see no lesson to be learned here at all. To attribute such a thing to Stephens gives him far more credit than he deserves and affords you too convenient a cushion for your fall from reason.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re:

From: **Donnie W. Shevlin** <dshevlin@primary.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:24:34 -0500
Subject: Re:

>Source: <http://www.borderlands.com/robertfraud.htm>

>Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud

<snip>

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>January, 04 1998
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I applaud you Michael for your preliminary investigation. I just don't understand why this hasn't been done up to this point. Reveal the truth, that is all I ask. Expose those that are corrupting the process of finding the truth is a must!

I don't want to make this seem like I am putting demands onto anyone. I have little to no time to investigate any claims that weave their way through this tightly woven UFO community. But someone here, any claimed investigator of a sort, should had already disputed this man's claims on a quick background check.

Instead I am left with weeks of reading what may turn out to be pure boulder dash. I accepted R. Stephens for what he wrote here after the last thirty days only because he hadn't been disputed but by a few here on this mail list. I expected the prominent types that are cast onto feature shows and specials to talk of their expertise on the subject would have been all over this man. What has happen to let this type of fraud get through? After all the Santilli's, Cooper's and Lazar's you would think that this sort of thing would cease.

Donald W. Shevlin

(Spouting at the mouth)

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The Stephens Affair

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:29:39 -0500
Subject: The Stephens Affair

Today, the ufo field is swept by the "revelation" that Stephens is a fraud. Duh!

Several people, including yours truly, pointed out that Stephens' supposed inside information was bogus. However, incredibly what did we get. "You shouldn't diss Mr. Stephens. He has only been in the field 70 days. Cut him some slack."

I really don't care if he had been in the field 70 minutes or 70 years, if he is spinning yarns he is disrespecting ufology. Then, he should be disrespected by those who want reliable information about UFOs. He has disrespected us.

Now Gersten was Stephens' biggest promoter. All his excuses about how he was tricked hold no water with me. Before the month is out Gersten will pump out at least another 70 posts on sensational topics in which he has done no more checking than he did with Stephens.

For the 14 years that Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett ran CAUS, they did try to apply the rules of evidence and carefully checked and cross-checked most everything they did. Both, and later Greenwood, alone, made CAUS' reputation one of scrupulously scrutinizing the facts. Gersten ran that reputation into the ground in less than a year.

Gersten is a lawyer, and at one time his approach to the subject was one of high standards. He was responsible for many important finds. His stature in the UFO field *was* deservedly great. Now every cock and bull story that comes along is out on the CAUS network in record time.

Lawyers of all people should know how to examine evidence. Here is a telling statement by Gersten:

"He [Stephens] represented the holy grail in our search for this 'truth' that has eluded us for over 50 years. Unfortunately, his information was only his opinion at best and a complete fabrication at worst. A little knowledge is a dangerous weapon in the wrong hands. In Mr. Stephens' hands, we became willing victims for his expert swordsmanship."

Here is a classic definition of a "mark." Do I think Gersten is a mark? No, but he is a facilitator of marks. Marks want to hear these fantastic stories whether they are true or not. They run from one sensational claim to the next like drug addicts looking for another fix. If a claim is discredited, are they more careful the next time? Not on your life! Does that mean that the purveyor of such frauds will suffer any loss of credibility. Never, in fact they will be lionized!

Should anyone stand and point out the holes in the stories; they are shouted down.

You think not!

Well, look at the abuse Chris Rutkowski took concerning his objections to the blind acceptance of the "Hale-Bopp object."

If people *really* wanted to learn the facts about UFOs, then Loren Gross would be a best selling UFO author, and Art Bell would be looking for work elsewhere.

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High Weirdness in Montana

From: **Scott LeGrand** <varelse@best.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:32:36 -0500
Subject: High Weirdness in Montana

Now that we have reached the likely end of the Robert Stephens phenomenon, let us add in a few final tidbits to insure that no one here is ever quite sure what or who he really was.

First stop, www.borderlands.com, where we can thank Michael Theroux for pointing out first that Mr. Stephens has an official association of some sort with NASA at least as an artist at:

<http://www.nasa.gov/hqpao/library.html/arts/samples.html>

So one can safely conclude that Mr. Stephens's statement to Jeff Rense that "All proofs of my insidious lies from any type of involvement with NASA, the military, the art program information, my resume, artwork, art collections, numbers assessment, my work of any kind thus claimed is categorical lies in every fashion." is indeed a CATEGORICAL LIE since the artwork is indeed genuine.

Now I know you guys have already seen this part, but now if one checks out the macintosh-related links on this page, one will obtain one of Mr. Stephens's email IDs, robert@digisys.net, an ID which gave me a strange sense of Deja Vu.

Next stop, www.dejanews.com where a keyword search on robert@digisys.net turns up some very interesting stuff from 1996!

Try
<http://x4.dejanews.com/getdoc.xp?AN=188428431&CONTEXT=915562946.455475212&hitnum=6>

wherein Mr. Stephens claims both prior UFO experience and membership in SEAL Team 3 (and this post stuck in my memory enough to trigger the above Deja Vu, weird).

or
<http://x4.dejanews.com/getdoc.xp?AN=185612418&CONTEXT=915563677.455475401&hitnum=7>

wherein Mr. Stephens claims to be a NASA contractor and debunks MJ-12 a little based on its writing style.

Have a wonderfully paranoid day, guys!

Scott Le Grand

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Searching For Original Edition Of Bluebook

From: Ben Field <ben@abcfield.force9.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 16:36:10 -0500
Subject: Searching For Original Edition Of Bluebook

Would anyone happen to know anyone who might carry the first official release of the Project Bluebook of the U.S. Air Force?

I am seeking the original published edition or an exact copy thereof for someone for the purposes of research. I need it to show the pages with the blacked out paragraphs as it was originally released.

Please email me at: ufobooks@abcfield.force9.co.uk if you can help!!!

All the best

Ben Field
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UFO ROUNDUP
Volume 4, Number 1
January 5, 1999
Editor: Joseph Trainor

UFOLOGISTS LOOK INTO AIR BATTLE IN FINLAND

Ufologists in Finland are looking into a reported air battle between a Finnish jet fighter and a squadron of five UFOs.

According to Lars Osterman, the dogfight took place on March 31, 1997 in northern Finland. Local researchers learned of it when the pilot, whose name has been kept under wraps, phoned a radio talk show and reportedly said he was "having trouble dealing with" the experience.

According to Osterman, the fighter was an F-18A Hornet of the Suomen Ilmaviomat (Finnish Air Force--J.T.), which was posted to the Lapin Lennosto (Far North Air Department) air base at Rovaniemi, 400 kilometers (240 miles) north of Helsinki.

The F-18 took off on "a routine 960-kilometer patrol of the border" with Russia. As the jet flew over the frozen tundra southeast of Lake Inarijarvi, the pilot spotted three discoid UFOs flying in a northeasterly direction.

Going in for a closer look, the pilot saw that "there seemed to be five saucers, instead of just three." He then radioed Rovaniemi and advised them of the situation. Lapin Lennosto Flight Control ordered him to intercept the objects.

The five UFOs, described by the pilot as "glowing orange objects," veered sharply to the northwest. The F-18 pursued them to Ivalo, a city 200 kilometers (120 miles) north of Rovaniemi. >From there, the F-18 chased the saucers west to Inari, 40 kilometers (24 miles) to the northwest. Then the saucers darted eastward, high above Lake Inarijarvi.

The pilot told Flight Control that the UFOs were breaking formation and requested permission to fire at them. Flight Control responded, "Permission granted. Fire at will."

The pilot got behind one glowing saucer and lined it up with the reticule on his windshield "heads up" display. But instead of picking up the "target acquisition tone" in his earphones, he heard the raucous honk of an alarm.

All at once, the targeting computer went off-line. The "heads up" display disappeared. The F-18's firing system for the 20mm cannon was also down. Instantly the pilot hit the "arming" switch for his air-to-air missiles. The red Malfunction light began blinking on the dashboard.

According to Osterman, the saucers regrouped and flew away to the east "at Mach 4 or 5. They had an orange glow around them."

None of the F-18's flight control systems were affected, and the pilot returned safely to Rovaniemi.

"They tested the computers for days afterward but could find nothing wrong with them," he added.

The saucers crossed the border and were last seen heading for Talvikula in Russia. (Email Interview)

MORE UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED IN ARKANSAS

On Tuesday, December 29, 1998, at midnight, a man named Cart was entertaining 20 guests at his home near Kelhi Avenue in Sherwood, Arkansas (population 18,893), a suburb of Little Rock just north of the Arkansas River, when they noticed a strange light in the sky.

"We had it in view for 20 minutes," Cart said, "All twenty of us saw it. The UFO approached from the north, maybe at 10 degrees above the horizon. There was a luminous aura all around the craft. It was a green color. The UFO had a definite shape. We did not hear any sound associated with this object."

"I'd estimate that it was traveling at about 120 miles per hour," he added. (Email Interview)

Elsewhere in Arkansas, MUFON investigator Christine Lippert has uncovered more strange sightings around the town of Mountain Home (population 9,029), located 146 miles (233 kilometers) north of Little Rock.

"Andy Lewis, a pilot and former airport commissioner, told The Bulletin he also saw the bright lights the same night (November 12, 1998) as an anonymous caller, and in the same general area--near Valley Airport."

"Besides the two sightings of lights, Lewis claims to have seen a gold object in the sky recently, too."

"'I was so concerned about it, I called the FAA. (Federal Aviation Administration--J.T.),' Lewis said." He described the UFO as "gray in color with black stripes on the underside of it. 'I'd never seen anything like that...I hope it doesn't come back.'"

"A couple of other people in the Cotter/Glassville area claim to have seen an object that was shaped like a barrel, while a Mountain Home woman said she saw an object shaped like a cigar in the sky as she was coming home from church Halloween night." (See the Baxter Bulletin of Mountain Home, Arkansas for November 17, 1998, "Odd sightings still reported" by Bruce Roberts. Many thanks to Lou Farrish of UFO Newsclipping Service for forwarding this newspaper article.)

CHRISTMAS WEEK SEES UFOs ACTIVE IN MICHIGAN

On December 24, 1998, at 9:15 p.m., Michigan ufologist Jeff Westover was driving home from Saginaw (population 69,100). Near the intersection of Interstate Highway I-75 and Michigan Highway 20, Jeff "first noticed the object low in the eastern sky (about 10 to 15 degrees above the horizon.) I first thought that a star or planet was rising, as it twinkled and flared brightly in an orangeish color due to atmospheric refraction. But I soon noticed it changing direction in relation to the other stars above it."

He described the UFO as "a flaring amber light" that "just sat, drifted and flared. It did not maneuver strangely."

"I turned east on Michigan Highway 81 (ten miles south of the interchange) to get a better look at the light," Jeff reported. "It was now approximately 50 degrees above the eastern horizon. The amber light quickly dimmed to a single point of light or a very dim star. I noticed no FAA-compliant anti-collision strobes or wingtip lights as it flew slowly above." (Email Interview)

On Friday, December 25, 1998, at 7 p.m., a man visiting his parents in Memphis, Michigan (population 1,221), a town on Highway 19 about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northeast of Detroit, "noticed some colored lights in the southern sky."

"There were about five different lights that would start off dim and then get real bright, then fade off, only to reappear," the

witness reported. "I figured they could be helicopters looking for something, shining a spotlight. I wanted to get a closer look, so me and the old man took off in that direction. We went about 10 miles south and found an open area with no houses (to impede their view--J.T.) to stop and look up into the night sky."

"At first they seemed to be gone. But then two dim lights in the distance appeared periodically, not quite as bright as before. So, after a half hour out there, we headed home. But when we got home, they were back on the southern horizon, as bright as ever." (Many thanks to Jeff Westover for referring this witness statement.)

On Tuesday, December 29, 1998, at around 9:30 p.m., two witnesses "were traveling eastbound on (Interstate Highway) I-94." As they passed through Sunrise Heights (population 1,400), a town "30 or 32 miles east of Kalamazoo, somewhere between mile markers 110 and 113," they spotted "a strange craft flying very slowly about 20 feet (6 meters) up from the ground over the freeway."

"At first glance, we thought it was a LOW-flying airplane, but the craft had so many yellow lights (25 or more) across in a horizontal position. There was a central yellow light that appeared brighter than the rest, which were blinking in sync."

"Upon noticing this, and its shape was so odd... we determined that the craft could not have been a helicopter or an airplane." "Then, as we approached an area full of cell (cellular telephone--J.T.) towers, the craft descended in a direct-vertical motion, landing on the ground about 20 feet from the edge of the freeway in a dark grassy area."

Slowing the car to 20 miles per hour, the pair took a closer look at the UFO, which they described as "an upside-down spider...The middle was ball-like (spherical)...and it had large arms/appendages on top coming out all over. And the arms/appendages had holes through them in a vertical pattern. The arms seemed to be upright, but bent out at an elbow and appeared to have a metal end coming from each with a light at the tip. The craft seemed to be as large as a car but wider."

The UFO may have been seen by other motorists, they added, "We are rueful that we didn't stop." (Many thanks to Peter A. Gersten of CAUS for this news story.)

BRILLIANT DISC SEEN IN HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA

On Saturday, December 26, 1998, Paul T. and his son were driving on Interstate Highway I-40 in Hickory, North Carolina (population 28,301), a city 178 miles (285 kilometers) west of Raleigh, when they saw "a strange object pass directly overhead."

"The object looked like a shirt button at arm's length," Paul reported, "Like a saucer on its side. The object was a brilliant bright white. When I first saw the object, it was almost directly overhead. I guess about 90 degrees. It moved westward over a wooded area." "There was no sound whatsoever--none!" "Although it moved westward, it made several zigzag maneuvers while doing so," he added, "That is the only way I can describe it. Nothing can move that way." (Email Interview)

PULSATING UFO SIGHTED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

On Thursday, December 24, 1998, at 7:50 p.m., a UFO "with pulsating red, green and white lights was zigzagging through the northern Goldfields sky" at Murrin Murrin, Western Australia.

Security personnel at the Murrin Murrin mine "watched the light for about a half hour on Christmas Eve."

"The security officers said in their report that the star began to pulsate red and green and white and travelling up and down in jerking movements, with the red and green lights seeming more round. It then moved lower and zigzagged from side to side before emitting a burst of white light and disappearing below the tree line." (See the Western Australian of Perth, W.A. for

December 28, 1998, "Flashing light heralds Santa." Many thanks to Patricia Ziegler for this newspaper article.)

RETIRED NURSE PHOTOGRAPHS UFO IN TOOWONG, QUEENSLAND

On November 6, 1998, retired nurse Madeleine Patterson, 63, had a sudden strange urge to go outdoors and snap a photograph. Grabbing her camera, she stepped out onto the backstairs of her home in Toowong, Queensland, Australia and tapped the shutter.

When the film was developed, she found the image of a silver disc UFO in the photo.

"I didn't see the UFO at all," Mrs. Patterson said, "What I had was a feeling there might be something strange to photograph. It's something like when people get a feeling there's going to be a storm."

"Retired nurse Mrs. Patterson, who is also a naturopath and nutritionist, has added the photograph to her growing collection of photographs of cross formations and angels. It includes six photographs of UFOs."

"These things are there for everyone to see. All my life I've been interested in things that are beyond physical and material spheres, and I watch these things closely."

Mrs. Patterson also believes that ETs exist. She said, "Otherwise, we'd be like cave people, thinking we are the only people in the universe." (See Australia's Sunday Mail for January 3, 1999, "The truth is out there. So are the UFOs" by Elissa Lawrence, page 86. Many thanks to Diane Harrison for this newspaper article.)

TWO UFOs PUT ON DISPLAY IN MASSACHUSETTS

On December 10, 1998, at 9 p.m., a witness near Route 44 in Middleboro, Massachusetts (population 6,837), a town about 43 miles (69 kilometers) south of Boston, "watched a strange, brightly-lit craft" in the southern sky.

"The craft had numerous red, green and white lights. As the witnesses watched, it split into two UFOs."

The two UFOs then performed a series of dazzling aerobatic maneuvers over Assawompsett Pond, a large glacial lake just south of Middleboro. "The two crafts flew geometric patterns at high speed around the sky." after which "the two UFOs combined into one and shortly thereafter disappeared."

A short while later, the witness reported, a few jets, which he believed to be U.S. Air Force jet interceptors, flew over Middleboro. (See Filer's Files #52 for 1998. Many thanks to George A. Filer, Eastern director of MUFON, for allowing UFO Roundup to use this report.)

PRE-COLUMBIAN STONE CALENDAR FOUND IN MIAMI

Archaeologists believe they have discovered a 4,000-year-old calendar stone used by the Tequesta people, an indigenous Native American tribe who lived in Miami, Florida millennia ago.

Planets such as Mars, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn, plus familiar constellations, are visible on the stone, which was discovered at a construction site on Bricknell Key back in August 1998.

The stone measures 38 feet (11 meters) in diameter and "is pockmarked with small dents and holes."

"It's a striking find. The holes could have been used to measure time, the sun, the stars," said Miami archaeologist Paul George. "It shows tremendous intelligence on their part, carving something like this using rudimentary tools."

"The Tequesta disappeared shortly after Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon arrived in Florida in 1513, introducing European diseases and war." (See the Miami Herald for December 28, 1998. Many thanks to "Colonel Churchward" for the newspaper article.)

(Editor's Comment: So much for the "primitive Tequesta shell fishermen" living on the shores of the Miami River! The Tequesta artifact bears a strong resemblance to the Mayan calendar stones. Which is no surprise, when you consider that southern Florida is only 300 miles (480 kilometers) north of the Mayan homeland in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.)

MARS POLAR LANDER HAS SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH

Despite a temporary delay due to rainy weather, NASA's Mars Polar Lander lifted off from Cape Canaveral on Sunday, January 3, 1999, heading for the Antarctic region of the planet Mars.

The Mars Polar Lander (MPL) is the second of NASA's New Millennium space probes. MPL's sister spacecraft, the Mars Climate Orbiter, blasted off in early December 1998.

"NASA's Mars Polar Lander is bound for the fringes of Mars's south polar cap, the farthest south any spacecraft has ventured on the Red Planet. It's due to arrive in December (1999) when it's late spring and the sun never sets on Mars," i.e. the Martian south pole.

"The Polar Lander's goal is to find ice in the Martian soil. Where there's water, NASA's top space scientist says, there could be life." "We have a lot of reason to believe there's water on Mars in the form of ice," (NASA Space Sciences Division boss Ed) Weiler says, "But until you actually land there and find it and measure it, you can't say for sure. That's one thing I think this mission will demonstrate."

"The Polar Lander is three-and-a-half feet (1 meter) tall and 12 feet (3.7 meters) wide. It has three legs as well as a six-and-a-half foot (2 meter) robot arm with a scoop at the end to scrape beneath the Martian surface. The collected dirt will be heated, allowing any water present to vaporize and be detected by a laser."

"The Polar Lander is also equipped with a pair of probes that will peel away minutes before touchdown and slam into the Martian surface at 400 to 500 miles per hour, about 60 miles from the lander."

"Like the lander, the twin probes will hunt for water but at a much greater depth. They could penetrate as deep as three feet. The question is whether they will survive the impact and radio back data." (See USA Today for January 4, 1999, "Mission searches for water on Mars," by Marcia Dunn, Associated Press, page 4A.)

from the UFO Files...

1956: TWO UFOs APPEAR OVER ANTARCTICA

On January 8, 1956, at the height of the Antarctic summer, four scientists from Chile were camped out on the icecap of the Weddell Sea, performing weather experiments as part of the International Geophysical Year.

The weather was clear, with a blue sky and the sun low on the horizon. "One man stepped outside and noticed 'two metallic cigar-shaped objects in a vertical position, perfectly still and silent and flashing vividly the reflected rays of the sun.'"

"One of the objects was almost at the mid-heaven, and the other at a distance of some 30 degrees from the first...the things looked utterly solid, with smooth, polished seemingly metallic surfaces. He called a second man to come look at the 'spindles.'"

"Then they moved to another vantage point about 100 yards away to see if some sort of atmospheric optical effect could be causing them; they did not change appearance."

"Upon returning to their tent area, two more men also saw the objects. The two objects remained motionless until 2100 hours (9 p.m.) when the uppermost object tilted into horizontal position and started to brighten and emit several colors. Then

it began to move and executed a number of maneuvers (90 degree turns, zigzag flight, instantaneous starts and stops, etc.) Then it came to a stop and hovered again."

"The second object then began to fly around for three minutes like the first object had just finished doing, and then it too stopped and hovered."

"The two objects remained motionless throughout that day and through the twilight that was to be their nighttime. The four men were afraid, yet nothing happened. Then, late in the afternoon of the second day (i.e. January 9, 1956--J.T.) clouds approached, the altitude of which were known approximately. And using a theodolite, the altitude of the objects was determined to be about 24,000 feet (7,275 meters) with each cigar about 450 feet long and 75 feet in diameter."

"One of the men aimed a polarized spotlight at one of the objects which unexpectedly flashed a bright light in return and descended in altitude."

"After a 'long pause,' it rose again to its original position and stopped. Then it conducted 'another fantastic sky dance.' Its velocity was measured at 40,000 kilometers per hour (24,000 miles per hour) starting from a dead stop. The objects eventually disappeared from view because of the clouds that came in." (See Flying Saucer Review volume 14, number 3, March-April 1968 issue, article by Gordon Creighton, page 20. See also PROJECT DELTA: A STUDY OF MULTIPLE UFO by Richard F. Haines, L.D.A. Press, Los Altos, California, 1994, pages 96 and 97.)

WELCOME TO UFO ROUNDUP

We're off and running for Year Four of our weekly online newsletter. And we have some changes at the webpage.

John Hayes has updated the UFO Roundup articles list. He installed active links to all of the articles, allowing readers to go directly to the story they want. Previously, the link would drop you off at the beginning of the issue, and you would have to scroll down to find the article. John completed this backbreaking redesign for all 146 issues at the webpage archive. Let's all give him a round of much-appreciated applause.

Now, to find the article you want, go to this URL...<http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/articles>. And enjoy some great ufological reading. To readers just joining us, UFO Roundup welcomes emailed reports. Send them to us at Masinaigan@aol.com. If you are scanning or quoting from a newspaper article, please be sure to list the name of the newspaper, the city where it was published, and the date of issue in which the UFO story appeared. We welcome UFO news clippings, as well. Please feel free to mail those to our snail-mail address: UFO Roundup, Box 16, 126 Toll Gate Road, Warwick, Rhode Island, USA 02886

FUN UFO WEBSITES: UFO Folklore has a photo of that bright UFO seen over Lago de Chapala in Jalisco state, Mexico last week. You'll find it at this URL:

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/framesmst.html>

Start the New Year off right with a trip to our parent site--UFO INFO. Get the latest in news, photos, features and links at this site, which can be accessed at <http://ufoinfo.com> Back issues of UFO Roundup can be read and downloaded at the webpage. Feel free to drop in at <http://ufoinfo.com/roundup>

Sixty-four years ago, on January 8, 1935, Elvis Aaron Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. The pop singer popularly known as "the King" died at his home, Graceland, in Memphis, Tennessee on August 17, 1977. Nine years afterward--to the very day--August 17, 1986, Elvis was seen standing in the checkout line at a Burger King in Kalamazoo, Michigan. This was the first in an ongoing series of "Elvis sightings" that have continued to the present day.

We'll be back next week 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: Hynek & Michel

From: Alain Stauffer <astauffer@infomaniak.ch>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 22:04:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 17:09:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek & Michel

Greetings

>Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 13:15:32 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: Hynek and Michel

>Hynek's visit with Michel probably took place in 1958 or
>1959 after the Michel's book had been translated into
>English by CSI-NY.

According to Jacques Vallee's journal (Forbidden Science, The Vallee Living Trust Ed., 1992), Hynek came in Paris in 1958 - the January 21, 1962 notice says "four years ago" - to meet with Michel and Guerin (the French astronomer). Vallee suggests that Hynek travelled with Gerard de Vaucouleurs (another French astronomer established in Texas) but this is not clearly stated. When Michel showed Hynek his dossiers, the latter had this funny comment: "At least YOU know what happened!" Hynek had another opportunity to spend some days in Paris in March 1968, on his way back from Prague - but did not see Aime Michel during this stay. (Same source).

Alain Stauffer
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Re: Alien Images

From: Ralf Zeigermann <kag15@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 22:00:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 17:38:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Images

>From: John Ratcliff <johnr@simutronics.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Alien Images
>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 16:17:07 -0600

John,

This is a shame! They are fantastic!

And you have 'forgotten' the designer's name?

Tsk...

Ralf

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 99 16:59:37 PST
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 17:52:33 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:32:16 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>>From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 23:58:36 EST
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 09:35:32 -0500
>>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>Previously, Peter offered this insight into Robert Stephens:

>>Mr. Stephens was able to fool us for over 80 days. Shame on us.
>>We are so eager, CAUS included, to find the truth, that we will
>>embrace any 'savior' who presents himself cloaked in the garb of
>>'knowing the truth.'

>>Hopefully we can learn from the past and not continue to make
>>the same mistakes. Mr. Stephens was sent to us as an example of
>>what we need to do in the future...if ever presented with
>>another 'savior.'

>I am stunned.

>If you have been reading this list at all, I think you'll find
>that virtually NO ONE took Stephens seriously, much less thought
>of him as a 'savior'. His "swordsmanship", as you put it, was so
>severely lacking that even most armchair ufologists didn't even
>give him a second thought. The fact that you were fooled
>doesn't mean that the majority was also. With all due respect,
>Mr. Gersten, you need to speak for yourself. The picture you
>paint is one of justification for your own gullibility and you
>can leave me out of it.

>I see no lesson to be learned here at all. To attribute such a
>thing to Stephens gives him far more credit than he deserves and
>affords you too convenient a cushion for your fall from reason.

Roger,

Very well said. I saw little evidence on this list that
Stephens was regarded as anything other than yet one more
annoying crackpot/bullshitter. It's his own soul, not ours,
that Peter Gersten ought to be examining closely.

Jerry Clark

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'Junk' Or What?

From: Mikko Viitaniemi <ee8mpv@bath.ac.uk>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 22:17:31 +0000 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 09:50:39 -0500
Subject: 'Junk' Or What?

Hello everyone,

I'm new to this List having been reading it for a month or so now. I'm a Finnish but right now living in the UK because of studies.

I've been interested in this field almost since my childhood because of my own experiences. And also because I know quite few people that have also experiences of UFOs. I'm not going to discuss those in this mail, but since I noticed that there's seem to be quite a few professionals following this List, somebody might be able to help me.

This might not have anything to do with any extra-terrestrial objects, but I just would like to know little bit more about this.

Since I'm couple of thousands of kms from home I have to rely on my memory on this. i.e. information is not exact. But anyway, I'm not trying to do science here. Ok here we go..

Basicly I'm after the origin of this object.

If I remember correctly this happened sometime during 70's (maybe before I was born, heh). This I have to confirm since I wasn't witnessing this myself.

Approx. 300m from my home is an elementary school.

One winter morning, the guy who's taking care of the buildings and the yards, found something quite interesting quite close to the school building. There was a heavy snow layer on the ground and this thing had melted all the snow around it. And the remaining snow around was colored yellowish. Must have been quite hot if you ask me.

This object consists (to my recollection) of 3X4 pieces of metallic ingot-shaped pieces. Each piece has dimension apx. length 7cm, width 3cm, height 2cm. These are not exact. This material is very heavy and I think one piece must weight 1kg [2.2lbs] at least. This I haven't measured.

To me the material resembles quite clearly lead. The bottom of the object is even and contained some symbols and numbers. at least one symbol I remember is a three circles grouped somehow that they cross each others. I can't remember very clearly but I'm almost certain that number 3 was also in the bottom. These number(s) and symbols were pressed to the bottom of the object and were not found elsewhere.

The sad thing is that these ingots were separated by the finder because of their weight and were used to keep his Xmas tree standing.

Anyway I am able to get more precise information, but if someone already knows what the origin might be could mail it to me or to the list.

Very clearly object had arrived through aerial route.

I'm not sure how heavy components are used in the (or were used) stuff we're shooting to the sky. Just the weight of the object makes me wonder. Because of the heat I suspect it's just space junk, but because it is (or was) so nicely intact, somehow I might be able to find out it's origin.

I still have couple of the separated ingots. Any ideas and/or questions are welcome.

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Side views to give a better picture.

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That's it, I'm sure I'm forgetting many things but that's best I can do at the moment.. Keep up the good list mates, it is interesting to follow. Just waste less energy to argue who's pro and who's not :) Thanks for taking the time to read this, apologies for my english. Keep up the good work!

Best wishes,

Mikko Viitaniemi
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Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of 1999. I wonder just what this year has in store for us. Several unnerving things have come to light over this past month. An incite is given by Graham Birdsall in his UFO Magazine editorial (reprinted below). A disturbing article 'Dawn Of A New Age?' delves deeper into this and can be read in the January/February issue of UFO Magazine (UK).

How many of you last year (98) filled in the online form at Nasa's web site for your name and or others to be placed on a CD which would go with the Mars Polar Lander. Nasa were after 1,000,000 names to be placed on the CD which would journey with the Polar Lander.

The rocket successfully lifted off on Sunday 3rd January and is due to arrive at Mars in December this year. The lander is designed to work in tandem with its sister ship, the Mars Climate Orbiter, launched three weeks ago. Further information can be found further into the e-zine.

Downloads:

Available for download from the below urls is a scanned image of the Roswell Daily Record of 4th July 1947 - 'RAAF Captures Flying Saucer'. The file is a graphic image which can be zoomed into so that all of the text on the front page can be read.

There are two file formats - gif & xif. Gif images are viewable in most art type programs. The xif image is viewable by anyone who has the Pagis Scanworks software or their freeware viewer. The beauty of the xif format is that the file size is much smaller than normal picture formats such as gif, jpg, bmp etc and there is no loss of quality. In future any pictures made available by uk.ufo.nw will be available in both the xif and one other format.

If you would like to download the xif Pagis viewer (freeware) at 1.4Mb point your browser to:

<http://ukufonw.future.easyspace.com/downloads/xif-viewer.exe>

The Roswell Daily Record in xif format at 277Kb:

<http://ukufonw.future.easyspace.com/downloads/roswell-daily-record.xif>

The Roswell Daily Record in gif format at 468Kb:

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IRC Guest Log
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Joyce L. Murphy
Special guest on UK.UFO.NW - IRC - #UFO channel

The below text is a log of the United Kingdom UFO Network -IRC- (internet relay chat) meeting held on Saturday 12th December 1998. Joyce Murphy kindly gave up a few hours of her time to answer questions from visitors to our dedicated UFO channel.

Names within the < > symbols e.g. <Nesssus> are the nick names of the person/s asking the questions/s. Where you see <Joyce> is the start of Joyce Murphy's reply.

Credits:

Our thanks to Dave_UFO for setting up the meeting with Joyce.
Our thanks to Crow & Raine for moderating the meeting.
Our thanks also to the many, many people who joined the channel.

Short - BIOGRAPHY - Joyce L. Murphy

Joyce L. Murphy, president and founder of Beyond Boundaries UFO / ET / Paranormal Research Organization, is now regarded as being an excellent source of international information on current phenomenon. She organizes and leads expeditions all over the world where current UFO / ET / Paranormal events are occurring, traveling with a primary team of qualified scientific investigators to gather the available data and networking closely with local village researchers in acquiring the information directly from the sources. These unique and exclusive research findings are shared with the interested world via the Beyond Boundaries newsletter and website. Since the Beyond Boundaries headquarters has become a huge databank of such information, much of it being tangible evidence such as photos and videotapes, TV and movie interests frequently contact this organization for their unique show material.

Joyce and her research expeditions have been the subject of several TV programs, film documentaries, magazine articles, and Joyce is known as the catalyst around the globe by professionals in the industry wanting to connect with the grassroots sources of this pertinent and timely information. The most recent film project was the Strange Universe Mex Files which included a fantastic undeniable documented sighting near Mt. Popocatepetl, in central Mexico, and yielded 10 valuable segments for this television series.

Joyce and the Beyond Boundaries expedition teams have worked in the field with such well known UFOlogists as George Knapp, Linda Moulton Howe, Robert Dean, Colin Andrews, and Marc Davenport in producing conference lecture material and film documentaries. The Tokyo Borderland magazine commissioned her recently for a series of articles sending a team of 6 journalists to travel with her throughout the Caribbean. A group of Australian physicians recently completed such an expedition with Joyce to uncover stories for their contactee work in Mexico.

Joyce serves as roving correspondent for the Sightings on the Radio Show with Jeff Rense and has produced many 3 hour radio shows broadcast live from wherever her expeditions have traveled throughout the world. The guest of several TV shows in many countries, subject of major news articles, subject of private consultation by senators wanting to know more about the subject, and guest of countless radio talk shows Joyce is not a novice to what the news and entertainment media want from her expeditions.

Joyce Murphy's educational and professional background includes two bachelor of science degrees, one in mathematics, which provided the interest which began her career in researching the fractal geometries of the English crop formations several years ago. She was a public school teacher and most recently owned a travel agency which afforded her even greater opportunities to travel to the four corners of the globe, traveling with such notables as Lawrence Blair of the Ring of Fire Series in the Indonesian islands, Australia, and New Guinea. Any paranormal subject has been covered in great depth by one expedition or another led by Joyce.

Married with three grown sons and six grandchildren, Joyce and her husband Pike live in a rural wilderness in Texas when not traveling on international expeditions or out presenting the Beyond Boundaries roadshow, comprehensive of all findings, to interested audiences throughout the United States. Joyce now is a fulltime investigator of the phenomenon, manages an international database, publishes an award winning newsletter, and leads several expeditions per year on meaningful quests worldwide.

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Session Start: Sat Dec 12 23:02:02 1998

<Dave_UFO> Raine it's over to you.

<Raine> If you have a question for Joyce please /msg raine or crow and NOT Joyce, thanks!

<Raine> Joyce is there anything you would like to tell us before we start with the questions?

<Joyce> First of all let me tell you that I probably have very few answers to any of the bigger questions - if any - I always have more questions than I started out with the more that I learn about this crazy subject. I have not had any experiences of my own to speak of other than the wonderful adventures we always seem to have on these

expeditions - I know a little bit about a whole lot but probably not a lot about any one aspect of this subject

<Raine> <CR0W> Hello Joyce, can you tell us what your perception is of crop formations, since you last visited the U.K.?

<Raine> Joyce can you type JM when you are ready for the next question please, thanks.

<Joyce> Okay - my last expeditions to the crop formations in Wiltshire was July and early Aug of '98 - I was very disappointed to learn that the stupid hoaxing is still going on - Probably my greatest learning came from a couple of very ordinary local people - who told me they were never urged by inner guidance or self to visit the hoaxed formations - and they were in the last one we visited near Swindon - was the one that Ilyes described as a trumpet - do not have the

<Joyce> JM

<Raine> Joyce can you type your answers in smaller chunks at a time please as this program can only hold small amounts in the buffer

<Raine> <Carnado> Joyce, what is the latest of the Tian-Shan (Shaitan Mazar) 91 Ufo Crash story?

<Joyce> sorry - my first chat session JM

<Raine> we understand, no worries :)

<Joyce> The latest of the Tian-Shan story - sorry I don't seem to know what your are talking about on this case - JM

<Raine> <Dave_UFO> Joyce have you any knowledge of the 'Rods' that have been spoken about recently filmed by a team of parachutists descending into a deep gauge in Mexico.

<Joyce> No - not on this particular rods story - I know Becky Escamilla of Midway NM who films rods all the time there - JM

<CR0W> If you have a question for Joyce please /msg raine or /msg cr0w with them.

<Raine> <CR0W> Joyce can you tell us what is the most credible of all cases you have come across and why ?

<Joyce> The dimensional portal story near Fortaleza Brasil - saw footage on that case that showed the actual portal JM

<Raine> <stu7> Joyce... how many strange sites have you visited this season ? All together, since you started ?

<Joyce> Probably 25 to 30 different areas of the world since I started doing cropcircles expeditions about 7 yrs ago JM

<Raine> <CR0W> Joyce could you give some more details on the dimensional portal story please.

<Joyce> A mathematics professor and his brother were given telepathic communication to go to a rural village about 200 km from their home -

<Joyce> they were told they would see a portal but when they got there everyone was seeing BVM apparitions - 4000 people there JM

<Raine> <Dave_UFO> What can you tell us of the rods that Becky Escamilla of Midway films. Sounds very interesting.

<Joyce> The rods are long things that seem to always be shooting across the sky in front of their home - they think they could be some sort of dimensional animals JM

<Raine> <RavNmaD> Joyce, is the video of the protal available anywhere?

<Joyce> The video belongs to the math professor - He wants full credit for the discovery but I think would share it if urged - I will be happy to put you in touch with him privately JM

<Raine> <Dave_UFO> How much time during a year do you spend travelling around?

<Joyce> Right now we are averaging one expedition almost per month - and in between I travel around the U.S. with the slide presentation - expeditions are international JM

<Raine> <stu7> Joyce... has your group ever visited the peruvian(?) stargate ?

<Joyce> No - have been to Peru on a spiritual quest - but not for UFOs or to visit the stargate - have heard of it JM

<Raine> <I-Knight> Joyce, I saw a video recently on George Knapp's "Russian UFO

Files". He seems to be very excited about this new source of information. Were you involved in the visit to Russia and can you give us any further information on the latest developments?

<Joyce> I have not been involved with George on his Russia investigation - He joined one of my early circles expeditions and did a documentary - know very little about Russia except what I heard from Valery Uvarov JM

<Raine> <Dave_UFO> Joyce this question is asked of every guest and you are no exception I'm afraid. Have you ever been approached in way and told not to continue your investigations?

<CROW> If you have a question for Joyce please /msg raine or /msg cr0w with them.

<Joyce> No - Have had Pentagon officials on my expeditions, CIA who fully admit their professions, people involved with Rockefeller, NIDS, and those are just the ones I know about - No threats or "advise" from anyone JM

<Raine> <CROW> Joyce if anyone here wanted to join you on an expedition what would they have to do?

<Joyce> Contact Beyond Boundaries, follow the procedure for paying their expenses - all expeditions are non profit - and then convince me they have proper interest and prerequisites for the subjects covered JM

<Raine> <Dave_UFO> What is the most exciting information that has come your way recently?

<Joyce> That's a hard one - I am just like a fly on the wall taking in everything that goes on around me - but in this subject my more intriguing interests are dimensional portals - probably meeting and visiting with 3 of the Montauk boys recently - JM

<Raine> <mawster> have you ever researched the use of ayahuasca among the native south american tribes, and/or their claims of having contact with extra terrestrial/dimensional entities?

<Joyce> I assume you mean the shaman's drug - No - but if you will go to Jan 30th broadcast in Sightings archives for Belem Brasil you will find a very interesting story from a physicist we interviewed about his work in the Amazon JM

<Raine> <Dave_UFO> Joyce you run your own news letter via e-mail. Would you like to give details of how it can be obtained.

<Joyce> We are a membership organization - there is a form on our website - membership gets you the 28 pg newsletter 6 x per yr JM

<Raine> <CROW> What have you been working on most recently anything you can tell us at this stage.

<Joyce> Right now I am hard at work on our Australia - New Zealand - Tasmania expedition Jan 14th as well as our expeditions into the Basque country of Spain - making contact with 100's of local people JM

<Raine> <jez_ufo> Joyce, have you had a chance to visit Sedona, Arizona to examine the electromagnetic disturbances there, and if so, what were your conclusions?

<Joyce> Yes - several times - Found a lot of people who feel and see things - But as for me, I guess I am not sensitive enough - visited all the vortices etc and felt nothing - expensive place to visit JM

<Raine> <Dave_UFO> Joyce do you have any overall feelings for the future of ufology and all it encompasses.

<Joyce> I keep saying if just one little incident involving ETs would take place that could not be denied as real in our 3D world then we are all going to be swamped for information we have gathered - until then we are just a tiny little study group in a huge world JM

<Raine> <Nessus> Hi Joyce, my question for you is, Who was the most "interesting" person that you have interviewed so far? And in what way was they the most interesting?

<CROW> If you have a question for Joyce please /msg raine or /msg cr0w with them.

<Joyce> Oh Gee - it would be some little nobody way out in some tiny little jungle somewhere - can name many - but when you are face to face with a person who has just met with an "angel" or "ET" and possibly is telling the very recent story for the first time to an outsider - and looks you right in the eye - that is impressive to me - JM

<Raine> <yush> a question, what is the truth in the north pole discovery or the link between greenhouse gases to "take control"

<Joyce> I have very little information on that situation - but just heard on TV a couple of days ago that the head of the biggest coal fired polluter in the world says that the greenhouse effect is good for the world - will help us grow bigger and better jungles - isn't that something - He thinks he is helping the planet JM

<Raine> <I-Knight> Have you investigated the Mexico Sightings and if so what can you tell us about your investigations?

<Joyce> I was told about two days after that film was made public to be very careful - not to make any statement on belief or doubt as to the authenticity of those pics - but that incident is not what is important in Mexico - have more to tell you JM

<Raine> <Benat2> How much is membership and whats your url? what got you involved in this?

<Joyce> <http://www.beyondboundaries.org> \$30 per yr JM

<Raine> <^Darren> Joyce, have you been following the obelisk approaching from space and was supposed to land in Arizona a few days ago? What are your thoughts?

<Joyce> Yes - I have collected all info I could find on the EQ Pegasi - I am staying totally open on this subject - would like to say I believe it all to be very possible - JM

<Raine> <I-Knight> You mentioned Montauk... What do you think of the writing of Preston Nichols and Peter Moon?

<Joyce> I bought the 3 books - dusted them a few times - then after my recent trip to Long Island I read them as quickly as possible - I have several other experiences that seem to support their writings JM

<Raine> <Nesssus> hi again Joyce, who would you like to interview that you have'nt had the chance to so far?

-> *k9* topic #ufo Joyce Murphy <http://www.beyondboundaries.org> channel #ufo2 open for unmoderated discussion. /msg raine or cr0w your questions.

<Joyce> I want to go back to the Western Samoan island of Savaii - to the buried pyramid, to the cave of the Little People - and to the cradle of Polynesia which is almost totally unknown to UFOlogists - lots happening there JM

*** K9 changes topic to 'Joyce Murphy <http://www.beyondboundaries.org> channel #ufo2 open for unmoderated discussion. /msg raine or cr0w your questions. _'

<Raine> <^Darren> Joyce, do you think we are heading towards a major ufo contact/landing in the next year or two considering the accelerating increase in sightings?

<Joyce> Yes - I will certainly go out a big limb to say Yes - soon - something is going to happen on these lines - I have talked with many people in many countries who claim they have received prophecies by different means - Contact is going to be soon, they say JM

<Raine> <I-Knight> What are the other experiences that support the Montauk writings?

<Joyce> Who is really running the world - and behind the Montauk project - which they say is still alive and well - I had just visited with people in Pennsylvania who gave me stories and supporting evidence - too long to share here - would be willing to sent reprints of past stories written on this subject JM

<Raine> <stu7> Joyce... so, has your group ever visited Mexico, to see the mass sightings ?

<Joyce> Yes - filmed our own sighting - a contactee told us her friends would come by the volcano to say hello - they did - in a giant barbell shaped craft about 3 miles up - filmed at precisely the time expected - JM

<Raine> <Nesssus> joyce do you think that the American government will ever come clean on the issue of UFO and etc?

<Joyce> Oh, I think probably more and more info will be made public - but that is all old stuff - what we are interested in is current phenomenon that is happening right now - unpublished unreported unembellished true accounts JM

<Raine> <^Darren> Joyce, do you think the increase in solar flare activity over the past year (ish) is generating the energy to facilitate the opening of dimensional portals and that's why we are seeing more and more craft/beings?

<Joyce> Very possibly so - There are portals opening everywhere - just ran right into one in Connecticut the other day - a voice from within the area said hello to me - a long story - a ring of light appeared when the portal opened - Now NSA is headquartered right next door in a residential neighborhood? JM

<Raine> <Dave_UFO> You obviously gather a tremendous amount of information on your travels. How do you store it?

<Joyce> There are two books being written right now - about me and Beyond Boundaries - by a PhD Psychologist - in one of the books will be every story we have ever gathered on UFO ET Paranormal Spiritual phenomenon - also for the past two years newsletter reports all -JM

<Raine> <I-Knight> Over the last few years ther has been a big increase in reported daylight UFO sightings. Do you think this is indicative that ET's are possibly intending to make more open contact with humanity in the near future?

<Joyce> I have heard people that I never would have thought say things lately about weird dreams, lucid dreams, things that happened to them that could now have been a dream, people reaching out to find out what is really happening to them - this could be a form of contact? JM

<Raine> <stu7> ...Joyce... you say you're from "Rainbow" Texas... where in the state is that ? Near Roswell maybe :)

<CROW> If you have a question for Joyce please /msg raine or /msg cr0w with them.

<Joyce> No - not near Roswell - but come on by to visit anyway - We are about 70 miles southwest of Dallas - on Mitchell Bend of the Brazos River - JM

<Raine> <jez_ufo> Joyce, have you any plans to visit Varginha, Brazil regarding the alleged capture of 'strange beings' back around 20th - 23rd Jan, 1996?

<Joyce> No - spent 18 days in Brasil last Jan - had decided at that time Varginha was too old a story - was in the past - probably had become commercial as well as too embellished - there was so much current stuff going on - but since then have become friends with V. Pacaccini JM

<Raine> <Dave_UFO> Have you spoken to many people who have had experience of the Chupacabras. How do they come across to you?

<Joyce> Yes - please read the story of the little lamb - I hope on my website - the chupacabras is for real - have interviewed many people who just chased one out of their yard the night before - one brave lady was swinging a big machete while telling us she was going to get that &*I()(*&^** for killing her chickens JM

<Raine> <^Darren> Joyce, is it true what I've heard (do you know) that the room below where the Mexico footage was shot happens to be Jamie Mousan's (spelling?) state-of-the-art digital video editing suite? Co-incidence?

<Joyce> I haven't heard that one - have been to Jaime's studio - if it is that same studio it didn't look too state of the art to me - but I know very little about videotaping - JM

<Raine> <mawster> do you think that man is just too primitive to be a member of a "higher" society?

<Joyce> In my opinion - the so called normal - ordinary - average citizen of every country is so far in the dark - their heads so stuck in the sand of the everyday world of having to feed their families and so caught up in the fantasy of television they don't have a clue - probably more in the dark today than in any dark ages of civilization JM

<Raine> <I-Knight> Have you any contact/experiences with remote viewers? Anything UFO related?

<CROW> If you have a question for Joyce please /msg raine or /msg cr0w with them.

<Joyce> Yes - not directly affecting me - but have been very close to people affected by such - Also, I have taken courses myself in psychic development and mind control that work much like remote viewing - anyone can do it - Also have seen people while they were traveling in astral realm to spacecraft supposedly - getting ET contact JM

<Raine> <Nesssus> Joyce who do you think is keeping the most secrets in the USA, the NSA, the CIA, the FBI, the Air Foroce or the US Navy?

<Joyce> The US Navy - It is my hypothesis - that if you find a dimensional portal - things coming and going through it - you will find the Navy Seals guarding that portal - crazy I know - but was verified just a few days ago to me - JM

<Raine> <I-Knight> A friend told me recently about a short film clip where this massive disc-shaped UFO was filmed moving past a building. The ship was huge! Do you know anything about this?

<Joyce> Would this be the Mexico city recent video that someone gave to Jaime Maussan?

Or did this happen somewhere else - I do know that people who claim to travel to craft very often now report that they are huge - But I don't know of any film of a giant craft? JM

<Raine> <^Darren> Joyce, how do you think the world will react when the crafts/beings land on the proverbial White House lawn?

<Joyce> I could think of a lot of funny things to say right now when we can't watch a news program without seeing our president's shame - but I think that TV has conditioned people to just probably ignore it - say no - can't be - that is what I just saw on TV - not real - stuck in the fantasy storage of the brain - JM

<Raine> <stu7> Joyce... sorry to ask this... but are you the same group who advertise tours in the newage mags ?

<Joyce> No - the last ad I had was in UFO Magazine in the U.S. - don't think we have anything in a newage type place - don't advertise except by our newsletter - no profit to be made - so we always have people waiting to join us - JM

<Raine> <^Darren> Joyce, Rather than building new rockets, probes space stations etc, do you think we should be developing our minds as the better form of space/dimensional travel to visit other worlds?

<Joyce> I think we should focus of our spiritual development - doing something to provide a more positive environment for our younger generations - less materialistic societies - focus of our love of fellow beings - unconditional love - that seems to always be the basis of any so called ET message - but now most I hear have turned to get ready for what's coming stuff JM

<Raine> <I-Knight> do you think that some/many UFO contacts are psychic in nature rather than being a physical phenomena?

<Joyce> I have learned from my experiences to never doubt the story of someone's experience - that they have their own individual bubble of reality - might not be real at all in my own bubble - JM

<Raine> <^Darren> Joyce, have you put any articles about your portal experiences on your website?

<Joyce> I think the Brasil story is in there - forgot to mention that the most impressing fact of UFOlogy in Brasil is that every researcher is also a degreed scientist - almost everyone we met there - I will have to check on that - had a short article in the last newsletter - will put it on the site soon JM

<Raine> <^Darren> Joyce, do you think we all need to start thinking in terms other than what we "know" in science? I know some people don't believe in the dimensional and portal theories.

<Joyce> Well, when I was finishing my math degree - I learned that at that time the string theory allowed for 10 spatial dimensions that co exist along with our 3D world - now is increased to 20 spatial dimensions - where are those other dimensions and what is in them - I think we have a lot to learn about the "new" physics and science - teleportation is now a fact - have you heard that? JM

<Raine> Thats it for questions now Joyce, would you like to finish it there or is there anything that you haven't been asked tonight that you would like to tell us about?

<Joyce> I failed to answer someone's question about how I got started on this path - fractal geometries of the crop formations led me into the mess - curiosity - love the people I meet everyday - and always feel that I must share what I have learned - get others out of their routines to get out in the world and explore -

<Joyce> Please visit our website - will try to share everything - Thanx - JM

<Raine> Thanks alot Joyce for coming on sharing your time with us we all appreciate it :)

<CROW> Well thank you very much indeed Joyce for joining us tonight, it's been quite an insite into the beyondboundaries organisation, I wish you all the best for the future.

<Joyce> Thank you for giving me this opportunity - JM

<Raine> Please come and join us again sometime soon :)

<CROW> We will now go unmoderated so everyone can bid you farewell

<Dave_UFO> Thank you for being so patient with us, while we got you set up - so-to-speak.

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This effort was undertaken in order to continue research into the circles phenomena and follows on from limited circlemaking which took place in 96 and 97.

The *initial* reasons for undertaking this research are as follows:

1. To determine how easy or hard it is to make complex formations.
2. To observe the reactions of researchers in the crop circle fraternity and to see how good their senses are for the recognition of man made circles.
3. To ascertain if there is a form of communication observable between circlemakers via pattern progression. This includes human and "alien" or "spirit" intelligences.
4. To observe if there were any unusual effects observable of an anomalous nature whilst making a circle - as has been stated on many occasions by other human circlemakers.
5. To understand the phenomena of circlemaking and its effects from a different perspective - that of a circler maker as opposed to researcher.
6. To ascertain if various other claims of previous human circlemakers were true.

The need for secrecy in our work was paramount so as not to change our results or effect the reactions of public or circles researchers. This was not an attempt to "HOAX" people - merely a need to maintain status quo, so as to establish a control sample from which we could gauge reactions.

We did inform some researchers of what we were doing and even some close friends. We obviously did not then refer to these people in our observations as they were no longer part of the control. Some people are offended because "they were not told". Well this is a fact they would have to deal with. As far as we are concerned we told only those that we considered important enough. Now that the "secret" is out, we are happy to talk more openly about our results. Hopefully this will satisfy the questions of those who were not given privvy to inside knowledge.

RESULTS:

It was clear that a few months into the circlemaking season that as we progressed in our endeavours that our group of circlemakers was changing its opinions and motivations as to circlemaking. This also progressively effected a change in the initial questions that were being asked by us.

We observed many unusual phenomena in and around the fields whilst making circles. We noticed changes in our outlook on life whilst making the circles and got a sense that we were in communication with a much higher intelligence regarding the responses to our circle designs - ie: other circles which appeared as an apparent response to circles which we created.

I will not go into to greater detail about what exactly these life altering changes were as some of this is still sinking in for me, the realisations still far too fantastic for me to feel comfortable writing about.

However I can say that due to special coincidences which took place - which included the creation of almost exactly the same types of designs appearing in different parts of the country on the same nights as we were working, we had to conclude that human circlemakers (ourselves included) were being given inspiration from a higher source for their designs.

Due to this change in attitude we then started to see circlemaking as a form of sacred art which has a higher purpose. This is how I still currently regard the subject.

Our circles were regarded by the circle research community as genuine.

We witnessed many measurable effects such as downsability of the crop circle after creation. These tests were undertaken by both ourselves and independent researchers - albeit not to a scientific standard, but to a near enough level for our benefit.

UFOs and other paranormal events were perceived in and around the areas where we were making circles whilst we undertook their construction.

Whilst making circles we became aware that we were being protected by some unseen force or intelligence whilst we worked. This was evidenced many times to us and even took on the form of making us invisible and inaudible to people standing on the edge of the field we were working in. (We at first found this very very disconcerting having thought that we had been caught out by either members of the public or circles researchers, only to find out that we could not be seen or heard!) Maybe this is why no human circlemakers have ever been caught.

People also experienced various equipment failures in our circles and strange video and photographic evidence has been collected by circles researchers and public.

CONCLUSIONS

We believe Crop Circles to be a sacred form of art whose purpose is to mystify people and cause them to ask questions of themselves about their spirituality and the nature of the universe. Without the circles - whoever the creators are then such questions would not be asked.

Crop circles do represent a tangible paranormal attractor and emitter.

We think that the message of the higher intelligence behind inspiration for crop circles and subsequent paranormal activity contained therewithin is entirely benign and friendly in nature.

The circles we made and considered by us to be genuine in both their undamaged nature - how we were able to achieve non damage to plants with use of our "stomper" boards (in the case of some, but not all, circles) is a magical effect.

The subject grows in dynamism and interest due to human involvement - as it human involvement that is a heavy part of the circle phenomena.

There is probably a non human intelligence working alongside human circle makers to create some circles outright. IE the original phenomena still remains creating circles - a fact to which ALL human circlemakers agree. This is a very worthy point to note! Evidence to this come in the form of additions to circles which appear in the morning.

There are further conclusions that will be revealed as we compile our results.

RECOMENDATIONS:

Anyone wishing to take part in creating circles must do so with reverence and attempt to maintain a very high standard of work. They should not discuss the details fo their work with anyone outside their team - so as not to lose the magical effect for public observers. It is an old addage that authorship causes circles to lose they mystique. Mystique can be a shamanistic way to draw people towards a greater realisation through a occult act (in some cases). *please take the word occult in its literal sense, not a sinister sense*

I am sure that those who do ask for guidance get it. Ask with humility and you may be surprised to see your circlemaking ability improve radically. When circles are made with the wrong intent they look bad and do not have paranormal effects attatched to them (sometimes they do but in a lessened quantity - or warped/strange effects are observed).

Good luck everybody....

I think this information only goes to make the circle phenomena bigger than it ever was before. Circle researchers should at last now embrace these facts and get on board - see the bigger picture and we should all be thankful that circles have for those who are preapred to take seriously what they read here.

Love and enlightenment

Matthew Williams & Paul Damon
EDITORS TRUTHSEEKERS REVIEW

[UK 3]*****

From: "Ron H" <ronald.hollyfield@cableol.co.uk>
Date sent: 8th November 1998

Dear Dave,

I was very interested in the Birmingham policeman sighting a star that 'shot up quickly', and you may be interested in the following personal experience.

Observed at Bexhill on Sea, Sussex.

In the late 1950's (probably '57) my wife and I were walking home after an evening with friends. The November sky was brilliant, a mass of stars and

we tried to recognise various constellations. Almost directly above us, but slightly to the East was a group of stars forming a triangle, the distance between each star being about one forefinger fingertip held at arms length. (Does that make sense?) Quite suddenly the two Southernmost stars shot across the sky in a Southerly direction at enormous speed, and then equally suddenly stopped. After probably 20 or 30 seconds the 'stars' shot off again, one to the South, the other making a ninety degree turn and heading West. After a few seconds both objects disappeared, not by going out of range, but as if someone had "turned the lights off".

It is worth mentioning that there was no noise, no flashing lights and strangely no visible acceleration, the objects going from stationary to 'flat out' immediately. The distances traveled must have been enormous, being first (before stopping) some eighteen inches - at star distance, and then again another eighteen inches. If indeed these were manned craft of some sort, it is difficult to visualise how a life form could tolerate the 'G' levels that would have been encountered.

I have a theory about what my wife and I saw - but that's another story.

Best wishes

Ron Hollyfield

[UK 4] *****

Source: UFO Magazine UK

uk.ufo.nw says: It looks like those of us in the UK are in for an interesting few months on the TV. If UFO Magazine have had a hand in many of these I for one am looking forward to viewing them. "Father Christmas I want some blank video's"

British TV viewers in for a treat.

British terrestrial and satellite TV viewers are in for a real treat as we enter 1999, as a host of UFO-related programmes begin to appear. BSKYB have five major 1-hour documentaries; Channel 4 have four 1-hour documentaries; Central TV have scheduled a 1-hour nightly slot which will run for 6 months. Even the Disney Channel have got in on the act with an impending nightly 1-week series specifically aimed at youngsters. Granada TV are also producing a series on UFOs and the paranormal while BBC 2 will be featuring a 30-minute special in January.

UFO Magazine has assisted all of the above programme-makers and our offices at times have resembled a mini-TV studio, with passers-by outside curious as to what has been going on as bright arc lights burned well into the night.

[UK 5] *****

Source: The Times

Publish Date: 15th August 1998

Reports of UFOs vanish mysteriously into space

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE little green men from outer space have packed their bags, fired up their flying saucers and headed home. Or perhaps we have just become a little less credulous. Reported sightings of UFOs have fallen dramatically in Britain in the past year, according to the Ministry of Defence. In 1996, 609 people told the ministry that they had seen an unidentified flying object. Last year, the figure dropped to 425. In the first six months of this year only 88 people reported sightings.

Ministry officials differed from UFO experts yesterday in explaining the decline. A ministry spokesman suggested that Hollywood was to blame. The unusually high 1996 figures had, he said, been prompted by the film Independence Day, with its story of aliens trying to destroy Earth. This was compounded by Men in Black, last year's film about aliens living on our planet. Similarly high numbers occurred after Close Encounters of the Third Kind in the late 1970s, when sightings rocketed from 435 to 750.

The spokesman added that the Hale-Bopp comet and last year's 50th anniversary of an American pilot coining the term "flying saucer" had contributed to the figures. "There was a series of films and events in 1996 and 1997 which triggered off a spate of reports from the public," he said. "In contrast, this year we have had the World Cup."

His theory has a flaw: UFO sightings dropped from 600 to 250 after ET hit the screens in 1982. Nick Pope, a UFO expert and civil servant who investigated sightings for the ministry between 1991 and 1994, was sceptical of the films theory: "The idea of a link is an attempt to try to trivialise the UFO project."

Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO Magazine, said official reports of sightings had

declined because the ministry decided last year to stop taking them in person over the telephone, installing an answering machine instead. This put people off making a report.

He claimed that the official figures represented only 10 per cent of UFO sightings, most of which went unreported because observers were afraid of being mocked. Many other reports, made to the police and airports, did not reach the ministry.

The official figures were given in a written parliamentary answer to Lord Hill-Norton, the 83-year-old former First Sea Lord and UFO aficionado. His only comment yesterday was that he did not think the number of sightings had dropped.

[UK 6]*****

Source: Police Review magazine
Publish Date: 18th September 1998

uk.ufo.nw says: This article was brought to our attention by a police office friend of ours. Police Review is a magazine available to anyone but covers all police forces throughout the United Kingdom.

This letter appeared on the letters page.

UFO Call

As a freelance writer, I am currently researching and investigating police involvement in the UFO subject. To get a nationwide perspective, I would like to make an appeal for any retired or serving police officers who have had any involvement in UFO sightings or have had any personal experience to contact me.

This information will be collated into a book that I am currently writing.

All individuals will be acknowledged should they wish to be, or alternatively, I have no objection to the use of pseudonyms and will, of course, have the utmost respect for personal privacy and confidentiality.

Should you wish to contact me, you can write or phone at: Irene Bott, 11 Sandy Lane, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 2LB. Tel: 01889 576771. Mobile: 01523 102476

[UK 7]*****

Source: BBC
Date: Wednesday 30th December 1998

Space holidays thought likely by 2010

Holidays in space could be available in just over a decade, author of 2001: A Space Odyssey, Arthur C. Clarke has said.

"I am sure space tourism will be big business by 2010" he told the BBC.

"Space travel is at the same stage of development as aviation in 1910"

Gene Myer, of US firm Space Islands, said British Airways and Virgin Airlines were developing ideas.

He said a weeks holiday in a space hotel would be selling for 10,000 pounds.

[UK 8]*****

uk.ufo.nw says: The below two reports speak for themselves. UK 9 follows on from UK 8.

Source: BBC Online
Publish Date: Thursday 29th October 1998

Puzzle over alien 'discovery'

Is there intelligent life in this star system?

By our Science Editor David Whitehouse
The scientific world is buzzing with the suggestion that signals from aliens living in another star system may have been picked up by a part-time astronomer.

Other astronomers are scrambling to confirm or deny them.

It could either be the most important discovery ever made, or more likely, a case of mistaken identity or an elaborate hoax.

At first the part-time astronomer who discovered the signals would not reveal his identity. However he has since been named as Paul Dore of Siemens Plessey Systems in the UK.

He has been using a small radio telescope belonging to his firm to scan the sky for intelligent signals.

On October 22 and on the following night, he reported detecting signals from the EQ Pegasi star system which is 22 light years away.

The signals were not the type that occurs naturally. The data has been distributed to several astronomers and observatories.

However astronomers at the Jodrell Bank Observatory in England say it is all a case of mistaken identity. Astronomer Ian Morrison told BBC News Online: "I think he has detected signals from a satellite."

The truth is out there

The same search for extra-terrestrial life is being carried out by professional astronomers using the world's largest radio telescopes such as the one in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

They call it Seti, the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence.

With the development of radio astronomy in the 1950s, astronomers realised that they had telescopes that could send and receive radio signals between the stars.

The first search for radio signals from space was in 1960. Two nearby stars were observed but no signals were detected.

Since then about 40 searches have been made. Many unusual signals have been detected but astronomers think that none of them were from intelligent life.

Last month astronomers at the giant Arecibo radio telescope conducting 'project Phoenix,' a detailed search for radio signals from intelligent life in space, detected a signal from EQ Peg but concluded that it was man-made interference.

The EQ Peg star system is unlike our own. It consists of two dim red dwarf stars orbiting each other. From time to time explosions, so-called stellar flares, occur on both stars.

Detecting signals from some form of intelligence living in a nearby star system would be the most important scientific discovery ever made.

At the moment it seems likely that the 'alien' radio signals are just man-made interference.

Terrestrial signals can easily fool astronomers into thinking that they have detected ET.

The searchers of project Phoenix recently tracked a signal for 14 hours before they realised it was a scientific satellite.

Many astronomers involved in searching for life in space have expressed regret that the EQ Peg observations were released without going through the procedure agreed to tell the public about possible ET signals.

Because of this they say they are suspicious that it is all a hoax.

Even if it is it will have caused many scientists to think again about how they would release the news of a real discovery.

[UK 9]*****

Source: BBC Online
Publish Date: Tuesday 3rd November 1998

Alien hoax dismays scientists

by Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse

Some greeted it as a breakthrough. Others were more suspicious, believing it to be a hoax.

Now the strange case of the 'alien' signals from a nearby star seems to be just that.

Last week it was claimed that a British engineer working for a telecommunications company had picked up strange signals from a nearby star system called EQ Pegasi.

The data was posted on the Internet, starting a flurry of debate. Some astronomers went away to look at EQ Peg, others were suspicious. Chasing a ghost.

"For the past 10 days we have been chasing a ghost," says Dr Paul Shuch executive director of the Seti (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) League, an international organisation of amateur ET hunters.

The Seti League has a network of 900 members in 48 countries. Many of them operate small radio telescopes as part of their search for alien signals from space.

"None of them has been able to find the claimed signal from EQ Peg," says Dr Shuch.

"Real science has been jeopardised. It is no longer just a hoax, it is sabotage of a highly respected grassroots effort. It has set Seti back a hundred years." Some of the world's major radio telescopes have also been looking for the signal with no success.

The Australian compact array telescope, which is 30 times more powerful than the telescope that found the original signals, has not found anything.

"We think it may be a satellite," says Ian Morison of Jodrell Bank. Other scientists have denounced the supposed findings as a deliberate attempt to trick the world.

"It is a hoax and not a very good one at that," says Dr Nathan Cohen of Boston University.

He declined to elaborate because he said such information could be useful to future hoaxers.

Dr Seth Shostak of the Seti Institute in California said he was suspicious because the supposed discovery did not come through the usual channels and that the nature of the signal was strange.

Rumours that the signal had been detected by the giant German radio telescope at Effelsberg have also been denied. Dr Rolf Schwartz said "We are not involved in any Seti experiment."

Paul Dore however maintains he did find something and that the British and American security services have told him it was a secret spy satellite.

The search goes on. For the past 40 years astronomers have been using radio telescopes to scan the sky looking for alien signals.

Their equipment, designed to sift an alien signal from the cosmic static, is getting better all the time.

Prof Frank Drake, who conducted the first search, has said he is hopeful a detection will be made during the next 18 months or so.

One thing is clear however. Seti scientists will have learned a lot in the past week about how to publicise any discovery of ET, as well as how to get their message across when they think the world is being fooled.

The discovery of alien signals from space would rank as one of the major discoveries of all time. The lesson of EQ Peg is that releasing such news may be a somewhat messy affair.

[UK 10]*****

uk.ufo.nw says: The below is a rather interesting editorial from the current issue of the excellent UFO Magazine. It is penned by the magazines editor Graham Birdsall. If any reader has further information or can get hold of the Yorkshire Evening Post article, please get in touch.

Graham Birdsall was a recent guest on uk.ufo.nw IRC channel. The text log of this meeting can be found at our web site: www.holodeck.demon.co.uk

Source: UFO Magazine (UK)
Publish Date: January/February 1999

Editorial

As most of Europe prepares to entertain Monetary Union, Britain finds itself engaged in a familiar debate about whether it should or should not embrace what some fear will lead to a 'United States of Europe'. "Nationalism is the only game in town," barks nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, and it's a cry taken up by many who cling to their ideals about national sovereignty.

But while politicians of both 'for and against' camps court favour with the media to put across their points of view to the public at large, issues far bigger than Europe concern this particular individual, yet they strike at the very heart of the debate.

Less than five miles from our offices here in Ilkley, West Yorkshire lies RAF Menwith

Hill, America's most important overseas communications base and manned by the largest concentration of National Security Agency personnel outside of Ft. Meade, Maryland, home to the NSA.

I had no quarrel with such a large American presence on my doorstep, because RAF Menwith Hill helped save thousands of allied lives during the Gulf War through the vital interception of Iraqi communication systems. But since learning that it is to become an anti-ballistic missile warning station, through the deployment of 'Star Wars' technology in space, I confess to having grave doubts about its future role.

Little has appeared in the national press to alert the nation as to what is about to happen at Menwith Hill and I seriously doubt whether most are even remotely aware that the local council are required by an act of parliament to grant planning permission for any new construction at the facility. The council were recently obliged to rubber stamp the construction of two new radomes at the base, but had no idea these were to be part of the 'Star Wars' anti-ballistic missile system until I had alerted the local media (a front page story in the Yorkshire Evening Post emerged some 48 hours later).

What is worse, the new system planned for RAF Menwith Hill is a flagrant breach of Article 5 of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty between the United States and the former Soviet Union according to one senior US Admiral, but nobody seems to give a damn. What price sovereignty in all this I wonder?

It's all very odd, particularly when you begin to ask yourself why such a system is needed in the first place - and to counter what exactly?

The Cold War is officially at an end, yet Russia has remained curiously silent. Why, for instance, didn't it act on the retired Admiral's charge and lodge a formal complaint with either the United States or United Nations?

The other issue which greatly concerns me is the failure on the part of the British Government to honour its commitment to introduce a Freedom of Information Bill. I had hoped the Queen's Speech would signal its long awaited arrival, but it was not to be.

How ironic then, that in order to prise information about the UFO subject from the British Government, we should still have to rely on questions raised by non-elected members of the House of Lords.

Freedom, democracy and sovereignty are all issues which are clear to our hearts, but I sometimes wonder who is really pulling the strings.

Have a great Xmas and peace and festive tidings to you all.

G.W. Birdsall

[UK 11]*****

Source: Daily Mail newspaper
Publish Date: Thursday 31st December 1998

X-Files riddle of whine that goes to woman's heads

By Kate Hurry

It is a phenomenon that could be straight out of the X-Files. A strange humming noise is heard all over town - but only by woman.

The mystery that sounds more like a case for television's sci-fi agents Scully and Mulder is causing sleepless nights and feelings of desperation among its victims.

Environmental health officers in Warrington, Cheshire, have been unable to locate the source of the noise which, strangely, no man has reported hearing.

Anne Heesom, 55, is one of a dozen woman affected. "It's a high pitched pulsating, humming noise and it's turning me into a nervous wreck," she said. "It's been going on for 18 months and it's had such an effect on my life I'm going to move house.

"The noise abatement officer drove me around to try to isolate the noise and we stopped outside a water treatment works. He thought it could have been from one of the generators." Other woman living up to two miles apart have complained of hearing noises ranging from intermittent droning and humming to high pitched whining. Some of their homes have been fitted with sound monitoring equipment, but male investigators sent along have failed to detect any unusual noises, which are said to sound louder from bedrooms and on cold, frosty nights.

The key to the riddle could be the way woman's brains perceive noises differently to men, experts believe.

Dr Jonathan Hazell, head of London's Tinnutus Centre, said "the victims could be 'hummers' - people who are hypersensitive to extremely quiet external sound.

The way sound is heard depends on how it is filtered through the subconscious areas of the brain, he explained. Women are possibly more attuned to quiet noises to enable them to pick up the sounds of their babies at night.

Chief environmental health officer Andrew Gilbert said: "They are hearing something, whether it is actual or perceived, and we have to apply objective analysis to find out where it is coming from. We've not closed the file yet."

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From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 10:24:04 -0500
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>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>>From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 23:58:36 EST
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 09:35:32 -0500
>>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>Previously, Peter offered this insight into Robert Stephens:

>>Mr. Stephens was able to fool us for over 80 days. Shame on us.
>>We are so eager, CAUS included, to find the truth, that we will
>>embrace any 'savior' who presents himself cloaked in the garb of
>>'knowing the truth.'

><snip>

>>A little knowledge is a
>>dangerous weapon in the wrong hands. In Mr. Stephens' hands, we
>>became willing victims for his expert swordsmanship.

><snip>

>>Hopefully we can learn from the past and not continue to make
>>the same mistakes. Mr. Stephens was sent to us as an example of
>>what we need to do in the future...if ever presented with
>>another 'savior.'

>I am stunned.

>If you have been reading this list at all, I think you'll find
>that virtually NO ONE took Stephens seriously, much less thought
>of him as a 'savior'. His "swordsmanship", as you put it, was so
>severely lacking that even most armchair ufologists didn't even
>give him a second thought. The fact that you were fooled
>doesn't mean that the majority was also. With all due respect,
>Mr. Gersten, you need to speak for yourself. The picture you
>paint is one of justification for your own gullibility and you
>can leave me out of it.

>I see no lesson to be learned here at all. To attribute such a
>thing to Stephens gives him far more credit than he deserves and
>affords you too convenient a cushion for your fall from reason.

>Later,

>Roger Evans

Hello Roger,

Don't fret over Gerstens' "Fall from reason", - It wasn't a very
long trip! Besides, our Mr Gersten fell off of 'that pony' long
before this. <G>

I wish that CAUS could once again be the tool it once promised
to be when guys like Stan Friedman et. al. would use CAUS as a

platform from which to secure previously classified documents from the government and to pass on onfo to the public. It could have been a major 'grass roots' venue, a rallying point. Instead, it's just another 'UFO related junk mail list' and nothing more. CAUS needs someone with vision and credentialed credibility at the helm. Gersten is just running a hippie commune over there. Until that changes, CAUS will remain the impotent joke it has become under his leadership.

Peace,

John Velez

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They described an object with a mushroom-shaped dome on top and a flat bottom covered with bright, continually rotating lights.

A base commander surnamed Li reported to his superiors, who ordered a Jianjiao-6 armed interceptor airborne to pursue the object once checks showed no other civilian or military aircraft in the area.

The two pilots aboard said the object closely resembled depictions they had seen in foreign science fiction films.

When they got within 4,000 meters (13,200 feet) of the UFO over Qing county, it abruptly shot upward, easily evading subsequent attempts to get closer.

It appeared to be toying with the fighter by repeatedly outdistancing it and then reappearing just above it, the pilots said.

The report said a request for permission to fire on the UFO with an onboard cannon was denied by ground command at one point.

The interceptor was eventually forced to return to base after it ran out of fuel at an altitude of 12,000 meters (39,600 feet). The UFO then disappeared before two newer-model planes could get airborne, the article said.

While China's racy tabloids often run stories of strange phenomena alongside celebrity-gossip and crime stories, UFO reports are seldom carried by more official papers like the Hebei Daily. (c) 1998 Agence France Presse)

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Source: Time Magazine
Publish Date: 9th November 1998

In Case You Missed It: Eerie News from All Over.

It may just have been the way the cosmos marks Halloween, but look at the scary stories in last week's news:

IN BELLEVILLE, WIS., village officials attempted to postpone Halloween, a tradition that dates back to the Druids, because it conflicted with the town's UFO festival, which dates back to 1986. Protests ensued, and it was decided that adults dressed as Klingons could coexist with children dressed as witches (though not necessarily Klansmen dressed as Mickey).

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Source: BBC
Date: 10th December 1998

Earth has heart of solid iron

Seismic waves have probed to the centre of the Earth

For 60 years geophysicists have suspected that the Earth's inner core was solid - now they have proved it. By detecting special seismic tremors in the aftermath of a massive Indonesian earthquake, the seismologists from Northwestern University and the French Atomic Energy Commission have shown without doubt that at the heart of the Earth is a solid iron-nickel ball, 2400km in diameter.

Destructive earthquakes can yield scientific benefits
Emile Okal and his French colleague, Yves Cansi, used an eight-station French seismic network to study the earthquake occurring on the other side of the world.

"The 1996 Flores Sea earthquake, which was a big earthquake at about 600km depth, was perfect in geometry for recording in France," said Okal. It was a rare opportunity as massive, deep earthquakes are needed to probe the necessary 5000km below the surface of the Earth but only happen infrequently.

Breakthrough applauded

Experts hailed the research, announced at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco, as a breakthrough.

Professor Kathy Whaler, a geophysicist at Edinburgh University told BBC News Online, "No-one has unambiguously taken these waves from the inner core before. And there is a group in Utrecht who are getting the same result but using a different analysis of a different earthquake, 1994 in Bolivia - that gives us confidence."

As long ago as the 1930s, scientists predicted that despite a temperature of thousands of degrees, the crushing pressure at the Earth's centre would cause the iron-nickel alloy to freeze. But because the telltale signals are so weak they have taken 60 years to detect.

Capturing faint seismic tremors dispelled doubt

The key to the breakthrough is the behaviour of the two types of seismic waves. Pulse waves can travel through both liquids and solids as they move by compressing and then relaxing the material in the direction of travel.

Shear waves, in contrast, can only pass through solids. They vibrate at right angles to the direction of travel and as liquids have no material strength the signal rapidly dissipates in the fluid.

So detecting a shear wave coming all the way from the inner core would prove it was solid. But the scientists' task was made even more difficult by the fact that the liquid outer core surrounding the inner core blanks out all shear waves.

Wave energy converted

So they then had to exploit the different speeds at which the waves travel. Imagine a seismic wave rumbling down through the Earth. When it reaches the outer core, all shear waves are lost and only pulse waves continue. When the pulse waves reach the inner core the waves are partly refracted and reflected.

This allows part of the energy to convert into shear waves that then travel through the inner core. Shear waves travel more slowly than pulse waves so they reach the opposite side of the inner core later. Here they are partly converted back to pulse waves.

It was these delayed pulse waves that the scientists detected. The reason it has taken 60 years to do so is because the conversions from pulse to shear to pulse sap the energy of the waves so the signals are exceedingly weak.

Improvements in instrumentation over the last 15 years were crucial to the new finding, Okal said, as were computer capabilities, developed in France, to sort the signals from the noise.

"We look at the interior of the Earth because we want to know what is there," explains Okal simply. "But it may be interesting material scientists because it shows that under tremendous pressures, iron is behaving in a different way. This understanding might be applicable for other materials at not-so-heavy pressures."

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Source: BBC

Date: 10th December 1998

Astronauts cross new threshold

Robert Cabana (below) and Sergei Krikalev switch on the lights

Two astronauts from the US shuttle Endeavour have made history by becoming the first people to step inside the International Space Station.

US commander Robert Cabana and Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev excitedly unlocked three hatches before floating side by side into Unity, the US-made science outpost.

They carried lanterns to see inside the 36-foot (10 meter) cylindrical chamber.

Lights on

Once inside the space station, the astronauts marked the moment by simply switching on the lights.

Commander Cabana paves the way forward

They shared the moment with the world as they carried a camera into the space station.

"It's fantastic. I can't say how much this means to all of us" said Mr Cabana.

"We remember when Unity was just an aluminum shell. It's really nice to be in a new home."

Mission Control replied: "You've opened the doors to a whole new era in spaceflight."

Endeavour's six-member crew began assembling the first two elements of the \$60bn outpost on Sunday, but all of the work was outside the seven-level space station prior to the hatch opening.

The space station consists of only two rooms so far and is still more than five years

from completion.

Astronauts work to install a communications system to Unity
The crew is now carrying out interior work, including the installation of a communication system to provide a link between the shuttle and the space station when the shuttle is not docked.

More than 100 space station components will eventually be assembled in orbit in one of the most ambitious engineering feats ever.

Sixteen nations are involved in the project, led by the United States and Russia and requiring more than 40 manned missions during construction.

So far, work has gone smoothly, but project managers are concerned about three pieces of hardware that escaped during earlier spacewalks.

The small pieces of space debris pose no threat to the crew or the mission, but the US says its air force will be monitoring the situation until the components re-enter the Earth's atmosphere and burn up.

A third spacewalk is scheduled for Saturday, with the Endeavour due to return to Earth on Monday.

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Source: CNN

Art Bell

The night is filled with many things, not all of which go bump.

One of those things is the voice of Art Bell. That voice carries out through the darkness, riding the invisible radio waves from his broadcast headquarters--a trailer next to his house in Pahrump, Nevada--over the lizards and sagebrush, between the shadows and moonbeams, finally emerging from the speakers in millions of radios belonging to those who are more fond of that voice than sleep.

It is the subject matter that his listeners crave--a titillating goulash of paranormal activity, UFOs and the aliens who man them, cults, government conspiracies, chupacabras, Ouija boards, black holes and small greys, the New World Order, communication with the dead, and anything else seemingly abnormal in the universe.

All of this is discussed on Bell's phone-in talk shows--"Coast to Coast A.M.," which airs six nights a week from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., and "Dreamland," a program especially tailored to things paranormal on Sunday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. He's been broadcasting for 14 years--currently on more than 400 stations--and boasts the fourth largest audience in talk radio nationwide.

Yet, listening to Bell in a room with the lights out or on the car radio while following the headlights down a lonely stretch of highway, you get a seductive feeling of campfire ghost-story intimacy. It's just you and him and his cavalcade of guests and callers, many of whom sound paranoid and insane, but this is information that must be heard. And when you hear it you'll know why.

uk.ufo.nw says: The Art Bell show is one of two highly recommended radio shows that can be listened to live in the USA or via the Internet for the rest of the world. Both the Art Bell show and Sightings On The Radio have their shows indexed and archived. Past shows can be listened to at any time by using Real Audio.

Art Bell show: www.artbell.com

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From: "Darren Danks" <darrend@cableinet.co.uk>

"The nations of the world will have to unite, for the next war will be an interplanetary war. The nations of the earth must someday make a common front against attack by people from other planets."

General Douglas MacArthur, Oct. 8, 1955

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Source: Daily Mail newspaper
Publish Date: Tuesday 5th January 1999

Diplomatic silence on aliens

Question: Is it true that former UN secretary general Javier Perez de Cuellar claims

to have been abducted by aliens?

Answer: There is no evidence that Perez de Cuellar has publicly or privately claimed to have been abducted by aliens.

Yet it is alleged by some people that in the small hours of November 30th 1989, Perez de Cuellar and several other people were abducted from a high security cavalcade of vehicles by a large oval UFO, which sank into Manhattan's East River, close to the Brooklyn Bridge.

The focus of the abduction seems to have been a lady of dubious virtue named Linda Cortile who, to the horror of onlookers, was floated out through her apartment window high above the Manhattan streets at about the same time.

The story then becomes complex with Cortile being stalked and supposedly kidnapped by two of Perez de Cuellar's security staff who were abducted with her, one of whom develops an obsession with her and is subsequently committed to a mental institution.

She is then supposed to have become convinced she was Perez de Cuellar's daughter. He, so the story goes, came to share this belief and occasionally sneaked round to her apartment to bestow unlikely presents on her teenage son.

That this story is still held by some to be valid, despite concrete indications to the contrary, is probably due to its promotion by the enormously influential abduction researcher Budd Hopkins rather than any supporting evidence.

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Source: CNN

Publish Date: Sunday 4th January 1998

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (CNN) -- NASA's newest spacecraft hurtled toward Mars Monday on a mission to dig for traces of water, transmit pictures and -- for the first time -- listen for sounds.

The Mars Polar Lander lifted off on schedule Sunday from Cape Canaveral under gray skies precisely on time at 3:21 p.m. EST (2021 GMT). The launch began an 11-month journey whose prime goal is to search for water -- a key ingredient for life -- on the red planet's southernmost icy surface.

"We have liftoff of the Delta 2 rocket carrying the Mars Polar Lander, NASA's first visit to the red planet's southern pole," said launch commentator Lisa Malone as the rocket soared skyward.

The landing craft, shrouded in a protective heat shield, separated from the rocket's upper stage about 42 minutes later, high above the Indian Ocean, to begin its 470 million mile (757 million km) interplanetary voyage.

'I don't know what we're going to see'

The lander is designed to work in tandem with its sister ship, the Mars Climate Orbiter, launched three weeks ago to observe the planet from an orbit 262 miles (422 km) high. Together with European nations, NASA hopes to launch unmanned craft to Mars every two years.

If all goes according to plan, the lander will touch down on the edge of the Martian south pole, a cap of frozen carbon dioxide, on December 3. The craft will slow its descent with a parachute and rocket engines and land on three tripod-like legs.

NASA's three previous Mars landers plopped down in the equatorial desert.

"Bunch of rocks, couple hills in the background," said Edward Weiler, head of NASA's space science division. "Now we're landing near a pole. I mean, I don't know what we're going to see."

If the mission detects traces of water, it would boost the theory that life could exist on the planet.

"Biology has taught us that if you have water and energy and some organic compounds you can produce life even in the most extreme environments," said Ed Weiler, NASA's head of space science. "Basically, life can get a foothold almost anywhere. This forebodes well for the possibility that life existed on Mars sometime in the past or even perhaps today."

Onboard camera view of booster separation

Eavesdropping on Martian sounds

A 6 1/2 foot (2-meter) robot arm on the lander will be used to scoop up samples of the Martian soil for analysis in a mini-laboratory where they will be heated and electronically sniffed to detect water.

The lander is also equipped with a camera to survey the landing site and a weather station will study the frigid climate. Unlike the Mars Pathfinder, which landed on Mars in July 1997, the mission does not carry a rover.

The mission will also give earthlings their first chance to eavesdrop on another world. The lander will record the sounds of Mars with a microphone donated to NASA by the Planetary Society, a space advocacy group once led by the late Carl Sagan.

Some scientists question whether sound will travel in the thin Martian atmosphere and, if it does, whether anything will be heard other than the movement of the Polar Lander's robot arm and its internal systems.

There's a possibility the sound of dust or sand blowing against the lander might be picked up.

"It was kind of a neat idea," Weiler said. "We don't know what we are going to hear, except I don't think we are going to hear Elvis."

Along for the ride: 2 crash probes

The lander will carry a piggyback mission called Deep Space 2. The goal of that mission is to release two basketball-sized devices, 10 minutes before touchdown, which will strike the planet's surface at 400 mph to 500 mph (640 to 800 km) and penetrate beneath its surface with bullet-like probes.

Sarah Gavit, Deep Space 2 project manager, described the process as "crash landing" on Mars.

Destination Mars

Like the lander, the twin probes will hunt for water but at a much greater depth: They could penetrate as deep as 3 feet (90 cms). The question is whether they will survive the impact and radio back data.

It's a high-risk experiment called Deep Space 2 that's part of NASA's New Millennium program to test new technologies for future missions.

Despite the ongoing controversy over whether a Mars meteorite contains evidence of ancient life, the Polar Lander carries no life-detection instruments.

The only real way to confirm life on Mars, Weiler said, is to fetch dirt and rocks. NASA plans to launch a soil-return mission in 2005; the samples would reach Earth in 2008.

A FEARFUL SYMMETRY

A TRUE STORY OF ALIEN INTRUSION INTO HUMAN LIVES

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CHAPTER 17

Epilogue

This story has no happy ending. The events recounted in the preceding pages are all true, and we are all real people. Had this been a fiction novel, as the author, I

could have chosen an ending to my liking, but our choices in real life are not nearly so simple, or as easily made. Almost a year-and-a-half has passed since I made the decision to seek answers to a puzzling event that occurred in my past, and that decision caused a ripple-effect with far-reaching consequences. It has affected the lives of not only myself, but my family members, spouse, and friends.

People are being changed by the "alien phenomenon." Two individuals can share an abduction experience, with one seeing the encounter as benevolent, and the other person seeing malign intent. Families and friends can be torn apart through divisiveness. Dealing with abductions as a part of one's daily life leads to a sense of isolation. Every aspect of your life is affected by the knowledge that the alternate reality might occur at any time. Many individuals welcome their "benevolent space brothers," but many others fear the abductions over which they have no control. For a select few, the phenomenon causes little disruption of their normal lives. They are the lucky ones.

Over the years, a quasi-terminology has been adopted to describe those individuals who have been affected by the UFO and alien presence. "Contactee" has been used to denote a person in willing contact with alien life-forms. This can include face-to-face contact, as well as "channeling" and telepathy. "Abductee" generally denotes an individual taken against his will by the alien entities. The term carries with it the connotation of "victim." A newer term, "Selectee," has recently been introduced, and attempts to bridge the gap between the other two. However, this term can imply a hidden meaning of "better than" those who are not "Selectees." None of these terms describe me. I have not initiated willing contact with the creatures; nor am I better than any other person. My encounters have been at the seeming caprice of the entities, but I have chosen not to be a victim. I am, instead, a participant in an uneasy alliance, an "Experiencer." Just as a person in Florida might "experience" a hurricane, or a Californian might "experience" an earthquake, I have experienced alien intrusion. As humans, we all have the right to make choices. The ability to make choices also carries with it great responsibility and accountability. Those of us who have experienced firsthand the effects of alien phenomenon have, perhaps, an even greater responsibility to tell the truth. Denial of the entire experience is the easiest route, but is an abrogation of that responsibility. For that reason, I refuse to deny the existence of the phenomenon. It is real.

There is no consensus of opinion regarding the motives of the entities, and little hope of achieving such a consensus until all humankind admits the reality of the UFO/alien phenomenon. Unless and until we break through the denial of these creatures' existence, we will not find answers to the mystery. They may be "benevolent space brothers," intent on saving the world; or they may be our worst nightmare come true. We need to get past the concern with where they come from, and start concentrating on what they want.

It is tempting to believe they come to save mankind--but the question that arises is, "Save mankind from what?" The world is a complex place, and the desire to have an intercessionary force is natural--a normal, human feeling. We do not grow, however, if we cannot move past our childish need for being parented. The aliens are not our mothers and fathers, and should not replace them. To do this dishonors what we are: human beings. We are not aliens; we are of this world. It is our home, and its defense should come through us, not through a creature of questionable motives.

There is something here, on Earth, that the aliens value. Whether it is a tangible object, such as the Earth itself, or an abstract form, such as the essence that makes us human, the creatures want it. They are actively taking it, and leaving no answers behind. Perhaps it is past the time that we should be actively seeking those answers. We need to define the limits of the wager: just how high are we willing to let the stakes get, before we pull out? Are we willing to gamble the lives of our children on the chance these creatures know better than us what is good for our race?

At the recent UFO Conference in Eureka Springs, an unidentified woman stated, "Why, after all, they just give you a nice sex dream and that's all there is to it." I sincerely wish that was the extent of the phenomenon. This story would have been far different.

Many lands have traded hands in exchange for colored beads. I hope we ask for more than a bauble to play with--and that, in selling our souls, we will not regret the bargain.

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Re: Alien Images

From: John Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 20:53:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 11:08:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Images

I'm glad people enjoyed the pics. Like most irrational rationalists I failed to read the fine print, my old cyberbuddy's name was buried at the bottom of the first picture. <g> Karl Kofoed is the artist. Karl has had a long interest in UFOs and is an established science fiction artist, having graced the cover of numerous book and magazines.

John

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Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 22:32:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 11:11:45 -0500
Subject: Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 22:10:29 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 20 Dec 1998 13:31:03 EST
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 21 Dec 1998 12:21:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>>Date: Wed, 16 Dec 1998 14:06:06 EST
>>>Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Dec 1998 21:00:58 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: C. B. Moore's '49 Sighting

<snip>

>>I very much enjoyed this analysis and appreciate the posting
>>that provided much food for thought in the interesting technical
>>comments made on this classic 1949 case.

>>Brad Sparks

>Likewise Brad. I just don't buy the meteor explanation. It makes
>no sense.

>David Rudiak

I have to agree with Dave on this one for reasons such as the
extreme turn angle, as I outlined in a previous post.

Also, I should point out that the satellite which saw the 1972
meteor was sensing infrared and hence it could detect the meteor
before it got bright enough to be seen and maintained that
detection until shortly after the meteor had cooled and became
invisible to observers on earth. In other words, the satellite
'saw' the meteor longer than any earth observer could have seen
it.

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 12:03:07 +0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 11:16:19 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:32:16 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>>From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 23:58:36 EST
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 09:35:32 -0500
>>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>I am stunned.

>If you have been reading this list at all, I think you'll find
>that virtually NO ONE took Stephens seriously, much less thought
>of him as a 'savior'. His "swordsmanship", as you put it, was so
>severely lacking that even most armchair ufologists didn't even
>give him a second thought. The fact that you were fooled
>doesn't mean that the majority was also. With all due respect,
>Mr. Gersten, you need to speak for yourself. The picture you
>paint is one of justification for your own gullibility and you
>can leave me out of it.

>I see no lesson to be learned here at all. To attribute such a
>thing to Stephens gives him far more credit than he deserves and
>affords you too convenient a cushion for your fall from reason.

Absolutely. I may have defended Mr Stephens right as a person
to have an opinion without it being shot down in flames, as I
would any person. However myself and most others on the list in
no way viewed Mr Stephens as anything more than a person with an
opinion, and not very well substantiated ones at that.

Sharon

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Re: The Stephens Affair

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 22:09:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 11:19:29 -0500
Subject: Re: The Stephens Affair

>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 11:44:36 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: The Stephens Affair

>If people *really* wanted to learn the facts about UFOs, then
>Loren Gross would be a best selling UFO author, and Art Bell
>would be looking for work elsewhere.

>--
>Jan Aldrich

Jan,

I must say this is truly shocking, _shocking_!
We agree on something, the quality of Loren Gross's UFO series.

List readers who don't know should try to locate Mr. Gross's books -
UFOs: A History. Each volume covers a chronological period.
Vol. 1 - 1947
Vol. 2 - 1948
Vol. 3 - Jan-June 1949
Vol. 4 - July-Dec 1949
Vol. 5 - Jan-March 1950
Vol. 6 - April-July 1950
Vol. 7 - 1951

I also understand the series has continued through 1956, please
correct me if I am wrong on this.

There is one problem with Mr. Gross's work - it's hard to find?
rare? hidden? out of print?

It used to be available through Arcturus Books but no longer is
to my knowledge and I just looked through their January 1999
Catalog and Backlist.

Perhaps you can remedy this situation to the mutual benefit of
both list readers and Mr. Gross. Are in touch with Mr. Gross?
Where and for how much can this excellent UFO history series be
purchased? Could you post this to the list for the benefit of
all.

Gary

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 18:44:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 12:13:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 21:44:05 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Rotation or non-rotation depends upon your point of view. For
>a person on th earth a thousand years ago the accepted point of
>view was that th earth was flat and certainly did not move
>(otherwise we would feel the motion!). Everything else moved
>(relative to the stationary earth).

>The Copernicus (and others) advocated the sun as "stationary"
>and the earth going around it. This can only be "seen",
>however, from the point of view of the distant ("fixed"....but
>they are moving) stars.

>Now, from the point of view of an observer stationary with
>respect to the fixed stars, who is positioned far above the
>orbital plane of the solar system, and said observer looking
>down at the north pole of the earth, then the earth rotates about
>its axis once every 24 hours. The moon orbits around the earth
>AND..it turns (about its own axis) slowly as it orbits such that
>one "face" of the moon continually points toward the earth.

>Thus the fact that we see only the "man in the moon" side of the
>moon translates to one rotation about its axis every 28 days
>(about) with respect to the distant stars.

So, from one point of view, I was correct origionally, and yet
at the same time wrong...Thus the other who commented on the
rotation were correct also...

Well, in this situation, it seems to me to be a win - win,
situation...<G>

Am I correct Bruce?

Take Care and Thanks.

REgards, Mike

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Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 01:17:39 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 12:37:31 -0500
Subject: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

Disclosure '99? A Look Back and Ahead

Art Bell - Coast to Coast - January 8/9, 1999

Art Bell will talk with Stephen Bassett in a 5-hour recap and commentary on what happened and didn't happen in 1998 in the UFO/extraterrestrial phenomena research field and a look ahead at the year to come from people directly involved in the issues and events.

Dropping in with more commentary and important new information (not in order of appearance) will be:

William Birnes - Publisher of UFO Magazine
<http://www.ufomag.com>
and co-author of The Day After Roswell

Dr. John Brandenburg - member of the SPSR group, contributor to The Case for the Face

Joseph Firmage - Founder of USWeb and Author of The Truth
<http://www.thewordistruth.org>

Dr. Steven Greer -- International Director of CSETI
<http://www.cseti.org>

Richard Hoagland - Founder The Enterprise Mission
<http://www.enterprisemission.com>
Author of The Monuments of Mars

Peter Gersten - Founder of UFO/FOIA attorney
<http://www.caus.org>

Jim Marrs - Author of the Alien Agenda

Stephen Bassett is the founder of Paradigm Research Group, the author of The Paradigm Clock <http://www.paradigmclock.com> and the only registered lobbyist in the United States representing extraterrestrial phenomena research and activist organizations.

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Re: His Numbers Say We're Not Alone

From: Stig Agermose <Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 10:16:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 12:43:54 -0500
Subject: Re: His Numbers Say We're Not Alone

I wrote:

>From: Stig Agermose <Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 01:26:07 +0100
>Subject: His Numbers Say We're Not Alone

>Source: The Seattle Times via the Bergen Record,
><http://www.bergen.com:80/morenews/science0419990104c.htm>

>Stig

>***

A more critical review of Aczel's book was sent to the Monthly Reader, an e-mail discussion group (see below!).

Source: "alt.alien.research".

Stig

>From

davidkaiser@my-dejanews.com

Mon Jan 04 17:08:26 1999
Newsgroups: sci.astro,alt.alien.research,sci.math
Subject: Probability 1: Why There Must Be Intelligent Life in the Universe
From: davidkaiser@my-dejanews.com
Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 16:08:26 GMT

Probability 1: Why There Must Be Intelligent Life in the Universe
by Amir D. Aczel
Hardcover, 240 pages, 1997, Amazon.com price \$15.40
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0151003769/top100>

Amir D. Aczel, a professor of statistics at a small college in Massachusetts, provides a rudimentary review of various topics relevant to the search for extraterrestrial life (SETI) such as the probabilities of extrasolar planets, evolution of DNA, and lifespan of stars. He is extremely topical, if anything, as he discusses findings and reports from the early 90s up to 1998. However I cannot recommend this book to anyone who knows the Drake equation or anything about SETI going in, as this is at best an unremarkable introductory work to SETI. I'd recommend "Are We Alone?" by Paul Davies or "Is Anyone Out There?" by Frank Drake & Dava Sobel above the current work.

Aczel writes best when he describes historical anecdotes: how Pascal's contribution to probability emerged from a gambling friend's request, how Gaussian receives credit for a curve that was described 100 years earlier by an impoverished math tutor. The history of science and mathematics is always interesting as

it provides a context within which our now-everyday concepts developed, revealing the incremental nature of the innumerable aspects of scientific discoveries we take for granted.

The title of the work -- Probability 1 - refers to his conclusion that mathematically the probability of life existing elsewhere in the universe is 100% likely, or nearly so. He supports this claim with a dubious calculation. Essentially he says that the probability of life out there = $1 - ((a-1)/(a))^b$ where $((a-1)/(a))$ is the probability of life existing anywhere and where the power b is the number of anywheres (stars) in the universe. The term heads toward zero as a and b approach infinity. b can at least be calculated with some degree of accuracy. He uses the value 30×10^{24} as the number of stars in the universe. A reasonable assumption, I suppose. However the entire equation hangs on the value of $(a-1)/a$ which he sets as 0.000000000000005, give or take a few zeros. This value is not yet known to any degree of accuracy and thus giving it a value and using that value concretely does not clear up the matter -- though it does provide a catchy title for a book.

And even if the probability of life elsewhere in the universe is 1, do we really care if bacteria developed in a galaxy so remote from us (essentially meaning any galaxy outside of our own) as we will never be able to examine it under the microscope or communicate with its distant descendants. What we'd like to know is the probability of life (intelligent life in particular) within 50 or so light-years of Earth. That cannot be determined on a slide rule. The only way we will know during our lifetime whether life exists in the universe is through observation -- spying on planets with telescopes and listening for intersolar radio traffic...

-David Kaiser

Recommended books on search for extraterrestrial life/intelligence

Are We Alone?: Philosophical Implications of the Discovery of Extraterrestrial Life by Paul Davies
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0465004199/top100>

Is Anyone Out There?: The Scientific Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence by Frank Drake & Dava Sobel
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385311222/top100>

Carl Sagan's Universe Yervant Terzian, Elizabeth M. Bilson (Eds.)
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0521576032/top100>

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMENT ON THIS BOOK OR THIS REVIEW!

Next month (February): The Universe Unfolding -- Hermann Bondi(editor),
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0198511884/top100>

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlt@pacbell.net>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 05:05:19 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 12:47:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

Well, we have finally revealed that Mr."Geek Squad" Stephens is a weird manipulator with a malicious nature. Hopefully the end of another bizarre thread and another whacko on Art Bell's show (even too weird for Bell and Hoagland delusions).

I had to scan through the moon rotation question for some time. Thankfully someone posted the basis of the dark side. Now that thread is over. However, the heading of this thread caused me to wonder who on this list has knowledge of NORAD (Fence)? I don't know if the fence name has any reality. For a long time I have wondered what NORAD can see related to UFOs. Do they have visual capability for radar stealth UFOs? A few years ago I spoke to some people in NORAD but got the UFO denial and the claim that they don't have the ability to detect them.<g> Who knows what NORAD sees? Please only post highly classified data with source authority <g>.

As for Stephens' shuttle UFO comments. He failed to mention that STS-48 was over Australia when it appeared a beam shot up from the earth. The darkest conjecture is that the beam was shot up from the Pine Gap facility (the Area 51 of Oz) as part of our ongoing war with aliens. The UFO or ice chunk darted away just in time; a great evasive action. Whatever it was, it sure looked great on video.

Josh Goldstein

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Re: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 12:42:56 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 17:39:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

>Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 23:49:34 -0500
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers":;
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

>Source: <http://www.borderlands.com/robertfraud.htm>

Hello List, et. al -

This revelation about Stephens bothered me a great deal, but not for the reasons you would think.

>I then went after the SEAL Team-3 claim. There are many sites on the internet hosted by former Navy SEALs which enjoy exposing those who make such false claims. Here is a list:

>Fake SEALs and Phoney Frogs
>Phonies and Scumbags
>Fake SEALs
>Wannabe Veterans
>Mike's US Navy SEAL Homepage

>There may be more. I then emailed ALL of them asking for confirmation whether Robert A.M. Stephens had or had not been a Navy SEAL. Here are a couple responses so far:

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>From: "VeriSEAL" <agile@ix.netcom.com>
>Organization: Phony SEAL Hall of Shame
>To: Michael Theroux <director@borderlands.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 20:49:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: More info from ROBERT STEPHENS
>Reply-to: agile@ix.netcom.com
>Priority: urgent
>X-mailer: Pegasus Mail for Win32 (v3.01b)

>Michael,

>All of your e-mail info on Stephens has been forwarded to about a dozen *REAL* former SEALs. What you have in the form of Stephens is a 100% bonafide FRAUD.

>Look for incoming messages from assorted retired Viet-era SEALs who will likely be more than interested in Stephens. By the way, the only two Teams in existence during WW-Vietnam were 1 and 2. The owner of the Hall of Shame at the Teams Homepage (<http://The-South.Com/TheTeams>) is retired Senior Chief Kent Dillingham, one of the plankowners of ST-3 in 1983. That means he was one of the original founding SEALs for that Team.>>

These revelations make me embarrassed to suggest that I served in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. Not that I regret that service, but because so many people in today's world are suggesting that they served in Vietnam. It calls all of us into question. People begin to wonder, is he just another "wannabe" who is inventing his Vietnam service to impress.

I believe it was in San Antonio in which the director of a

Vietnam War museum was forced to resign because he claimed to have been a Vietnam veteran, but was exposed as a fraud. His deputy director was also forced to resign when it was learned he, too, was a fraud.

Can I prove that I served in Vietnam? Certainly. But should I have to. And this relates to the entire UFO community. How many times have people come forward claiming training, education, government connects, only to be exposed as frauds. I can think of a dozen or more, some of whom are still respected by people on this list. Don Schmitt, for example, still lectures about UFOs and Roswell, but why should we listen to a thing he has to say?

There must come a point where we say that it is enough. If you lied about your education, your employment, your secret drug investigation experience, we are not going to believe anything else you say UNTIL we can verify it.

Sorry for the rant, but this is becoming ridiculous. We still argue about the authenticity of the Santilli film when we have seen the lies he told about the film canister markings and that the tent footage is a fraud. He has not produced the cameraman, or a statement from him that isn't riddled with errors and mistakes. Maybe we haven't proved the autopsy a fraud, but we don't have to. Santilli has to prove it authentic and not only hasn't he, he has done everything he can to make sure that no one else can do it.

So, before we accept anything, let's make sure the facts are there.

KRandle

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>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: The Stephens Affair

>Today, the ufo field is swept by the "revelation" that Stephens
>is a fraud. Duh!

>Several people, including yours truly, pointed out that
>Stephens' supposed inside information was bogus. However,
>incredibly what did we get. "You shouldn't diss Mr. Stephens.
>He has only been in the field 70 days. Cut him some slack."

Jan - Ouch. That last sideswipe hurt, since we were its authors,
and it was made prior to hearing his radio show when we realized
what we were dealing with. Still, we think a window of innocent
before proven guilty is in the long term a healthy one.
Otherwise, UFO activists may become the new thought police
themselves.

Stephens appears to be a "guided missile," a spreader of
mis/disinformation whose function it is to get the UFO community
confused and attacking each other. "Guided missiles" also appear
in other fields of public interest research, such as
assassination research.

The best way for the UFO community to understand the technology
of "guided missiles" or agents of mis/disinformation - a
phenomenon of the UFO field - is not to awfulize and attack
other UFO students.

It is to study the characteristics of guided missiles like
Stephens, and understand what is their source, where do they
come from, and what is their profile.

This way, the capacity of an individual mis/disinformer to
ruffle our conversation is reduced, because we can
systematically understand them as a phenomenon, not as specific
individuals.

If you will notice the subtlety of our letter, we alluded to the
possibility that Stephens was indeed a mis/disinformation agent
("Colonel (sic)"). We felt that at that point due process had
not yet taken its course.

We too are students of the phenomenon of disinformation agents.
And sometimes it is wiser to observe than to react prematurely.

In some ways, Stephens has given us a productive research case
of how the mis/disinformation phenomenon works.

This is an alternative, positive way of looking at the Stephens
hiccup.

Geri & Alfred Webre
Vancouver, BC

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 14:02:53 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 17:51:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 01:17:39 EST
>Subject: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>Disclosure '99? A Look Back and Ahead
>Art Bell - Coast to Coast - January 8/9, 1999
>Art Bell will talk with

<snip>

>Stephen Bassett is the founder of Paradigm Research Group, the
>author of The Paradigm Clock <http://www.paradigmclock.com> and
>the only registered lobbyist in the United States representing
>extraterrestrial phenomena research and activist organizations.

This statement is slightly in error.

My personal lobbyist, William Casselman II, long officially registered on my behalf with both houses of Congress, is very much involved with representing on the Hill the interests of RPIT (Roswell Photo Interpretation Team) in its current Roswell Revisitation Project.

As it has been reported on UFO UpDates, my members of congress have been petitioned to insist that the US Government without further delay "unlock the Roswell craft garage" and permit an open and complete inspection of the announced "captured" wreckage, all designed to solve the Roswell Riddle after 51 years!

Casselman is well known and highly respected on the Hill since he was chief counsel to Vice President Ford and counsel to President Ford, as well as chief counsel to the General Services Administration -- government real estate landlord -- and White House congressional liaison.

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Loren Gross' Histories

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 14:17:33 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 17:56:50 -0500
Subject: Loren Gross' Histories

Greeting List,

Loren Gross' works on UFOs are not generally available. I echo Bob Girard's comments, "This is the single most important work every done on UFOs. This series of books is ten times better than the next nearest work."

Re-entitled 'The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse' after Dr. Lincoln LaPaz's enigmatically statement about UFOs, the series of approximately 100-page-booklets is now up to 44 volumes with the last book dealing with the middle of 1958.

Girard still has a few booklets from the 1947 to 1951 era, but no longer has them all:

Arcturus Book Inc.
1443 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Phone (561) 398-0796 Fax (561) 337-1701
E-mail: rgirard321@aol.com

'Charles Fort, The Fortean Society, and UFOs' is available from my address below for \$6.00 post paid anywhere in the world. This last is a very early work, nearly 14 years old.

Girard attempted to publish the later volumes in the series. The amount of interest was almost nil. Girard and I both wish to get these books published and made available to a wider audience.

Project 1947 is a volunteer effort. Candy Peterson has volunteered to place a number of these volumes on the computer. Due to her efforts we have the 1947 volume and most of the 1957 volumes (10 in all) on computer word processing files. Candy has really render an important service here. Loren uses a typewriter to turn out these wonderful volumes. (The discovery of huge amounts of new material for 1957 meant that revisions are necessary.) Loren wants to revise his early volumes, also.

There several schemes to get these things published. Perhaps even on CDrom/DVD. What is needed is some show of support for such a project.

Loren does not write these books for money. He writes for the same reason that most true scholars do, to chronicle the significant events in a subject. He sends free to a small group of UFO researchers.

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Re: Hynek & Michel

From: **Bruno Mancusi** <[Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch](mailto: Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch)>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 20:43:52 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 20:35:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Hynek & Michel

>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 22:04:08 +0100
>From: Alain Stauffer <astauffer@infomaniak.ch>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Hynek & Michel

>>Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 13:15:32 -0800
>>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Hynek and Michel

>>Hynek's visit with Michel probably took place in 1958 or
>>1959 after the Michel's book had been translated into
>>English by CSI-NY.

>According to Jacques Vallee's journal (Forbidden Science, The
>Vallee Living Trust Ed., 1992), Hynek came in Paris in 1958

<snip>

Yes, but according to Michel, it was in 1959... See Aime Michel, 'Mysterieux objets celestes', Seghers, Paris 1977, p. 326 (it's the second edition, the first, in 1958, was translated in English as 'Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery'). The visit is also described in 'The Edge of Reality' (p. 225 of the French edition).

In December 1990, Yves Bosson and Michel Hertzog interviewed Michel who said: "I don't remember if it was in '58 or '59, I think it was in '59" ('Ovni-Presence' #50, April 1993, p. 14).

Regards

Bruno Mancusi

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 01:46:34 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 20:36:18 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

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>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:32:16 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>I am stunned.

Sorry to hear that. I am sure it will pass. Roger Evans? Do not think I have heard that name before. But I am sure it is simply an oversight on my part. So please enlighten me as to your contribution to the UFO movement..other than representing the outrage of 'your list' to my use of the pronoun 'we.'

>If you have been reading this list at all, I think you'll find
>that virtually NO ONE took Stephens seriously, much less thought
>of him as a 'savior'.

You got me there....I do not read your list.* Didn't know it was required reading. Would have saved me alot of time and trouble...huh? Can I use you for my trials? I wouldn't need a jury with your talents. Can't wait to tell 'my list' that 'your list' is so wise. Can 'my list' join 'your list' and watch you guys solve the UFO problem. Probably wouldn't have to bring any more FOIA lawsuits. Or is it one of those intellectual elitist lists that love to criticize others?

>His "swordsmanship", as you put it, was so severely lacking
>that even most armchair ufologists didn't even give him a second
>thought.

Really now? Armchair ufologists? Not even a second thought? So why are you e-mailing me? Why give me a second thought...as far as I recall I have never given you one.

[Legal 'Eagle' Peter Gersten is not paying attention to the evidence - Roger didn't send him the 'offending' mail _I_ did, as a 'Bcc;' --ebk]

>The fact that you were fooled doesn't mean that the majority
>was also.

How was I fooled my friend? Majority of what? My 6500 members? How many People are on your list? Did your poll the list? And why would I care whether 'your list' was fooled or not. My CAUSupdates go to CAUS members which, the last I looked, you are not a member of. Doubt that 'updates@globalserve' is either. So what's your point?

[No? There are about 200 posts - directly from your list - sitting in my archive here. Missing the evidentiary clues again Mr. Gersten? And I'm quite sure that a few of the many knowledge-able subscribers to UpDates will be most happy to respond to you via this List. I'll be sure to pass them on to you. --ebk]

>With all due respect, Mr. Gersten, you need to speak for
>yourself. The picture you paint is one of justification for

>your own gullibility and you can leave me out of it.

You have been left out of it...by your own choice. Unless of CAUS you have some UFO accomplishments that I am not aware of. So why are you getting involved now? You can be sure that my 'we' had nothing to do with someone as intelligent and wise as you. Are you one of those armchair ufologists you referred to earlier..or simply someone who only comes out of the cracks to say 'I told you so?'

* [And why would you - too much 'negativity' coming your way?
But in fact you have witness:

>From: UFOLAWYER1@aol.com
>Date: Wed, 24 Jun 1998 20:27:07 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Seeking Info on Wurtsmith 1975 Sighting

>In a message dated 6/24/98 3:38:44 PM US Mountain Standard Time,
>updates@globalserve.net writes:

>>I'm looking for a reported UFO incident relating to Wurtsmith,

>>Michigan in 1975. I need to know the exact date or dates and
>> what was believed to have happened.

>Diana,

>I have the documents on Wurtsmith and will send them to you.

>Peter

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 13:21:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 20:55:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 05:05:19 -0800
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlt@pacbell.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

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>I had to scan through the moon rotation question for some time.
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>know if the fence name has any reality. For a long time I have
>wondered what NORAD can see related to UFOs. Do they have visual
>capability for radar stealth UFOs? A few years ago I spoke to
>some people in NORAD but got the UFO denial and the claim that
>they don't have the ability to detect them.<g> Who knows what
>NORAD sees? Please only post highly classified data with source
>authority <g>.

Josh-

While the detailed capability of NORAD is highly classified, it isn't a complete mystery.

While the question of whether or not UFOs have "stealth" technology remains open, I would note that there are a large number of UFO cases that are primarily (or completely) radar based. So it would appear that UFOs, or at least a segment of them, aren't able to use stealth to avoid radar detection. On the other hand, these cases often do not correspond to visual sightings, so the question of "stealth" remains open (assuming we're talking about objects that reflect radar waves).

"Fastwalker" has been identified by some as the NORAD term for an unidentified radar sighting, and in a quick search I found a post from a year ago that discusses one such sighting:

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Posted by: rerif@rocketmail.com

>NORAD's ballistic missile monitoring system detected a UFO (by
>the true meaning of the word) the emerged from deep space,
>entered Earth's atmosphere, passed within 15 miles of one of the
>defense satellites, and went back out into deep space. NORAD
>immediately classified the report, most likely for fear that
>the soviets had developed a new typ of ballistic weapon that
>could be fired from space, which is probably why John could not
>get any information on it through FOIA. The information should
>be available, or at least someone in NORAD has loose lips,
>since the incident was featured on a Discovery channel special
>called UFO: Down to Earth. Copies are available from the
>Discovery channel. The object was never identified, but numerous
>reports were filed. Diagrams exist tracking the objects path
>through the atmosphere. I have recently sent a FOIA request to
>the DoD and am currently waiting for a reply.

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 15:34:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 20:56:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 05:05:19 -0800
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlt@pacbell.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Well, we have finally revealed that Mr."Geek Squad" Stephens is
>a weird manipulator with a malicious nature. Hopefully the end
>of another bizarre thread and another whacko on Art Bell's show
>(even too weird for Bell and Hoagland delusions).

>I had to scan through the moon rotation question for some time.
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>thread is over. However, the heading of this thread caused me to
>wonder who on this list has knowledge of NORAD (Fence)? I don't
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>some people in NORAD but got the UFO denial and the claim that
>they don't have the ability to detect them.<g>Who knows what
>NORAD sees? Please only post highly classified data with source
>authority <g>.

<snip>

NORAD's responsibility primarily deals with looking for craft coming over the Arctic and utilizes over-the-horizon radar and other terrestrial based systems mostly in North America. It is the US and Air Force Space Command that controls most of the space-based military assets. A web search on each of these departments will provide a great deal of information.

Speaking of information, I traced an apparently unlisted phone number given by Stephens (406-745-3818) to Saint Ignatius, MT. Saint Ignatius is about 30 miles north of Missoula. Also, Internic indicates that the email address he used on newsgroups (robert@digisys.net) originates in Kalispell, MT. His other email address (STI3818@montana.com) does not return an id on all reverse searches of that address. But note the use of the 3818 digits. Indeed, the URL www.montana.com is the state of Montana's web site (go figure). Maybe he's doing some consulting work for MT and set himself up a temporary email address for this hoax.

BTW, Saint Ignatius is in the heart of the Flathead Indian Reservation and near the National Bison Range. No wonder we were so easily buffaloed by him. <ducking and running>

Hey, what ya wanna bet that he was involved in the EQ Pegasi/Paul Dore hoax?!?

Terry

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Re: Archive Footage of J.Allen Hynek?

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 03:48:10 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 21:02:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Archive Footage of J.Allen Hynek?

Dear colleagues,

A TV production company by the name of Union-SKYLINE in the UK are urgently looking for archive film footage of the late Dr Hynek.

Should anyone have such material available or know where it can be located, could they please contact:

Gala Carr at: gala@unionskyline3.demon.co.uk

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle.

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 16:36:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 21:11:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 01:17:39 EST
>Subject: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>Disclosure '99? A Look Back and Ahead

>Art Bell - Coast to Coast - January 8/9, 1999

>Art Bell will talk with Stephen Bassett in a 5-hour recap and
>commentary on what happened and didn't happen in 1998 in the
>UFO/extraterrestrial phenomena research field and a look ahead
>at the year to come from people directly involved in the issues
>and events.

>Dropping in with more commentary and important new information
>(not in order of appearance) will be:

>William Birnes - Publisher of UFO Magazine
><http://www.ufomag.com>
>and co-author of The Day After Roswell

>Dr. John Brandenburg - member of the SPSR group, contributor to
>The Case for the Face

>Joseph Firmage - Founder of USWeb and Author of The Truth
><http://www.thewordistruth.org>

>Dr. Steven Greer -- International Director of CSETI
><http://www.cseti.org>

>Richard Hoagland - Founder The Enterprise Mission
><http://www.enterprisemission.com>
>Author of The Monuments of Mars

>Peter Gersten - Founder of UFO/FOIA attorney
><http://www.caus.org>

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Hi All,

LMAO! These are the guys who are going to evaluate last years
progress (or lack of it) in ufology?

Isn't this also a list of names of the same guys that are at the
root of what_is_wrong with ufology?

And Art Bell is hosting! Oh man, this is just too rich. Excuse
me while I drop off my chair (again) and roll around on the
floor laughing my keester off.

There is a physics lesson hidden in here somewhere. Let me see
if I can sus it out, . . .

A. Art Bell is the most full of sh*t of the lot.

B. So it stands to reason that he has more 'mass' than the
others.

C. Therefore, his gravitational pull on the other smaller 'turds' causes them to, . . .

D. gravitate towards Bell. - Where, . . .

E. . . . they eventually assume permanent orbits around their primary.

How was that?

A good 'empirical' test of this theory would be to flush, and then carefully observe - a toilet. (Following a substantial bowel movement.) Same 'principle' applies here with only one glaring exception: *Unless you are South of the Equator. In which case the "planetoids" will orbit the "main mass" in a counter clockwise direction!

Bell
Greer
Gersten
Hoagland

Talk about "piled high and deep!"

Actually I'm still waiting to see if Bell ever pays a price for the Hale-Bopp/Mothership series. There is a connection between that and the deaths in the Heavens Gate Cult that neither one of those two irresponsible bozos (Bell and the other jamoke from the "Nearsight Institute" that propagated that hoax - apologies to Bob Shell for using his 'moniker') ever had to answer for. People died.

No one involved in the perpetration/propagation of that disinformation was ever called to task. Phoney photos from (allegedly) a Hawaiian observatory showing the 'companion' were circulated worldwide, the constant barrage of programs from Bell that were dedicated to Hale-Bopp (or Hale-Mary as Bell so cutely christened it.) After the dust settled there were very real bodies left behind in that little fiasco. But hush, hush, mums the word! Remember never to mention any possible connections.

Nor were they ever called to task for the 'side show' that he and Hoagland staged in Phoenix. (Which helped to create/contribute to a carnival atmosphere around a "potentially" significant case) They made a slew of absurd "predictions" on national radio (none of which ever transpired) and no one ever mentions it or questions it. Just move on and feed on the next thing. It's 'Short Attention Span Theatre' for the masses.

If it wasn't for Bell, Hoagland would be retired from ufology, Greer would be just another 'wrong number' and Gersten wouldn't have a shot at further spreading his particular/peculiar brand of popular fluff.

It's just one side show after another. Just show after show, after show, year in, year out, . . . well, you get the picture. Bell is the King of the "Cliffhangers." He's a master showman and he knows how to work a crowd better than any side show carry. But in the final analysis that is all that he is; just another side show carry.

It's true. Most comedy (things that are funny) have tragedy at the core. Brings images of Emmet Kelly to mind. Actually, that is my image/evaluation/portrayal of the guys on Bells ufology evaluation committee.

A bunch of tragic clowns who get to laugh all the way to the bank. At the public's expense.

Peace,

John Velez (Speaking strictly for myself. No response necessary)

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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From: Bill Weber <koran@cchat.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 17:24:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 21:41:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 18:44:45 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 21:44:05 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Rotation or non-rotation depends upon your point of view. For
>>a person on th earth a thousand years ago the accepted point of
>>view was that th earth was flat and certainly did not move
>>(otherwise we would feel the motion!). Everything else moved
>>(relative to the stationary earth).

>>The Copernicus (and others) advocated the sun as "stationary"
>>and the earth going around it. This can only be "seen",
>>however, from the point of view of the distant ("fixed"....but
>>they are moving) stars.

>>Now, from the point of view of an observer stationary with
>>respect to the fixed stars, who is positioned far above the
>>orbital plane of the solar system, and said observer looking
>>down at the north pole of the earth, then the earth rotates about
>>its axis once every 24 hours. The moon orbits around the earth
>>AND..it turns (about its own axis) slowly as it orbits such that
>>one "face" of the moon continually points toward the earth.

>>Thus the fact that we see only the "man in the moon" side of the
>>moon translates to one rotation about its axis every 28 days
>>(about) with respect to the distant stars.

>So, from one point of view, I was correct origionally, and yet
>at the same time wrong...Thus the other who commented on the
>rotation were correct also...

>Well, in this situation, it seems to me to be a win - win,
>situation...<G>

>Am I correct Bruce?

Well...yeah, but unfortunately, from the earth's perspective,
then, the sun rotates around it. If your wife, (as earth),
stands in the center of a room and swings you, (the moon),
around on a rope while you sit in your rolling office chair,
don't attempt to prove your original premise by keeping your
face, (the bright side of the moon), pointed in the direction of
one of the walls. This is terribly painful, eventually
requiring a neck brace and a possible hip replacement -
depending on how determined you are. If it doesn't feel good -
don't do it!

Yours,

Bill

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Earth Changes TV/Breaking News

From: **Mitch Battros** <earthcncg@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 15:12:14 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 21:46:57 -0500
Subject: Earth Changes TV/Breaking News

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Feds take local stations by surprise...1/6/99
by Mitch Battros, ECTV

It appears the Federal Government, mainly the Emergency Management Office, surprised local stations around the nation with the strange and new (E.A.S.) Emergency Action Service announcement that read "A CIVIL AUTHORITY HAS ISSUED A REQUIRED TEST" which was scheduled for 30 minutes as opposed to the 30 second test we are all familiar with. It was reported by James Heacock, Program Director of the local NBC affiliate KING 5 television in Seattle, Washington "This was a new Emergency Announcement System that was implemented in January 1998. It took us by surprise. It appears they want to WHIP US INTO SHAPE".

Similar stories from ABC, CBS, and FOX came in. John Walters, Engineer Director of CBS affiliate KIRO channel 7, also in Seattle stated "part of the new system allows E.A.S. to occur over cable stations without notice, which was not in effect until this month. This was part of the problem and what caught us off guard".

Having spoke with other stations in the area as well as emails from all over the nation, it did in deed catch many affiliates unprepared. Many questions still go unanswered. 1) Is there an increase threat to our nation, whether it be Y2K, Earthquakes, Volcanoes, or Terrorist Threats. One thing is for sure, we have not seen the last of an ongoing intense effort to increase notification of disaster, in perhaps our very near future.

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 23:00:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 23:56:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>There is a physics lesson hidden in here somewhere. Let me see
>if I can sus it out, . . .

>A. Art Bell is the most full of sh*t of the lot.

>B. So it stands to reason that he has more 'mass' than the
>others.

>C. Therefore, his gravitational pull on the other smaller
>'turds' causes them to, . . .

>D. gravitate towards Bell. - Where, . . .

>E. . . . they eventually assume permanent orbits around their
>primary.

>How was that?

John already gets my vote for the funniest (and truest) post of
1999. Nobody's going to top this!

Greg Sandow

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PEER Highlights

From: Patricia Mason <pmason@ee.net>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 23:10:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 00:00:43 -0500
Subject: PEER Highlights

>From PEER See: <http://www.peer-mack.org/>

1998 Highlights

Completed data analysis on the largest, most comprehensive psychological study to date of the alien abduction phenomenon, an 80-subject comparison which found that alien abduction experiences cannot be explained away as personality disorders.

Presented research and clinical data to general and professional audiences around the country, including clinicians and residents at Harvard Medical School, facilitating a more open and complex understanding of anomalous experiences among future doctors and therapists.

Completed Phase II of a pilot study exploring multiple witness reports of UFO sightings and abduction experiences.

Hosted the Star Wisdom conference: a two-day gathering which brought together members of the clinical and scientific communities, Native American elders who have connections to 'star people', and individuals experiencing alien abduction.

Responded with resources, referrals, and consultations to more than 420 requests from individuals describing anomalous experiences and mental health professionals looking for a better understanding of what their clients are experiencing.

Launched a web page to offer current research and resources to as many people as possible: www.peer-mack.org/.

Responded to numerous requests from the media for clear and balanced information about extraordinary experiences, including NBC and National Public Radio.

Received research grants from three respected foundations: the Fetzer Institute, the Lifebridge Foundation, and the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS).

1999 Preview

Launching a study group of leading scientists and clinicians to fashion next steps in a responsible exploration of anomalous experiences.

Publishing a new issue of 'PEER Perspectives' to provide up-to-date information and dialogue about extraordinary experiences.

Releasing the first in a series of PEER videos: John Mack and Budd Hopkins in 'A Dialogue on the Alien Abduction Experience'.

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'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 19:32:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 23:39:11 -0500
Subject: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

Question: Has anyone heard of any experimental government aircraft as referred to as 'pumpkin seeds'?

Larry Clark
www.nymufon.org

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Re: The Stephens Affair

From: John W. Ratcliff <jratclif@inlink.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 20:21:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 23:53:07 -0500
Subject: Re: The Stephens Affair

Geri & Alfred Webre <Ecotoday@aol.com> wrote:

>Stephens appears to be a "guided missile," a spreader of
>mis/disinformation whose function it is to get the UFO community
>confused and attacking each other. "Guided missiles" also appear
>in other fields of public interest research, such as
>assassination research.

Sigh, I guess it's worthwhile to voice a point of view that doesn't have roots in the mythological machinery of Art Bell, Rense, and others who are in the field of paranormal and conspiratorial entertainment. Now that the Stephen's affair is in a brief lull (probably not over, just a strange, psychic, synchronistic hunch I've got), I feel compelled to make some common sense observations.

To begin with, I am mildly offended/amused to hear the suggestion that the likes of Art Bell and Richard Hoagland constitute the "UFO community", since for those who consider themselves at the same time, gasp, both rational and interested in the UFO phenomenon these two seem, to us, more like the ugly backwards cousins who had to ride the little bus to school.

There is a dichotomy here, between those who have examined the evidence for UFOs and concluded that some kind of phenomenon does in fact exist and those who see vast conspiracies in the ramblings of the psychotic played backwards on the radio. We didn't lose touch with our rational mind, didn't join a cult, and still believe in bizarre concepts like reason, logic, rational skepticism and the rules of evidence.

In light of the recent Stephens fiasco I find it sad to hear comments like those quoted at the top of this message. What irony that some internet geek pokes fun at Hoagland/Bell/Rense they see it is yet more evidence of conspiracy. The same bizarre logic that allows them to spin fantastic conspiracies allows them to see even more when they are made fun of in public!? And wasn't Heavens Gate enough?

The only evidence we have to examine surrounding the Stephens affair is Stephens himself. What we find is a long time internet protagonist, someone who claimed in public postings a belief in UFOs, yet at the same time was skeptical of the more outrageous claims of the fringe. Stephens appears to have been involved the geek squad, a highly sarcastic group of internet gear heads for some time. Stephens interaction with the UFO mythos making machinery over the last few weeks appears to have been geared towards spreading fresh mythology while at the same time criticizing certain members of that media delete.

Does anyone here have any experience with the internet? No one has followed the rantings and ravings of the various internet UFO newsgroups? None have read the writings of Robert Anton Wilson, the Church of the Sub Genius, or any other guerilla ontologists?

I have witnessed internet personalities intentionally morph themselves online. Acting the enraged UFO believer fanatic in

one message, and then the anal retentive arch skeptic in the next. I've dealt with people who took great pleasure in crafting online persona's _for their own personal amusement_! Ranting, raving, frothing at the mouth in one message and then sane and sober in the next.

Does Stephens fit this profile by his behavior? Is he someone who takes pleasure out of poking a hornets nest and then watching the cyber results?

Does this behavior suggest a grand conspiracy by the great powers that be to confuse and suppress the 'great truth' being professed by the likes of Art Bell and Richard Hoagland!??!

Dunno, maybe I should reverse some of my own speech to figure out what the hell I just said.

John W. Ratcliff

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Re: Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 19:18:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 23:45:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 12:03:07 +0800

>>I see no lesson to be learned here at all. To attribute such a
>>thing to Stephens gives him far more credit than he deserves and
>>affords you too convenient a cushion for your fall from reason.

>Absolutely. I may have defended Mr Stephens right as a person
>to have an opinion without it being shot down in flames, as I
>would any person. However myself and most others on the list in
>no way viewed Mr Stephens as anything more than a person with an
>opinion, and not very well substantiated ones at that.

Very true Sharon...

Here also is a good example of my "Time will tell" philosophy.
I didn't get involved in that thread at all, when he was making
those statements.

REgards, Mike

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 22:41:38 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 00:12:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>From: Bill Weber <koran@cchat.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 17:24:12 -0500

>>Well, in this situation, it seems to me to be a win - win,
>>situation...<G>

>>Am I correct Bruce?

>Well...yeah, but unfortunately, from the earth's perspective,
>then, the sun rotates around it. If your wife, (as earth),
>stands in the center of a room and swings you, (the moon),
>around on a rope while you sit in your rolling office chair,
>don't attempt to prove your original premise by keeping your
>face, (the bright side of the moon), pointed in the direction of
>one of the walls. This is terribly painful, eventually
>requiring a neck brace and a possible hip replacement -
>depending on how determined you are. If it doesn't feel good -
>don't do it!

Ha, ha, ha...somehow, I feel I have already experienced this
with my wife.....ooooohhhhhh...

Ha, ha, ha....

Thanks, Bill.

REgards, Mike

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Re: Loren Gross' Histories

From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 19:58:37 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 23:43:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Loren Gross' Histories

>Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 14:17:33 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Loren Gross' Histories

>Greeting List,

>Loren Gross' works on UFOs are not generally available. I echo
>Bob Girard's comments, "This is the single most important work
>every done on UFOs. This series of books is ten times better
>than the next nearest work."

<snip>

>Girard attempted to publish the later volumes in the series.
>The amount of interest was almost nil. Girard and I both wish
>to get these books published and made available to a wider
>audience.

>Project 1947 is a volunteer effort. Candy Peterson has
>volunteered to place a number of these volumes on the computer.
>Due to her efforts we have the 1947 volume and most of the 1957
>volumes (10 in all) on computer word processing files. Candy
>has really render an important service here. Loren uses a
>typewriter to turn out these wonderful volumes. (The discovery
>of huge amounts of new material for 1957 meant that revisions
>are necessary.) Loren wants to revise his early volumes, also.

>There several schemes to get these things published. Perhaps
>even on CDrom/DVD. What is needed is some show of support for
>such a project.

<snip>

Hi:

I would think CD would be the least expensive method of
reproducing the material.

Who would be selling it, and what would the estimated cost be?

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Re: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 21:45:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 00:16:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:11:16 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

>>From: Jeff Rense <eotl@west.net>
>>Date: Tue, 5 Jan 1999 01:05:32 -0800 (PST)ud In Every Way"
>>Subject: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud In Every Way"

>Previously, Mr. Stephens came clean:

>>Robert A.M. Stephens is, from the very beginning, 10-16-1998 to
>>this date 1-4-1998, a complete and total fraud in every way.

><snip>

>>Art Bell
>>is to be praised for this amazing windfall of ferreting out
>>charlatans and fakes in the UFO industry like me and he has
>>shown in this case, "never before in my radio career have I
>>seen anything like this."

><snip>

>>I do thank Mr. Richard C. Hoagland and Art Bell to give me a
>>opportunity to attempt foolishly to debate topics for which I
>>was obviously ill prepared for and failed miserably.

>Wow. Looks like 1999 is gonna be a good year after all.

>Hey, maybe we can get Gary Alevy to appear on Art Bell next!

>Ahhhhh. Wishful thinking...

Roger, you can't know how much I would love going on Art Bell's
show. The things it would do my sales!

Gary Alevy

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Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 23:39:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 00:25:55 -0500
Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

<snip>

>Source: <http://www.trufax.org/research2/disinforules.html>

>Twenty-Five Rules of Disinformation - The Politicians Credo

>Courtesy of American Patriot Friends Network and Walt
>July 15, 1998

>Note: The first rule and last five (or six, depending on
>situation) rules are generally not directly within the ability
>of the traditional disinfo artist to apply. These rules are
>generally used more directly by those at the leadership, key
>players, or planning level of the criminal conspiracy or
>conspiracy to cover up.

-- This is a very important consideration because the people you
have to watch, in any area of human endeavor, are the leaders,
or those who purport themselves to be. That is, who else has
the ability to simply pronounce something and have it accepted,
at least by some? Upon reflection it is obvious that the people
who REALLY have the power to use disinformation ARE the most
visible people, the erstwhile leaders.

>1. Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil. Regardless of what
>you know, don't discuss it -- especially if you are a public
>figure, news anchor, etc. If it's not reported, it didn't
>happen, and you never have to deal with the issues.

-- An excellent point, especially where "ufology" is concerned.
That is, there are certain areas where certain ufological
leading lights dare not go and that is most interesting and
illuminating. It is a fact that what is NOT in the written
corpus of an author is just about as important as what IS in
that corpus. We all have biases and sorting out those biases is
absolutely necessary, especially among the "leaders."

>2. Become incredulous and indignant. Avoid discussing key
>issues and instead focus on side issues which can be used show
>the topic as being critical of some otherwise sacrosanct group
>or theme. This is also known as the "How dare you!" gambit.

-- This was the immediate reaction when I first raised my
questions about Dr. Hynek.

>3. Create rumor mongers. Avoid discussing issues by describing
>all charges, regardless of venue or evidence, as mere rumors and
>wild accusations. Other derogatory terms mutually exclusive of
>truth may work as well. This method works especially well with a
>silent press, because the only way the public can learn of the
>facts are through such "arguable rumors". If you can associate
>the material with the Internet, use this fact to certify it a
>"wild rumor" which can have no basis in fact.

-- In the academicised portions of ufology there are vast areas
of the past that are simply off limits and not the subject of
legitimate discussion. One of these is the nature and scope of
"intelligence community activity" among ufologists. On this

point the "silent press" attempts to re-invent the past by ignoring important facts. It's a powerful technique if you hold the high ground, a hard thing to do in the days of the InterNet.

>4. Use a straw man. Find or create a seeming element of your >opponent's argument which you can easily knock down to make >yourself look good and the opponent to look bad. Either make up >an issue you may safely imply exists based on your >interpretation of the opponent/opponent arguments/situation, or >select the weakest aspect of the weakest charges. Amplify their >significance and destroy them in a way which appears to debunk >all the charges, real and fabricated alike, while actually >avoiding discussion of the real issues.

-- What are the real issues in the dispute which broke out last month over Dr. Hynek? This real issues revolve around the fact that there is AMPLE evidence, evidence tantamount to proof, FOR ME, that Dr. Hynek was working both sides of the street in his later career as Godfather of ufology. What is proof? It is the evidence that convinces YOU. That is, there is no absolute proof available in this area, short of the individual at issue owning up in public, as did Dr. Thornton Page (who was also a member of the Robertson Panel with Hynek, the web link to this information was included in one of my postings) a few months ago and just before his passing. All we are going to have is evidence.

>5. Sidetrack opponents with name calling and ridicule. This is >also known as the primary attack the messenger ploy, though >other methods qualify as variants of that approach. Associate >opponents with unpopular titles such as "kooks", "right-wing", >"liberal", "left-wing", "terrorists", "conspiracy buffs", >"radicals", "militia", "racists", "religious fanatics", "sexual >deviates", and so forth. This makes others shrink from support >out of fear of gaining the same label, and you avoid dealing >with issues.

-- Here is where my critics excell!

>6. Hit and Run. In any public forum, make a brief attack of >your opponent or the opponent position and then scamper off >before an answer can be fielded, or simply ignore any answer. >This works extremely well in Internet and letters-to-the-editor >environments where a steady stream of new identities can be >called upon without having to explain criticism reasoning -- >simply make an accusation or other attack, never discussing >issues, and never answering any subsequent response, for that >would dignify the opponent's viewpoint.

-- Here again is where my critics triumph. Where important issues are concerned I have tried to respond in some detail, at least with as much as this forum deserves. Those who have read the all the messages know which issues have been ignored by my critics.

>7. Question motives. Twist or amplify any fact which could so >taken to imply that the opponent operates out of a hidden >personal agenda or other bias. This avoids discussing issues and >forces the accuser on the defensive.

-- Again, my critics excell in this area, perhaps because they, too, operate under hidden parameters. It's a tough world.

>8. Invoke authority. Claim for yourself or associate yourself >with authority and present your argument with enough "jargon" >and "minutiae" to illustrate you are "one who knows", and simply >say it isn't so without discussing issues or demonstrating >concretely why or citing sources.

-- Here again, certain of my critics shine in this area.

>9. Play Dumb. No matter what evidence or logical argument is >offered, avoid discussing issues with denial they have any >credibility, make any sense, provide any proof, contain or make >a point, have logic, or support a conclusion. Mix well for >maximum effect.

-- My critics say I have provided no proof and as I have said (because it's true) proof is the evidence that convinces you. Assemble these threads from front to back and read them closely,

sorting out the invective from the evidence. Who wins? The relevant message threads are:

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>10. Associate opponent charges with old news. A derivative of
>the straw man usually, in any large-scale matter of high
>visibility, someone will make charges early on which can be or
>were already easily dealt with. Where it can be foreseen, have
>your own side raise a straw man issue and have it dealt with
>early on as part of the initial contingency plans. Subsequent
>charges, regardless of validity or new ground uncovered, can
>usually them be associated with the original charge and
>dismissed as simply being a rehash without need to address
>current issues -- so much the better where the opponent is or
>was involved with the original source.

-- This is part of what I call the "Tag Team" approach, on which I will have more to say later.

>11. Establish and rely upon fall-back positions. Using a minor
>matter or element of the facts, take the "high road" and
>"confess" with candor that some innocent mistake, in hindsight,
>was made -- but that opponents have seized on the opportunity to
>blow it all out of proportion and imply greater criminalities
>which, "just isn't so." Others can reinforce this on your
>behalf, later. Done properly, this can garner sympathy and
>respect for "coming clean" and "owning up" to your mistakes
>without addressing more serious issues.

-- I have made no mistakes except in presentation. That is, my early messages in what became multiple threaded messages:

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were created under the assumption that the particular discussion would not last long. If I had known up front how many exchanges would have been permitted, well, things would have been different.

>12. Enigmas have no solution. Drawing upon the overall umbrella
>of events surrounding the crime and the multitude of players and
>events, paint the entire affair as too complex to solve. This
>causes those otherwise following the matter to begin to loose
>interest more quickly without having to address the actual
>issues.

-- This is the general position of the "leadership" in ufology where uncomfortable associations exist. They seem to believe in the possible existence of aliens from outer space, and some even cite evidence for crashed space ships, while at the same time balking at certain behaviors of an ordinary human kind. I must admit puzzlement.

>13. Alice in Wonderland Logic. Avoid discussion of the issues
>by reasoning backwards with an apparent deductive logic in a way
>that forbears any actual material fact.

-- We have lots of facts, lots of them. It's the interpretation of those facts that is at issue. The problem with Dr. Hynek is that the closer you look at him the more, well, interesting he becomes, and not because of his "ufology."

>14. Demand complete solutions. Avoid the issues by requiring
>opponents to solve the crime at hand completely, a ploy which
>works best for items qualifying for rule 10.

-- Once again, here my critics are working overtime.

>15. Fit the facts to alternate conclusions. This requires
>creative thinking unless the crime was planned with contingency
>conclusions in place.

-- We are dealing here with probabilities. That is, given what

we know, what is the probability that Dr. Hynek was NOT maintaining any of the associations he had back in the late 1940s and early 1950s when he was, like St. Paul, actively prosecuting those he would later champion? It's your call.

>16. Vanishing evidence and witnesses. If it does not exist, it >is not fact, and you won't have to address the issue.

-- This is the tack taken by Mr. Clark in his encyclopedia where whole aspects of ufology are disappeared. I can speak with authority here because I am sure I am one of the few people on this list who actually owns the work and has studied it -- hard.

>17. Change the subject. Usually in connection with one of the >other ploys listed here, find a way to side-track the discussion >with abrasive or controversial comments in hopes of turning >attention to a new, more manageable topic. This works especially >well with companions who can "argue" with you over the new topic >and polarize the discussion arena in order to avoid discussing >more key issues.

-- I have been accused of doing this and it's true that the subject did change -- because a much more interesting topic was brought up, by my critics! This did lead to this revealing series of threads.

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>18. Emotionalize, Antagonize, and Goad Opponents. If you can't >do anything else, chide and taunt your opponents and draw them >into emotional responses which will tend to make them look >foolish and overly motivated, and generally render their >material somewhat less coherent. Not only will you avoid >discussing the issues in the first instance, but even if their >emotional response addresses the issue, you can further avoid >the issues by then focusing on how "sensitive they are to >criticism".

-- I plead guilty to a little of this, but under duress.

>19. Ignore proof presented, demand impossible proofs. This is >perhaps a variant of the "play dumb" rule. Regardless of what >material may be presented by an opponent in public forums, claim >the material irrelevant and demand proof that is impossible for >the opponent to come by (it may exist, but not be at his >disposal, or it may be something which is known to be safely >destroyed or withheld, such as a murder weapon). In order to >completely avoid discussing issues may require you to >categorically deny and be critical of media or books as valid >sources, deny that witnesses are acceptable, or even deny that >statements made by government or other authorities have any >meaning or relevance.

-- Once again, this is an area where my critics do well.

>20. False evidence. Whenever possible, introduce new facts or >clues designed and manufactured to conflict with opponent >presentations as useful tools to neutralize sensitive issues or >impede resolution. This works best when the crime was designed >with contingencies for the purpose, and the facts cannot be >easily separated from the fabrications.

-- Everything I've mentioned is on the public record except for a couple of items which, it turns out, aren't even key to the issue at hand. My critics have, in the main, blown themselves out of the water as anyone can see by reading the entire series of threads.

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>21. Call a Grand Jury, Special Prosecutor, or other empowered >investigative body. Subvert the (process) to your benefit and >effectively neutralize all sensitive issues without open >discussion. Once convened, the evidence and testimony are >required to be secret when properly handled. For instance, if

>you own the prosecuting attorney, it can insure a Grand Jury
>hears no useful evidence and that the evidence is sealed an
>unavailable to subsequent investigators. Once a favorable
>verdict (usually, this technique is applied to find the guilty
>innocent, but it can also be used to obtain charges when seeking
>to frame a victim) is achieved, the matter can be considered
>officially closed.

-- This is the job of the Tag Team, the unofficial police agency
of the list. But they haven no power of arrest.

>22. Manufacture a new truth. Create your own expert(s),
>group(s), author(s), leader(s) or influence existing ones
>willing to forge new ground via scientific, investigative, or
>social research or testimony which concludes favorably. In this
>way, if you must actually address issues, you can do so
>authoritatively.

-- The "leadership" of ufology is entirely self-created and
maintains itself, in part, by NOT addressing certain issues.

>23. Create bigger distractions. If the above does not seem to
>be working to distract from sensitive issues, or to prevent
>unwanted media coverage of unstoppable events such as trials,
>create bigger news stories (or treat them as such) to distract
>the multitudes.

-- Take a look at the MJ-12 business, closely, and think about
where the headwaters of that activity probably arose. But, oops,
that's one of those off-limits areas!

>24. Silence critics. If the above methods do not prevail,
>consider removing opponents from circulation by some definitive
>solution so that the need to address issues is removed entirely.
>This can be by their death, arrest and detention, blackmail or
>destruction of their character by release of blackmail
>information, or merely by proper intimidation with blackmail or
>other threats.

-- List owners have the ultimate power here and I must say that
in the particular case, of the _Sherm Larson and Ufology_
thread, and the others too, I have no reason for complaint.

>25. Vanish. If you are a key holder of secrets or otherwise
>overly illuminated and you think the heat is getting too hot, to
>avoid the issues, vacate the kitchen.

-- No doubt my critics believe they have made things hot for me
on this list and that I will vanish. Hardly. I, too, can't stop
laughing.

Yes, Roger I am waiting for that invitation from Art Bell... see
what you can do to expedite it.

Gary Alevy

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 12:57:35 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 06:37:48 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 22:59:22 -0500
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

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<snip>

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Thank you for your interesting analysis, and your very appropriate conclusion, it seems to me. Just a few more thoughts:

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On the other hand the mere fact that he put the film on the market means that he was very sure of not being prosecuted. However, many parts of his story, such as the camaraman's story, are not credible. Just to mention the claim of having kept highly secret reels and developed them himself. The story is preposterous, and therefore Santilli did not get the film the way he says.

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From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 07:11:41 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 06:44:32 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

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Best regards,

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 11:59:31 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 07:06:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 10:10:05 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 01:16:36 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>As far as Kal Korff goes...He has been a staunch attacker of
>the Billy Meier case since he was 16 years old. Kal is a
>'compadre' of old William (Bill) Moore's. If you remember the
>1989 MUFON CONVENTION, speech Moore made in Las Vegas, Nevada,
>then you know of what I speak.

>From 1980 onward, Moore attacked the "Meier" photos, mainly,
>because Wendelle Stevens would not share them and the
>information with him about the case, at the 1980 UFO Convention
>in San Francisco. When he demanded the information Stevens had
>gathered, and Stevens told him to go get it the same way he
>had; namely go visit Billy Meier in Switzerland, Moore became
>furious. He immediately went to Jim and Coral Lorenzen and
>denounced the Meier case as an out and out fraud.

>From that time onward, he used every weapon in his arsenal to
>discredit Meier. One of those weapons was a 16 year old boy by
>the name of Kal Korff, whom Moore shaped into the early form of
>"attack dog." Moore felt that if he attacked Meier so
>viscously, he might be sued for slander, however, a 16 year old
>minor, would not suffer such a fate..

Thank you, Michael, for this important information on the
Moore/Korff connection, and the origin of the attacks on Billy
Meier. This is important because, after their attacks, almost
everybody has been convinced that Billy Meier was a fraud. It is
always a grave act to demolish the reputation of anyone. But I
see now doubts been expressed about the pertinence of these
attacks, especially after a bad TV show (one more). So, what
about if Meier was not a fraud, after all ? Then we would have
one more shameful scandal in ufology.

Some simple remarks:

Nobody has yet explained convincingly how a poor man, with only
one arm, was able to fake a whole series of extraordinary
pictures, and a film.

The testimony of his ex-wife is doubtful, since she contradicts
previous testimony (when did she lie ?). There are several
independant witnesses (interviewed in the video "Contact") who
claim to have seen Meier's UFOs.

I have actually just met one, on the occasion of a conference in
Italy last month. His name is Guido Moosbrugger, he is an old
close friend of Meier, and he was there to present his history

(I have his address).

Later, I had some time to talk with him, waiting for the plane at the Rome airport, and he told me very interesting things. He claims, not only to have seen Meier's UFO's but to have made some pictures of them. He also claims to have seen Meier disappear from sight in the middle of a large field ! (Previously, Wendelle Stevens told me a similar story, when I met him at the Brazillia Forum in december 1997).

I realize that this kind of testimony invites all kinds of sneer and sarcasm. But the same treatment may be applied (and has been) to thousands of UFO cases. About the fake pictures, Guido told me that many of them had been made purposely by outside people to discredit Meier. About his ex-wife Poppy, he thinks also that she was influenced by outside people.

I don't know what may be true of all this, but it makes me wonder about those alleged "Blonds":

Do they really exist, where do they come from, are they in conflict with the Greys, etc.? It's about time to think seriously about that sort of questions, it seems to me.

BTW, the fact that the Pleiades are young stars does not preclude the possibility that some ET races would have settled there, coming from elsewhere. We have to be careful before declaring that this or that is impossible.

We are so ignorant!

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 01:41:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 07:08:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 21:45:36 -0500
>Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 00:16:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:11:16 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

Previously, Robert Stephens admitted:

>>>I do thank Mr. Richard C. Hoagland and Art Bell to give me a
>>>opportunity to attempt foolishly to debate topics for which I
>>>was obviously ill prepared for and failed miserably.

I commented:

>>Wow. Looks like 1999 is gonna be a good year after all.

>>Hey, maybe we can get Gary Alevy to appear on Art Bell next!

>>Ahhhhh. Wishful thinking...

Gary's response:

>Roger, you can't know how much I would love going on Art Bell's
>show. The things it would do my sales!

What the hell is this?

After weeks of hiding in the shadows from my single question,
you suddenly come up for air because of a commercial
opportunity?

"The things it would do my sales"?

It would "do yo' sales" even more good if you'd stop avoiding
the issues. You do realize, Gary, that even someone like Art
Bell is likely to ask you real questions and expect real
answers?

Unbelievable. I hope you get your wish.

Roger Evans

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From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 00:48:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 07:25:12 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 01:46:34 EST
>Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 20:36:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:32:16 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

Okay, kids...

Get out the TV trays and fix yourself a snack cause this is gonna take a while to sort out.

Bright and early this morning, I received the following email from an obviously agitated Peter Gersten regarding my response to his cry in the wilderness about how "WE" were all fooled by "Savior Stephens". As this post has recently appeared in its entirety, I shall snip here and there while retaining the most vital info. I'm sure Mr. Gersten will let me know if I've avoided anything important.

Previously, I had written:

>>I am stunned.

>>If you have been reading this list at all, I think you'll find >>that virtually NO ONE took Stephens seriously, much less thought >>of him as a 'savior'.

Peter replies:

>You got me there....I do not read your list.

Obviously, this is not true as illustrated by the following post:

>>From: UFOLAWYER1@aol.com
>>Date: Wed, 24 Jun 1998 20:27:07 EDT
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Seeking Info on Wurtsmith 1975 Sighting

>>In a message dated 6/24/98 3:38:44 PM US Mountain Standard Time, >>updates@globalserve.net writes:

>>>I'm looking for a reported UFO incident relating to Wurtsmith,

>>>Michigan in 1975. I need to know the exact date or dates and >>>what was believed to have happened.

>>Diana,

>>I have the documents on Wurtsmith and will send them to you.

>>Peter

Peter's email to me then goes on to ask:

>Didn't know it [the list] was

>required reading. Would have saved me alot of time and
>trouble...huh?

It might, at that, Peter. Though it would seem that time and trouble are things you have in short supply since we've seen very little of either, lately from you.

Moving on, I had written:

>>His "swordsmanship", as you put it, was so severely lacking
>>that even most armchair ufologists didn't even give him a second
>>thought.

Peter replied:

>Really now? Armchair ufologists? Not even a second thought? So
>why are you e-mailing me?

This, of course, is another error on Peter's part as indicated by ebk:

>[Legal 'Eagle' Peter Gersten is not paying attention to the
>evidence - Roger didn't send him the 'offending' mail _I_ did,
>as a 'Bcc;' --ebk]

Again, if Peter had taken the "time and trouble" to READ the header, then he would have realized that it was sent by UpDates and not me.

Moving on, I had declared:

>>The fact that you were fooled doesn't mean that the majority
>>was also.

Amazingly, he now asks:

>How was I fooled my friend?

Well, Peter, the following is taken directly from YOUR post:

>>Mr. Stephens was able to fool us for over 80 days. Shame on us. We
>>are so eager, CAUS included, to find the truth, that we will embrace
>>any 'savior' who presents himself cloaked in the garb of 'knowing
>>the truth.'

I'd say that pretty much answers that question. However, Peter now wants to know the following:

>Majority of what? My 6500 members?
>How many People are on your list? Did your poll the list? And
>why would I care whether 'your list' was fooled or not.

Actually, I don't think that you are gaining any credibility by maintaining that only the CAUS members were fooled. Of course, you do bring up a valid point with the following:

>My
>CAUSupdates go to CAUS members which, the last I looked, you are
>not a member of.

Correct. Besides, why would I want to be a member of the only group on this planet that, according to you, was fooled by Robert Stephens?

However, you really should do more research when you write:

>Doubt that 'updates@globalserve' is [a member] either.

Again, ebk provides us with the REAL truth:

>[No? There are about 200 posts - directly from your list -
>sitting in my archive here. Missing the evidentiary clues
>again Mr. Gersten? And I'm quite sure that a few of the
>_many_ knowledge-able subscribers to UpDates will be most
>happy to respond to you via this List. I'll be sure to pass
>them on to you. --ebk]

Ultimately, I had stated:

>>With all due respect, Mr. Gersten, you need to speak for
>>yourself. The picture you paint is one of justification for

>>your own gullibility and you can leave me out of it.

Peter responded with this nonsense:

>You have been left out of it...by your own choice. Unless of
>CAUS you have some UFO accomplishments that I am not aware of.
>So why are you getting involved now? You can be sure that my
>'we' had nothing to do with someone as intelligent and wise as
>you.

Well, for starters, the term "WE" means just what it states;
you, me, everybody concerned. But since you seem intent on
making a point of this, I'll play your game. Earlier you had
stated:

>>We are so eager, CAUS included, to find the truth, etc, etc, etc.

So, here's a little lesson in sentence structure.

Ready?

If "we" already included CAUS members, then why add "CAUS
included"? If the statement was intended to be read by CAUS
members only, wouldn't they already know who "we" signified?
Obviously, Mr. Gersten, you intended this statement for a larger
audience; in fact anyone that would listen and cut you some
slack for your unwise support of Mr. Stephens.

Now, rounding out this panorama of illogic are the following
additional emails from Mr. Gersten concerning his post:

>I assume, in all fairness, you will be posting my response
>to your mailing list..since I am not a member.

Of course, again, all he had to do was take the "time and
trouble" to read the header of his OWN outgoing email to know
that he had already done that. The email I received this
morning was a 'Cc:' of his post clearly addressed to UpDates.
In fact, at the very moment he was questioning me about whether
I would send it in, ebk had already received it from Peter and
was formatting it for the list.

When I pointed this out to Peter, he replied:

>Since I am not a member, I would assume it was not
>posted...even though I sent it to your list. Did you see
>it posted? I have not. So please post it..if only to
>respond to it.

>And now I request that both my responses be posted on
>your list. Please note that this one is not addressed to
>your list...so no lame excuse please.

Lame? I'll give you lame, Hotshot.

First off, how would you expect to see it, at all, if you don't
read this list? Ah, but of course, you really do...

Second, how do you think I read your original post in the first
place if it wasn't on UpDates? Ah, but of course, it was...

Third, as you so wisely pointed out, I'm not a CAUS member, so
you know you didn't send me a copy. Ah, but maybe you weren't
sure. After all, you don't seem to remember who you send
emails to, do you?

So what have we learned here, today?

- 1) We know that Mr. Gersten reads this list when he claims not to.
- 2) We know that he doesn't give his own list members much credit for having snap enough to see through Robert Stephens.
- 3) We know that Mr. Gersten conveniently "forgets" what he wrote when backed into a corner; i.e. "How was I fooled, my friend?"
- 4) We know that Mr. Gersten does not bother to check his facts as illustrated by his confusion over something as simple as email.

5) We know that Mr. Gersten is obviously embarrassed by his association with Robert Stephens and would really like nothing more than for me to go away right now and quit pointing out the flaws in his justifications for what he wrote.

It should be noted that, after receiving his email this morning, it took me no more than five minutes and one phone call to clear up the mystery of why Peter thought I had sent him an email of my post.

Five minutes.

And I did it the hard way. All Peter had to do was access the kludge lines of his incoming post at the click of button. According to my research, he uses AOL V4.0 and has Windows 95, sub 236 which should allow him that kind of info. And even if there was some funky AOL related problem to prevent that, at the least all he had to do was read the damn header.

How do I know all this? I did a little research from the comfort of my armchair. Didn't even break a sweat.

5 minutes.

I accessed info from the web regarding Stephens' bogus Naval SEAL background in less time than that. Given Gersten's claim that Stephens fooled him for over 80 days, I calculate that Peter had over 23,040 missed opportunities (at five minutes each) to check on Stephens' bogus background. So why didn't he? For the same reason he didn't check out his own damn email, I guess.

Finally, Peter Gersten offered this early in the post:

>Roger Evans? Do not
>think I have heard that name before. But I am sure it is simply
>an oversight on my part. So please enlighten me as to your
>contribution to the UFO movement.

You were just a part of it, Peter.

Later,

Roger "Lazee-boy" Evans

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Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 02:07:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 07:48:58 -0500
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: The Stephens Affair
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 20:21:34 -0600

>Geri & Alfred Webre <Ecotoday@aol.com> wrote:

>>Stephens appears to be a "guided missile," a spreader of
>>mis/disinformation whose function it is to get the UFO community
>>confused and attacking each other. "Guided missiles" also appear
>>in other fields of public interest research, such as
>>assassination research.

>Sigh, I guess it's worthwhile to voice a point of view that
>doesn't have roots in the mythological machinery of Art Bell,
>Rense, and others who are in the field of paranormal and
>conspiratorial entertainment.

Hi John,

Just a quicky and then I'm outta here.

I'll thank you to leave Jeff Rense off of your sh*t list. He's a good man doing an honorable job. Not all media people are charlatans. Jeff Rense is an exception to the rule. (As is EBK with his 'Strange Days... Indeed') Jeff is an honorable guy and has proven himself (to me) to be a man of character as well. I have that as first hand knowledge from having dealt with him directly. I just wanted to interject that.

Back to your thread. Thanx for tolerating my 'pop-in'.

Peace,

John Velez, Webmaster IF-AIC

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[CAUS] - Mysterious Signal Update and Finnish Air

From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 01:27:57 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 07:59:57 -0500
Subject: [CAUS] - Mysterious Signal Update and Finnish Air

[Hot from the list to which updates@globalserve.net is
'not' subscribed -- ebk]

Dear CAUS Members:

On this Thursday, CAUS shares with you an update on a signal coming from the vicinity of the moon and an interesting report on a UFO-jet air battle over Finland.

MYSTERIOUS SIGNAL STILL DETECTED.

CAUS thanks Charlie Plyler (cplyler@i-america.net) and Kent Steadman (Phikent@aol.com) for their reports:

1) Charlie writes:

This seems to be a continuing pattern but I will have to perform a daily data analysis to be certain. We have just recovered from an ice storm complete with power outages. The most critical problem we had during the period were the constant surges and arcs indicated by current flows in the earth.

I have looked into the .9hz signal a little more thoroughly and it is a real oddity. These signals occur on a daily basis in most cases however will miss a day or two. I am in the process of going back into the files and pulling out the data for the frequencies and times of interest.

Below is a table which you may find interesting. The last column indicates distance difference between the wavelength and the moon.

Date	Time	Frequency	Wavelength	Distance to Moon	
12/06/98	10:09 UT	.9275 hz	323,256 km	384,016 km	60,260 km
12/08/98	20:28 UT	.9375 hz	324,129 km	374,991 km	50,862 km
12/22/98	10:09 UT	.9373 hz	319,876 km	387,692 km	67,816 km
12/30/98	10:07 UT	.9380 hz	319,637 km	363,858 km	44,226 km
01/01/99	10:07 UT	.9369 hz	320,012 km	366,271 km	46,259 km
01/04/99	10:12 UT	.9375 hz	319,808 km	378,238 km	58,430 km
01/05/99	20:36 UT	.9374 hz	319,842 km	386,249 km	66,952 km
01/06/99	10:43 UT	.9390 hz	319,297 km	389,492 km	70,195 km

If you look starting on the date of 12/30 you will be able to see more clearly the ratio of the signal to the moon's apogee and perigee. The moon is moving away from the earth. The signal is doing so also, but not in proportion to the rate of the moon. Also on 01/06 the signal wavelength is shorter as if it had already reached it's opogee and has started going in the other direction. (<http://www.elfrad.com/>)

CAUS note: (apogee: the point in the orbit of an object (as a satellite) orbiting the earth that is at the greatest distance from the center of the earth; also: the point farthest from a planet or a satellite (as the moon) reached by an object orbiting it -- compare Perigee: the point in the orbit of an object (as a satellite) orbiting the earth that is nearest to the center of the earth; also: the point nearest a planet or a satellite (as the moon) reached by an object orbiting it)

Kent writes:

Focusing now on the signal watch, I am constantly updating the info and graphic support at ORBIT, including links to Charlie's data charts and my interpretations. I would suggest this URL be circulated for the latest:

<http://members.aol.com/phikent/orbit/orbit.html>

CAUS is seeking the help of anyone with the necessary expertise to help determine what this signal is. CAUS is requesting that anyone with an appropriate telescope look at the moon, in particular near the rim--Mare Orientales as a starting point. Please report any oddities, lights, or red or orange glow.

UFOs--JET BATTLE OVER FINLAND

CAUS thanks Joseph Trainor, editor of UFO ROUNDUP (Volume 4, Number 1 January 5, 1999) for this report:

Ufologists in Finland are looking into a reported air battle between a Finnish jet fighter and a squadron of five UFOs.

According to Lars Osterman, the dogfight took place on March 31, 1997 in northern Finland. Local researchers learned of it when the pilot, whose name has been kept under wraps, phoned a radio talk show and reportedly said he was "having trouble dealing with" the experience.

According to Osterman, the fighter was an F-18A Hornet of the Suomen Ilmavartiolaitos (Finnish Air Force--J.T.), which was posted to the Lapin Lennosto (Far North Air Department) air base at Rovaniemi, 400 kilometers (240 miles) north of Helsinki.

The F-18 took off on "a routine 960-kilometer patrol of the border" with Russia. As the jet flew over the frozen tundra southeast of Lake Inarijarvi, the pilot spotted three discoid UFOs flying in a northeasterly direction. Going in for a closer look, the pilot saw that "there seemed to be five saucers, instead of just three." He then radioed Rovaniemi and advised them of the situation. Lapin Lennosto Flight Control ordered him to intercept the objects.

The five UFOs, described by the pilot as "glowing orange objects," veered sharply to the Northwest. The F-18 pursued them to Ivalo, a city 200 kilometers (120 miles) north of Rovaniemi. From there, the F-18 chased the saucers west to Inari, 40 kilometers (24 miles) to the Northwest. Then the saucers darted eastward, high above Lake Inarijarvi.

The pilot told Flight Control that the UFOs were breaking formation and requested permission to fire at them. Flight Control responded, "Permission granted. Fire at will." The pilot got behind one glowing saucer and lined it up with the reticule on his windshield "heads up" display. But instead of picking up the "target acquisition tone" in his earphones, he heard the raucous honk of an alarm. All at once, the targeting computer went off-line. The "heads up" display disappeared. The F-18's firing system for the 20mm cannon was also down. Instantly the pilot hit the "arming" switch for his air-to-air missiles. The red Malfunction light began blinking on the dashboard.

According to Osterman, the saucers regrouped and flew away to the East "at Mach 4 or 5. They had an orange glow around them." None of the F-18's flight control systems were affected, and the pilot returned safely to Rovaniemi. "They tested the computers for days afterward but could find nothing wrong with them," he added. The saucers crossed the border and were last seen heading for Talvikula in Russia. (Email Interview)

Hope everyone has a conflictless Thursday and of CAUS...watch the skies!

Peter A. Gersten
Director

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Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 03:21:31 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 09:19:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 14:02:53 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>>From: Stephen G. Bassett <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
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>>Subject: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

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><snip>

>>Stephen Bassett is the founder of Paradigm Research Group, the

>>author of The Paradigm Clock <http://www.paradigmclock.com> and
>>the only registered lobbyist in the United States representing
>>extraterrestrial phenomena research and activist organizations.

>This statement is slightly in error.

>My personal lobbyist, William Casselman II, long officially
>registered on my behalf with both houses of Congress, is very
>much involved with representing on the Hill the interests of
>RPIT (Roswell Photo Interpretation Team) in its current Roswell
>Revisitation Project.

>As it has been reported on UFO UpDates, my members of congress
>have been petitioned to insist that the US Government without
>further delay "unlock the Roswell craft garage" and permit an
>open and complete inspection of the announced "captured"
>wreckage, all designed to solve the Roswell Riddle after 51
>years!

<snip>

James,

Duly noted with interest. If anyone else knows or has a
lobbyist registering an issue(s) in the field of
extraterrestrial phenomena research, please contact me at:
ParadigmRG@aol.com

Thanks,
Steve Bassett

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Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 03:40:37 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 09:25:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 16:36:10 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
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>Hi All,

>LMAO! _These_ are the guys who are going to evaluate last years
>progress (or lack of it) in ufology?

>Isn't this also a list of names of the same guys that are at the
>root of _what_is_wrong_ with ufology?

>And Art Bell is hosting! Oh man, this is just too rich. Excuse
>me while I drop off my chair (again) and roll around on the
>floor laughing my keester off.

>There is a physics lesson hidden in here somewhere. Let me see
>if I can sus it out, . . .

>A. Art Bell is the most full of sh*t of the lot.

>B. So it stands to reason that he has more 'mass' than the
>others.

>C. Therefore, his gravitational pull on the other smaller
>'turds' causes them to, . . .

>D. gravitate towards Bell. - Where, . . .

>E. . . . they eventually assume permanent orbits around their
>primary.

>How was that?

>A good 'empirical' test of this theory would be to flush, and
>then carefully observe - a toilet. (Following a substantial
>bowel movement.) Same 'principle' applies here with only one
>glaring exception: *Unless you are South of the Equator. In
>which case the "planetoids" will orbit the "main mass" in a
>counter clockwise direction!

>Bell
>Greer
>Gersten
>Hoagland

>Talk about "piled high and deep!"

Mr. Velez

It is not particularly comfortable to check into a scientific inquiry mail list and see one's associates referred to as "turds".

However, your post was funny in some respects. I can only assume your skill at using this particular metaphor comes from a substantially protracted period wherein your head has been thoroughly entrenched in your ass.

Regards,
Stephen Bassett

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Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 23:37:55 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 09:29:03 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 19:32:03 -0000

>Question: Has anyone heard of any experimental government
>aircraft as referred to as 'pumpkin seeds'?

>Larry Clark
>www.nymufon.org

Yes, but there were only a few brief mentions in some editions of 'Aviation Week' back in the early 1990s as far as I know. Whilst there may well be some similar type of aircraft the evidence for it is very slim indeed and in fact, if my memory serves me correctly, one of the stories about this turned out to be made up!

Nevertheless, there are various black project aircraft of a triangular nature still to emerge from the shadows....

I'll try and get more refs for you.

Tim matthews

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Re: The Stephens Affair

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 08:04:18 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 09:30:47 -0500
Subject: Re: The Stephens Affair

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratclif@inlink.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: The Stephens Affair
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 20:21:34 -0600

Hi John,

What you said, Bro!

Bob

P.S.: Glad to see you posting again. We need "heads" like yours
in this weird, wacky field.

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 08:11:08 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 09:33:44 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 12:57:35 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 22:59:22 -0500
>>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Regarding the FOX 'Hoax Special' program...

><snip>

>>Still many more questions than answers.

>Thank you for your interesting analysis, and your very
>appropriate conclusion, it seems to me. Just a few more
>thoughts:

<snip>

>So what happened ?? I am surprised that the very possible
>hypothesis of a "secret services" operation has been paid so
>little attention, apparently (or am I wrong here ?). And yet,
>there are many precedents. If we go back in time, we know that,
>for instance, AFOSI issued doctored documents and informations
>to ufological circles, some of them through William Moore, who
>confessed it. So, why not a film ?

Actually, Ray Santilli has suggested just that to me. He thinks
he may have been selected and duped by such an operation.

>Incidentally, I may have some information to release soon on the
>"KGB secrets" TV production. Russian ufologist Boris Shurinov,
>to whom I sent the video, has already presented a rather
>devastating analysis of it at a recent conference in Italy
>(Cagliari, in Sardinia, 12 december 1998). He is to send me soon
>a summary of it (he was completing his inquiry) with his
>authorization to circulate it. Just to give an example, he
>claims that the uniforms of the soldiers are not correct : they
>wear an officer's belt! Again, we will have to wonder about who
>made that video.

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me Boris's
address by e-mail. He gave it to me when we met in San Marino a
couple of years ago, but I somehow managed to lose it. I want
to send him some promised material. BTW, at the time we met he
was convinced that the Santilli film was genuine.

Bob Shell

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 08:15:52 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 09:36:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 11:59:31 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 10:10:05 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>>Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 01:16:36 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>As far as Kal Korff goes...He has been a staunch attacker of
>>the Billy Meier case since he was 16 years old. Kal is a
>>compadre' of old William (Bill) Moore's. If you remember the
>>1989 MUFON CONVENTION, speech Moore made in Las Vegas, Nevada,
>>then you know of what I speak.

I have to admit a great deal of puzzlement over Meier. On the
face of it, he seems an obvious hoaxer. And some of his photos
do, indeed, seem to be rather crude fakes.

However, there are other photos from him which are much more
difficult to explain, and I am currently looking at some of them
which Wendelle Stevens has kindly loaned me. Those showing
multiple UFOs passing behind tree branches are the ones most
difficult to consider as hoaxes.

It is a shame that all of the available material is so far
removed from first generation, since this makes definitive
analysis practically impossible.

Bob Shell

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From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 08:52:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 09:41:29 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
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Hi Larry,

That is Alfred Loedding's name for his low-aspect ratio aircraft
which he was testing.

I think Wendy Connors and Michael Hall will surely mention it in
their new book, 'Alfred Loedding and the Great UFO Wave of
1947'.

Jan

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>Stephen Bassett

Plump the cushions, pop the corn, fun to watch for some I'm
sure. Watch respect get flushed away; watch us turn the clock
back -- Hey! Say those things you'll soon regret, make no peace,
but better yet, take your cheap shots where you can, or piss and
moan if that's your brand! Wrap yourself in litigation; lose
your will and concentration. Keep your fulsome fires fanned --
with too much heat the light's been banned. Regarding usage --

anal pores, and ear lobes popping back and forth? That's on usenet, we refrain from *cheaper* shots that wound and stain. Let's keep the talk enlightened -- civil. Let's argue on the facts, not drivél. Let's rise above this stirred up murk where evils roam, and devils lurk. Let's keep our mind upon the prize, and eyes upon our endless skies. We'll be better for it, sure, and that's the pay-off -- sweet and pure.

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

It'll make the saucers come down <g>.

>Explore the Alien View!

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<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

<Updated 29 December>

John Ford Restoration Fund -- Send your checks and money orders to _me_, Alfred Lehmborg (cut out the lawyers, they got their's) at: 304 Melbourne Drive, Enterprise AL, 36330. Strict records kept.

"Only thin, _very light_ envelopes with a return address will be accepted <g>." ~~~ \$225.00 pledged -- \$125.00 collected ~~~

"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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Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 10:38:37 -0800
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Subject: Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse

A suggestion concerning Loren Gross' books: Place the material on CD-rom. Several people have asked about this possibility.

Is there any interest in such a project?

Thanks.

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 10:14:09 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 22:36:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 08:15:52 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

Bob wrote:

>I have to admit a great deal of puzzlement over Meier. On the
>face of it, he seems an obvious hoaxer. And some of his photos
>do, indeed, seem to be rather crude fakes.

>However, there are other photos from him which are much more
>difficult to explain, and I am currently looking as some of them
>which Wendelle Stevens has kindly loaned me. Those showing
>multiple UFOs passing behind tree branches are the ones most
>difficult to consider as hoaxes.

>It is a shame that all of the available material is so far
>removed from first generation, since this makes definitive
>analysis practically impossible.

The interested person should try to get hold of a few of Meier's photos from his Fuchsbuel-Hofhalden series showing the craft on all sides of a particular evergreen tree. There it is not as crucial, considering the photos date to 1975, that they be first generation, since in some the craft behind the tree shows through gaps and holes within the tree's branches.

I once took several photos from this series, including the one that best shows the tree's trunk, to a couple of professors in Forestry at Oregon State University, and asked if they could identify what kind of a tree it was. They had no trouble pronouncing it a mature abies alba (European silver fir), and definitely no model tree. If it had been a model tree, its lower half would have been obscured by the tall meadow grass existent there in July, and it could not have been identified as a particular species having a top already showing signs of "storknesting" or arrested growth due to environmental stress.

Yet, the hypothesis of a model UFO attached to a model tree has been the only way out for persons like Korff, who has pushed this hypothesis but has never reported having sought professional opinion about the tree.

In making the model-tree claim, Korff has noted a certain similarity between that tree and the one in a different location about which the craft was filmed by Meier to circle or swing, almost as if it were a model on a string acting like a pendulum. So Korff has claimed both trees were the same model. However, the similarity in the trees' outlines is only superficial upon close inspection.

If you take a couple of the photo copies from the Fuchsbuel-Hofhalden series to an appropriate professor in forestry for an opinion on the tree, it is of course important that you not end up with one who thinks genuine UFOs cannot exist. All bets would then be off as to the trustworthiness of his opinion in this instance. The leading professor in forestry I happened to take them to said he had an open mind regarding

UFOs. He had been raised in West Germany and had been accustomed to seeing the European silver firs in that general vicinity. This tree has been loosely called a "weather pine" in some of Wendelle Stevens' books. Wendelle still retains, I believe, over two dozen Meier UFO photos of second generation.

Those interested in learning more about the Meier case from first-hand investigators and first-hand witnesses could consider attending the Tuesday afternoon session of the 8th Annual International UFO Congress in Laughlin, NV, on Feb. 23rd. Speakers then will be Wendelle Stevens, Michael Hessemann, one of Meier's two sons, and the woman who, when she was a child at her grandfather's ashram near Mehrauli, India, in 1964, had witnessed Meier with Asket.

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 13:35:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 22:43:54 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 01:46:34 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Cc: moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com
>Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

> [Non-subscriber Post - Open Mailer - Insert Foot...]

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:32:16 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

<snip>

>Roger Evans? Do not
>think I have heard that name before. But I am sure it is simply
>an oversight on my part. So please enlighten me as to your
>contribution to the UFO movement..other than representing the
>outrage of 'your list' to my use of the pronoun 'we.'

<snip>

>You got me there....I do not read your list.* Didn't know it was
>required reading.

<snip>

>How was I fooled my friend? Majority of what? My 6500 members?
>How many People are on your list? Did your poll the list? And
>why would I care whether 'your list' was fooled or not.

<snip>

> [No? There are about 200 posts - directly from your list -
> sitting in my archive here. Missing the evidentiary clues
> again Mr. Gersten? And I'm quite sure that a few of the
> _many_ knowledge-able subscribers to UpDates will be most
> happy to respond to you via this List. I'll be sure to pass
> them on to you. --ebk]

etc.

Mr. Lawyer,

Please realize that yourself - more specifically CAUS - were the
main victims of the Stephens incident.

Stephens came right at you, you believed him, and got deceived.
Instead of Clintonizing the issue, I suggest you use your wits
to figure out why it happened and how you're gonna get out of
this mess. Looks like clear intent <g>: you were the target.

No use killing a messenger like Roger Evans: you know very well
it's cheap tactics in LOST causes. Better use your efforts to
win this case, otherwise you will only end out to prove that
being a somebody only makes Gertsen a bigger ass than a nobody.

Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

On a personal point of view, judging from your attitude towards Barry Greenwood in your CAUS take-over, I think you deserved Stephens.

Serge Salvaille

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 13:37:58 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 22:47:42 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

Without wishing to name names, quote quotes, read notes or bother folks... by throwing their own words back down their throats and making noises much like goats (Hey Lehmborg, just call me Rembaud!)...

And... After reading the threads, the accusations, castigations and manifestations of the demonetization of one the other on subjects which, when taken together and rehashed over and over tend to demonstrate one of three things... (I am so very sorry I could not get that to rhyme, writer's block.... it happens)...

1) They detract from the sum total of human knowledge (which is already a lot like the ozone layer....) by continued bickering...

2) They are manifest of a little known but sometimes debilitating illness often referred to as the "Nya, Nya" Syndrome ... you've heard it before...

"They do!"
"Do not!"
"DO"
"NOT"

"Nya Nya"

I Said three things, did I not? Well, uh, I forgot what the hell the third thing was.... Alzheimer's, you know ... it can be frustrating, yet sublimely soothing. Much like Gripple!

And in order to appease Torontoites, Torontotities, Torontians... uh, well just plain Canadians...

"Eh?"

You're welcome!

In conclusion... and relative to the ongoing argument on Stevens, I wish to contribute by using the following logic, which when confronted by emotion, never wins a debate...

NYA, NYA!

Dr. Morty
See my latest monograph on "Viewing Flying Saucers on Gripple"
on my website... and you know I love you, don't you?!?!

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Re: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 13:30:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 22:49:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 01:41:52 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Stephens Statement: "A Total Fraud"

>>Roger, you can't know how much I would love going on Art Bell's
>>show. The things it would do my sales!

>What the hell is this?

>After weeks of hiding in the shadows from my single question,
>you suddenly come up for air because of a commercial
>opportunity?

>"The things it would do my sales"?

>It would "do yo' sales" even more good if you'd stop avoiding
>the issues. You do realize, Gary, that even someone like Art
>Bell is likely to ask you real questions and expect real
>answers?

>Unbelievable. I hope you get your wish.

But he has to publish his book first. Do you have a publisher,
Gary?

Greg Sandow

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 15:07:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 22:53:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 03:40:37 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 16:36:10 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>>>From: Stephen G. Bassett <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 01:17:39 EST
>>>Subject: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>>>Disclosure '99? A Look Back and Ahead

>>>Art Bell - Coast to Coast - January 8/9, 1999

>>>Art Bell will talk with Stephen Bassett in a 5-hour recap and
>>>commentary on what happened and didn't happen in 1998 in the
>>>UFO/extraterrestrial phenomena research field and a look ahead
>>>at the year to come from people directly involved in the issues
>>>and events.

>><snip>

>>Hi All,

>>LMAO! These are the guys who are going to evaluate last years
>>progress (or lack of it) in ufology?

>>Isn't this also a list of names of the same guys that are at the
>>root of what is wrong with ufology?

<snip>

Stephen writes:

>Mr. Velez

>It is not particularly comfortable to check into a scientific
>inquiry mail list and see one's associates referred to as
>"turds".

There is an axiom in Spanish that goes; "Digame con quien
andas, y te digo quien eres!" Roughly translated it means;

"Tell me who you walk with, (who your friends are) and I'll
tell you who you are!"

It's a "Like attracts like" reference.

If you read the entire post you know that it was just an
expression of personal opinion and did not require a response.
It wasn't intended as fuel for debate.

>However, your post was funny in some respects. I can only assume
>your skill at using this particular metaphor comes from a

>substantially protracted period wherein your head has been
>thoroughly entrenched in your ass.

Geez, sounds like I 'winged' you! Something about my choice of 'metaphors' apparently resonated with you powerfully enough (hit home) to elicit such genuine emotion from you. I never even mentioned your name! :-D

During my wonderfully misspent youth growing up in Manhattan I had occasion to play pool. There are times in the game when you aim carefully because you want to sink a specific ball, and if you 'nick' (or sink) any of the others on the table it is referred to as a 'carom shot'.

I believe that is what happened here. The lesson for you may be: Don't hang around with 'balls' that are situated in close proximity to deep cavernous holes! ;~D

Your reaction to my opinion, "has been duly noted."
(As you are so fond of saying.)

Peace,

John Velez (Speaking strictly for myself)

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Flying Saucer Gazette is up!

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 16:03:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 01:19:44 -0500
Subject: Flying Saucer Gazette is up!

Dear FSG readers,

After a one month hiatus, during which we have been feverishly finishing our novel "Incident At Sardonica" (www.erols.com/sardonica/sardonica) and promoting "UFO Desk" 99.5 FM WBAI, NY, we are finally back on track with The Flying Saucer Gazette.

You can check out the November/December issue of FSG at: www.erols.com/sardonica and you can look forward to the January issue by the end of the month!

As always, thank you for your patience, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

-Scott C. Carr
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Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 17:10:07 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 01:23:18 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 08:52:04 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>>From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 19:32:03 -0000
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 23:39:11 -0500
>>Subject: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>>Question: Has anyone heard of any experimental government
>>aircraft as referred to as 'pumpkin seeds'?

>Hi Larry,

>That is Alfred Loedding's name for his low-aspect ratio aircraft
>which he was testing.

>I think Wendy Connors and Michael Hall will surely mention it in
>their new book, 'Alfred Loedding and the Great UFO Wave of
>1947'.

Hi Jan:

Wendy mentioned Loedding. Oddly, it was not a historical question. I was chasing a local rumor that a airman on leave was saying the U.S. is currently testing 'secret' craft throughout the county and it is referred to as the 'pumpkin seed' .

BTW, have some clipping from the 50's I be sending in a few days.

Regards,
Larry Clark

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Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 17:13:22 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 01:25:27 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft
>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 23:37:55 -0000

>>From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft
>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 19:32:03 -0000

>>Question: Has anyone heard of any experimental government
>>aircraft as referred to as 'pumpkin seeds'?

>>Larry Clark
>>www.nymufon.org

>Yes, but there were only a few brief mentions in some editions
>of 'Aviation Week' back in the early 1990s as far as I know.
>Whilst there may well be some similar type of aircraft the
>evidence for it is very slim indeed and in fact, if my memory
>serves me correctly, one of the stories about this turned out to
>be made up!

>Nevertheless, there are various black project aircraft of a
>triangular nature still to emerge from the shadows....

>I'll try and get more refs for you.

Hi:

Thanks Tim. As you may have noticed from Jan Aldrich's post, it
was a name that has some history.

Regards,
Larry Clark

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 17:34:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 01:30:13 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 07:11:41 EST
>Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 06:44:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Previously, Gildas wrote:

>I find very improbable that Ray Santilli, a small
>music producer, would have launched in such a risky and costly
>operation of producing a highly complex hoax by himself. Just
>think of the risk of a member of the production team leaking any
>part of the story, even inadvertently, any time in the future.
>For instance when talking to a friend, who would repeat it, etc.
>Santilli would soon have several dozens of TV networks suing him
>and would end up in jail for swindling. On the other hand the
>mere fact that he put the film on the market means that he was
>very sure of not being prosecuted.

Hi Gildas,

I think there is a general misconception people have about the overall "high expense" and "risk" of producing the AA footage. Nothing visible on screen is so unique that it couldn't be found in garage sales and resale shops. I know of at least four surplus places in Houston, alone, that would have all the old surgical hardware such as table, instruments, gowns etc. If I had to put a dollar figure on it all, I doubt it would top \$5,000 and that would be generous. The alien, of course, would have to be manufactured. However, despite much admiration some people seem to have for the "realistic" look of the alien, I personally find it to be quite stiff and crude. I know half a dozen guys in the low budget film industry that could do a better job for under \$10,000 and would take the money and keep their mouths shut because they would just be happy to have the work!

Finding the old film stock is not impossible. I, personally, have stumbled onto old rolls of B&W film dating back to 1958. I shot them and they processed up just fine, though a little grainy. Therefore, film and processing is practically free, as is the old Bell and Howell it was probably shot with. I wouldn't be surprised if the camera and film were found together in someone's attic! From the look of it, I doubt very seriously that a trained camera man shot one single frame, so you know his cost was doodly-squat.

The actor's faces were conveniently covered, so their "fees" would be minimal, probably no more than \$200 per person, if even that. Santilli could easily afford to "sweeten" the deal by doubling or tripling their fees to keep them quiet, though it really wouldn't be necessary.

In all, I doubt that Santilli spent more than \$20,000 dollars. Peanuts at double that price, especially if he can sell the video to network television or offer it to the sell-through market on home video. I'm sure he's spent as much producing a single music video. I know I have, even for an unknown group with little or no hope of making it commercially as a result of the video.

As far as risk is concerned; there really isn't any. Since no faces are shown, all involved would be sorely lacking in proof if they tried to "squeal" on Santilli. In fact, should any of the actors cause him to lose money by making claims that they can't prove, Santilli could sue THEM and would probably win, too.

Gilda continued by offering this:

>However, many parts of his
>story, such as the cameraman's story, are not credible. Just to
>mention the claim of having kept highly secret reels and
>developped them himself. The story is preposrerous, and
>therefore Santilli did not get the film the way he says.

Agreed.

I've posted earlier why I find the notion of some guy processing several hundred feet of film in a bucket and trying to find a place to hang-dry it really stupid. I know Bob Shell disagrees, and he has his reasons. But it makes no sense to me at all, despite the army manuals of the day claiming that it could be done. A friend of mine has an old army manual about personal hygiene that tells recruits to clip the corners of their toe-nails close to the skin "for greater comfort", I believe. None of them did, of course, because it would always cause ingrown toe-nails! So, just because the manual says to do it, doesn't mean that it's the logical thing to do. An experienced cameraman would produce better looking footage to begin with and certainly wouldn't risk such important images to bucket processing! He'd know better.

Of course, the cameraman is Santilli's weakest area. The cameraman could never be allowed to be interviewed in person, as Bob Shell found out during his research. All information must come through Santilli.

How convenient.

As far as Santilli being sure he'd never be prosecuted; for what? The unseen cameraman is his ultimate "out". Santilli can always claim that he was "duped", just as he has regarding the tent footage. Should the networks want to sue, they would have to PROVE that Santilli knew the film was a hoax; something they can't and he'll never admit. Besides, if the heat was on, he could always claim that any sensible person could tell it was a hoax and that the networks simply didn't care, which they probably wouldn't. Ratings are ratings. Don't forget, "Three's Company" was one of the highest rated shows on television for years even though it was a constant embarrassment for the network that carried it.

Ka-ching, ka-ching.

Now, a lawyer might want to weigh in on this, but an interesting way to test Santilli's resolve is for others to start copying and selling tapes of his AA footage, sans the opening titles or credits or narrative sections that he or the networks produced. After all, if the AA footage was produced by the military, then it was paid for with US tax dollars and now belongs to the general public, just like early NASA photos. For Santilli to protect his copyright, (and his profits) he'd have to prove that he produced the AA footage from scratch!

Ironic, isn't it? All the underpaid talent that worked on the film probably wouldn't lift a finger to help him.

Finally, Gildas asked:

>So what happened?? I am surprised that the very possible
>hypothesis of a "secret services" operation has been paid so
>little attention, apparently (or am I wrong here?). And yet,
>there are many precedents. If we go back in time, we know that,
>for instance, AFOSI issued doctored documents and informations
>to ufological circles, some of them through William Moore, who
>confessed it. So, why not a film?

<snip>

>I would be interested to read convincing arguments against this

>hypothesis.

I think I just presented one! :)

In closing, Gildas mentioned:

>Incidentally, I may have some information to release soon on the
>'KGB Secrets' TV production. Russian ufologist Boris Shurinov,
>to whom I sent the video, has already presented a rather
>devastating analysis of it at a recent conference in Italy
>(Cagliari, in Sardinia, 12 december 1998). He is to send me soon
>a summary of it (he was completing his inquiry) with his
>authorization to circulate it. Just to give an example, he
>claims that the uniforms of the soldiers are not correct : they
>wear an officer's belt!

The KGB ufo film? A fake?

Not the 16mm color negative film of a downed saucer that was
produced almost a decade before there was 16mm color negative
film on the market? Not the same 16mm color negative film that,
inexplicably, is kept in 35mm film canisters? (those tricky
Soviets)

A fake? Get out of here and stop kidding around, Gildas...<g>

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 18:12:03 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 01:37:53 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

The 'Pumpkin Seed' aircraft is an aircraft that used to have been spotted at Area 51 a few years back. The Aurora spyplane might have had this shape. Don't go asking people in Rachel about it. There gonna probably say stuff like, "Uh, yup, I saw that airplane last night."

By the way, my new book, 'Dreamland: The History of Area 51' is out. It is a 50 page book on the complete history of the Groom Lake base. It rather steers away from things like Bob Lazar and the UFO and relies on real facts like the A-12 program and Tactic Blue.

I am taking orders myself, you won't find it on the internet. Contact me at Radeoaktv@aol.com for details or to ask me questions that might interest you about the Groom Lake base.

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Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 18:32:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:02:01 -0500
Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 23:39:20 -0500
>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDate <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

><snip>

>>Source: <http://www.trufax.org/research2/disinforules.html>

>>Twenty-Five Rules of Disinformation - The Politicians Credo

>>Courtesy of American Patriot Friends Network and Walt
>>July 15, 1998

<snip>

>-- What are the real issues in the dispute which broke out last
>month over Dr. Hynek? This real issues revolve around the fact
>that there is AMPLE evidence, evidence tantamount to proof, FOR
>ME, that Dr. Hynek was working both sides of the street in his
>later career as Godfather of ufology. What is proof? It is the
>evidence that convinces YOU. That is, there is no absolute
>proof available in this area, short of the individual at issue
>owning up in public, as did Dr. Thornton Page (who was also a
>member of the Robertson Panel with Hynek, the web link to this
>information was included in one of my postings) a few months ago
>and just before his passing. All we are going to have is
>evidence.

I would like to correct an error here regarding Dr. Hynek's
relationship to the Robertson Panel. Hynek was not a member of
the panel, he just a presenter to the panel. Dr. Thornton Page
was a member of the Robertson Panel.

Gary Alevy

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Alternative 3/Request for Films

From: **Tim Brigham** <devilsad@ksinc.net>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 17:40:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:03:46 -0500
Subject: Alternative 3/Request for Films

Hello,

Just wondering if anyone knows of a source for the mock/shock/doc-umentary "Alternative 3." I'm aware of the book on the subject that's out there (I believe it's the illuminet press book), but I'm looking for an actual video copy of the program itself. Any help is greatly appreciated.

While I'm on the subject, I have a smallish collection of UFO related "documentaries" which are no longer available, and I'm always looking for new ones. My main interest in regards to videos includes those which are related to UMMO, Heaven's Gate, Unarius, etc etc. Propaghanda (a surely subjective term, but I think everyone on the list knows what sorts of films I'm speaking of) and indoctrination vids of all sorts are especially sought after. Please email me if you share my luv for unusual propaganda (for whatever reason, be it fun or psychosocial studies) and might be interested in trading some tapes or know of a good source from which to purchase them.

Also, my apologies for not catching up with most of the threads as of late. it's been a hectic new year so far and it will probably just get worse.

Best,
Tim Brigham

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(Currently looking for new hosts, but the below addys will do for now.)
www.ksinc.net/~devilsad/ufo.htm The Devil's Advocate
www.ksinc.net/~devilsad/ring.htm Operation MindPhuck
"Better to go hungry than to feast on lies."
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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 18:17:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:06:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 08:15:52 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>I have to admit a great deal of puzzlement over Meier. On the
>face of it, he seems an obvious hoaxer. And some of his photos
>do, indeed, seem to be rather crude fakes.

If you have followed this case from the beginnings of Wendelle's investigations, as he reported it to us in his Preliminary Investigation and the Contact Videos, as well as the Trilogy Videos, then you know the amount of energy that has gone into verification of this case, including bringing in the Japanese TV crew to help film the area and the interviews with Meier and the witnesses available at the time.

The key which most people turn is the photo key...but if you look at the over all case, the photos, some of which are excellent, are really the weakest link in the case... The landing swirls, evenly spaced are the same in each area, and I know that based on Dough and Dave, instruction, this could very easily be hoaxed as well.

But the metal samples, which Marcel Vogel verified could only have been created in a vacuum, such as space, were a key which was lost! Marcel did not do the work on these samples by himself, but had several assistants which worked with him. I know one of them very well, and he has verified that Vogel lost the last sample in 1979, and could not have given Kal Korff one in 1980... He didn't have it then...regardless of what Korff claims. I am in the process of contacting another of those assistants and see what I can learn from him...

Next there is the sounds which were recorded and witnessed by Poppi as well as others.

This as it is shown in one of the videos, was analyzed by the same group which worked with Stevie Wonder, the Musician/Singer....whom I'm sure you know of.

They verified that the sounds resonated at the same frequency when they harmonized, as the earth...here is another key... If a person takes the time and makes the effort to investigate this case, even without talking to Meier or anyone at the FIGU, they can discover many amazing things. There are many people which you can talk to if you desire to do so, Bob....

Just because someone says the "sky is falling," does not mean it is so....<G>

>However, there are other photos from him which are much more
>difficult to explain, and I am currently looking as some of them
>which Wendelle Stevens has kindly loaned me. Those showing
>multiple UFOs passing behind tree branches are the ones most
>difficult to consider as hoaxes.

Yes, and as I have said, this is the weak link in the case, the questionable key...

>It is a shame that all of the available material is so far
>removed from first generation, since this makes definitive
>analysis practically impossible.

>Bob Shell

Yes, you are correct. Buy had not Wendelle and the Elders, and Tom Welch, not been there when they were, what they retrieved, would have been lost...I am grateful that they were there....

Will we ever determine the factualness of this case? I can't say. If the Pleiadens do indeed exist, they could clear this up very quickly...but apparently, they do not wish to do so, if in fact they are a reality...

REgards, Mike

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 10:34:53 +0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:16:20 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 00:48:17 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>>From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 01:46:34 EST
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 20:36:18 -0500
>>Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 1999 10:32:16 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>Okay, kids...

>Get out the TV trays and fix yourself a snack cause this is
>gonna take a while to sort out.

>snip

>Ultimately, I had stated:

>>>With all due respect, Mr. Gersten, you need to speak for
>>>yourself. The picture you paint is one of justification for
>>>your own gullibility and you can leave me out of it.

>Peter responded with this nonsense:

>>You have been left out of it...by your own choice. Unless of
>>CAUS you have some UFO accomplishments that I am not aware of.
>>So why are you getting involved now? You can be sure that my
>>'we' had nothing to do with someone as intelligent and wise as
>>you.

>Well, for starters, the term "WE" means just what it states;
>you, me, everybody concerned. But since you seem intent on
>making a point of this, I'll play your game. Earlier you had
>stated:

>>>We are so eager, CAUS included, to find the truth, etc, etc, etc.

Perhaps what Mr Gersten meant by "We" was infact as you stated
"everyone concerned", that is everyone who is concerned with
what Mr Gersten has to say, and everyone who infactfeel they
have been fooled by Mr Stephens' lies. If you don't put
yourself into this category (and there are people out there who
do) then perhaps you should merely disregard Mr Gersten's
statement as irrelevant to you, and delete as necessary.

This is only my opinion, so you can delete as necessary :)

Friend or Foe (depending who you ask)
Sharon K

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Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 10:51:35 +0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:21:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

>Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 05:05:19 -0800
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlt@pacbell.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Ability to Detect & Identify UFOs

<snip>

>As for Stephens' shuttle UFO comments. He failed to mention that
>STS-48 was over Australia when it appeared a beam shot up from
>the earth. The darkest conjecture is that the beam was shot up
>from the Pine Gap facility (the Area 51 of Oz) as part of our
>ongoing war with aliens. The UFO or ice chunk darted away just
>in time; a great evasive action. Whatever it was, it sure looked
>great on video.

>Josh Goldstein

Was that STS-48? Saw it on a video myself a while, but never
heard any mention of it. What ever it was that darted away from
the beam seemed to move very fast. Interesting. Do you know of
any research into that incident?

Cheers,
Sharon K

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Re: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 11:08:53 +0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:23:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 12:42:56 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

>>Date: Mon, 04 Jan 1999 23:49:34 -0500
>>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers":;
>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Robert A.M. Stephens Exposed as a Fraud?

>>Source: <http://www.borderlands.com/robertfraud.htm>

>Hello List, et. al -

>This revelation about Stephens bothered me a great deal, but not
>for the reasons you would think.

<snip> (revelation Stephens was a fake Seal)

>These relevations make me embarrassed to suggest that I served
>in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. Not that I regret that
>service, but because so many people in today's world are
>suggesting that they served in Vietnam. It calls all of us into
>question. People begin to wonder, is he just another "wannabe"
>who is inventing his Vietnam service to impress.

>I believe it was in San Antonio in which the director of a
>Vietnam War museum was forced to resign because he claimed to
>have been a Vietnam veteran, but was exposed as a fraud. His
>deputy director was also forced to resign when it was learned
>he, too, was a fraud.

>Can I prove that I served in Vietnam? Certainly. But should I
>have to. And this relates to the entire UFO community. How many
>times have people come forward claiming training, education,
>government connects, only to be exposed as frauds. I can think
>of a dozen or more, some of whom are still respected by people
>on this list. Don Schmitt, for example, still lectures about
>UFOs and Roswell, but why should we listen to a thing he has to
>say?

>There must come a point where we say that it is enough. If you
>lied about your education, your employment, your secret drug
>investigation experience, we are not going to believe anything
>else you say UNTIL we can verify it.

>Sorry for the rant, but this is becoming ridiculous. We still
>argue about the authenticity of the Santilli film when we have
>seen the lies he told about the film canister markings and that
>the tent footage is a fraud. He has not produced the cameraman,
>or a statement from his that isn't riddled with errors and
>mistakes. Maybe we haven't proved the autopsy a fraud, but we
>don't have to. Santilli has to prove it authentic and not only
>hasn't he, he has done everything he can to make sure that no
>one else can do it.

>So, before we accept anything, let's make sure the facts are there.

Mr Randle,

It is so sad to hear this reality. Unfortunately for me I tend to believe what people tell me at face value, because, well, why would they want to lie to me?

Until this episode with Mr Stephens I hadn't really experienced blatant disception at this level, and now that I have I must say I am a little more wary than before, but, like you I don't understand why someone would want to be like that?

Lets hope the new millenium brings a renewed sense of community spirit.

Cheers,
Sharon K

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Re: Loren Gross' Histories

From: **Bruce Maccabe** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 22:49:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:25:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Loren Gross' Histories

>Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 14:17:33 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Loren Gross' Histories

>Greeting List,

>Loren Gross' works on UFOs are not generally available. I echo
>Bob Girard's comments, "This is the single most important work
>every done on UFOs. This series of books is ten times better
>than the next nearest work."

>Re-entitled 'The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse' after Dr.
>Lincoln LaPaz's enigmatically statement about UFOs, the series
>of approximately 100-page-booklets is now up to 44 volumes with
>the last book dealing with the middle of 1958.

I, too, would like to complement Loren Gross on his work. Having
his set of books is like having the Project Blue Book Microfilm
...and a lot more. This is a great asset for anyone who wants
to do in-depth historical analysis without going to the National
Archive.

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Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 10:47:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:28:43 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 19:32:03 -0000

>Question: Has anyone heard of any experimental government
>aircraft as referred to as 'pumpkin seeds'?

Re: Pumpkin Seeds, John McPhee's book published in 1973 and earlier serialized in New Yorker magazine was entitled, 'The Deltoid Pumpkin Seed'. The book covers the development of a experimental deltoid shaped craft developed and flown by the Aereon Corporation which is still based in Princeton, New Jersey. Aereon has done government contract work.

Aereon patents indicate that their airframes and platforms are similar in shape as to what was reported as UFOs in the Hudson Valley area of New York state, Belgium, etc. over the years.

Hope this helps.

Tom Benson

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 06:39:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:27:02 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 17:34:50 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>Hi Gildas,

>I think there is a general misconception people have about the
>overall "high expense" and "risk" of producing the AA footage.
>Nothing visible on screen is so unique that it couldn't be found
>in garage sales and resale shops. I know of at least four
>surplus places in Houston, alone, that would have all the old
>surgical hardware such as table, instruments, gowns etc. If I
>had to put a dollar figure on it all, I doubt it would top
>\$5,000 and that would be generous. The alien, of course, would
>have to be manufactured. However, despite much admiration some
>people seem to have for the "realistic" look of the alien, I
>personally find it to be quite stiff and crude. I know half a
>dozen guys in the low budget film industry that could do a
>better job for under \$10,000 and would take the money and keep
>their mouths shut because they would just be happy to have the
>work!

Roger -

If your friends could produce a better AA "film" for \$10,000, they should have spoken up when this was being discussed on the "net". Many of the comments you've made are at the heart of long and involved discussions between a variety of "experts", and I would suggest that the bottom line is that this "film" is a far more complicated affair than it appears at first glance.

I have also spoken with several production people familiar with special effects, and they all laugh at the AA "film" and say that they could do better. Their opinion was that the "film" was an obvious fake. On the other hand, I've communicated with several in the medical profession who are convinced they were watching a real medical procedure, and not a re-creation. So, what are we left with? It would seem we have opinions from experts in their fields who view the same "film" from their respective positions.

I have seen three "professional" re-creations of the AA "film", and I believe that at least one of them cost far more than the \$10,000 figure you mention. These were produced to show how 'easy' it was to fake, and they all quickly failed some of the tests that the Santilli "film" had already passed.

This doesn't mean that I believe the AA "film" is real, and certainly doesn't eliminate the fact that it might have been hoaxed by a group of people who donated their time and materials, so the cost could have been next to nothing. But to characterize it as easy to create, for just a few thousand dollars, misses the point of many "expert" statements that have gone before.

It is Ray Santilli's responsibility to prove his film has worth, and not the role of UFOlogists to prove it a fake. Of the gigabytes of material that has been posted regarding the AA

"film" during the past 4 years, I would suspect that only about 10% of it was an actual scientific debate. Most of it (IMO) was wasted bandwidth as many submitted opinion and theory as evidence and then supported their contention endlessly in a never ending "debate". What a waste of investigative energy.

As far as the Kiviati production is concerned, I think there is far better evidence to indicate that the Santilli "film" is a hoax than was presented on the show. Those who've watched this story unfold on the "net" were aware of the actor who had come forward early last year, so the report wasn't actually a revelation. However, Kal is correct in that this information has now been made available to a wider audience.

Steve

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Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

From: **Bob Geiger** <bgeiger@cybernex.net>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 07:03:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:35:20 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft
>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 17:10:07 -0000

>>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 08:52:04 -0800
>>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

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>>>Question: Has anyone heard of any experimental government
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>>That is Alfred Loedding's name for his low-aspect ratio aircraft
>>which he was testing.

>>I think Wendy Connors and Michael Hall will surely mention it in
>>their new book, 'Alfred Loedding and the Great UFO Wave of
>>1947'.

>Wendy mentioned Loedding. Oddly, it was not a historical
>question. I was chasing a local rumor that a airman on leave was
>saying the U.S. is currently testing 'secret' craft throughout
>the county and it is referred to as the 'pumpkin seed' .

>BTW, have some clipping from the 50's I be sending in a few
>days.

Larry,

The Pumpkin Seed moniker was also tagged to an aircraft design
described in John McPhee's book, "The Deltoid Pumpkin Seed"
witten sometime in the early 70's. Amazon.com has a hardcover
and paperback in stock, I believe.

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Re: A 'New' New Zealand UFO Book

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@fan.net.au>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 00:07:54 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:43:33 -0500
Subject: Re: A 'New' New Zealand UFO Book

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A 'New' New Zealand UFO Book "and very well put together"  
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The NZ Files UFOs In New Zealand

By Peter Hassell
First published in 1998 by David Bateman Ltd
30 Tarndale Grove, Albany, Auckland, New Zealand

Acknowledgments

No writer can take full credit for his or her book. There was never a truer clich'e it is only through the willing effort of many that any book is ever completed. So it is that I wish to acknowledge those who have been involved in mine.

First and foremost the all the UFO wittinesses and researchers without the witnesses who have had the courage to come forward there would be no UFO phenomena to investigate. Without all the researchers there would be no permanent record of the sightings.

Harold Fulton, Henk and Brenda Hinfelaar, Fred and Phyliss Dickeson, Bryan Dickeson, Harvey Cooke, Bruce Cathie, Rocky Wood, Tony Brunt, Robin Collys, Murray Stott, Colin Lambert, Vic Harris, Phil Austin, Feike de Bock, Murray Bott, Colin Amery, Mark Cashman, Raymond Fowler, William Corliss and many others have spent decades of voluntary work, investigating and Recording the UFO mystery.

In particular, Murray Bott has been completely selfless in providing me with information and rare photos which he has preserved. This book would have been impossible to write without his invaluable cooperation.

Comment: Diane

I could write more but I think this book is well worth adding to your UFO book collection it is well presented heaps of NZ information, I love the cover, designed by Shelly Watson its simple but eye catching.

If you would like a copy Peter Hassall NZ Files you can contact him at:

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Email hassall@extra.co.nz

or Murray Bott at Email murrayb@kiwi.gen.nz

Regards Diane Harrison
Australian Skywatch Director

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 11:07:21 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:47:19 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 17:34:50 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>In all, I doubt that Santilli spent more than \$20,000 dollars.
>Peanuts at double that price, especially if he can sell the
>video to network television or offer it to the sell-through
>market on home video. I'm sure he's spent as much producing a
>single music video. I know I have, even for an unknown group
>with little or no hope of making it commercially as a result of
>the video.

Interesting arguments, but I find them hardly credible. I keep thinking that it is a sophisticated fabrication, probably close to the real thing, but with deliberate mistakes that a first degree hoaxer would not have done.

I still think that the film was very well made, and must have cost a lot of time, carefull planning, money, and quite a few experts around. The body is very impressive, with the blood on the cuts, etc.

The "mistakes" are also too obvious not to have been introduced on purpose. For instance, the clumsy camera movements when it comes to close-ups. I did myself some shooting (more than a hundred 100 feet reels) with hand held 16 mm camera, and I can tell you that the first thing to learn is to hold firmly the camera. If Santilli had hired a cameraman, anyone with some training would have fared better. Which means that it was purposely lousy. I see two possible reasons for that. First, to prevent too close examination of body parts and/or, more subtly, to lower the credibility of the film, and it worked.

The introduction of six fingers is another one. No Roswell witness remembers that! The most lamentable Roswell hoaxer would have known that. One friend argued that, on the contrary, it makes the hoax more credible, because it surprises everybody, but I find the argument much too sophisticated for a simple money making hoax.

>As far as risk is concerned; there really isn't any. Since no
>faces are shown, all involved would be sorely lacking in proof
>if they tried to "squeal" on Santilli. In fact, should any of
>the actors cause him to lose money by making claims that they
>can't prove, Santilli could sue THEM and would probably win,
>too.

Yes, the fact that all faces are hidden is, of course, very suspect. But it is just as necessary for the team protection, wether it is a simple hoax or a more complex operation.

I maintain that it would have been very risky as a simple hoax. People willing to participate in such an operation are not of a very scrupulous kind, and therefore present a risk, even years later. There are many ways to prove a hoax when you have participated in it, especially if you have been careful to keep some proofs of it. There is also the blackmailing risk. Any

participant with such a proof could sink him.

One more detail. I was at the first screening in London on May 5, 1995, with some French friends. One of them, Jean Gresl=E9, talked with Santilli and he discovered that he was very ignorant of the Roswell case. One more indication that Santilli, most probably, was not the producer of the film.

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 12:59:58 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:52:04 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 17:34:50 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>Finding the old film stock is not impossible. I, personally,
>have stumbled onto old rolls of B&W film dating back to 1958. I
>shot them and they processed up just fine, though a little
>grainy. Therefore, film and processing is practically free, as
>is the old Bell and Howell it was probably shot with. I wouldn't
>be surprised if the camera and film were found together in
>someone's attic! From the look of it, I doubt very seriously
>that a trained camera man shot one single frame, so you know his
>cost was doodly-squat.

Finding old film stock from 1947, and an ultra fast film at that, is a different matter, Roger. If you did find some, it would be hopelessly fogged by now by background radiation, no matter how it was stored.

Processing would also be problematic, since you can't run this old film through today's chemicals. The emulsion would just come right off.

>The actor's faces were conveniently covered, so their "fees" would be minimal, probably no more than \$200 per person, if even that. Santilli could easily afford to "sweeten" the deal by doubling or tripling their fees to keep them quiet, though it really wouldn't be necessary.

Huh???? Now why wouldn't it be necessary to pay them "hush money"? Let's say they had been paid, oh \$ 5,000 each for the sake of argument. You don't think Bob Kiviat could scrape up a LOT more than that to offer them if they came forward?

Nope, your argument here just doesn't make sense.

>Gilda continued by offering this:

His name is Gildas, Roger. He is a man. I can attest to this since I met him in Paris when we both were featured on the TF-1 network's TV program on the film!!!! <G>

>I've posted earlier why I find the notion of some guy processing several hundred feet of film in a bucket and trying to find a place to hang-dry it really stupid. I know Bob Shell disagrees, and he has his reasons. But it makes no sense to me at all, despite the army manuals of the day claiming that it could be done. A friend of mine has an old army manual about personal hygiene that tells recruits to clip the corners of their toe-nails close to the skin "for greater comfort", I believe. None of them did, of course, because it would always cause ingrown toe-nails! So, just because the manual says to do it, doesn't mean that it's the logical thing to do. An experienced cameraman would produce better looking footage to begin with and certainly wouldn't risk such important images to bucket processing! He'd know better.

Roger, I never said that the film was processed in a bucket,

just that it could have been if absolutely necessary. The old process used at the time was done at much lower temperatures than used today, and so could easily be done in crude settings.

I think the film was processed in a hand-crank processing tank, as were often used by the military in those days. This would account for the variations in density in the film which you would not get with automated machine processing.

>Now, a lawyer might want to weigh in on this, but an interesting
>way to test Santilli's resolve is for others to start copying
>and selling tapes of his AA footage, sans the opening titles or
>credits or narrative sections that he or the networks produced.
>After all, if the AA footage was produced by the military, then
>it was paid for with US tax dollars and now belongs to the
>general public, just like early NASA photos. For Santilli to
>protect his copyright, (and his profits) he'd have to prove that
>he produced the AA footage from scratch!

WRONG!!!!!! This has been done. Ask Chuck Harder about it.

Bob

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Alfred Loedding and the Great Flying Saucer Wave

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 15:09:29 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:59:19 -0500
Subject: Alfred Loedding and the Great Flying Saucer Wave

Just received a copy. Material about a nearly unknown important Air Force personality who was closely involved with UFOs for the beginning in 1947.

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Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 22:03:55 -0700
From: Wendy Connors <ProjectSign@EMAIL.MSN.COM>
Subject: Alfred Loedding and the Great Flying Saucer Wave of 1947
To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Greetings to the Lists:

Michael David Hall and I wish to inform those members who are interested that our new book entitled: 'Alfred Loedding and the Great Flying Saucer Wave of 1947' is now available.

To those members who placed your orders early from Mike and myself, your copies were mailed out today (Mike is still snowed in, but the orders I had are on the way).

If you ordered from Arcturus Books you should receive them very shortly as they are winging their way to Bob as this message is being typed and he will have them to you lickity-split (or by the time those of you who are still snowbound can finally get to the store cause your probably running out of T.P. right about now). <G>

It's been hard on you in the storm belt and Mike and I apologize for the delay in getting the copies to you.

The book is available for \$21.95 from:

Arcturus Books Inc.
1443 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

and from the authors at:

Wendy Connors
P.O. Box 8552
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198

Thank you for your indulgence with this really crass commercial announcement.

Wendy Connors

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The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

From: **Rebecca Fouche'** <FMa1@email.msn.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 16:59:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 01:17:09 -0500
Subject: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens
>Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 08:38:31 -0000

After several days of contemplation, I have decided to address the following statement made by Tim Matthews:

>As far as I and many colleagues are concerned Stephens is
>another Ed Fouche - big on talk and totally lacking in remotely
>credible evidence.

I am in the unique position of knowing the character of Edgar Fouche', author of Alien Rapture-The Chosen, better than Mr. Matthews or anyone else, for that matter, as I am his wife. While that position intrinsically generates a measure of prejudice, it does not render me blind nor stupid--nor unable to access character and motivation.

Ed publicly stated on many occasions that he chose to write Alien Rapture as fiction because he would not produce the sources which passed the information on to him. Any conscionable reporter would endorse that this stance is oftimes a necessity. Since the publication of the book, respected members of the UFO community have verified the content of the work--including the existence of the TR3B flying triangle--and have called to confirm that it reflected information their own research had uncovered.

That individuals who are interested in this kaleidoscopic field will disagree is inevitable--that they seem compelled to slander others in the process never ceases to amaze me. Tim Matthews has chosen to publicly malign Ed on more than one occasion, which I find curious, as he has never met nor even spoken to him. Ed has found the situation mildly humorous, as he is confident in his sources and of the accuracy of content of the information he has released.

Ed does not purport to be an expert and is relatively new to the field of UFOlogy. He was simply the recipient of a body of information which he felt to be an important piece of the ET puzzle, and was entrusted by the providers of that information with task of making the information public. As to his credentials, they have withstood the examination of directors and producers at the BBC, his illustrious co-author Brad Steiger, Diana Botsford, Publisher of the MSN UFO Community/host for an upcoming weekly talk show on Talkspot Network, and many others in the field.

It not my style to retaliate; I rarely respond to the inevitable small-minded denigrations inherent to public exposure. However, to equivocate Edgar Fouche' to a self-proclaimed hoaxer is ludicrous. He is a man of character and a seeker of truth. Would that all soldiers of ufology would manifest those traits as they wade into the fray.

Rebecca Fouche'

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Section Leader, Politics of UFOs, MSN UFO Community
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<If in the pursuit of his dreams a man sells his soul, the quest
becomes his master, and he, a slave.> <A man is defined by what
he defends.>

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 18:49:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 13:56:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 18:17:09 -0600
>Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:06:03 -0500
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

Previously, Michael offered this regarding Billy Miere:

>Next there is the sounds which were recorded and witnessed by
>Poppi as well as others.

>This as it is shown in one of the videos, was analyzed by the
>same group which worked with Stevie Wonder, the Musician/
>Singer....whom I'm sure you know of.

>They verified that the sounds resonated at the same frequency
>when they harmonized, as the earth

I do have a musical background, but for the life of me I'm not quite sure what this means or what its significance is. I'm not casting doubts on what you are saying; on the contrary, I don't really even understand it. Can you fill me in? And if not, is there a more accomplished musician on the list that can?

Thanks,

Roger Evans

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 19:17:06 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 14:06:52 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
>Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 10:34:53 +0800
>Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:16:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 00:48:17 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>>>From: Peter Gersten <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
>>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 01:46:34 EST
>>>Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jan 1999 20:36:18 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

Previously, Mr. Gersten declared:

>>>>We are so eager, CAUS included, to find the truth, etc, etc, etc.

Sharon offered the following:

>Perhaps what Mr Gersten meant by "We" was infact as you stated
>"everyone concerned", that is everyone who is concerned with
>what Mr Gersten has to say, and everyone who infactfeel they
>have been fooled by Mr Stephens' lies. If you don't put
>yourself into this category (and there are people out there who
>do) then perhaps you should merely disregard Mr Gersten's
>statement as irrelevant to you, and delete as necessary.

Hi, Sharon.

You can be assured that most everything that Mr. Gersten says is irrelevant to me except when he tries to include me in the exorcism of his own guilty conscience.

He could have written, "Many of us were so eager" or "Some of us were so eager" or "There are those of us that were so eager" or "This list was so eager", etc. The English language is a very specific tool and, as an experienced lawyer, I'm sure Mr. Gersten knows EXACTLY what he is saying as any given moment.

It's regretable that his research of Stephens wasn't half as vigorous as the pitiful defense of Gersten's own pleadings to the UFO community.

Personally, I was embarrassed for the man.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Re: Alternative 3/Request for Films

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 14:15:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 14:15:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Alternative 3/Request for Films

Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 18:29:56 -0600
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Alternative 3/Request for Films

>From: Tim Brigham <devilsad@ksinc.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Alternative 3/Request for Films
>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 1999 17:40:34 -0600

>Hellos,

>Just wondering if anyone knows of a source for the
>mock/shock/doc-umentary "Alternative 3." I'm aware of the book
>on the subject that's out there (I believe it's the illuminet
>press book), but I'm looking for an actual video copy of the
>program itself. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Yes, I happen to have a copy of the video you are asking about.
I also have a loose leaf 8 1/2 by 11 page copy of the book. So
it is very easy to duplicate...

In fact, I will attatch a copy of the video lists as I have
them. The second one is not up to date.

I have a video library of over 300 UFO and Paranormal related
subjects.

I do not sell tapes. I trade for other tapes, when possible, or
will make a tape for others if they don't have videos, so long
as they provide me with the tape, and the postage and mailer
necessary to do so...

I may be poor, but I am honest. <g> ;-)

>While I'm on the subject, I have a smallish collection of UFO
>related "documentaries" which are no longer available, and I'm
>always looking for new ones. My main interest in regards to
>videos includes those which are related to UMMO, Heaven's Gate,
>Unarius, etc etc. Propaghanda (a surely subjective term, but I
>think everyone on the list knows what sorts of films I'm
>speaking of) and indoctrination vids of all sorts are especially
>sought after. Please email me if you share my luv for unusual
>propaganda (for whatever reason, be it fun or psychosocial
>studies) and might be interested in trading some tapes or know
>of a good source from which to purchase them.

Yeah, I have some of the above listed videos also...

Michael Christol

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Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 20:23:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 14:28:35 -0500
Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 18:32:44 -0500
>Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:02:01 -0500
>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

Previously, gary offered this heap:

>>-- What are the real issues in the dispute which broke out last
>>month over Dr. Hynek? This real issues revolve around the fact
>>that there is AMPLE evidence, evidence tantamount to proof, FOR
>>ME, that Dr. Hynek was working both sides of the street in his
>>later career as Godfather of ufology. What is proof? It is the
>>evidence that convinces YOU. That is, there is no absolute
>>proof available in this area, short of the individual at issue
>>owning up in public

<snip>

Gary,

I really don't know where to begin. My head is still swimming
from such a convoluted self justification for your position
regarding Hynek.

"Evidence tantamount to proof" is not proof.

Evidence is evidence and proof is proof. Sometimes they are the
same. Sometimes they are not. It all depends on the validity of
the argument that supports the evidence and vice versa.

For instance, if a gun is found at a murder scene with my
fingerprints on it and the victim was killed by that gun, then
an argument could be made that I killed the victim. However, as
logical as this argument would be, and as damning as the
evidence would seem, it is not PROOF that I fired the gun at the
victim; only that the gun that was used has my finger prints on
it.

In fact, the only proof that exists in this increminating
scenario is that I, at one time, held the gun in my hand. It
doesn't even prove that I fired it, even once.

Therefore the argument, though logical, is not valid even though
the evidence is clear and uncontested. By extension, the
evidence could not be considered proof.

Using your logic, if the jury is convinced by the argument, then
the evidence is therefore proof. Not so (though I might go to
jail anyway). As we have seen by the latest Stephens saga, some
people were convinced by his arguments, others were not. Does
that mean that the unconvinced are ignoring obvious proof? Of
course not. The acceptance of an argument does not validate
"evidence" and elevate it to "proof". Nor does it give validity
to other arguments that might come up as a result of this
acceptance.

I will agree with you on one statement:

>>That is, there is no absolute

>>proof available in this area, short of the individual at issue
>>owning up in public

Finally, Gary gets it right...

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 20:20:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 14:31:31 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 19:32:03 -0000

Larry asked:

>Question: Has anyone heard of any experimental government 0
>aircraft as referred to as 'pumpkin seeds'?

Larry,

Although there are a few candidates, I would have taken any reference to a 'pumpkin seed' experimental aircraft as relating to the hypothetical black aircraft which would use an 'exotic propulsion system'. As mentioned on the Federation of American Scientists' web site:

While the depiction of an Aurora aircraft seems consistent with the confines of present technological imagination, other SR-71 follow-on prognosticators suggest more alien craft. Aviation Week & Space Technology has proposed a current black aircraft that is something akin to a 1960s Sci-Fi concept. They depict an elongated diamond shaped vehicle (one hesitates to call it an aircraft) similar to a "flattened football." The airframe's dimensions might be 110 x 69 feet. Due to intense heat, the vehicle would have a heat-streaked appearance similar to that of the space shuttle. Contrary to intuition, the aft body would appear distinctly more pockmarked than the fore sections, as if the most intense heat was experienced in this region.

This vehicle would have a dual propulsion system. Jet engines buried in the fuselage would propel the vehicle to supersonic speeds, when a novel external burning mechanism would take control as the fundamental propulsion method:

"In the high Mach regime, misted fuel is ejected from the fuselage midsection -- the 'break point' of the elongated diamond -- across the aft surface tiles, into the area between the fuselage and a shock wave attached to this break. In essence, the sloping, converging aft fuselage sections form the inside of a 'nozzle' and the shock boundary constitutes the outer surface, creating an expanding exhaust effect, much like that on a conventional rocket. The fuel is ignited by surface heating -- or other means -- creating combustion that accelerates the aircraft up to the Mach 6-8 regime."

Eliminating the human life-support requirements at Mach 8, this flaming, hypersonic pumpkin seed would be unmanned and capable of on-board self-control. This vehicle would be as destructive as it is unusual. A payload of 120- odd nuclear weapons would be dispensed as the flaming stone skipped across enemy skies. [End]

There's further background info at:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/mystery/pde.htm>

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 23:47:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 14:42:02 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud
>Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 10:34:53 +0800

>Perhaps what Mr Gersten meant by "We" was infact as you stated
>"everyone concerned", that is everyone who is concerned with
>what Mr Gersten has to say, and everyone who infactfeel they
>have been fooled by Mr Stephens' lies. If you don't put
>yourself into this category (and there are people out there who
>do) then perhaps you should merely disregard Mr Gersten's
>statement as irrelevant to you, and delete as necessary.

Sharon, everybody...

The issue here is very simple, I think. But it's worth stating for those who might be new to the wild and wacky field of ufology.

The UFO era is now more than 50 years old, and during that time there have been many, many people who've come forth and said they knew government UFO secrets. I think I'm right in saying that not one of those stories has been verified. Quite a number of them have either been proved false -- in the way that Stephens' was -- or else have dissolved into a puddle of contradictions, as the person telling the tale keeps adding details that don't fit what he said the last time he told it.

Becuae of this, nobody with any common sense -- assuming they've been in the field long enough to know what the history is -- can take someone like Stephens seriously, without checking him out first. If you distribute some kind of UFO publication, in print or by e-mail, you have a responsibility to do some basic checking before you spread these stories. Peter Gersten didn't do this. Some of the stuff Stephens talked about -- the Norad "fence," for instance -- might be hard to verify if you didn't have government or military contacts. But as Roger and others have demonstrated, anyone can check to see whether Stephens really was a Navy SEAL.

Peter Gersten didn't do this, which in my opinion makes him irresponsible. He eagerly spread the story, thus giving it credibility. If he'd spent an hour checking, he would have found out right away that basic details weren't right, and would have saved us all a lot of nonsense.

Greg Sandow

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Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 23:10:30 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 15:40:35 -0500
Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers;
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'
>Date: 09 January 1999 06:17

>From: Rebecca Fouche' <FMa1@email.msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'
>Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 16:59:39 -0600

>>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Bell Cuts-Off R.A.M. Stephens
>>Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 08:38:31 -0000

>After several days of contemplation, I have decided to address
>the following statement made by Tim Matthews:

>>As far as I and many colleagues are concerned Stephens is
>>another Ed Fouche - big on talk and totally lacking in remotely
>>credible evidence.

>I am in the unique position of knowing the character of Edgar
>Fouche', author of Alien Rapture-The Chosen, better than Mr.
>Matthews or anyone else, for that matter, as I am his wife.
>While that position intrinsically generates a measure of
>prejudice, it does not render me blind nor stupid--nor unable to
>access character and motivation.

>Ed publicly stated on many occasions that he chose to write
>Alien Rapture as fiction because he would not produce the
>sources which passed the information on to him. Any
>conscionable reporter would endorse that this stance is oftimes
>a necessity.

Well at least we're clear on this being fiction.

>Since the publication of the book, respected
>members of the UFO community have verified the content of the
>work--including the existence of the TR3B flying triangle--and
>have called to confirm that it reflected information their own
>research had uncovered.

>That individuals who are interested in this kaleidoscopic field
>will disagree is inevitable--that they seem compelled to slander
>others in the process never ceases to amaze me.

Not slander, just a request for some proof..... like any
evidence for the existence of an inertial drive unit or
so-called 'antigravity' system.

Do you or your husband have a view on Senator Moynihans' recent
comments that scientific advances cannot be hidden for more than
a few years??

>Tim Matthews
>has chosen to publicly malign Ed

NO! Just to ask serious and detailed questions about his

"evidence", which by any standards can best be described as hearsay.

Ed is playing to the conspiracy/black tech market where a good story beats some important (though complicated) scientific information.

I haven't heard him talking about smart materials and structures and polymer matrix composites - even though these are essential in the most advanced aircraft of the future. What voltage would he or his associates suggest that scientists use to achieve their goal in this field?

>on more than one occasion,
>which I find curious, as he has never met nor even spoken to
>him. Ed has found the situation mildly humorous,

Whilst he'd having a laugh and earning money, people are being misled.

>as he is
>confident in his sources and of the accuracy of content of the
>information he has released.

>Ed does not purport to be an expert

But I thought he knew all about the aerospace industry - and this is the impression given in his various earlier and totally factless postings.

Let's be honest about this for a moment.

I think that Ed is on the ol' Groom Lake bandwagon. The best thing about it is that he knows that there is very little way of proving whether he (or his sources) was ever there.

I have not heard anything from him that would convince me that he is/was telling the truth. I have spoken with numerous aviation and black projects researchers and NONE support what he was said and/or written. If he was a technical expert he would know things in minute detail - and he doesn't. He would not have made the huge, glaring technical and factual errors in his previous postings.

Here are just a few:

- I don't think you can see the wingtips of an SR-71 from the cockpit. Even if you had mirrors in the c/pit I think Ed might find the engine pods in the way, but that's just an opinion.

- is Ed aware that nobody has ever confirmed the existence of the TR3A 'Manta' and that there is even a suggestion in some quarters that this designation was confused with "Tier 3"/AARS? The TR3B would be a two-seat variant of the TR3A.

I'm sure that some sort of similar aircraft, a counterpart to the F-117A, does exist but not an anti-gravity triangle!!

I know what Ed will say; 'ah well, this is what I was told'.

Well he should have checked his sources - although most UFO authors never appear to check their sources and it is the case that in the US particularly there is a market for this kind of material.

Ed also said that the TR1/U-2 was a glider. No doubt the jet engines are just there for emergencies.....

Ed has provided us with NOTHING new! I really wish he had provided us with reasonable and checkable information. My book - 'UFO Revelation' - has pages of reference material even though it concludes that there are some extraordinary things flying around.....

>and is relatively new to the
>field of UFOlogy. He was simply the recipient of a body of
>information which he felt to be an important piece of the ET
>puzzle, and was entrusted by the providers of that information
>with task of making the information public.

And he did this all from the kindness of his heart and donated all

the money to charity to greater human understanding?

Don't think so!

>As to his
>credentials, they have withstood the examination of directors
>and producers at the BBC,

Well that doesn't mean a damn thing. Wake up! They have people talking about animal mutilations and abductions on the BBC.

Have you seen 'Teletubbies'? That's a BBC 2 flagship programme!

For many years the BBC has been under serious competitive pressure and it's standards have dropped.

>his illustrious co-author Brad
>Steiger, Diana Botsford, Publisher of the MSN UFO Community/host
>for an upcoming weekly talk show on Talkspot Network, and many
>others in the field.

This means nothing! I've been on dozens of radio and TV programmes and assisted with various documentaries. That doesn't mean anything in terms of credibility because, as we are painfully aware, the makers of UFO documentaries are only interested in selling their programme, making sensational claims, and finally "just good TV".

Even news reports I see on TV have glaring factual errors in them.....

>It not my style to retaliate; I rarely respond to the inevitable
>small-minded denigrations inherent to public exposure. However,
>to equivocate Edgar Fouche' to a self-proclaimed hoaxer is
>ludicrous. He is a man of character and a seeker of truth.

I'm sure Ed is a very nice guy but his claims about secret alien technology don't hold water - although they are good currency these days.....

I don't think I said that he was "self-proclaimed hoaxer".....
If I did I apologize...

He may well be seeking the truth but he told us that he HAD the truth already. He, in my ever-so-humble and non-Area 51 insider opinion, is just seeking to make a fast buck. Many people appear to have concluded that Ufology is little more than entertainment and wish-fulfilment.

Under these circumstances Ed is giving people what they want, and I am glad that he is. Good luck to him I say!

Come on Ed, give us something tangible!!

Happy new year, I'm off to watch a second-rate soccer game!

Tim Matthews.

>Would that all soldiers of ufology

Yuk! I left the Army years ago!

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Re: A 'New' New Zealand UFO Book

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@fan.net.au>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 21:49:56 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 15:45:28 -0500
Subject: Re: A 'New' New Zealand UFO Book

The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia
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UFO Australian Research Network Hot Line Number
1800 77 22 88 Free Call

Hi everyone a correction on Peter Hassell's postal
address for his New Book ZN files UFOs in New Zealand:

Greetings Dianne

I wish to thank you for the kind review of Peter Hassalls Book.

However there is one minor to correct
Peter Hassalls address is
P.O.Box 27-432
Marion Street
Wellington

The rest of the details being correct

Regards Diane Harrison
Australian Skywatch Director

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Alfred's Odd Ode #288

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 06:35:54 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 15:53:28 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #288

Apology to MW #288 (For January 9, 1999)

We're at the whim of sullen monsters, churlish agents, provocateurs. We're teased by charming charlatans, men in black, and crooked jurors. Art and Jeff will give them airtime and the dust is quickly raised! It's soon we're all insensible, standing rigid, stunned and dazed. And once again the truth is lost; it wanders in the fray. And once again a fog is loosed in which we're all betrayed. And once again our steps are backward, and we're hamstrung and delayed while a jealous few make profit for mistakes that they have made.

And a *magic* surely lingers in their sullen slight of hand -- the *magic* that exists beyond the science they command. The *magic* of that two percent that changes all the rules. The *magic* that's not copped to in disgraceful, low rent schools. The *magic* that displays itself for free in all our skies; the *magic* that betrays the man and all his skillful lies. The *magic* of autonomy. The *magic* of release! The *magic* of our future yawning vast -- without surcease.

The skeptibunky crowd delights in frauds of woo-woo light that strengthen the positions of their science, and its worshipped might. All is right with them, then, and their castles built of air can be left to churlish offspring who are standing, idly, there. The true believers -- disenfranchised from the skeptibunky hoards, look beyond the hopeless pale to a time they can afford. They're used up in that reaching for a brass ring, they are told, is the object of *true* happiness: a car, a home -- some fold. Seeing UFO's is silly; that's a dangerous kind of thing. You're crazy if you need them -- to believe some hope they bring. That there's more to mean existence than to toil endlessly? That there's more to simple living than to struggle needlessly? That there's more to life than working so a few can rape the sky just to squander all the bounty they can tuck away, connive?

It's tied up with our USELESS schools. They're designed to keep us stupid. It's tied to population -- from the masses starved and ruthless. The man won't have *sane* birth control when it's excess that's the flavor of manipulated mechanisms controlling what he favors! The man can take your hopes and dreams to choose from what he has. He won't be, first, respectful -- he won't care that you've been had. It's all about control, you see, and secrets keep control. It says he'll be reluctant giving up on what he holds. It's why he makes ridiculous all the lights that haunt the skies. Those lights imply that he is passed, his system now deposed -- despised.

So damn you charmless agents, and go to hell (!) provocateurs. Go back, you sullen monsters, to the cells you have procured. Eat spit you charming charlatans, crooked jurors, men in black. A little harder now to fool we've found the deck was surly stacked! Art and Jeff will give you air time, so you hoist your own petard. Be careful what your saying, or get smoked -- a cheap cigar. Your ethics and your morals will be held as well to you. And, no more double standards to corrode our will -- just truth.

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A depression stems from the fact that it is so difficult to tell the monsters, charlatans, provocateurs, crooked jurors, and men in black from the genuine illuminati <g>. Finally, I come to the conclusion that the genuine illuminati must be very rare <g>, though all I have to do to be personally convinced of their existence is to look deeply into a clear night sky.

I can't fault the facilitator, the brave individual that provides a forum for the enigmatic questions that should compel each and every one of us. Errol, Jeff, Laura, and Art et. al. are people that provide a journalistic treatment of these issues, flatly, not found anywhere else in the world. The others laugh up their sleeves, lack the stones to ask the tough questions, or openly sneer at what these folks serve up as daily fare. Frankly, I'd love to be where these people are, doing what they do, seeing what they see . . . hearing what they hear, and then I realize that, through them, to a large extent, that is exactly what I'm doing! I am compelled to a respect and an appreciation for that. If it's subsequently discovered that they're just selling terror to juice the sales of wind-up radios -- well, I'll remember I was brave enough to ask, look, and finally, do some critical thinking on my own. I'm not buying in, per say -- but I'm reading the hell out of the anomalous prospectus, as there is something going on that is not sold in our rigidly controlled and *mainstream* church, press, or government.

Restore John Ford!

--

Explore the Alien View!
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<Updated 8 January>

John Ford Restoration Fund -- Send your checks and money orders to me, Alfred Lehmberg (cut out the lawyers, they got their's) at:
304 Melbourne Drive, Enterprise AL, 36330. Strict records kept.

"Only thin, very light envelopes with a return address will be accepted <g>." ~~~ \$225.00 pledged -- \$125.00 collected ~~~

"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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Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 07:57:16 -0500
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Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 12:59:58 -0500 (EST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Hi Bob and All,

>>Now, a lawyer might want to weigh in on this, but an interesting
>>way to test Santilli's resolve is for others to start copying
>>and selling tapes of his AA footage, sans the opening titles or
>>credits or narrative sections that he or the networks produced.
>>After all, if the AA footage was produced by the military, then
>>it was paid for with US tax dollars and now belongs to the
>>general public, just like early NASA photos. For Santilli to
>>protect his copyright, (and his profits) he'd have to prove that
>>he produced the AA footage from scratch!

>WRONG!!!!!! This has been done. Ask Chuck Harder about it.

Gee... I must have been in a cave for quite some time... What's
that all about? Was Santilli "tested" this way?

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New Contact - Katherine On-Line - Australia

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<http://www.fan.net.au/~tkbnetwtkbnetw@fan.net.au>

UFO Australian Research Network Hot Line Number
1800 77 22 88 Free Call

A New Contact: We now have Katherine on-line

Katherine is 320klm SE of Darwin

Independent Researcher Allan Domaschenz

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Katherine
Northern Territory, 0851
Tel Contact: (08) 8972 1685
E-mail: domo@nt-tech.com.au

The team is getting bigger welcome Allan

Regards Diane Harrison

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From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 16:06:21 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 06:39:19 -0500
>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:27:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 17:34:50 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Previously, I had offered:

>>I think there is a general misconception people have about the
>>overall "high expense" and "risk" of producing the AA footage.
>>Nothing visible on screen is so unique that it couldn't be found
>>in garage sales and resale shops. I know of at least four
>>surplus places in Houston, alone, that would have all the old
>>surgical hardware such as table, instruments, gowns etc. If I
>>had to put a dollar figure on it all, I doubt it would top
>>\$5,000 and that would be generous. The alien, of course, would
>>have to be manufactured. However, despite much admiration some
>>people seem to have for the "realistic" look of the alien, I
>>personally find it to be quite stiff and crude. I know half a
>>dozen guys in the low budget film industry that could do a
>>better job for under \$10,000 and would take the money and keep
>>their mouths shut because they would just be happy to have the
>>work!

Steve replied:

>If your friends could produce a better AA "film" for \$10,000,
>they should have spoken up when this was being discussed on the
>"net".

<snip>

Hi Steve,

I never said that a better AA film could be produced for \$10,000. I said that a better ALIEN could be produced for \$10,000. My post above got snipped prematurely, though I'm sure you didn't do it on purpose. If it had continued, I said that Santilli probably spent no more than \$20,000 on the AA footage altogether and that it would be peanuts at double that price (\$40,000).

It is understandable that many would think the moviemaking process is expensive; it can be with big name stars and the like. But the fact is that I've directed low budget features running 90 to 120 minutes for prices ranging from \$50,000 to \$120,000. Incidentally, the one for \$120,000 dollars was a poorly scripted Horror film called "Forever Evil" (United Entertainment/VCI Home Video). It starred absolutely no one famous; all unknowns. It has played on the USA network at least twice that I know of and, last I checked, had grossed over 2 million dollars. Therefore, if decent production values can be maintained on a 120 minute film at \$120,000, then it stands to reason having \$20,000 to \$40,000 to produce only a few minutes of crap like the AA footage would be a windfall, even if

Santilli had to hire someone to produce it for him. Believe me, Santilli had every reason to believe that he'd make serious money off his little hoax. Come to think of it, if everyone involved was in a profit sharing arrangement, they'd have plenty of good reasons to keep their mouths shut!

Moving on, Steve wrote:

>On the other hand, I've communicated with >several in the medical profession who are convinced they were >watching a real medical procedure, and not a re-creation. So, >what are we left with? It would seem we have opinions from >experts in their fields who view the same "film" from their >respective positions.

This is understandable since we are, after all, dealing with the world of make believe. If you watch the movie "The Competition" with Richard Dreyfus and Amy Irving, there are shots of them playing piano where the camera pans down in one continuous motion from their faces to their hands; also wider full body shots, as well. I have many friends that are professional keyboard players and they were absolutely convinced that the two actors had classical piano training and were really playing the pianos without missing a note. If you check out the footage I speak of, it is really quite startling. Of course, the truth is that they were playing musical gibberish in beat with the real sound track's score.

This is not to say that they had no training or preparation for the roles; they had a lot. But they simply were not capable of performing the intricate finger work necessary to actually play the music. None the less, the final effect is totally convincing. This information is based on interviews and behind the scenes footage produced in conjunction with the movie.

Like wise, having spent years in the operating room as a medical illustrator, I can tell you that the difference between a surgical move that is correct and one that isn't is merely millimeters in difference, and that's on a living person where it REALLY counts! It would not be visible to the naked eye of an observer in O.R. and certainly would not be apparent on the crummy AA footage. Granted, just like the piano footage above, the overall hand positions and movements might ring true; that's easy, any person could do it. But what the fingers do on a micro level is what really counts and there's no way to make that distinction, even on well produced operating room documentation. Consult your medical friends again, I'm sure they'll agree.

Continuing, Steve wrote:

>I have seen three "professional" re-creations of the AA "film", >and I believe that at least one of them cost far more than the >\$10,000 figure you mention.

<snip>

>But to >characterize it as easy to create, for just a few thousand >dollars, misses the point of many "expert" statements that have >gone before.

I don't believe that \$20,000 to \$40,000 dollars is quite the same as "just a few thousand dollars", Steve. Please re-read my post concerning my projected costs. As far as the other "experts" are concerned, I've only been with this list for about 4 or 5 months. The only other person that I've seen make technical comments here about the AA footage is Bob Shell and he and I disagree on just about everything. Can you direct me to others? I'd like to review what they had to say, as well.

>It is Ray Santilli's responsibility to prove his film has >worth, and not the role of UFologists to prove it a fake.

Agreed. But he won't.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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>>Subject: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Previously, I had written:

>>In all, I doubt that Santilli spent more than \$20,000 dollars.
>>Peanuts at double that price, especially if he can sell the
>>video to network television or offer it to the sell-through
>>market on home video. I'm sure he's spent as much producing a
>>single music video. I know I have, even for an unknown group
>>with little or no hope of making it commercially as a result of
>>the video.

Gildas replied:

>Interesting arguments, but I find them hardly credible.

Okay, Gildas. Why do you find them hardly credible? But before you answer, why don't you check out my response to Steve Kaeser's post on this same thread. It might fill in some of the blanks for you.

Moving on, Gildas offered:

>I keep
>thinking that it is a sophisticated fabrication, probably close
>to the real thing, but with deliberate mistakes that a first
>degree hoaxer would not have done.

>I still think that the film was very well made, and must have
>cost a lot of time, carefull planning, money, and quite a few
>experts around. The body is very impressive, with the blood on
>the cuts, etc.

Gildas, you really need to check out a few low budget horror films if you think this stuff is sophisticated. "Blood on the cuts" is the easiest stage trick around. Mickey-mouse stuff, all of it.

>The "mistakes" are also too obvious not to have been introduced
>on purpose. For instance, the clumsy camera movements when it
>comes to close-ups. I did myself some shooting (more than a
>hundred 100 feet reels) with hand held 16 mm camera, and I can
>tell you that the first thing to learn is to hold firmly the
>camera. If Santilli had hired a cameraman, anyone with some
>training would have fared better.

Please re-read my post. I said that I doubted a professional cameraman shot a single frame of the AA footage.

>Which means that it was
>purposely lousy. I see two possible reasons for that. First, to

>prevent too close examination of body parts and/or, more subtly,
>to lower the credibility of the film, and it worked.

Of course the AA film was purposely lousy!

It was designed to fit the general public's misperception of what archival footage from that era should look like. One of my fundamental problems with the footage is that it's TOO lousy for such a momentous event!

Continuing, I had written:

>>As far as risk is concerned; there really isn't any. Since no
>>faces are shown, all involved would be sorely lacking in proof
>>if they tried to "squeal" on Santilli. In fact, should any of
>>the actors cause him to lose money by making claims that they
>>can't prove, Santilli could sue THEM and would probably win,
>>too.

Gildas responded:

>Yes, the fact that all faces are hidden is, of course, very
>suspect. But it is just as necessary for the team protection,
>wether it is a simple hoax or a more complex operation.

The "containment" suits are a joke, used only to hide any evidence of the actors's identities. For instance, you'll notice that the suits are not air tight; there's no air hoses or any life support going to them. Nothing was achieved through the use of those suits that a simple surgical gown and mask could not have done more comfortably. In addition, this was supposedly all very "hurry, hurry" and at the last minute stuff. What? They just HAPPENED to have these surgical "containment" suits around but couldn't manage something as simple as additional lights to allow for better focus? Silly.

>I maintain that it would have been very risky as a simple hoax.
>People willing to participate in such an operation are not of a
>very scrupulous kind, and therefore present a risk, even years
>later. There are many ways to prove a hoax when you have
>participated in it, especially if you have been careful to keep
>some proofs of it. There is also the blackmailing risk. Any
>participant with such a proof could sink him.

Unless they were part of a profit sharing program. The same "doctors" seen in the AA footage may be the extent of the overall team. Considering the money to be made, why "screw the pooch"?

>One more detail. I was at the first screening in London on May
>5, 1995, with some French friends. One of them, Jean Gresl=E9,
>talked with Santilli and he discovered that he was very ignorant
>of the Roswell case. One more indication that Santilli, most
>probably, was not the producer of the film.

Gildas, when I write a check at the grocery store, the cashier always looks at the name, address and phone info printed and asks,

"Is everything on your check correct?"

What does this person expect me to say?

"No, you got me. The check's stolen and I was gonna try and slip something by you. But you're too fast for me; you caught me!"

Do you think Santilli is going to act any differently? Playing "dumb" is probably the easiest thing Santilli has to do in association with this whole extravaganza.

He'll never admit anything when there's money to be made.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 11:24:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 16:11:10 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 12:59:58 -0500 (EST)
>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:52:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 17:34:50 +0000
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Previously, I had offered:

>>Finding the old film stock is not impossible. I, personally,
>>have stumbled onto old rolls of B&W film dating back to 1958. I
>>shot them and they processed up just fine, though a little
>>grainy. Therefore, film and processing is practically free, as
>>is the old Bell and Howell it was probably shot with. I wouldn't
>>be surprised if the camera and film were found together in
>>someone's attic! From the look of it, I doubt very seriously
>>that a trained camera man shot one single frame, so you know his
>>cost was doodly-squat.

Bob's response:

>Finding old film stock from 1947, and an ultra fast film at
>that, is a different matter, Roger. If you did find some, it
>would be hopelessly fogged by now by background radiation, no
>matter how it was stored.

This is a bit much, don't you think? After all, if the vintage
1958 film I found was okay, then what's another 10 or 11 years?
Obviously, what you claim is true, but not all of the time.

>Processing would also be problematic, since you can't run this
>old film through today's chemicals. The emulsion would just
>come right off.

So don't run them through today's chemicals. Sheesh. I can't
play CD's on my mother's old 8-track either!

More to the point, correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't you say
in an earlier post that you've never seen the original film? My
understanding is you've only seen a print. I don't believe we
have any proof that the actual film used to produce the AA
footage was really produced in 1947, do we?

Continuing, I offered:

>>The actor's faces were conveniently covered, so their "fees"
>>would be minimal, probably no more than \$200 per person, if even
>>that. Santilli could easily afford to "sweeten" the deal by
>>doubling or tripling their fees to keep them quiet, though it
>>really wouldn't be necessary.

Bob's reply:

>Huh???? Now why wouldn't it be necessary to pay them "hush
>money"? Let's say they had been paid, oh \$ 5,000 each for the
>sake of argument. You don't think Bob Kiviat could scrape up a

>LOT more than that to offer them if they came forward?

>

>Nope, your argument here just doesn't make sense.

Of course it does, Bob.

Legally, if Bob Kaviat paid someone to come on national television and make claims that they couldn't prove, then Kaviat, himself, would be over a barrel in court if Santilli lost money as a result of unsubstantiated claims. Why? Because lawyers always go for the deepest pockets in a chain of defendants. It happens all the time. Kaviat would know better than to risk it just for the increase in ratings, if any. And don't forget, it's not likely that Fox is going to let Kaviat do anything to put THEM at risk either. Networks often make overseas deals on domestic programming. The tendrils for this show are wide spread, I'm sure.

Tragically, I had written:

>>Gilda continued by offering this:

In an apparently anal retentive mood, Bob replied:

>His name is Gildas, Roger. He is a man. I can attest to this
>since I met him in Paris when we both were featured on the TF-1
>network's TV program on the film!!!!!! <G>

Boy, drop an "s" and one's whole theory goes right out the window!<g>

Moving on, I wrote:

>>I've posted earlier why I find the notion of some guy processing
>>several hundred feet of film in a bucket and trying to find a
>>place to hang-dry it really stupid. I know Bob Shell disagrees,
>>and he has his reasons. But it makes no sense to me at all,
>>despite the army manuals of the day claiming that it could be
>>done.

Bob replies:

>Roger, I never said that the film was processed in a bucket,
>just that it could have been if absolutely necessary.

<snip>

>I think the film was processed in a hand-crank processing tank,
>as were often used by the military in those days.

This is news to me. It's possible that I missed it, but I don't ever recall you making this statement about the hand cranked processor during our protracted debate a few months back. Perhaps I misunderstood your assertion regarding hand processing when you spoke about the ability to process in a bucket. Where in the archives of our discussion do you make this exact distinction?

Finally, I had suggested:

>>Now, a lawyer might want to weigh in on this, but an interesting
>>way to test Santilli's resolve is for others to start copying
>>and selling tapes of his AA footage, sans the opening titles or
>>credits or narrative sections that he or the networks produced.
>>After all, if the AA footage was produced by the military, then
>>it was paid for with US tax dollars and now belongs to the
>>general public, just like early NASA photos. For Santilli to
>>protect his copyright, (and his profits) he'd have to prove that
>>he produced the AA footage from scratch!

Bob replied:

>WRONG!!!!!! This has been done. Ask Chuck Harder about it.

I don't know Chuck. Perhaps someone can fill me in on the details of what happened.

Thanks,

Roger Evans

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UFO Cults - A research question...

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 12:51:14 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 16:18:22 -0500
Subject: UFO Cults - A research question...

Dear list,

I would if I could employ some of your help and advice in a rather portentous project that I am considering at "The Flying Saucer Gazette?"

I am beginning to devote a great deal of time to studying the cult phenomenon (threat), and am planning to focus on three specific facets of it:

1. Cults and survival groups which are driven by (or inspired by) the approaching Millenium (with a possible focus on UFO related cults).
2. The internal structure/psychology of the cult system and its leader- what holds it together, and how does the group psychology work? And
3. The development of fringe and sub-cultures, and how they might be similar or different from cults. I would really like to find information on the topic of how a belief system can be created and implemented among a small closed group of people.

I realize that this is quite a broad range of topics, but I would like to draw on this list's expertise in recommending the very best in resource material: publications, books, web sites, etc...

Thanks in advance for your input, and hope to hear from you soon.

-Scott C. Carr

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 13:58:33 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 16:20:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 18:49:30 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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It seems that the power system which propels the Beam Ship,
resonates on the same frequency as that of the earth.

So, this would explain why the vehicle could operate so well
within the atmosphere of this planet.

Apparently the propulsion system is capable of acclimating
itself to the planetary field within which it is operating.

REgards, Mike

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Joe Firmage

From: **Joe Firmage** <jfirmage@uswebcks.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 13:36:49 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 16:55:18 -0500
Subject: Joe Firmage

Hello everyone,

Some of you may have heard the news that I have chosen to step aside from my position as Chief Strategist at USWeb.

First off, I'd like to say that there have been wild exaggerations of my assertions by the press. I expected this (this whole bit of "reverse engineered technology" as one example has been wildly exaggerated, as anyone who actually has read my book knows, meanwhile the important parts of the book that I've truly stressed to reporters go unreported). Thus reality is transformed into caricature. Anticipating this inability on the part of the press to think and report in shades of gray rather than simply black and white led me to propose to my associates several days ago that I step aside.

This is a long process and it has just begun. I love the company we've created far too much to see it take any collateral flack from my publishing.

I will be releasing on the Internet an official synopsis of my book shortly which, among other things, will clarify what I have actually said and what I actually believe, as opposed to the "X-Files" sensationalizations reported. In comparing the two versions of the story, many of you may see for the first time a real-time living example of the ways in which remarkable ideas can be and have been trivialized and discredited.

The wonderful thing about the Internet is that irresponsible journalism can be circumvented through direct broadcast communication.

Very best,

Joseph Firmage

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>>>when they harmonized, as the earth

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>>quite sure what this means or what its significance is. I'm not
>>casting doubts on what you are saying; on the contrary, I don't
>>really even understand it. Can you fill me in? And if not, is
>>there a more accomplished musician on the list that can?

Michael responds:

>It seems that the power system which propels the Beam Ship,
>resonates on the same frequency as that of the earth.
>
>So, this would explain why the vehicle could operate so well
>within the atmosphere of this planet.
>
>Apparently the propulsion system is capable of acclimating
>itself to the planetary field within which it is operating.

My response:

Is this what you believe or what Billy believes?

Frankly, it all sounds like psuedo-scientific gobbledy-gook. I didn't even know that the earth resonated, at all. Do our NASA rockets' propulsion systems also resonate the same as the earth. Is that why they operate so well within our atmosphere? Is such a a thing required in the aerospace industry? I read the words but still don't understand.

Waiting for an explanation I can swallow.

Roger Evans

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Sightings - Czarnik

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 16:05:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 17:11:23 -0500
Subject: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 08:32:41 -0600
>From: Ron Decker <decker@wt.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Mike,

>For what it's worth (I know the following is hearsay), a friend
>and former co-worker told me of a conversation he had with his
>next-door neighbor a couple of years ago. He lives in the
>NASA/Clear Lake area south of Houston.

>My friend told me that he and the next-door neighbor were
>getting acquainted one day and were talking about their work (my
>friend's an accountant). The next-door neighbor claimed he
>worked for NASA and his job was to baby-sit a certain button.
>The neighbor's job was to watch live feeds from NASA missions
>and screen video that 'wasn't supposed to be seen by the
>public'. When something popped up that wasn't to go out for
>public consumption, he would push the button removing the feed
>from public view. Unfortunately he wouldn't reveal what the
>criteria were for censoring.

>As I said, the story is hearsay so take it for what it's worth.

Hi Ron.

I am sorry for the delay in replying...your message was lost in
the shuffle of all the emails I receive.

I wish to thank you for the reply to my message, and I would not
be surprised at the validity of it.

They use to have live feeds until the STS-38 flight changed all
that. I have videos of that flight film of the objects moving
across the rim of the earth...

I have other videos of daytime shots taken of the earth as well,
showing objects moving across the face of the planet at regular
intervals.

If it is possible to receive direct coloberation from your
friend, I would be interested in doing so... I would appreciate
any assistance in contacting the author of the "pushing button"
story...

All of this would be held in the strictest confidence, unless
permission was given to use the information.

Thanks again.

REgards, Mike

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Space Command Surveillance 'FENCE' Revealed

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<http://www.sightings.com/ufo2/surveillance.htm>

The US Space Command Surveillance 'FENCE' Revealed
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For more than 35 years, the U.S. Space Command (USSPACECOM) and its predecessor organizations have maintained a continuous surveillance of space and a complete inventory of trackable Earth-orbiting objects. This space surveillance mission is rooted in the military's need to know when hostile satellites might be in position to target operational units or collect intelligence.

But, as the number of objects - satellites and debris - orbiting the Earth has grown, the 'space watch' has also become increasingly important in protecting the safety of manned and unmanned missions into space.

Today, in one of the largest-scale tracking enterprises ever undertaken, more than 9,500 objects are tracked daily by a network of more than 20 sensors spread around the globe. 'Objects' includes active and inactive satellites, as well as assorted 'space junk.' And the total trackable population has been growing at a long-term rate of about 250 objects per year.

Of particular concern in recent years is the planned deployment of large new satellite constellations such as Iridium and Teledesic, which will increase the trackable orbiting population by hundreds of objects in a short period of time. Additionally, concerns about the risk to payloads from small space debris have led to proposals to expand the catalog to include objects as small as 1 centimeter in size - potentially over 400,000 in number. These trends threaten to overburden our current space surveillance system.

However, a number of initiatives by Naval Space Command (NAVSPACECOM) will help ensure that the United States will be able to maintain a much larger and more rapidly growing space catalog in the years ahead.

The Surveillance Challenge

USSPACECOM's satellite catalog is a database of orbital elements from which it is possible to calculate position and velocity at any time for any trackable object in Earth orbit. Predicted

positions of these objects are essential data for all analyses, including threat assessments. But since the prediction accuracy of each element set degrades with time from the last contact with the object, all objects must be tracked continually and element set updates calculated frequently if the threat assessments and other analyses are to be valid.

The operators of active payloads usually use some kind of cooperative tracking scheme to determine the orbits of their satellites. Radio beacons, on-board sensors, laser retroreflectors, on-board GPS receivers and other systems are commonplace. They provide accurate orbits very economically. Cooperative tracking also neatly identifies which satellite is being tracked in a constellation of several objects, since each payload can, for example, be assigned a unique frequency.

However, for space surveillance, non-cooperative tracking is mandatory, for at least two reasons. First, one cannot assume that enemy satellites will emit signals that are usable for orbit determination by friendly forces. Second, 90 to 95 percent of cataloged space objects are inert - dead payloads, empty rocket bodies, a variety of objects deliberately jettisoned from payloads and rocket bodies, and miscellaneous debris from satellite explosions and other inadvertent causes. It is essential to track and maintain current orbital elements for every object that has a reasonable probability of detection, including debris, if the catalog is to serve its purposes.

Non-cooperative tracking tends to be more expensive and less accurate per observation than a cooperative method, especially for radars, the mainstay of surveillance tracking. Moreover, with non-cooperative tracking there is the problem of determining from which object a given measurement originates. This problem of data association is, in fact, one of the most difficult aspects of multitarget, multisensor tracking. It is often the limiting factor in overall system performance, especially if the principal means of target identification is only the positional tracking data themselves, the case in space surveillance today.

In recent years, multitarget, multisensor problems other than space surveillance have spawned a vast and sophisticated literature. One of the first lessons of research related to ballistic missile defense was that the processing needed for data association and sensor coordination (command and control) always increases exponentially with the number of objects being tracked, and rapidly becomes unfeasible for any current technology when the number of targets rises to a few thousand.

100 Fly Balls

There is an easily visualized baseball analogy. Imagine the difficulties faced by 100 outfielders on the same field trying to catch 100 simultaneous fly balls. Space surveillance is actually easier than the outfielders' problem for a number of reasons:

A complete catalog has been maintained since the first satellite was launched. Satellite motion can usually be predicted much more accurately than the motion of other high-interest objects such as missiles, aircraft and baseballs. Very few satellites maneuver, split into several distinct satellites or try to evade detection. The space environment provides a low-clutter background against which to track most satellites, so that the false-detection rate is extremely low. Large as it is, the current catalog size is small enough to prevent frequent confusion of targets by the sensors. Since cataloging was started almost 40 years ago, computer and communication capabilities have always grown faster than the catalog size.

The essential problem of space surveillance is data association. The space object catalog is maintainable only to the extent that sensor observations can be associated with the correct satellite.

All of the above factors combine to simplify the problem of data association enough for straightforward processing techniques to work. The current system does, in fact, depend critically on these simplifying factors.

If any of the above fortuitious circumstances were to change for

the worse in the long term, we would have to both re-think the current concept of operations and invest in major technical improvements throughout the system.

Sometimes one or more of these circumstances does change temporarily and in those cases we do face special difficulties maintaining the catalog. For example, solar storms disturb the upper atmosphere and temporarily degrade our ability to predict near-Earth orbits accurately. On at least one occasion during March 1989, the integrity of the catalog was endangered because of unpredictable atmospheric perturbations affecting an unprecedented number of orbits.

In another example, satellite break-ups may instantly increase the trackable orbiting population by 500 or 600 objects. A substantial fraction of the objects detected by a sensor may be uncataloged and therefore unknown to any other sensors.

Once the break-up pieces have separated sufficiently, typically after a few hours, we can begin to determine orbits for all trackable pieces. It usually takes from a few days to several weeks to find all the pieces, depending on the size of the break-up.

The Surveillance 'Fence'

The space surveillance sensor operated by NAVSPACECOM is unique in the worldwide inventory of space tracking assets. It is particularly valuable for catalog maintenance and high-altitude unalerted detection.

The 'fence,' as it has come to be known, is a continuous-wave, multistatic radar interferometer deployed along a great-circle arc across the southern United States. Raw signals detected at the receiver stations are sampled at an effective rate of 55 Hz for up to one second as a satellite passes through the sensor beam, and then forwarded in real time to NAVSPACECOM's computational center at Dahlgren.

Although most satellites are in the near-Earth regime, the fence routinely makes detections at ranges of more than 25,000 kilometers and occasionally at ranges of more than 40,000 kilometers. Well over 60 percent of the entire space catalog is visible to the fence.

Objects in low-inclination orbits, or extremely small objects, are essentially the only ones not routinely detected, and at present there are more than 100 satellites that no other sensor but the fence detects routinely.

Predictions based on the most recent element set for each satellite are computed for 36 hours into the future every time the element set is updated, or at least once per day. These predictions are sorted in time order and merged with the predictions for all other satellites in a single prediction database. The fence data association then proceeds in time order as the observations arrive.

Normally, at least 97 percent of the fence observations can be associated automatically with known satellites. This is a noticeably higher percentage than can presently be associated by the other tracking sensors in USSPACECOM's Space Surveillance Network, which makes the NAVSPACECOM combined fence-database system an especially important asset for analyzing any observation or track that has not been associated with a known satellite.

Known as 'uncorrelated targets,' or UCTs, these observations must be disposed of by either associating them with a cataloged element set or an existing analyst element set, or by creating a new analyst element set from the UCT data.

Satellite break-up events present special challenges because many unassociated observations and an unknown number of new satellites are involved. Whenever the automatic system cannot associate observations with known satellites, orbital analysts must use special software tools and manual processing to make the proper data association.

Recently, advanced computation and parallel processing techniques have made it possible for analysts to consider many

more association hypotheses than in the past. Although the analyst work is inherently slower than real-time, it is still essential to make the correct data associations as soon as possible. Human expertise built up through long experience has always been indispensable for this analysis.

Near-Term Improvements

In order to improve our cataloging process, we must improve data association. This, in turn, calls for better accuracy and precision of observations, better accuracy of predictions and faster processing to accommodate the growing catalog. Some aspects of these problems are now being addressed in research efforts at NAVSPACECOM.

The distributed computing system at NAVSPACECOM has the basic computing capacity to use a fairly sophisticated special perturbation (SP) numerical integration orbit model for catalog maintenance. Most satellite programs use SP models for operations because they are the most accurate methods of prediction, though they are computation-intensive.

Space surveillance is one of the few space activities that still relies mostly on general perturbation (GP) analytical models which can execute much faster than SP models, though with reduced prediction accuracies. Though NAVSPACECOM's computer network was not specifically designed for the extra processing load of SP, it is a very capable system and efforts are underway to maximize the network's capacity for such computation. Parallel processing seems to be the most practical and economical way to achieve this.

For the past several years, NAVSPACECOM has been developing, in collaboration with researchers at the Naval Research Laboratory, parallel versions of three important space surveillance applications:

- * COMBO (Computation of Miss Between Objects) computes when close approaches between selected satellites will occur. It has several uses, though perhaps the most important is for collision avoidance for the Space Shuttle. To date, during more than 500 days of on-orbit Shuttle operations, there have been seven occasions when cataloged objects came within a 'warning zone' extending 4 kilometers radial, 10 kilometers along-track and 4 kilometers cross-track, centered on the Shuttle. On four of those occasions, the Shuttle has maneuvered to avoid the risk of collision.

COMBO analysis is the means by which U.S. Space Command provides notice to NASA sufficiently far in advance for the Shuttle to be able to maneuver. The parallel COMBO algorithm successfully demonstrated at NAVSPACECOM uses up to 23 medium-performance workstations to analyze the list of all U.S. satellites of military interest (198 satellites at this writing) for close approaches to any cataloged object for a period of seven days, in a total run time of well under an hour.

- * SAD (Search and Determine) is used by NAVSPACECOM orbital analysts to associate sparse UCT data that are widely separated in time and to generate candidate element sets from the database of UCT observations. The software works by generating candidate element sets from every possible pair of UCT radar observations and comparing each of these candidates against the entire database of observations.

A parallel version for up to 23 workstations is now available to NAVSPACECOM analysts and has been in use for several months. It is capable of processing 30 days' worth of UCT data in about six to 12 hours. However, some work remains to improve the efficiency of the implementation and to integrate it into routine operations.

- * Parallel SP-based catalog maintenance is in development, and initial demonstration runs on the NAVSPACECOM network have begun.

Additionally, the problem of parallel database management to support all these processes is receiving intense investigation.

Far-Term Improvements

In the more distant future, we will have to consider how advanced computation - especially parallel processing - allows us to re-engineer the whole catalog maintenance system. For example, should the catalog have to include small debris, we will need a more robust catalog maintenance process, and we will need it before the catalog begins to grow rapidly, because of the large numbers of UCTs that will have to be processed.

Ultimately it is desirable to be able to reconstitute the entire catalog without any prior element sets or data associations. At present and for the foreseeable future, we have neither the resources nor the know-how to do this task, meaning that the satellite catalog should be considered a national treasure.

Rebuilding the catalog ab initio on demand in a reasonable amount of time is the 'grand challenge' problem of space surveillance. It is probably out of reach to solve this problem in practical terms anytime soon, but by pursuing it we will develop the more robust catalog maintenance process that we do need soon.

In particular, we need detailed modeling and simulation of the entire space cataloging operation in order to estimate system sensitivities, risks, performance boundaries, failure modes and relative merits of proposed improvements. High-fidelity simulation of the whole system at both sensor level and command-and-control level is probably the only way that a full reconstitution capability can be developed and tested.

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Computer Pioneer Quits To Chase UFOs

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Saturday January 9, 3:26 pm Eastern Time

Real-life X-File? Computer pioneer
quits to chase UFOs

By Andrew Quinn

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 9 (Reuters) - In the X-Files it would be called the case of the CEO and the UFO.

Joe Firmage, who at the age of 28 has made not one but two mega-fortunes as a computer pioneer in California's Silicon Valley, has quit the \$2 billion company he helped found to promote what he calls "the most important news event in 2000 years" -- his belief that many of today's scientific advances came from space aliens.

"Why would a young, successful CEO risk his reputation on something this fantastic?" Firmage told Saturday's San Francisco Chronicle in announcing his departure from USWeb/CKS (Nasdaq:USWB - news), an Internet marketing and consulting company based in Santa Clara, California.

"Because I believe so much in this theory. And I am in a unique position to communicate an extremely important message. I have the money, credibility, scientific grounding, and faith."

Firmage has been dubbed the "Fox Mulder of Silicon Valley" after the hero of the "X-Files" television series, and his own beliefs seem strangely parallel to the dark mix of UFO contact and government conspiracy that lie at the show's core.

Backed by his immense resources, Firmage has sought to prove a variety of theories regarding UFOs, including one which holds that many recent scientific advances including semiconductors, fiber optics and lasers can be traced to a purported alien spaceship crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947 that was covered up by the government.

"Outright rejection of the evidence without comprehensive review of the research in print across hundreds of books is close-minded, unscientific and indeed irresponsible in the extreme," Firmage wrote in one recent essay.

"It is also quite understandable given decades of government disinformation which, right or wrong in its genesis and continuation, was specifically designed to create a 'giggle factor' surrounding the subject."

Firmage's credentials as a UFO buff are matched by his track record as a computer industry entrepreneur.

A physics major at the University of Utah, Firmage was 18 when he formed his first company, Serious, which specialized in writing computer operating system codes. That was sold to Novell

in 1993 for \$24 million, and Firmage served as Novell's vice president of networking strategy until 1995 when he left to form USWeb.

That company, which helped companies to develop Internet strategies, completed a merger with CKS Group Inc. last month to form a \$2.1 billion powerhouse that employs 1,950 people.

During the merger, however, Firmage was edged out as CEO by a board of directors who did not see eye to eye with him on the UFO issue. Now, Firmage says, he is leaving the company for good to pursue his beliefs.

"I want to ensure that the company is not impacted in any negative way," Firmage told the Chronicle, adding that he was not pressured to give up his job as chief strategist.

Robert Shaw, who took over as CEO of USWeb/CKS, said Firmage himself had suggested the move "given the market exposure associated with his outside interests."

"Joe is a visionary and he should be quite proud of what he accomplished. This move should demonstrate to the public and the employees that he's always put the interests of the company first," Shaw told the newspaper.

Firmage has already laid the groundwork for a campaign to publicize his UFO beliefs. He has set up the International Space Science Organization to promote his views, sunk \$3 million into an endeavor dubbed 'Project Kairos' aimed at preparing humanity for alien contact, and posted a 600-page manifesto, entitled 'The Truth', on his website (www.thewordistruth.org).

Included in 'The Truth' are new documents from a source Firmage calls the 'Deep Throat of Cyberspace' which he claims back up his space alien theories.

One of the documents is a purported 1947 memo from President Harry Truman to Secretary of Defense James Forrestal that sets up a secret U.S. government operation dubbed 'Majestic Twelve' to investigate extraterrestrials.

Another is an alleged June 1947 letter from Albert Einstein and Robert Oppenheimer to scientist Vannevar Bush giving advice on how to deal with alien visitors.

Firmage's departure from USWeb/CKS was greeted with a shrug by many of his Silicon Valley contemporaries, who have long scoffed at his otherworldly beliefs.

"I've met a bunch of the valley's pioneers, and none of them I know are aliens," said John McLaughlin, a Silicon Valley historian. "The valley was built on ingenuity and hard work."

Even Silicon Valley's 'official' UFO organization, the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute which is partly financed by high-tech heavyweights from Microsoft, Hewlett-Packard and Intel, is not lining up behind Firmage.

"Roswell has repeatedly been discounted as nothing more than a military experiment," SETI Institute President Frank Drake told the Chronicle. "It is constantly exploited by obsessive types who want to believe. If it's not Santa Claus, then it's aliens."

Firmage, however, was unperturbed by the lack of support from the high-tech world.

"It's the Flat-Earth society mentality all over again, and I'm here to prove my theory is real," he told the newspaper.

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 17:19:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:15:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 17:05:24 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Fox TV Special

>Michael responds:

>>It seems that the power system which propels the Beam Ship,
>>resonates on the same frequency as that of the earth.

>>So, this would explain why the vehicle could operate so well
>>within the atmosphere of this planet.

>>Apparently the propulsion system is capable of acclimating
>>itself to the planetary field within which it is operating.

>My response:

>Is this what you believe or what Billy believes?

>Frankly, it all sounds like psuedo-scientific gobbledy-gook. I
>didn't even know that the earth resonated, at all. Do our NASA
>rockets' propulsion systems also resonate the same as the earth.
>Is that why they operate so well within our atmosphere? Is such
>a a thing required in the aerospace industry? I read the words
>but still don't understand.

>Waiting for an explanation I can swallow.

>Roger Evans

Grin...No Roger, that is not why NASA rockets operate the way
the do...grin...

Apparently, you as a musician have forgotten the law of
Harmonics... Everything vibrates at a certain frequency...
Change the frequency of vibration of the object and you change
the object... This has been demonstrated many times...play
musical notes, and this generates a corresponding Color which
can be used in a Kaleido- scopic display of sound and music.

What do you as a musician play, Roger, A Bass Guitar???

Tell me Roger, do you know how to get a Bass player to stop?

Put music in front of him! <g>

If two Bass players are playing do you know how to get one of
them to stop?

Shoot him...<G>

If you are driving down the road, and see a Bass player and a
skunk lying dead in the road, both the product of being hit by
an automobile, what will you notice different between the two
bodies?

There will be skid marks by the skunks body...<g>

Re: Fox TV Special

I hope you take this in the Spirit in which it is written,
Roger...Just pure clean humor...

REgards, Mike

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

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Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:22:48 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com
>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 10:34:38 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 11:07:21 EST
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:47:19 -0500
>>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Just answering your conclusion on Ray Santilli-the-Hoaxer, who knew nothing about Roswell, and UFOs in general :

>Do you think Santilli is going to act any differently? Playing >"dumb" is probably the easiest thing Santilli has to do in >association with this whole extravaganza.

>He'll never admit anything when there's money to be made.

Apparently, you have an answer to everything.

However, I still fail to understand how a little music producer, who knew nothing about the Roswell case, and was not interested in UFOs in general, ponders one day : What about producing a UFO hoax ? Now suppose that, however crazy it seems to be, he launches into this risky project. If I were in that position, I would at least gather some information on the story, in order to avoid too obvious mistakes. But, no, he has not done that, apparently. The makes a body very different from the descriptions of Roswell witnesses (fat belly, muscular, six fingers...). And the story of the cameraman does not fit either.

Let's stop here: Santilli as a hoaxer is just about as convincing as Laurel and Hardy. Something else happened. Something big. Sometime, the wind is going to blow and , as we say in French: "Ca va d=E9coiffer".

Take care,

Gildas Bourdais

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Filer's Files 99-#1 MUFON Skywatch Investigations

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Filer's Files #1-1999, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, MUFON Eastern Director, Happy New Year
January 8, 1998, Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020

UFOs SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

Sightings seemed to disappear in the days before Christmas and into the New Year. Apparently even UFO pilots like to home for the holidays. We can speculate they are off for the holidays or over Iraq. The sudden lack of reports may indicate people are too busy to notice UFOs or report them. UFOs may have simply disappeared from our skies as they also seemed to do last year at this time. This apparent absence of UFOs may be an indicator to understanding the UFO phenomenon. My files indicate that December has been a comparatively slow month over several decades. I feel more than fifty percent of the sightings can be explained as aerial misidentifications, natural phenomenon, various types of secret military aircraft and the like. There continues a steady stream of reports throughout most of the year. It seems that the reporting of these misidentifications should continue, even if the real UFOs departed. In the few days before Christmas, the only UFO reports I received were an Utah report and observations of a large V shaped craft over Bagdad, Iraq during US and UK bombing raids. These raids were apparently conducted without contacting Russia resulting in the serious cooling of international relations between Russia and the US that could lead us back to the Cold War. CNN television carried live shots of the bombing and strange V- shaped craft above the city. These reports infer the US military may be using holographic technology or other sophisticated hardware to confuse Iraqi anti-aircraft gunners.

In reviewing 1998, Georgia had more UFO reports than any other state. Early in the year the reports were centered mostly in the La Grange area of Western Georgia. The bulk of the sighting reports then moved towards and north of the Atlanta area. New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio followed with the most reports in the Eastern part of the US. California, Colorado and Arizona sent me the second largest group of reports.

Numerous reports are sent to the National Reporting Center, MUFON, ISUR, Skywatch, TASK, etc. We attempt to verify these reports as best as possible and many reports we receive are never published. The reader should be aware that verification of the reports is expensive and time consuming problem. MUFON investigators like myself are not paid or reimbursed for numerous phone calls, travel, and time expended to verify the reports. I have learned from experience that the Air Force, police and other organizations will seldom officially verify the presence of a UFO. Unofficially, we have received verifications after getting to know the officials on a friendly basis. Many conscientious people who report UFOs do not want their real name known and hide or refuse to respond to our attempts to contact them. I admit that I have occasionally been fooled by people hoaxing UFO reports. Fortunately the number of hoaxes is very small. I report the sighting if it seems authentic. We attempt to have investigators follow up the reports. Often those people with the best sightings are very reluctant to be interviewed. They often do not want UFO investigators coming to their homes or giving out their names. I think this is understandable.

Even under the best conditions it is difficult to have a meaningful follow up investigation. We have MUFON investigators driving hundreds of miles to meet with a witness who fails to show. Sometimes they refuse to fill out the papers or sign their name. I wish to thank those investigators who have driven the miles, spent their time and written the reports. One investigation done correctly can take days. MUFON and most UFO organizations are strictly volunteer with no pay. Expenses are not paid, and a great deal of time and effort is spent. The investigators deserve a medal, a thank you, and a well done. They are the heroes of this field.

During 1998, we had a series of hoaxers who claimed to have inside government information and secrets concerning UFOs. They seldom are long time researchers or investigators. They suddenly appear making wild claims and erroneous reports. Unfortunately, it is expensive and very time consuming to weed out hoaxers. They cause serious harm to the field and I often wonder if they are hired or compelled to cause trouble and confusion. I fail to understand their motivation. Little if any of their information has been proved to be valid. They create confusion and hurt serious researchers. Often they have information that seems accurate at first, but later is determined to be false. Often they will later admit lying despite their previous claims of being a NASA contractor, on the National Security Council, working inside NORAD and the like. Anyone who claims to possess startling UFO information should be able to provide at a minimum there military or government records, ID cards, college transcripts and similar evidence to prove their backgrounds and employment. Those people who possess insider documents and information should be willing to produce these documents to respected organizations such as MUFON, CUFOS, or the Fund for UFO Research. Ufology cannot expect to gain trust, if people without credentials are acknowledged without question. I strongly advise the reader to seriously question any claims of alien data, inside government knowledge, classifications above Top Secret and similar unsubstantiated UFO data.

I have not reported on the release of new MJ-12 documents in these files, because I am not convinced they are genuine. How would one person be able to steal these highly classified documents from the government? There are guards, safes and controls to prevent this from happening. In many little ways the documents are vague and seem to contain errors. For example, the documents infer they were written in 1951. The documents then refer to the Chief of Chaplains as a Major General Luther Miller who retired in 1949. This is a small, but significant error. Government documents generally contain more specific and detailed information. They are written by a team of people representing various offices. These documents seem to be written by one or only a few persons. The new MJ-12 documents simply do not feel right to me, so I withhold judgment on their legitimacy.

Later, in these files there is further analysis of photographs taken by Dr. J. Bond Johnson in General Ramey's office of the Roswell crash debris. This is old news but we now have new technology that may help prove what happened. There is a legitimate record of the film kept in storage at the University of Texas and Dr. Johnson. The analysis may lead to an unsatisfactory conclusion, but at least we know the photographs are authentic. Many abductees and military personnel have reported seeing similar strange symbols on board alien craft. In fact, some of the latest technology is similar to certain aspects of the debris. You are invited to help and judge for yourself. Therefore, I will continue to cover this story.

To those who desire to learn the truth about UFOs, I encourage you to read information from the respected leaders in the field such as Richard H. Hall's "Perspectives" column. It's published monthly in the "MUFON UFO Journal" For example Richard states:

The Art Bell piece [published in the November 1998, issue of the "MUFON UFO Journal"] makes me think about how the sociological aspects of the UFO movement distract from the physical science aspects. News media gleefully report on the colorful personalities, the more paranoid the better, but where is their reporting on the potentially important airline pilot sightings of the past few years? Obviously, Bell is viewed by the media as representative of the UFO field, even as guru for ufologists. Well, count me out. Let's stick

to facts, logic, and science. Thanks to Bob Soetebier and the December '98 MUFON Journal page 18.

Last week I credited Victor Kean with an Edmonton, UK sighting, it apparently originated with Tony Spurrier, Project FT's web page to whom we wish to thank.

UTAH

PARK CITY: Manny Fernandez writes and asks ? Did anyone see 3 UFOs on December 23, 1998, in Utah? It was a clear night, at 9:15 PM, when my wife and I saw three bright white lights, in a triangular formation, silently streak across the sky at a tremendous speed over the Wasatch Mountain range, at first in a straight line and then make a left turn and recede until they disappeared, over the span of about 5 seconds. Did anyone else see this? Thanks to Manny Fernandez at manny1@ix.netcom.com

NEW DATA ON GENERAL RAMEY'S ROSWELL DEBRIS PHOTOGRAPHS:

Neil Morris and J. Bond Johnson and the Roswell Photo Interpretation Team (RPIT) continue to update their findings. RPIT using state of the art enhancement techniques, have taken a close up look at the photographs that J. Bond Johnson shot on July 8, 1947. The following is: A discussion of what the debris in these photos shows or doesn't show, links to these enhanced photos and related Web pages. What in my opinion is the MOST promising in all of this, is a discussion of the analysis of a MESSAGE General Ramey is holding in his hand in EACH OF THE FOUR PHOTOS JOHNSON TOOK OF GENERAL RAMEY some of these photos. This could REALLY provide the answers everyone's been looking for. NOTE THAT IN THE FIRST TWO PICTURES TAKEN OF GENERAL RAMEY ALONE AND THE FIRST ONE TAKEN WITH COLONEL DUBOSE. THE MESSAGE IS FOLDED AND RAMEY COULD NOT BE READING THE MESSAGE. HOWEVER, IN THE LAST PICTURE TAKEN BY JOHNSON RAMEY HAS FOLDED THE PAGE INTO THIRDS AND APPEARS TO BE READING THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE MESSAGE EVEN WHILE THE PHOTO SHOOT IS IN PROGRESS. AN ARGUMENT CAN BE MADE THAT THIS MESSAGE WAS THE GENERAL'S "MARCHING ORDERS" FROM HIS SUPERIORS IN THE AAF SINCE IT INCLUDED MENTION OF "VICTIMS OF THE CRASH" BEING TAKEN TO FORT WORTH, TEX -- A HIGHLY UNUSUAL PROCEDURE FOR VICTIMS OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH -- AND ALSO "WEATHER BALLOONS" -- WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN ORDERING HIM TO ISSUE THE "WEATHER BALLOON COVER-UP" STORY TO "KILL" THE PRESS' GROWING INTEREST IN THIS BREAKING STORY. Some of these photos, now housed at the University of Texas at Arlington, show debris spread out on the floor of GENERAL RAMEY'S office at the headquarters of the 8th Army Air Force, Fort Worth, Texas, now known as Carswell AFB. A spirited debate has been going on for some time now regarding exactly what the debris in these photos actually is. At the time, and AFTER Dr. Johnson took his photos, Brigadier General Roger Ramey, Commanding General of the 8th Army Air Force, held a press briefing (THERE IS NO EVIDENCE ANYWHERE THAT THERE WAS ANY PRESS BRIEFING OTHER THAN THE BRIEF CONTACT BETWEEN RAMEY AND JOHNSON IN RAMEY'S OFFICE AND RAMEY'S PERSONAL RADIO BROADCAST LIVE FROM THE "WBAP" STUDIOS. NO KNOWN MEMBER OF THE PRESS EVER FILED A STORY AND NO OTHER PHOTOGRAPHER EVER PRODUCED A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE DEBRIS DISPLAYED IN RAMEY'S OFFICE -- OTHER THAN THE SINGLE PHOTO OF WEATHER OFFICER NEWTON WHICH WAS TAKEN AFTER JOHNSON DEPARTED THE OFFICE AND WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEDIA BY RAMEY'S STAFF TOO LATE TO RUN IN MORNING PAPERS ON JULY 9, 1947.) General Ramey went on WBAP radio announcing the debris in the office was nothing more than the remains of a Rawin Radar Reflector that had been carried aloft by a weather balloon, and crashed on a ranch outside of Roswell. This, he claimed, was the debris brought to him by Major Jesse Marcel, which earlier that day had been mistakenly reported as debris from a crashed "Flying Disc" WHICH HAD BEEN "CAPTURED" BY THE AAF.

All of the noted Roswell researchers and authors over the years have presented evidence supporting the theory that acting on orders from Major General Clements McMullen in Washington, D. C., General Ramey had the real debris Marcel brought with him switched with the Rawin debris. (THIS IS INACCURATE. ACTUALLY ONLY A FEW AUTHORS EVER MENTIONED ANY DEBRIS "SWITCH." THIS CLAIM WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON AN AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT MADE BY MAJOR JESSE MARCEL, SR. TO AUTHOR WILLIAM MOORE MORE THAN 40 YEARS AFTER THE INCIDENT THAT THE PHOTOS OF MARCEL WERE MADE WITH THE REAL WRECKAGE BUT THAT LATER PHOTOS WERE OF SUBSTITUTED DEBRIS. WITH THE DETAILED PHOTO INTERPRETATION BY RPIT IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE DISPLAYED DEBRIS IS THE SAME IN THE RAMEY,

DUBOSE AND MARCEL PHOTOS. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT SOME OF THE BEAMS WHICH INCLUDE RAISED SYMBOLS AND OTHER ANOMALOUS OBJECTS WHICH WOULD NOT BE FOUND IN A WEATHER BALLOON OR RAWIN RADAR DEVICE AND WHICH ARE SEEN IN THE RAMEY, DUBOSE AND MARCEL SHOTS ARE NOT SEEN IN THE SINGLE NEWTON SHOT MADE LATER. General DuBose, shortly before his death, in a video interview makes no mention of a "switch" of debris. He confirms General McMullen's orders to put out the "cover story" of the weather balloon to get the press off the AF's back. This was a deliberate effort to get the press off the AF's back, and apparently cover up the fact they had indeed recovered a crashed "Flying Disc" near Roswell. In other words the press release that initiated from the Roswell AAF got out before the Pentagon had a chance to react. Thus, this was damage control. At least this is one commonly held theory. RPIT (Roswell Photo Interpretation Team), believe their photo enhancements show AT LEAST some of the debris material is not part of the Rawin target material. In other words original crash debris, or at least SOMETHING else is mixed in. Therefore, they proclaim General Ramey is not guilty of having switched the debris material. Neil Morris writes, At first I had to agree that there could be a mixture of debris to be seen in the photographs, but I now have to say that I am moving more towards the thought that little if any of the debris seen in the images is from a radar target or that, due to items such as "buttons" being found on the "balloon envelope", a balloon. The large foil panels are said to be the foil-backed cardboard of the radar reflectors, in the images of Major Marcel look VERY closely at his fingers as he holds the foil, look how incredibly THIN the foil sheets are. In my eyes far thinner than a foil- cardboard sandwich. Also notice how the sheet is flexed, again this doesn't seem to be how I would imagine, or have seen, a cardboard sheet flex, bend and RIPPLE as these sheets have. 1. It is accepted as fact that Major Marcel brought with him on the flight from Roswell to Ft. Worth actual material from the Brazel debris field. IT IS UNCONTROVERTED THAT MARCEL UNWRAPPED AT LEAST SOME OF THIS DEBRIS AND DISPLAYED IT ON THE FLOOR OF GENERAL RAMEY'S OFFICE. (SOME ACCOUNTS STATE THAT THAT MUCH OF THE DEBRIS REMAINED ON THE B-29 AND WAS TAKEN ON TO WRIGHT FIELD IN OHIO.) THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO UNOPENED PACKAGES SHOWN ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE DEBRIS DISPLAY SEEN IN THE PHOTOS TAKEN IN RAMEY'S OFFICE. At least 1 "plant stem" can be seen with the debris indicating the debris was most likely gathered "outdoors." 2. It is accepted as fact that Rawin Radar reflector material IS the predominant material in the photos. THIS IS INCORRECT. A REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF RPIT MEMBERS' PHOTO INTERPRETATION OF THE RAMEY OFFICE PHOTOS AS POSTED ON THE WEB INDICATES THAT THERE IS NOTHING SEEN IN THE PHOTOS WHICH IS FOUND IN EITHER A WEATHER BALLOON OR RAWIN RADAR DEVICE. THE STRANGEST FINDINGS ARE THE VARIOUS SYMBOLS -- WHICH APPEAR TO BE BOTH "PRINTED" AND CARVED IN BAS RELIEF -- DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT ALL THE PHOTOS. THE FOUR EXISTING ORIGINAL NEGATIVES AS EXPOSED BY JOHNSON ON JULY 8, 1947, HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS CUSTODY EITHER OF THE STAR- TELEGRAM OR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SINCE THAT TIME.

On first "impressions" just "glancing" at the photographs the debris MAY LOOK LIKE weather balloon debris, if you look deeper into the images this impression quickly disperses. Some of the group do go with the idea of a mixture, as I have explained above I personally now think there may be very little if any balloon/reflector debris in the pictures. It's not a black and white point more a sliding scale, and towards which end of the scale you stand. Unless and until it can be proven beyond any doubt Non-Rawin material is mixed in the debris, in my opinion the entire debate is moot. THE RPIT MEMBERS HAVE MADE NO CLAIMS AS TO THE ETIOLOGY OF THEIR FINDINGS BUT HAVE INVITED THE WORLD TO SPECULATE AS TO WHAT COULD BE THE ORIGIN OF THESE STRANGE SYMBOLS. SO FAR NO ONE HAS OFFERED ANY SERIOUS SUGGESTION. No one can prove absolutely the photos are of the very same material Marcel brought with him from Roswell. BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS WAS NOT THE MATERIAL THAT MARCEL COLLECTED ON THE ROSWELL RANCH. Bill Moore claims Major Marcel told him he was photographed with "some of the less interesting debris" or words to that effect. Dubose maintained there was no switch of debris.

Neil Morris mentions there are the supporting fact of "plant stems" in the debris photographs. Without this proof on when the Rawin material may or may not have been substituted for the real crash material, everything else is speculation, conjecture, and opinion. It doesn't matter if Ramey ordered the switch on

his own, or acted on orders of General McMullen. What's important is what's shown in the photos! The photo's tell the same story, "unchanged", as they did 50 years ago on the day they were taken, they are in effect a little time machine allowing us to peek in through a window in Ramey's office just at that moment when Bond's flash went off. HERE IS WHAT IS CLAIMED TO BE IN THE MEMO IN RAMEY'S HAND SO FAR: The Crest in the Upper Left Hand corner of the message appears to be a cradle phone circa 1947 which could indicate that this was an official phone message. Niel Morris says his interpretation of this differs, He has outlined what he thinks this feature is on his web site, an insignia of some type.

The time of receipt appears to be 1533 (which coincides with the RPIT time line precisely). He only "suggested" these hand written numbers "might" be a time, but it would fit the proposed time-line if they were. There is agreement among two local RPIT members (Ron Regehr and Debbie Stock) as to the following words: AS THE ... 4HRS THE VICTIMS OF THE ... YOU FORWARDED TO THE ... AT FORT WORTH, TEX. ... THE "CRASH" "STORY" ... FOR 0984 ACKNOWLEDGES ... EMERGENCY POWERS ARE NEEDED SITE TWO SW MAGDALENA, NMEX ... SAFE TALK ... FOR MEANING OF STORY AND MISSION ... WEATHER BALLOONS SENT ON THE . AND LAND . ROVER CREWS... (SIGNED) TEMPLE. OTHER RPIT MEMBERS CONFIRM AT LEAST SOME OF THE KEY WORDS AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

I have listed below the Web sites where you can view the enhancements and decide for yourself. If, as most people who have taken the trouble to view the "message" agree the text on the message IS typewritten and therefore on a "fixed grid" layout of characters, some of this EARLY interpretation cannot be correct, the letter count of the words just don't fit in the grid, but on a number of "key" words all are agreed, i.e. "VICTIMS" and "STORY".

Just these 2 words suggest both an event involving deaths, and possibly of the requirement for a "STORY". But it is still early days in the task of recovering the text from the "message" and I don't think the task is going to be as simple and easy as some people have thought. The characters in the "message" are at the very limit of the image resolving capabilities the original negatives and as some of the text areas have sustained damage. It is quite likely some of the words may never be resolved conclusively, of course the carbon copy might still be lurking somewhere in the great Government machine.

(<http://www.ufomind.com/people/j/johnsonj/> (about J. Bond Johnson)
<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/> (Main Link to Debris and Memo)
<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/index.htm> (Ramey Office Photos)
<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/new-1/index.htm> (Memo)
<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/new-1/rmysign1.htm> (Memo)
<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/download/index.htm>
 (2.5 meg image scan a BIGfile)
<http://www.abduct.com/aaer/n52.htm> (Symbols In Debris)
<http://www.abduct.com/aaer/n53.htm> (Symbols In Debris)
<http://www.artbell.com/jbjohnson.html> (Ramey Photos & Symbols)
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Hollow/8827/ramey.html> (Memo)
<http://www.abcfield.force9.co.uk/rpit/letter.html>. (Thanks to RPIT and Dr. Bond Johnson)

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: **Tim Brigham - Devil's Advocate** <devilsad@ksinc.net>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 17:48:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:36:00 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 12:51:14 -0800

>I am beginning to devote a great deal of time to studying the
>cult phenomenon

<snip>

Since Scott brings this up, for quite some time I have been searching for info on the Solar Temple group. From what little info I have been able to find, they apparently held some UFO beliefs. Kal Korff even mentioned this briefly on the recent FOX special, but has not yet replied to my request for documentation/references for the statement. All of the information I have been able to find on this subject has been second or thirdhand, and I have had no luck finding any original news reports or other sources of information which detail the specifics.

Jacques Vallee has stated that French news reports regarding the cult reported that initiation into the higher levels involved rituals in which contact with alien beings was supposed to occur. Dr. Vallee has also stated that in the home of one the cult members, sophisticated holographic equipment was found, possibly used to hoax cult members into believing that they had contacted space aliens.

These are the sorts of comments I have attempted to follow up, but sadly, I have not been able to find any more information on the topic which would be helpful for research purposes.

I am hoping that someone on this list may be knowledgeable about this particular subject or knows of resources I may find valuable. My thanks,

Tim Brigham
devilsad@ksinc.net

)+(www.ksinc.net/~devilsad/ufo.htm The Devil's Advocate
www.ksinc.net/~devilsad/ring.htm Operation MindPhuck
"Better to go hungry than to feast on lies."
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Mysterious Circle Discovered in Miami

From: **Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <pharaoh@web2000.net>
Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 18:27:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:41:54 -0500
Subject: Mysterious Circle Discovered in Miami

Archaeologist have discovered a prehistoric circle (38-foot-diameter) cut into the limestone bedrock in downtown Miami. The structure looks like an astronomical observatory, calendar or almanac(?). Also the archaeologists found two primitive axes produced by Maya civilization.

We have posted the Press Release and the Miami Herald article, with photos and maps. We will visit the site, by appointment, next week and will keep you pending development.

Visit: Miami UFO Reporter
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 20:18:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:46:09 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com
>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 10:34:38 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 11:07:21 EST
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 00:47:19 -0500
>>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

<snip>

>Do you think Santilli is going to act any differently? Playing
>"dumb" is probably the easiest thing Santilli has to do in
>association with this whole extravaganza.

>He'll never admit anything when there's money to be made.

From my dealings with Santilli I think it is perfectly possible that somebody dug this film off a shelf and sold it to him to take advantage of all the noise about Roswell. Remember that Santilli originally named his company Roswell Footage Limited. Then suddenly the supposed cameraman said it wasn't Roswell at all but Socorro and in early June, 1947.. Santilli is definitely an exploiter, but not necessarily the contractor for the project.

As I pointed out in TOP SECRET/MAJIC, everything he told me in our first conversation was a lie. Not a good start.

Stan Friedman

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question..

From: Tom Carey <TCarey1947@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 19:28:42 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 23:07:49 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question..

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 12:51:14 -0800

>I am beginning to devote a great deal of time to studying the
>cult phenomenon

Although I disagree strongly with their conclusions regarding the Roswell case, you might check out the 1997 book, 'UFO Crash At Roswell: Genesis Of A Modern Myth', by the Brandeis University anthropologists, Benson Salor and Charles Ziegler wherein they discuss the evolution of myths and cults, etc., especially with regard to the UFO phenomena.

Tom Carey

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Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 19:38:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 23:11:30 -0500
Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 23:10:30 -0000

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers;
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'
>>Date: 09 January 1999 06:17

>Not slander, just a request for some proof.....

>Do you or your husband have a view on Senator Moynihans' recent
>comments that scientific advances cannot be hidden for more than
>a few years??

Nice one Tim,

Is Senator Moynihans the last of his family?

Please remove your foot from your mouth. I have asked you, on
this List, a couple of times, a few pointed questions based
"specifically" on this secret hidden technology paradox inherent
to your research-claims: you never answered the damn questions.

Surprised - well, not really, rather pissed of - when you take
this rabbit out of the hat:

>NO! Just to ask serious and detailed questions about his
>"evidence", which by any standards can best be described as
>hearsay.

In order to refresh your memory...

>Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Nov 1998 15:31:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: Project SIGN Research Release

<snip>

>Just re-routing this message I sent you on the list on the
>10-01-1998 and to which you did not bother to respond. The
>thread was:

>The New Nazi-ET Lie?

>Tim,

>What I can't figure out is how come silent-running vehicles,
>invisible to radar, designed for atmospheric and space flight,
>capable of hovering and stationary and vertical flight, that
>reach tremendous speeds and acceleration (from 0 to 1500 knots
>in seconds), are able to outpace any known conventional craft
>and are almost invulnerable to enemy attacks have been kept in
>the cupboard for more than 50 years ?

>Do you have any incentive on that ?

<snip>

Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

Do you realize that, in this society of rubber relationships,
the extent of our one-way link could be considered an affair?

Cheers,

And keep your teeth tight,

Serge Salvaille

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ELFIS ISSUE 8 part 2

From: **Stephen Miles Lewis** <Ufoelf@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 20:09:22 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 23:39:38 -0500
Subject: ELFIS ISSUE 8 part 2

ELFIS LIST - <http://www.sdgweb.com/~elfin>

Howdy all,

Busy busy this beginning of 1999. Thus this installment is particularly small however I think you will enjoy this particular article.

ELFIS author Mr. Baggins' has written of his personal experiences with Austin's own possible magickal/cryptozoological Boggy Creek Monster. Some of you may remember the cheesy "documentary" Legend of Boggy Creek which appeared in the seventies chronicling the reports of a BigFootesque Biped in Fouke, Arkansas.

It is a lengthy article exploring the experiences of my neighbors here on Boggy Creek in Austin, Texas. On the same page are numerous links discovered in researching the many angles to these encounters: tales of escaped, rampaging chimps, Fouke monster tales, other Texas connections, as well as information on the mystique of bogs and their boogeymen.

Explore this article here:

<http://www.sdgweb.com/~elfin/ELFOL8/e8bbeheab6.htm>

As I said, this is a small installment with more to follow to fill up the Winter 1998/99 ELFIS ISSUE.

I will be interviewed by Robert Lasron on his next CARTOON PLEROMA radio show. Past guest have included: myself, Paul Rydeen, Greg Bishop (EXCLUDED MIDDLE magazine), Terence McKenna, Fred Alan Wolf, Kenn Thomas, and many others.

So, if you're in the Irvine California area this January 11th, Monday night tune into the airwaves of KUCI 88.9 FM. Or if you have a PC you can tune into the on-line webcast here at 9pm Central/7pm Pacific:

<http://www.kuci.org>

Happy New Year!

<http://www.sdgweb.com/~elfin>

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SMiles Lewis

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Australia Fears Invasion Of UFO Doomsday Cults

From: Stig Agermose <Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 04:31:17 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 23:35:09 -0500
Subject: Australia Fears Invasion Of UFO Doomsday Cults

[List only]

Source: Australian News Network,

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au>:80/national/4226918.htm

Stig

Doom cults Australian alert
By CHRIS GRIFFITH

10jan99

DOOMSDAY cults will head to Australia for "the end of the world" as Year 2000 approaches, cult watchers warn.

They say Australia should expect a surge of religious extremism and even terrorism.

Federal and state police and other agencies stepped up cult monitoring last week after Israeli police arrested 14 members of a US-based doomsday cult in Jerusalem.

Acting Prime Minister Tim Fischer told The Sunday Mail yesterday: "It's getting crazier month by month in the lead-up to the new millennium."

But he was confident Australian authorities could "pick the loonies and deal with them".

AFP spokesman Terry Brown said federal police would act if national security was threatened, but their hands were tied until the cults broke the law.

Israeli authorities claim the Concerned Christians cult hoped to trigger the second coming of Jesus Christ and Armageddon by massacring people at holy sites across Israel.

However, Queensland cult specialist Jan Groenveld said the doomsday merchants were more likely to come to Australia.

"If it's a biblical cult, they may go to Israel, but eastern, Nostradamus-based and UFO-based cults believe the southern hemisphere, in particular Australia, may suffer less or later damage as the end approaches."

Cult leaders had predicted humanity would be annihilated after nuclear warfare, natural disasters such as floods, asteroid and comet strikes, economic ruin, and civil chaos sparked by the Y2K bug.

Mr Brown said in some cases, such as the Heavens Gate cult, the group had acted legally until the final moment when they committed suicide en masse.

In cases like these, police had little legal leeway to act.

Mr Fischer said he personally had closely monitored the activities of the Concerned Christians.

"It could become a worry (here). I have followed with interest the developments in Jerusalem.

"I hopeful violent cults overseas won't be mirrored in Australia."

Mrs Groenveld's theory is backed by Garry Greenwood, once the second highest ranking official of the Mahikari movement in Australia.

He is an expert on Mahikari and its deadly sister cult Aum Shinri Kyo, which was behind the 1995 Tokyo subway nerve gas attack that killed 12 people.

"Both sects believed an Armageddon war would soon annihilate Japan and much of the world, and that they needed to establish safe havens in the southern hemisphere, which is why they ventured to Australia," he said.

In 1996, Mahikari was reported to have 10 centres and about 2000 active members in Australia.

Aum Shinri Kyo also had bought a 200,000ha sheep grazing property, Banjawarn, about 640km north-east of Perth where a loud explosion and fireball event were recorded in 1993.

Observers claimed the cult used the property as a training ground for its terrorism activities.

But low-key, home-grown doomsday cults in ordinary suburban houses were as much a concern, Mrs Groenveld said.

One called The Group, on Brisbane's southside, claimed to be "God's executioners", alert and ready to rid the scourge of humanity.

"They have a stash of guns they continually move and the leader himself has a samurai sword."

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In New Discoveries, a Planetary Mystery

From: **Steven L. Wilson Sr** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 23:58:02 -0500
Subject: In New Discoveries, a Planetary Mystery

In New Discoveries, a Planetary Mystery

By John Noble Wilford

AUSTIN, Tex. -- In a stunning run of discoveries over the last three years, astronomers have observed 17 nearby stars that appear to be orbited by planets more or less the size of Jupiter. The most recent detection of a planet around a star other than the Sun was described here Saturday.

But while astronomers continue the search for more such objects, they have now seen enough to be puzzled by an emerging pattern: None of these extrasolar planetary systems seems to resemble the Sun's family of planets. Is this an observational fluke? Or is the solar system a cosmic oddball?

At a meeting of the American Astronomical Society, scientists reviewed the mystifying evidence. All of these objects are found in orbits much closer to their parent stars than Jupiter, the solar system's giant, is to the Sun. Astrophysicists could only speculate how such large planets, ranging in mass from one-half to 10 times the mass of Jupiter, can orbit so close to a star and survive what must be destabilizing gravitational stresses.

Other studies reveal that many of the stars orbited by large bodies typically have two to three times more heavy elements than exist in the Sun. And except for the extrasolar planets extremely close to their host stars, most of these objects appear to travel in orbits unlike those of planets around the Sun.

"For the first time, we have enough extrasolar planets out there to do some comparative study," said Dr. Geoffrey W. Marcy of San Francisco State University, who is the leading discoverer of these objects. "We are realizing that most of the Jupiter-like planets far from their stars tool around in elliptical orbits, not circular orbits, which are the rule in our solar system."

Dr. Marcy noted that 9 of the 17 detected extrasolar planets sweep relatively close to their stars and then swing far out again, giving an oval shape to their orbital paths. The others travel in more circular orbits, presumably because they are even closer to their stars and are regulated by gravitational tides. One of these is only four million miles from its star and takes only 4.2 days to complete its revolution, or "year."

An elliptical orbit was observed for the most recently discovered extrasolar planet, around the star HD 168443 in the constellation Serpens, the Snake. This new planet, Dr. Marcy reported Saturday, orbits its star once every 58 days at an average distance that is nearer to the star than Mercury, with an 88-day orbit, is to the Sun.

The eccentricity of the newly discovered planet -- the degree that it deviates from a circular path -- is 0.54, about 10 times the eccentricity in the orbit of most solar system planets.

Theorists have proposed several possible explanations for such

eccentric orbits. When enough large planets orbit a star in proximity, perhaps they generate a gravitational slingshot that projects the planets into elongated orbits. Or perhaps a passing star has upset the delicate balance of these planetary systems.

In some cases, the planets could be perturbed because their star is part of a binary system, where two stars are locked in gravitational embrace.

If elliptical orbits appear to be common for other planets as massive as Jupiter, astronomers are wondering what different circumstances in the solar system keep mighty Jupiter and Saturn in circular orbits. It is not a trivial question, for the emergence of life on Earth probably depended on the answer.

Jupiter-size bodies plunging toward and away from their stars are likely to sweep aside smaller worlds, sending them crashing into the star or flying out of orbit into interstellar space. Current technology is incapable of detecting Earth-size planets around other stars, but they almost certainly could not exist near their star's warmth in a system so unsettled by large planets in wrecking orbits, Dr. Marcy said.

"The implications are also profound for the search for extraterrestrial life," Dr. Marcy said.

Yet of the all the Sun-like stars that have been studied so far by planet seekers, only 5 percent have been found to have Jupiter-mass planets in such eccentric orbits. Taking an optimistic view, Dr. Marcy said that leaves 95 percent of stars that may be free of these influences and could harbor habitable planets.

Although nearly all astronomers agree that these detected objects are extrasolar planets, a few holdouts are not so sure. They have raised the possibility that these are brown dwarfs, objects that formed like stars but lacked sufficient mass to support nuclear fusion in their cores.

Dr. William D. Cochran, an astronomer at the University of Texas here, said that too many of the objects had masses comparable to Jupiter's for them to be brown dwarfs. But at the meeting, he cautioned that they may not be planets, particularly because so many of them have eccentric orbits and are so close to their stars. They might be some new type of object unlike anything in the solar system.

"To find a new type of object would be an extremely exciting result," Dr. Cochran said. "Right now, we are still going to call them 'planets,' even though they may really be something slightly different."

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Re: Joe Firmage

From: Rebecca Fouche' <FMa1@email.msn.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 21:51:13 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 00:15:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Joe Firmage

>From: Joe Firmage <jfirmage@uswebcks.com>
>Subject: Update
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 13:36:49 -0800
>To updates@globalserve.net

>Hello everyone,

>Some of you may have heard the news that I have chosen to step
>aside from my position as Chief Strategist at USWeb.

<snip>

Dear Mr. Firmage,

I am following your ascent in the world of Ufology with great interest. My instincts tell me that a person of your stature would not make the decision you have made without careful consideration and solid motivation, therefore I wish you the best and champion your efforts. In addition, I pray that you can add a voice of reason in this mercurial and emotionally charged field. Be prepared to have your every move and action scrutinized, as, unfortunately, some who lay claim to the title "UFOlogist" take themselves all too seriously and appear to make a career of denigrating their fellow seekers. Fortunately, others are dedicated to the higher pursuits within the cause; some of the finest people I have known are in this field.

Best wishes, and I will eagerly look forward to your future revelations.

Rebecca Fouche' President, Fouche' Media Associates Section
Leader, Politics of UFOs, MSN UFO Community
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<If in the pursuit of his dreams a man sells his soul,
the quest becomes his master, and he, a slave.> <A man is
defined by what he defends.>

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San Francisco Chronicle On Firmage

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CEO Quits Job Over UFO Views

Advances in technology a gift of aliens, Silicon Valley pioneer believes

Jon Swartz, Chronicle Staff Writer
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Joe Firmage -- the Fox Mulder of Silicon Valley -- resigned yesterday from the firm he founded so he could promote his belief that many of today's high-tech advancements, including semiconductors, fiber optics and lasers, came from aliens.

Firmage is the 28-year-old founder of USWeb, a high-profile Internet consulting firm that merged recently with the Net marketing firm CKS to form a 1,950-person public company worth \$2.1 billion. Clients of Santa Clara-based USWeb/CKS include Apple Computer, Levi Strauss and Harley-Davidson.

In November, shortly before the merger, Firmage was pressured to step down as CEO of USWeb and take the lesser title of chief strategist because of his campaign to prove the existence of UFOs.

Yesterday, Firmage said he resigned as chief strategist because he believed that continuing publicity, including this article, would damage the company's reputation.

"I want to ensure the company is not impacted in any negative way," Firmage said. "I do not want to put myself in a position of compromising its day-to-day perception. I was not pressured" to resign.

Robert Shaw, CEO of USWeb/CKS, said, "Given the market exposure associated with his outside interests, Joe suggested that we would all be better served if he didn't have an official role with the company. Joe is a visionary and he should be quite proud of what he accomplished. This move should demonstrate to the public and the employees that he's always put the interests

of the company first."

Firmage said he is willing to risk his career to further publicize his theories, one of which is that many high-tech advancements can be traced to a purported alien spaceship crash in Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

According to Firmage, government officials recovered materials from the spacecraft and reverse-engineered them to develop many of today's high-tech breakthroughs.

Like Mulder, the intrepid, erudite government agent on "The X-Files," Firmage also believes that the truth is being covered up by the military-industrial complex.

Firmage has published his many ideas in a 600-page manifesto, titled "The Truth," on his Web site (www.thewordistruth.org). "This is certainly the most important news event in 2,000 years," he said.

Firmage said his theories grew out of a year's worth of research on government documents and an alleged personal encounter with an other-worldly being.

In a chapter from his manifesto, titled "My Contact," Firmage recounts an incident that he said occurred one morning at his Los Gatos home, shortly before USWeb went public in 1997.

"A remarkable being, clothed in brilliant white light, appeared hovering over my bed in my room," Firmage writes.

"He looked rather annoyed, and asked: 'Why have you called me here?'"

"I answered with a moment's pause: 'I want to travel in space.' This was always my lifelong dream, and it naturally came out in a state of semi-waking thought.

"He chuckled skeptically, paused, and asked: 'Why should you be granted such an opportunity?'"

"I responded without hesitation, in the only way I could have responded given my life to that time: 'Because I'm willing to die for it!' "

Nothing in Firmage's background would suggest any out-of-the-ordinary beliefs. Clean-cut, polite and articulate, he was raised in a modest Salt Lake City home and attended the University of Utah as a physics major. Although fascinated by science fiction as a teenager, he also described himself as "a skeptical scientist."

By the age of 18, he had founded his first company, Serious, a pioneer in object-oriented programming tools. That company was sold to Novell in 1993 for \$24 million, and Firmage became Novell's vice president of networking strategy until 1995. He co-founded USWeb in December 1995.

Firmage's online book contends that extraterrestrials, or "teachers," have randomly appeared on Earth for several thousand years to "nudge" human beings toward radical scientific advancements.

The Web site also contains about 100 pages of new documents from a source Firmage calls the "Deep Throat of Cyberspace."

One of the documents is a purported 1947 memo from President Harry S. Truman to Secretary of Defense James Forrestal that sets up a top-secret U.S. government operation called "Majestic Twelve" to investigate extraterrestrials. Subsequent documents tacitly acknowledge a series of spaceship crashes from 1947 to 1953.

In addition, the site includes an alleged June 1947 letter from Albert Einstein and Robert Oppenheimer to high-tech visionary Vannevar Bush dishing up advice on how scientists should handle aliens, and a Nov. 12, 1963, note from President John F. Kennedy to a CIA operative about "UFO intelligence files." Kennedy was assassinated 10 days later in Dallas.

Dr. Robert Wood, a retired aerospace engineer and longtime

McDonnell Douglas executive living in Newport Beach, said he has studied the controversial documents and believes that they are real.

Many Silicon Valley scientists and historians scoff at Firmage's beliefs.

"It's a joke; if not, then I must be an alien," chortled Narinder Kapany, the Woodside resident who is credited with inventing fiber optics.

"I've met a bunch of the valley's pioneers, and none of them I know are aliens," said John McLaughlin, co-author of "The Making of Silicon Valley: A One Hundred Year Renaissance" and president of the Santa Clara Valley Historical Association. "The valley was built on ingenuity and hard work."

Firmage insists that he is not trying to cash in on the enduring UFO craze. Rather, he has sunk more than \$3 million into establishing Project Kairos (after an ancient Greek word meaning "the right or opportune moment") to prepare mankind for aliens.

He also has bought ads in Rolling Stone, the Wall Street Journal, the Economist and other print and online publications to publicize his book.

"There is no money to be made -- just to be lost," he said.

Firmage is well aware of a far greater potential loss -- his credibility.

"Why would a young, successful CEO risk his reputation on something this fantastic?" he asked. "Because I believe so much in this theory. And I am in a unique position to communicate an extremely important message. I have the money, credibility, scientific grounding and faith."

Nonetheless, he said, competitors have attempted to exploit his fantastical theories. "Our competitors were highlighting this to the media and calling Joe a crackpot," USWeb/CKS board member Gary Rieschel was quoted as saying in one computer trade publication.

Firmage's situation is eerily similar to a recent plot in the TV show "Ally McBeal," in which a respected stockbroker is fired from his job after claiming to have seen a unicorn. The broker is reinstated after a judge rules that his beliefs do not interfere with his job performance.

The tightly knit UFO community is dramatically split over Firmage's book.

"What he has pulled together is quite impressive. I don't know if it's true, but it's worth thinking about," said Bernard Haisch, 49, an astrophysicist and editor of the Journal of Scientific Exploration (www.jse.com).

This summer, the society sponsored the first independent review of UFO phenomena since 1970. Its conclusion: Some UFO sightings deserve further scientific study.

Firmage's critics, however, contend that he is misguided.

"Roswell has repeatedly been discounted as nothing more than a military experiment," said Frank Drake, president of SETI Institute (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence), the Mountain View organization made famous by Jodie Foster in the movie "Contact." SETI is partly financed by leading high-tech figures such as Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, Hewlett-Packard co-founders William Hewlett and the late David Packard, and Intel co-founder Gordon Moore.

"It is constantly exploited by obsessive types who want to believe. If it's not Santa Claus, then it's aliens," said Drake.

Firmage said he has great respect for Drake, but "if he had the same information that I have, I don't believe he would reach his conclusion.

"It's the Flat-Earth society mentality all over again, and I'm here to prove my theory is real," he said.

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>Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 18:49:30 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Fox TV Special

>>Next there is the sounds which were recorded and witnessed by
>>Poppi as well as others.

>>This as it is shown in one of the videos, was analyzed by the
>>same group which worked with Stevie Wonder, the Musician/
>>Singer....whom I'm sure you know of.

>>They verified that the sounds resonated at the same frequency
>>when they harmonized, as the earth

>I do have a musical background, but for the life of me I'm not
>quite sure what this means or what its significance is. I'm not
>casting doubts on what you are saying; on the contrary, I don't
>really even understand it. Can you fill me in? And if not, is
>there a more accomplished musician on the list that can?

I'm a music professional, and have no idea what this means. I'm
inclined to think it doesn't mean anything.

As for "the same group that worked with Stevie Wonder," he's
worked with lots of musicians. And how does working with Stevie
Wonder qualify anyone to understand the resonant frequency of
the earth?

So silly....

Greg Sandow

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Experts Estimate Galaxy Count

From: **Steven L. Wilson Sr** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
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Subject: Experts Estimate Galaxy Count

125 Billion in the Universe, They Think

Reuters

A U S T I N, Texas, Jan. 7 =97 Looking back in time at a tiny section of sky, the Hubble Space Telescope found there may be 125 billion galaxies in the universe, about 45 billion more than the last best estimate, astronomers reported today.

This deep view of the universe reveals a plethora of galaxies in visible and infrared light. The image by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope revealed many more than expected. (R. Williams [STScI], the HDF-South team, and NASA)

The new number was based on observations by the orbiting telescope=92s Deep Field camera last October, when it looked at a speck-sized area of the southern sky, taking what amounts to a visual core sample of the heavens.

The Hubble telescope took a similar view of the northern sky in 1995, and then estimated that there might be 80 billion galaxies in existence.

Harry Ferguson of the Space Telescope Science Institute, which studies Hubble findings, said the southern observations looked a bit further into the past than the northern ones, and managed to detect dimmer objects in space, which accounts for the higher galactic count.

12 Billion Light Years Away The Deep Field-South project looked 12 billion light years away in distance, back in time to a period perhaps one billion years after the theoretical big bang that astronomers believe created the universe.

Hubble=92s glimpse of the southern sky took in an area that would appear to be =93about the size of a grain of sand held at arm=92s length,=94 Ferguson told reporters at the American Astronomical Society meeting in Austin.

But in that small segment of the sky, the telescope spied 620 galaxies.

Scientists extrapolated from that sample to theorize that there might be 125 billion galaxies over the whole sky.

"Anybody could have predicted it", Ferguson said, stressing that by looking further back in time, it was expected that more galaxies would turn up.

Weird-Shaped Galaxies

Ferguson and other astronomers at a news conference acknowledged that some of the newly detected galaxies were oddly shaped, unlike the symmetrical Milky Way that contains Earth and other more familiar galaxies that are shaped like spirals and ellipses.

These newly-spied galaxies appeared to be a disorganized

collection of loosely-bound lumps. One astronomer likened their shape to a Danish pastry with raisins and another called one group of these galaxies "pastry shop."

The notion that there might be more galaxies than originally thought is grist for astronomers trying to figure out how the universe developed, especially in its earliest stages, Ferguson said.

Perhaps Ghost Galaxies, Too

Because these observations by Hubble could see very faint objects whose light made its journey toward Earth billions of years ago, it probably counted so-called ghost galaxies in its estimate.

Ghost galaxies are tiny, and consist of large amounts of mysterious dark matter. Since astronomers believe that 90 percent of the universe may be made up of dark matter, that makes the ghosts worth studying and new astronomical instruments make this possible.

A light year is the distance light travels in a year, about 6 trillion miles.

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Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

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>Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 20:23:07 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 18:32:44 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:02:01 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>Previously, gary offered this heap:

>>>-- What are the real issues in the dispute which broke out last
>>>month over Dr. Hynek? This real issues revolve around the fact
>>>that there is AMPLE evidence, evidence tantamount to proof, FOR
>>>ME, that Dr. Hynek was working both sides of the street in his
>>>later career as Godfather of ufology. What is proof? It is the
>>>evidence that convinces YOU. That is, there is no absolute
>>>proof available in this area, short of the individual at issue
>>>owning up in public

><snip>

>Gary,

>I really don't know where to begin. My head is still swimming
>from such a convoluted self justification for your position
>regarding Hynek.

>"Evidence tantamount to proof" is not proof.

>Evidence is evidence and proof is proof. Sometimes they are the
>same. Sometimes they are not. It all depends on the validity of
>the argument that supports the evidence and vice versa.

<much patient explanation snipped>

Here's a list of things that might provide real evidence that
Hynek was an intelligence agent:

1. He told somebody that he was.
2. Among his papers we find correspondence between him and intelligence officials, confirming his involvement.
3. A known intelligence agent whom we know to be honest says Hynek was involved.
4. Somebody we trust overheard Hynek in conversation with known intelligence agents.
5. In the files of some intelligence agency, we find documents saying Hynek was an agent.
6. Among Hynek's papers we find cancelled checks from an intelligence agency. (Unlikely, I'm sure. They'd find less traceable ways of giving him money.)

Everything on this list is tangible. Everything points directly

to Hynek's involvement. I could also imagine less tangible kinds of evidence. For instance, what if people in the UFO community sometimes saw Hynek deep in conversation with unknown people? What if he never told anyone what those conversations were about? What if he brushed off all questions? What if he sometimes disappeared for hours at a time, and never told anyone where he went?

Of course, that would only prove he had things in his life he didn't want known. They wouldn't prove his unknown life involved intelligence work. Gary, of course, doesn't even have anything this specific. All he has is speculation.

Incidentally, in 1968 and maybe in years afterward there was a CIA office in the federal building in Chicago. It wasn't labelled CIA. Rather comically, it was labelled "GSA Gear Locker," or in other words it passed itself off as a closet belonging to the General Services Administration, a federal agency that provides various government services, including (I think) janitorial work.

This was the only gear locker I'd ever seen with both a microphone and a speaker grille. It also had a doorbell. If you rang it, a voice would ask you what you wanted, and then (since you wouldn't know how to give the right answer) would tell you to go away.

How do I know this? Well, actually I don't know for sure that the CIA was hiding behind this hapless disguise. That, however, is what I was told when I was in Chicago in '68 for the famous demonstrations against the Democratic Convention. Somebody organized an exposure of this "gear locker" office. We visited the gear locker, then notified the press and TV to meet us there (it was on some high floor of the building) and planned to tell them what, supposedly, lay behind it.

This plan failed, though, when the feds found out about it. I got there late, and was confronted with a scene right out of a spy movie. I walked in the federal building, and saw men standing around who looked exactly like you'd expect an intelligence agent or a cop to look. Tough, unsmiling, suspicious. As I walked toward the center of the lobby, I heard a click. I looked around; more intelligence agents (quite seriously, they looked like they were playing secret agents in a really clumsy film scene) had moved into place, blocking all the doors. I got scared, turned around and tried to leave, only to find the doors locked. The click, obviously, had been the locks falling into place.

At this point, not suprisingly, some of the agent types grabbed me, and started asking me questions. I managed to talk my way out of it, by convincing them I had some routine errand in the building. But obviously they'd busted us, and were there to stop our little game.

Gary, did anyone ever see Hynek enter this federal building, and take the elevator to the floor where that "gear locker" was?

Greg Sandow

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Colin Wilson's 'Alien Dawn' - A Book Review

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ALIEN DAWN: An Investigation Into The Contact Experience

By Colin Wilson

Fromm International: New York, 1998

\$26.00 hardcover 322 pages

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In 1995, bestselling author Colin Wilson met psychiatrist John Mack at a conference and made his first acquaintance with the UFO-alien abduction phenomenon. Wilson had no need to engage himself in Ufology. He was a prolific writer, 80 works to his credit, and a skeptic. Yet when he looked at the data, he could not explain the patterns that emerged -- phenomena that cut across the categories of Ufology, and the paranormal realms of folklore and mysticism. He had to look deeper. His investigation into these mysterious depths resulted in the book, ALIEN DAWN, a watershed that will no doubt serve as a reference for many years to come.

In the book, Wilson reviews the historical data with a fresh perspective. He journeys into the ancient past with stories of the Dogon, the African tribe who somehow had knowledge of the stars Sirius A and B before astronomers did, and suggests an ancient astronaut visitation. He reviews some of the historical reports and conclusions of astrophysicist Jacques Vallee and journalist John Keel who both helped to establish Ufology and fortune-telling as bona fide fields of study (though not yet by conventional science). Then Wilson brings some of the newer cases to our attention with his own thoughtful analysis.

The case of Anna Jamerson and Beth Collings is perhaps one of the most enigmatic of recent times. The two women not only report lifelong alien abductions, but believe that they were abducted as children, separated, and then brought back together as adults under very strange circumstances. Wilson reviews the case and discovers even more high strangeness when it becomes known that the two women's extended family also seemed to be involved in the alien encounters as far back in time as the 1920s. Wilson writes that it would be easy to dismiss the case as folie a deux. But, he suggests, if the Jamerson-Collings case is thrown out for sheer absurdity, "then we must dismiss everything else" in phenomenology.

We need skeptical, open minds like Wilson's to turn the phenomena on its ear, ask the hard questions, and not be afraid of the answers. ALIEN DAWN is an important book, an exciting book. The kind of book that will be read and re-read as we continue our search for meaning in the realms of Ufology and phenomenology. Wilson suggests that maybe we unknowingly share space and time with some kind of supernatural beings who do things that we don't understand for reasons that we have yet to comprehend. Or not. We just don't know. But if, he writes, "something new and strange is going on, then perhaps the human race ought to be looking for the answer with far more persistence and interest than we display at present."

Yes.

Review by Karal Ayn Barnett c1999
UFO METAPHYSICAL SPIRITUAL PARANORMAL BOOKSTORE AND
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"Indeed, all things are inextricably bound..."Mrs.
Trois

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>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

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>>casting doubts on what you are saying; on the contrary, I don't
>>really even understand it. Can you fill me in? And if not, is
>>there a more accomplished musician on the list that can?

>It seems that the power system which propels the Beam Ship,
>resonates on the same frequency as that of the earth.

>So, this would explain why the vehicle could operate so well
>within the atmosphere of this planet.

>Apparently the propulsion system is capable of acclimating
>itself to the planetary field within which it is operating.

How does one determine the resonant frequency of the earth? And
if one could, what would that have to do with music?

Musical sounds, I might add, don't normally have any one
frequency. They're enormously complicated, with frequencies all
up and down the spectrum sounding simultaneously. Not only that,
the frequencies change with time. I have software that can
display this rather neatly. If I had a recording of the sounds
allegedly made by Meier's alien ships, I could put it in digital
form on my hard drive, and analyze it with my software. The
result would almost certainly be a bewildering forest of spikes,
each representing a small stretch of the frequency spectrum,
some higher than others, but no single one sticking out above
the rest. (The software I'm using, for those who might be
curious, is the Spectrum Analysis plugin for Sound Forge. Sound
Forge is a standard professional-level digital audio editing
program for PCs.). A single cello note, apparently sounding a
single pitch, turns out to have well over a hundred frequency
components that show up on the spectrum graph. The sound of the
"beamships" was, I'm guessing, far more complex than that.)

And if the alleged sound of the ships wasn't musical -- if, in
other words, it's what we'd call "noise," rather than music --
then its frequency spectrum would be even more complicated. How
could it match the resonant frequency of a piece of tin foil,
let alone the earth?

We're dealing here with mystical blather.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Fox TV Special

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Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 17:19:09 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Apparently, you as a musician have forgotten the law of
>Harmonics... Everything vibrates at a certain frequency...
>Change the frequency of vibration of the object and you change
>the object... This has been demonstrated many times...play
>musical notes, and this generates a corresponding Color which
>can be used in a Kaleido- scopic display of sound and music.

Excuse me???????????

I suppose I should apologize for discussing this piecemeal, as I scroll through messages that keep speeding further from reality. But let me introduce myself as a music critic for the Wall Street Journal, a member of the graduate studies faculty at Juilliard, America's leading music school, and a composer who's worked with everything from folksingers to opera companies, as well as with synthesizers and digital audio.

This statement of Michael's is -- forgive me, Michael -- complete and utter nonsense. I'm very sympathetic to spiritual beliefs, and I believe that music can have great spiritual power, even, very likely, healing power. But Michael's statement purports to describe not the spiritual meaning of music, but physical facts about it. Not one of those supposed facts is correct.

"Everything vibrates at a certain frequency." Not even musical notes vibrate at one frequency. As I said in a previous post -- and as I can easily prove with standard musical software -- even apparently pure musical notes consist of many frequencies at once. (A pure sine wave would be an exception. But you won't hear those outside a laboratory or a recording studio, where they might be used for tuning or testing, or as a component of sounds created on an analogue synthesizer.)

Besides, when we talk about musical notes vibrating, we're talking about sound waves. Sound waves certainly vibrate. But in what sense does a solid object vibrate? Perhaps it does in some mystical sense, but that has nothing to do with the kinds of tangible, measurable, physical vibrations involved in music.

"Change the frequency of vibration of the object and you change the object."

A violinist makes a violin play different notes by changing the way the strings vibrate. A clarinetist makes a clarinet play different notes by changing the way the air inside the clarinet vibrates. Musicians, in other words, do change vibrations that have some connection with their instruments.

But how would you change the vibration of a rubber ball? Of a broom? Of your kitchen sink? There are some objects that obviously do vibrate -- a sheet of metal, to take a familiar example, even one formed into a tool, like the blade of a saw. But if you get a saw to vibrate, how does that change the saw?

In the rural south, musicians used to play the saw as a musical instrument, more or less by bowing it as if it were a violin. I heard somebody doing that in the New York subway just a week or so ago. He played the saw beautifully, changing its vibration to form every musical pitch necessary to play a melody. But when he finished, the saw hadn't changed at all.

"play musical notes, and this generates a corresponding Color which can be used in a Kaleido- scopic display of sound and music."

Oh, Michael, Michael...where did you ever learn such a thing?

Musical notes don't generate colors. The vibrations of sound -- relatively slow vibrations of air molecules -- have no relation to light. There's no way at all to translate the wavelengths of sound into light. If you play a note, no color physically appears in the air or in your eye. Musicians often associate musical notes with colors, but it's well known that they never agree on which colors correspond to which notes. The association of notes and colors is entirely subjective.

It's possible, of course, to build a machine or create a piece of software that translates sound into color (I have a screen saver that does this), but the translation is totally arbitrary. If some sound produces a wash of red light, that's only because the machine or the software was designed that way. There's no intrinsic relation between the sound and the color red. In an earlier post, I mentioned the Sound Forge Spectrum Analysis plugin, which lets you display a visual analysis of the frequencies in any sound on your computer. One form of the display lets you see the frequencies as bands of color -- but you can vary the colors at will, to decide for yourself which colors will represent which frequencies.

Michael is talking very lovingly in spiritual terms. But the things he's talking about aren't physical characteristics of sound.

Greg Sandow

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HOT GOSSIP UK - JANUARY 1999

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HOT GOSSIP UK
JANUARY 1999

NICK POPE=92S WEIRD WORLD

Happy New Year everybody, and welcome to the first column of 1999. It=92s going to be a very interesting year for those with an interest in anything weird and wonderful, and as we approach the Millennium, there will doubtless be lots to report in this column.

Watch The Skies

The first story of the new year, appropriately enough, concerns a new television series looking at UFOs, alien abductions, crop circles, cover-ups and conspiracies. Called Watch the Skies it will be screened by Grenada Television on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm. On current plans (although schedules can often be juggled around) the first programme is due to be screened on 5th January, but those outside the north-west will doubtless be able to follow the Internet debate that usually follows the transmission of programmes such as this. I gave a major interview, which may be used in one chunk, but is more likely to be split up and used throughout the series, as we covered a lot of ground. Others interviewed included Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell (whose belief in extraterrestrials was mentioned in my last column), and respected ufologist Timothy Good.

Ghost Force

Because I work for the Ministry of Defence I often review books with a military theme. In November I reviewed one SAS book, The Shooting Gallery by Gaz Hunter. This month I=92d like to point you towards another book about the SAS. Ghost Force is by Ken Connor, who served in the SAS for a massive 23 years. As you can imagine, he has more than a few stories to tell, and the action covers a wide spectrum of operations, including vivid accounts of engagements in the Falklands Conflict and the Gulf War. But as with all these books, there are moments of humour too (special forces personnel are notorious jokers) such as an account of an incident where SAS personnel were given VIP treatment when they visited Fort Bragg, the headquarters of the elite US special forces unit, Delta Force. A red carpet was rolled out, and senior US Air Force personnel turned out to salute. It turned out that Delta Force personnel had somehow convinced everyone that the SAS troops were a visiting delegation of MPs. Ghost Force is published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson and costs =A320.

RAF Rudloe Manor

In last month=92s column I broke the story of how the headquarters of the RAF Provost and Security Services moved from RAF Rudloe Manor to RAF Henlow. This is of great interest to conspiracy theorists who (wrongly) believe that this unit carried out covert UFO research. Imagine my surprise and amusement to find

that one notorious self-publicist was claiming to have beaten me to it, and published the news earlier. He was proudly trumpeting his alleged coup on the UFO UpDates Internet site (seemingly unaware that most people who see his name on a message regard any of his posts as nothing more than spam, and delete them automatically). Well, if you want stories cribbed from freely-available, over-the-counter magazines like Air Force=92s Monthly or Jane=92s Defence Weekly, fine. And if you like listening to windbags who like to pretend they=92ve got inside information, then go for it. But if you want the real, inside stories =85 keep coming to this site.

The Real X-Files

On 17th December, the official Hansard record of proceedings in the House of Lords detailed the latest revelations about Ministry of Defence UFO files. Lord Hill-Norton, a former Chief of the Defence Staff, had asked a Parliamentary Question which led to details about files which no ufologists had even heard of. The latest information indicates that 108 further files exist, on top of the 56 files at the Public Record Office and the 76 files held by Secretariat(Air Staff), as detailed in the responses to Lord Hill-Norton=92s earlier questions, which were answered on 4 October and 19 November respectively. This makes a total of a massive 240 files (not bad for a =93low-profile=94 subject!) on UFOs, of which only 23 are currently open to the public. When we get our long-awaited and oft-promised Freedom of Information Act, the MOD won=92t know what=92s hit it, now ufologists are armed with these file references! One ufologist - he=92s a decent chap so, I won=92t name him - has baldly stated that he believes this proves there were other departments involved in covert UFO research, aside from Sec(AS) and its predecessors, and that I wasn=92t told about this during my work at the Ministry of Defence; he=92s constantly issuing statements alleging that I was kept in the dark, and he uses these Hansard extracts to support his case. The only thing he conveniently forgets to mention? I=92m the one passing him the copies of Hansard! Oops!

The Uninvited

An exciting new documentary on the alien abduction phenomenon is to be screened by The Learning Channel in the United States on 18 January. The Uninvited has been made by Transmedia Productions (the team responsible for the successful UFO documentary, Dreamland) and is based on my book of the same name. Not surprisingly, therefore, I was the consultant on this programme. It=92s possibly the most comprehensive programme on the subject ever produced, and features interviews with the likes of Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, John Mack, Whitley Strieber, Travis Walton, and Peter Robbins. There=92s also a rare interview with Linda Cortile, and footage of one of Budd=92s Support Group meetings, together with some sensational new cases, and a few surprises. But unlike so many programmes on this subject, it=92s genuinely balanced, and contains contributions from those sceptical of the theory that the explanation for claims of alien abductions is extraterrestrial. There are interviews with Philip Klass, Dr Chris French (Head of the Psychology Department at Goldsmith=92s College) and Dr Susan Blackmore (Senior Lecturer in Psychology at the University of the West of England). The programme will be screened in the UK by Sky One, at a date yet to be decided. But once it=92s out in the States, expect furious Internet debate.

Truthsqueakers - No Views

Hot Gossip UK Editor-in-Chief Georgina Bruni has had an unpleasant reminder of just how bitchy the wacky world of ufology can be. Having just signed a deal with a major UK publisher for a book about the famous Rendlesham Forest UFO case (I=92m doing the foreword), she was expecting interest from other researchers, and was confident that they=92d be genuinely pleased to see sensational new information put into the public domain. Alas, it was not to be. While support did come from some researchers, others have not been so generous. Two noted =93anoraks=94 have been absolutely furious at the news, and have been stamping their little feet in frustration. The two lads concerned are best known for a bonkers claim about breaking into

a secret underground city and being shot at by the guards! One of them produces a magazine full of all sorts of amusing science fiction stories. Nice to know that certain people find it easier to knock everyone else's research, as opposed to producing anything original and worthwhile themselves!

Flying Lighthouses and Radioactive Rabbits

Researcher James Easton has done some interesting research on the Rendlesham Forest case. That said, he's been a little naughty, and anyone would think - judging from his recent Internet posts - that he was the only person ever to have investigated the case. Stanton Friedman once said that he felt he's been airbrushed out of the Roswell case by researchers who built upon his work, and I wonder whether Jenny Randles and Georgina Bruni feel the same way. Easton's Internet posts are full of references to his own papers on the subject, but mysteriously fail to mention any dissenting views. I wonder why. For those who like some balance, check out Jenny Randles' paper *Seeing the Forest for the Trees* (IUR, Summer Edition), Georgina Bruni's *Rendlesham Unravalled - Not and my Rendlesham - The Unresolved Mystery*. The last two should be accessible on back issues of Hot Gossip UK, "The Unexplained Sections", on the "Bentwaters" section at UFO UPDATES or at www.cninews.com. Easton is continuing to amuse serious researchers with his theory that the UFO seen by Lt Col Charles Halt and his team was the beam from the Orford Ness lighthouse. This is despite the fact that Halt has made it abundantly clear that he was entirely familiar with the lighthouse, and had it in view throughout his encounter. His memo makes it clear that at one time he was observing objects moving about in the night sky (you'll believe a lighthouse can fly!). There's also the fact that there were physical traces indicating that a structured craft had been present - damage to nearby trees, and indentations in the ground. These holes were surveyed with a Geiger Counter, and although the actual levels are the subject of legitimate debate, it's not disputed that levels peaked in the holes (and on the nearby damaged trees), and fell away in the surrounding area. The sceptics say these marks were caused by rabbits - presumably spooky, radioactive glow-in-the-dark bunnies?!

Soldier Five

In my November column I hinted at a row over yet another SAS book, *Soldier Five*, by Mike Coburn. There had been rumours in literary circles that people were trying to ban the book, and that legal action reminiscent of that taken against Peter Wright - author of *Spycatcher* - was being threatened. The situation is unclear, but I'll keep readers posted, as and when I find out what's going on.

Are UFOs Secret Military Craft?

This is a popular theory with some researchers, but not one that stands up to any detailed and informed scrutiny. Let me explain. Of course we have craft that you won't see at the Farnborough Airshow for a few years. But any exotic prototype or operational craft will be flown in clearly-defined ranges, at night, and with no lights. In other words, as I have patiently tried to explain to one ufologist who touts this as his favourite (and seemingly only) theory, you simply don't fly your best-kept secrets over the mainland UK, ablaze with coloured lights, and run the risk that it will be seen, photographed, and splashed all over the morning papers or the Internet. It's a nice theory, but hopelessly naive, and one that causes great hilarity with aviation experts. Only in the RAF's wildest dreams do they have anything remotely similar to, say, the craft that overflew RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury on 31 March 1993. And if we did have such a craft, I can assure you that the detailed and very public investigations that followed this incident would have been switched off in an instant. Think about it!

RAF Feltwell

In previous columns I've highlighted some recent controversy

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>To: updates@globalserve.net

>ALIEN DAWN: An Investigation Into The Contact Experience
>By Colin Wilson

>In 1995, bestselling author Colin Wilson met psychiatrist John
>Mack at a conference and made his first acquaintance with the
>UFO-alien abduction phenomenon. Wilson had no need to engage
>himself in Ufology. He was a prolific writer, 80 works to his
>credit, and a skeptic.

That's an interesting post and Just for the record -Wilson was introduced to the UFO/alien phenomenon as early as the 1970s when he wrote the introduction for the 1977/79 book "Briefing For Landing On Planet Earth", a factual publication written by Stuart Holroyd. It was a controversial record of a unique encounter with a number of entities known as "The Nine". The central figures connected with the book were British aristocrat Sir John Whitmore and Dr Andrija Puharich. However, I'm not sure he was aware of the abduction phenomena.

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

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>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 09:52:18 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Roger-

I wanted to offer a couple of quick replies, but we're rehashing material that has taken up many gigabytes of bandwidth over the past four years. This story just isn't worth it.

<snips>

>Hi Steve,

>

>I never said that a better AA film could be produced for
>\$10,000. I said that a better ALIEN could be produced for
>\$10,000. My post above got snipped prematurely, though I'm sure
>you didn't do it on purpose. If it had continued, I said that
>Santilli probably spent no more than \$20,000 on the AA footage
>altogether and that it would be peanuts at double that price
>(\$40,000).

>It is understandable that many would think the moviemaking
>process is expensive; it can be with big name stars and the
>like. But the fact is that I've directed low budget features
>running 90 to 120 minutes for prices ranging from \$50,000 to
>\$120,000. Incidentally, the one for \$120,000 dollars was a poorly
>scripted Horror film called "Forever Evil" (United
>Entertainment/VCI Home Video). It starred absolutely no one
>famous; all unknowns. It has played on the USA network at least
>twice that I know of and, last I checked, had grossed over 2
>million dollars. Therefore, if decent production values can be
>maintained on a 120 minute film at \$120,000, then it stands to
>reason having \$20,000 to \$40,000 to produce only a few minutes
>of crap like the AA footage would be a windfall, even if
>Santilli had to hire someone to produce it for him. Believe me,
>Santilli had every reason to believe that he'd make serious
>money off his little hoax. Come to think of it, if everyone
>involved was in a profit sharing arrangement, they'd have

>plenty of good reasons to keep their mouths shut!

A number of estimates regarding the production cost of producing the Santilli "film" were posted by "experts" in special effects. I put that in quotes because one often doesn't know who the other person is making the statement, and at some point you have to either accept their comments or reject them. Estimates ranged up to six figures, and down to about \$50K. Yes, I am aware of small budget productions.

My point is that this is not a simple production that was cooked up by a couple of teenagers in a garage (which I know is not the point you were trying to make). If it was a production, which appears to be the case, then it was well thought out. It took real money to produce, and not pocket change, which means that one should be able to follow a paper trail (if one could find it).

<snip>

>Like wise, having spent years in the operating room as a medical
>illustrator, I can tell you that the difference between a
>surgical move that is correct and one that isn't is merely
>millimeters in difference, and that's on a living person where
>it REALLY counts! It would not be visible to the naked eye of an
>observer in O.R. and certainly would not be apparent on the
>crummy AA footage. Granted, just like the piano footage above,
>the overall hand positions and movements might ring true; that's
>easy, any person could do it. But what the fingers do on a micro
>level is what really counts and there's no way to make that
>distinction, even on well produced operating room documentation.
>Consult your medical friends again, I'm sure they'll agree.

Actually, that was all discussed at length as well. It turns out that scalpels are held differently in different parts of the world, so there isn't a single methodology. It also turns out that scalpels aren't necessary held in the same way by pathologists and surgeons, which is another complication. Then there's the fact that we're allegedly looking at a procedure that took place 50 years ago, and both equipment and methodologies have changed since then. This was, after all, an alleged dissection, not an operation.

You raise good reasons to be skeptical of the Santilli "film", but I see no proof here. There is no reason for the Santilli "film" to be given any additional publicity or discussion unless there is something new to add to the mix.

Steve

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Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 18:34:11 EST
>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:22:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>>From: moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com
>>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 10:34:38 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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Previously, I had written this regarding Santilli's "lack of knowledge" about Roswell and the AA footage:

>>Do you think Santilli is going to act any differently? Playing
>>"dumb" is probably the easiest thing Santilli has to do in
>>association with this whole extravaganza.

>>He'll never admit anything when there's money to be made.

Gildas responds:

>Apparently, you have an answer to everything.

My reply:

The whole purpose of debate is to arrive at answers to complicated issues. Granted, my answers are speculative in nature. Unfortunately, Santilli puts us the arena of speculation and holds us hostage there by his refusal to cooperate with a real AA investigation. Do I have all the answers? How could I? How could anyone? This is just my opinion based on something that I do for a living; producing and directing entertainment. And let's make no mistake here; AA is nothing but entertainment at this point. Santilli, himself, prevents it from entering the realm of science.

>However, I still fail to understand how a little music producer, >who knew nothing about the Roswell case, and was not interested >in UFOs in general, ponders one day: What about producing a UFO >hoax? Now suppose that, however crazy it seems to be, he >launches into this risky project. If I were in that position, I >would at least gather some information on the story, in order to >avoid too obvious mistakes. But, no, he has not done that, >apparently. The makes a body very different from the >descriptions of Roswell witnesses (fat belly, muscular, six >fingers...). And the story of the cameraman does not fit either.

Gildas,

You say:

>[Santilli] knew nothing about the Roswell case...

as if it's a proven fact. There is no proof for this at all; only his word. So, if Santilli's word that he knew nothing about Roswell is good enough to pass as truth, then why don't you believe his word that the AA film is real? Each position has the

same lack of proof to support it.

I truly mean no disrespect, but it would seem to me that you are being conveniently selective about which of his statements you hold to be true. Personally, I don't think one can base a theory on the notion that "sometimes he tells the truth" when we have no proof, or even supporting evidence, that he has EVER told the truth regarding AA.

I say this because Santilli has yet to come up with anything to support his dubious claims, even if it would help his position. In fact, he has actually done just the opposite. He won't release the original film for inspection and he won't let the cameraman talk to anyone directly. Does this sound like the type of person that is anxious to be vindicated within the UFO community?

Finally, you wrote:

>Sometime, the wind is going to blow and , as we
>say in French: "Ca va d=E9coiffer".

Agreed. Unfortunately, we've been down-wind from Santilli for too long. <G>

Take care,

Roger Evans

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>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 19:38:22 -0500
>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 23:11:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'
>>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 23:10:30 -0000

Previously, Tim had declared:

>>Not slander, just a request for some proof.....
>
>>Do you or your husband have a view on Senator Moynihans' recent
>>comments that scientific advances cannot be hidden for more than
>>a few years??

Serge responded:

>I have asked you, on
>this List, a couple of times, a few pointed questions based
>"specifically" on this secret hidden technology paradox inherent
>to your research-claims: you never answered the damn questions.

>Surprised - well, not really, rather pissed off - when you take
>this rabbit out of the hat:

>>NO! Just to ask serious and detailed questions about his
>>"evidence", which by any standards can best be described as
>>hearsay.

I couldn't agree more, Serge.

I, too, have questioned Tim about his "I've got a secret in my pocket that can prove all my claims" approach to debate. Several times he said he was going to send me some technical info that he didn't feel comfortable releasing on the list. Never got it. When I brought this up on the list, he sent me an email claiming his computer was down and he'd get back to me later, or something as such. I'll let you guess the end to this vapor-ware charade.

By the way, if you look in MY pocket, you'll find out who killed JFK!

No...not that pocket. That's reserved for Roswell.

No...not that pocket, that's where I keep the secrets of Stonehenge.

Hey, I need a bigger coat!<G>

Later,

Roger Evans

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>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 19:17:06 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>>From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
>>Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 10:34:53 +0800
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:16:20 -0500
>>Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud

>You can be assured that most everything that Mr. Gersten says is
>irrelevant to me except when he tries to include me in the
>exorcism of his own guilty conscience.

>He could have written, "Many of us were so eager" or "Some of us
>were so eager" or "There are those of us that were so eager" or
>"This list was so eager", etc. The English language is a very
>specific tool and, as an experienced lawyer, I'm sure Mr.
>Gersten knows EXACTLY what he is saying as any given moment.

>It's regrettable that his research of Stephens wasn't half as
>vigorous as the pitiful defense of Gersten's own pleadings to
>the UFO community.

>Personally, I was embarrassed for the man.

>Take care,

>Roger Evans

Here, here. He should have thought before he wrote. Email
implies a certain informality in our lives but that doesn't mean
we shouldn't think carefully about what we are about write.

I too blushed for the man. Blushed for the whole UFO
community.

Cheers,
Sharon. K

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Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 23:08:16 +0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 11:18:19 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA's Stephens Admits to CAUS That He is a Fraud
>Date: Fri, 8 Jan 1999 23:47:18 -0500

>nobody with any common sense -- assuming
>they've been in the field long enough to know what the history
>is -- can take someone like Stephens seriously, without checking
>him out first. If you distribute some kind of UFO publication,
>in print or by e-mail, you have a responsibility to do some
>basic checking before you spread these stories. Peter Gersten
>didn't do this. Some of the stuff Stephens talked about -- the
>Norad "fence," for instance -- might be hard to verify if you
>didn't have government or military contacts. But as Roger and
>others have demonstrated, anyone can check to see whether
>Stephens really was a Navy SEAL.

>Peter Gersten didn't do this, which in my opinion makes him
>irresponsible. He eagerly spread the story, thus giving it
>credibility. If he'd spent an hour checking, he would have found
>out right away that basic details weren't right, and would have
>saved us all a lot of nonsense.

This is true. Too true. Unfortunately, look how long it took for anybody to do a check, and verify Mr Stephens details, myself included. I may not have eagerly spread the story but I'm probably just a guilty of irresponsibility.

Cheers, in a shade of red

Sharon.K

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Ron Decker <decker@wt.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 09:20:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 11:26:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 16:05:37 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>>Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 08:32:41 -0600
>>From: Ron Decker <decker@wt.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>>worked for NASA and his job was to baby-sit a certain button.
>>The neighbor's job was to watch live feeds from NASA missions
>>and screen video that 'wasn't supposed to be seen by the
>>public'. When something popped up that wasn't to go out for
>>public consumption, he would push the button removing the feed
>>from public view. Unfortunately he wouldn't reveal what the
>>criteria were for censoring.

>I am sorry for the delay in replying...your message was lost in
>the shuffle of all the emails I receive.

Not a problem.

>I wish to thank you for the reply to my message, and I would not
>be surprised at the validity of it.

Mike,

You're welcome. While I'm intensely interested in the UFO subject,
and read EBK's wonderful list religiously, I seldom participate.

Like many interested in this subject I hear stories that are not
verifiable. Just tales that get told and passed around. I have
no doubt that what my friend related to me is true. Unfortunately
the story doesn't seem to be able to go any further.

>They use to have live feeds until the STS-38 flight changed all
>that. I have videos of that flight film of the objects moving
>across the rim of the earth...

>I have other videos of daytime shots taken of the earth as well,
>showing objects moving across the face of the planet at regular
>intervals.

>If it is possible to receive direct coloberation from your
>friend, I would be interested in doing so... I would appreciate
>any assistance in contacting the author of the "pushing button"
>story...

I've already asked my friend about setting up a meeting with the
guy who gave him the story. The NASA employee won't. Pretty
typical.

Best regards,
Ron.

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BWW Media Alert 19990110

From: BufoCalvin@aol.com
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 11:22:12 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 13:10:39 -0500
Subject: BWW Media Alert 19990110

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January 10, 1999

Out of curiosity, I checked the Nielsen ratings for last week's WORLD'S GREATEST HOAXES show. It was Fox's sixth highest rated show for the period (41st overall out of 125 overall). That's pretty good for Fox, and while MAGIC'S GREATEST SECRETS beat it, I'd still think we could see a sequel.

This week is pretty slow, but I do think we'll see some buzz in the "community" about the NOVA Nessie program. Check out the preview of it at <A HREF="<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/preview/2601/288.html>"><http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/preview/2601/288.html>.

My new FATE feature should run for the first time in the April issue, and my deadline for that is January 15. If you'd like information on contributing weird reports from around the world for it, just let me know.

On to the listings: Times are generally Pacific.

TELEVISION

A&E

Sunday, January 10, 4:00 PM, ANCIENT MYSTERIES WITH LEONARD NIMOY: UFOS: THE FIRST ENCOUNTERS (from ancient writings)

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Sunday, January 10, 12:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: WARNINGS FROM THE FUTURE

Sunday, January 10, 10:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: CASTLES, TOMBS, AND LEONARDO (includes haunting in England)

Thursday, January 14, 10:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: GIANT SERPENTS

Friday, January 15, 1:00 AM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: GIANT SERPENTS

Saturday, January 16, 2:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: GIANT SERPENTS

Next Tuesday, January 19, 8:00 PM, INSIDE AREA 51

Next Tuesday, January 19, 11:00 PM, INSIDE AREA 51

Next Thursday, January 21, 10:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS (crop circles; disappearing houses)

Next Friday, January 22, 1:00 AM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS (crop circles; disappearing houses)

MTV

Monday, January 11, 10:30 PM, ROAD RULES: haunted hotel

Saturday, January 16, 9:30 PM, ROAD RULES: haunted hotel

PBS

Tuesday, January 12, 8:00 PM, (although many stations will show it at different times, on different days, or even with different content) NOVA: THE BEAST OF LOCH NESS (rumor has it that they actually came out somewhat favorable to Nessie. Considering some of the skeptical bent of other episodes, that will be surprising if true)

THE SCIENCE CHANNEL

The new schedule (since December 28, 1998) is weird programming for an hour each at 3:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. Alternating shows are: INTO THE UNKNOWN and ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE. They also run a Roswell show now every other week (it's probably the same show every time) at 4:00 AM and noon on Sundays.

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Tuesday, January 12, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3011 (finding children from a previous life; Montreal UFO; monster in Japan; psychic detective)
Wednesday, January 13, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3012 (haunting; past lives; Florida UFOs; psychic detective)
Thursday, January 14, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3013 (English weirdness; aliens; psychic sculpture; premonition)
Friday, January 15, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3014 (psychics in Russia; crop circles; ghosts of the Oregon Trail)
Next Tuesday, January 19, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3015 (haunted highway; UFOs; psychic detective; "hearing" sights, "smelling" sounds, etc.)
Next Wednesday, January 20, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3016 (exorcism; Orson Welles and voodoo; Earth energy; Gaia; alien abduction)
Next Thursday, January 21, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3017 (USS Franklin D. Roosevelt encounter; past lives; time travel)
Next Friday, January 22, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3018 (UFO and crash of P-51; spontaneous human combustion; rumors about the Denver airport)

SYNDICATED

Next Thursday, January 22, MONTEL WILLIAMS: psychic Sylvia Browne

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: John W. Ratcliff <jratclif@inlink.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 10:46:23 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 13:20:51 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 12:51:14 -0800

>I am beginning to devote a great deal of time to studying the
>cult phenomenon

<snip>

I guess it's just my queer perspective, but I always begin to get a little uneasy when the term "cult" gets bandied about. Not that I don't believe in cults, and not that I don't think they are worth paying attention to, but rather how this derogative term is used demonize one person's belief system against another's.

Let's be completely fair. UFO cults include all versions of Judaism, Christianity (with a strong paranormal contribution by Catholicism), Mormonism, and Hinduism. These are powerful cults with belief systems so far whacked out that the Urantia book seems sane and sober by comparison. They include visionary experiences, UFO encounters, miracles of faith, fictional histories, imaginary entities, and all manner of bizarre paranormal belief systems. The dogma of these groups flies in the face of all that we have learned through the scientific method and careful study of human history. Moreover, these cults directly deny experiential reality, defying in their dogma basic fundamental scientific facts of reality.

These cults are massive, with members combined in the billions, they control people's minds, bodies, and spirit. Most of them utilize brainwashing through cult indoctrination from birth. They use extortionist threats to force their members to tithe money so that these cults can grow to become massive institutional powers.

Mormonism which started with one stupid alien abduction/UFO encounter/visionary experience then spawned a massive cult followed by millions and worth billions. Christianity, which if only Saul of Taurus not had a powerful contact experience, would have hopefully died out with the massacre in 70ad. Instead human history has been savaged by this cult for nearly 2,000 years.

So, my question in all of this, is why do we piddle about a handful of people who form belief systems based on UFO experiences, visions, encounters, or just empirical research by members of this list? Why do we label them 'cults', when their belief systems pale in comparison to the mainstream cults of conventional religions?

Yes, there is the occasional group, like Heavens Gate or Solar Temple, who commit mass suicide based, almost always, upon the controlling influence of a singular dominant leader. Some individual who controls and dominates their lives. This is a concern whatever the belief system is based in, whether it's Jesus Christ as promoted by the likes of David Koresh, or space

aliens as promoted by little Bo and Peep. However, in most instances these are adults making conscious decisions of their own free will. If they have a particular belief system which includes offering themselves to reach some higher spiritual plane, who am I to criticize? Well, I criticize about the time children are involved, thus explaining my deep concern about these massive cult indoctrination camps which are exercised across the country known as "Sunday School." Breeding ground for a life time of pain and suffering at the hands of powerful religious cults bent on controlling every aspect of their human lives, from birth till death.

Crafting a belief system around Atlantis, UFOs, or spirit guides, is no more cult like than crafting one around Jesus Christ, Joseph Smith, the Virgin Mary, or those weirdoes that used to fly around in Vimannas.

Let's either stop throwing this term 'cult' around in an effort to demonize a group's belief system, or let's be fair, call a spade a spade, and focus on the truly influential cults of the world, the largest and most powerful, starting with the Pope and his edicts, and ending with the fanatical followers of Islam.

John W. Ratcliff
Hysterical Anti-Religious Zealot and Cult Leader Of One

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Harmonics of the Earth and the "Beam Ships"

From: **From: Mark Cashman** <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 12:34:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 14:32:21 -0500
Subject: Harmonics of the Earth and the "Beam Ships"

>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 13:58:33 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>>They verified that the sounds resonated at the same frequency
>>>when they harmonized, as the earth

(Roger replied)

>>I do have a musical background, but for the life of me I'm not
>>quite sure what this means or what its significance is. I'm not
>>casting doubts on what you are saying; on the contrary, I don't
>>really even understand it. Can you fill me in? And if not, is
>>there a more accomplished musician on the list that can?

(Michael replied back)

>It seems that the power system which propels the Beam Ship,
>resonates on the same frequency as that of the earth.

>So, this would explain why the vehicle could operate so well
>within the atmosphere of this planet.

>Apparently the propulsion system is capable of acclimating
>itself to the planetary field within which it is operating.

This is just nonsense.

Please, think about this.

First, what does it mean to say that "the power system which propels the Beam Ship resonates on the same frequency as the earth"?

There is no question that the earth, as a solid body in space, vibrates. However, it has an extremely complex vibration which is based on its layered structure, discontinuities, various gravitational deformations generated by tides, and the various shocks produced, essentially at random, by tectonic activity.

Given that, no doubt there are many frequencies which are harmonic to the state of oscillation of the earth at any point in time. So what? I imagine the 60Hz frequency of the American power grid can be fit into its harmonic structure somewhere. Does that mean anything with regard to the operation or effectiveness of our AC power grid? Of course not.

Contrary to the assertion "So, this would explain why the vehicle could operate so well within the atmosphere of this planet", I must point out that aircraft, which have no known relationship to "the... frequency [of] the earth" operate just fine within the atmosphere of our planet. Also, that our spacecraft operate just fine on Mars and the moon, both of which no doubt have a somewhat different harmonic spectrum from that of the earth.

And, finally, how can one say "Apparently the propulsion system is capable of acclimating itself to the planetary field within which it is operating." There is no such thing as a planetary

field. Planets have magnetic fields, but that's about it. Yet in the preceding discussion we were talking about acoustics - sound frequencies and resonances. There is no such thing as a "sound field" except to the audio engineer, and that expression is simply used when discussing the perceived placement of audio sources in the output from multiple speakers. And, of course, such a statement would require an observation of the "Beam Ship" away from earth, and, in that environment, measurement of its propulsion system's "resonant frequency" (whatever that means in the context of propulsion) and the measurement of the same characteristics in the neighborhood of the earth, and a determination that they differ. Yet there is no indication that such measurements have been accomplished. :-)

I don't wish to pick on Michael specifically, but this is the kind of New Age blather that we are constantly subjected to. Michael didn't know the nature of the motion of the Moon around the Earth and yet now he tells us all about the Beam Ships and the resonance of their power systems with the earth's acoustics. He speaks about sound as if it were electromagnetism, and states as facts principles which have absolutely no meaning in science.

Putting statements next to each other does not demonstrate that they have any relationship, causal or otherwise. The three statements cited do not have any relationship, despite their claim to prove something ("so this would explain", "apparently").

(sigh)

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
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January 22 1998

HOWARD WEINSTEIN

Naval Submarine Service. Weinstein was on the same submarine as J H Patton who was the technical advisor to the movie, The Hunt for Red October.

~

January 23 1998

DR. MICHIO KAKU

Theoretical Physicist studying the Theory of Everything. Dr. Michio Kaku is the author of seven books including two international best sellers. He is now the host of Explorations, a weekly radio program in New York. Dr Michio Kaku has appeared on Coast to Coast AM, Larry King Show, 60 Minutes, Good Morning America, PBS Nova, and many other shows.

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January 29 1998

JEFF NYQUIST

Author of the "The Origins of the Fourth World War". Jeff Nyquist is an expert in the Russian Military and Russian Conspiracies. Jeff Nyquist was on Coast to Coast AM.

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 13:08:05 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 14:35:16 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 07:52:26 -0500
>Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 10:30:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 09:52:18 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Previously, I had written:

>>Santilli probably spent no more than \$20,000 on the AA footage
>>altogether and that it would be peanuts at double that price
>>(\$40,000).

<snip>

>>It is understandable that many would think the moviemaking
>>process is expensive; it can be with big name stars and the
>>like. But the fact is that I've directed low budget features
>>running 90 to 120 minutes for prices ranging from \$50,000 to
>>\$120,000. Incidentally, the one for \$120,000 dollars was a poorly
>>scripted Horror film called "Forever Evil" (United
>>Entertainment/VCI Home Video). It starred absolutely no one
>>famous; all unknowns. It has played on the USA network at least
>>twice that I know of and, last I checked, had grossed over 2
>>million dollars. Therefore, if decent production values can be
>>maintained on a 120 minute film at \$120,000, then it stands to
>>reason having \$20,000 to \$40,000 to produce only a few minutes
>>of crap like the AA footage would be a windfall, even if
>>Santilli had to hire someone to produce it for him. Believe me,
>>Santilli had every reason to believe that he'd make serious
>>money off his little hoax. Come to think of it, if everyone
>>involved was in a profit sharing arrangement, they'd have
> >plenty of good reasons to keep their mouths shut!

Steven replied:

>A number of estimates regarding the production cost of producing
>the Santilli "film" were posted by "experts" in special effects.
>I put that in quotes because one often doesn't know who the
>other person is making the statement, and at some point you have
>to either accept their comments or reject them. Estimates
>ranged up to six figures, and down to about \$50K.

<snip>

>You raise good reasons to be skeptical of the Santilli "film",
>but I see no proof here. There is no reason for the Santilli
>"film" to be given any additional publicity or discussion unless
>there is something new to add to the mix.

I tend to agree that Santilli should not be given any more
"free" publicity regarding AA as a result of these discussions.
However, I do believe that what I've outlined does add something
quite valuable to the mix, as you put it.

If nothing else, it helps to dispel popular myths that otherwise

add unwarranted validity to Santilli's claim's about the AA footage regarding expense, risk, and technical accuracies.

People deserve the truth regarding these topics so that they can form an educated opinion and not have to sort through all the mythology and false technical info regarding AA.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 11 Feb 1999 06:38:21 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 14:38:39 -0500
Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 09:30:17 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 19:38:22 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 23:11:30 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>>>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'
>>>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 23:10:30 -0000

>Previously, Tim had declared:

>>>Not slander, just a request for some proof.....

>>>Do you or your husband have a view on Senator Moynihans' recent
>>>comments that scientific advances cannot be hidden for more than
>>>a few years??

>Serge responded:

>>I have asked you, on
>>this List, a couple of times, a few pointed questions based
>>"specifically" on this secret hidden technology paradox inherent
>>to your research-claims: you never answered the damn questions.

Do you know how many emails I get daily - at least 200! Re-ask
the questions and I'll try to answer them!

How does your response affect the credibility of Mr Fouche and
"associates"?

Not one bit.

>>Surprised - well, not really, rather pissed off - when you take
>>this rabbit out of the hat:

>>>NO! Just to ask serious and detailed questions about his
>>>"evidence", which by any standards can best be described as
>>>hearsay.

>I couldn't agree more, Serge.

>I, too, have questioned Tim about his "I've got a secret in my
>pocket that can prove all my claims" approach to debate. Several
>times he said he was going to send me some technical info that
>he didn't feel comfortable releasing on the list. Never got it.
>When I brought this up on the list, he sent me an email claiming
>his computer was down and he'd get back to me later, or
>something as such. I'll let you guess the end to this vapor-ware
>charade.

This is just complete and unadulterated drivell from somebody who
should know better. Anyway, my book's out in a few weeks so you
can buy that and whinge about it.

Stick to the point, or more specifically the points under review.....

>By the way, if you look in MY pocket, you'll find out who killed
>JFK!

>No...not that pocket. That's reserved for Roswell.

>No...not that pocket, that's where I keep the secrets of
>Stonehenge.

>Hey, I need a bigger coat!<G>

Incredible - must have been in Ufology for too long!

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Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 15:30:23 +0000
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Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
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>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 09:30:17 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 19:38:22 -0500
>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 23:11:30 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

Previously, Serge had written:

>>>I have asked you, on
>>>this List, a couple of times, a few pointed questions based
>>>"specifically" on this secret hidden technology paradox inherent
>>>to your research-claims: you never answered the damn questions.

<snip>

>>>Surprised - well, not really, rather pissed off - when you take
>>>this rabbit out of the hat:

>>>>NO! Just to ask serious and detailed questions about his
>>>>"evidence", which by any standards can best be described as
>>>>hearsay.

My response had been:

>>I couldn't agree more, Serge.

>>I, too, have questioned Tim about his "I've got a secret in my
>>pocket that can prove all my claims" approach to debate. Several
>>times he said he was going to send me some technical info that
>>he didn't feel comfortable releasing on the list. Never got it.
>>When I brought this up on the list, he sent me an email claiming
>>his computer was down and he'd get back to me later, or
>>something as such. I'll let you guess the end to this vapor-ware
>>charade.

Tim defends his position:

>This is just complete and unadulterated drivel from somebody who
>should know better. Anyway, my book's out in a few weeks so you
>can buy that and whinge about it.

>Stick to the point, or more specifically the points under review.....

While you may consider it drivel, it was none the less correct,
wasn't it? In fact, only because of this post did you finally
send me the info that, I assume, you were referring to quite
some time back.

For the record, I have no opinion regarding Ed Fouche'. However,
I do feel that you should practice what you preach when you make

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demands that someone respond to your questions or request for proof. _That_ was the point under review for my post. Nothing else was implied.

Later,

Roger Evans

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>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 17:19:09 -0600
>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:15:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 17:05:24 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Fox TV Special

Previously, Michael wrote:

>>>It seems that the power system which propels the Beam Ship,
>>>resonates on the same frequency as that of the earth.

>>>So, this would explain why the vehicle could operate so well
>>>within the atmosphere of this planet.

>>>Apparently the propulsion system is capable of acclimating
>>>itself to the planetary field within which it is operating.

My response:

>>Frankly, it all sounds like psuedo-scientific gobbledy-gook. I
>>didn't even know that the earth resonated, at all. Do our NASA
>>rockets' propulsion systems also resonate the same as the earth.
>>Is that why they operate so well within our atmosphere? Is such
>>a a thing required in the aerospace industry? I read the words
>>but still don't understand.

Michael takes another stab at it:

>Grin...No Roger, that is not why NASA rockets operate the way
>the do...grin...

>Apparently, you as a musician have forgotten the law of
>Harmonics... Everything vibrates at a certain frequency...
>Change the frequency of vibration of the object and you change
>the object... This has been demonstrated many times...play
>musical notes, and this generates a corresponding Color which
>can be used in a Kaleido- scopic display of sound and music.

<snip>

>I hope you take this in the Spirit in which it is written,
>Roger...Just pure clean humor...

Of course, Michael.

In return let me say that your explanation, though absurd, is
none the less "Christol" clear.<G>

And all this time I thought you were serious about this
harmonics stuff.....

Take care,

Roger Evans

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From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
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>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratclif@inlink.com>
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 10:46:23 -0600
>Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 13:20:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: UFO Cults - A research question...
>>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 12:51:14 -0800

Previously, Scott had written:

>>I am beginning to devote a great deal of time to studying the
>>cult phenomenon

John responded:

>I guess it's just my queer perspective, but I always begin to
>get a little uneasy when the term "cult" gets bandied about.
>Not that I don't believe in cults, and not that I don't think
>they are worth paying attention to, but rather how this
>derogative term is used demonize one person's belief system
>against another's.

<snip>

>Crafting a belief system around Atlantis, UFOs, or spirit
>guides, is no more cult like than crafting one around Jesus
>Christ, Joseph Smith, the Virgin Mary, or those weirdoes that
>used to fly around in Vimannas.

>
>Let's either stop throwing this term 'cult' around in an effort
>to demonize a group's belief system, or let's be fair, call a
>spade a spade, and focus on the truly influential cults of the
>world, the largest and most powerful, starting with the Pope and
>his edicts, and ending with the fanatical followers of Islam.

(I know this is drifting away from topic, ebk. Sorry.)

Hi, John.

In many respects I totally agree with your assessment. I'm not very religious as I personally take issue with many of the "control" aspects that seem to be at the heart of most organized religions. Beyond that, I've always wondered how far science would be now if the Catholic church hadn't censured key scientists centuries ago.

But to be fair, I think mainstream media uses the term "cult" when talking about groups that live via a "doomsday" credo. Granted, even Christianity expounds about the coming of Revelations and the end of man. However the taking of one's own life, or someone else's, isn't an everyday part of bringing about prophecies with your basic "white-bread" religions such as Christianity or Judaism.

Are mainstream organized religions harmful? They certainly can be, depending on the individual and their need to be accepted or involved. But this is really more of a reflection of the

individual's flaws and a given religion's desire to capitalize on this situation.

My sister is very religious and happy and well adjusted as are many people that I know. They tolerate and care about me even though I'm a pagan! But your point is well taken. We should keep our eyes open for any group that makes "control" an issue and seeks power over the masses whether they be served by angels on wings or aliens on jet packs.

Later,

Brother Roger

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 00:28:49 -0500

I may have said something confusing here. At one point, I wrote:

>Musical notes don't generate colors. The vibrations of sound --
>relatively slow vibrations of air molecules -- have no relation
>to light. There's no way at all to translate the wavelengths of
>sound into light.

And then, a little later, I seemed to contradict myself:

>It's possible, of course, to build a machine or create a piece
>of software that translates sound into color (I have a screen
>saver that does this), but the translation is totally arbitrary.

I could have been much clearer. I meant to say that nature provides no way to translate sound into light. They're completely different phenomena, with no intrinsic relationship. Sounds have no relationship, in purely physical terms, with colors. You can't prove that a particular frequency of sound is equivalent to a particular frequency of light.

But you can create arbitrary equivalents. You can build a machine or a piece of software that will produce light when it senses sound. If you create something like this, you can decide that a given sonic frequency should generate a bright green light. But that connection is completely arbitrary. It's just your own choice. You could just as well have decided that the frequency should generate red light, or no light at all.

Anyone who disagrees with me should contact the company that makes Gizmos software. Gizmos is a package that includes delightful solitary games, useful calculators, and other tools and toys, all designed to look and sound quite elegant. Among the toys is a screensaver that creates a lightshow when you play an audio CD on your CD-ROM drive. I'm sure the Gizmos folks would be thrilled to know that they'd tapped into the secrets of the universe.

(Just don't remind them that they allow us to configure the lightshow so it works the way we want.)

Greg Sandow

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Subject: Re:

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>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 23:54:39 -0500

>How does one determine the resonant frequency of the earth? And
>if one could, what would that have to do with music?

>Musical sounds, I might add, don't normally have any one
>frequency. They're enormously complicated, with frequencies all
>up and down the spectrum sounding simultaneously. Not only that,
>the frequencies change with time. I have software that can
>display this rather neatly. If I had a recording of the sounds
>allegedly made by Meier's alien ships, I could put it in digital
>form on my hard drive, and analyze it with my software. The
>result would almost certainly be a bewildering forest of spikes,
>each representing a small stretch of the frequency spectrum,
>some higher than others, but no single one sticking out above
>the rest. (The software I'm using, for those who might be
>curious, is the Spectrum Analysis plugin for Sound Forge. Sound
>Forge is a standard professional-level digital audio editing
>program for PCs.). A single cello note, apparently sounding a
>single pitch, turns out to have well over a hundred frequency
>components that show up on the spectrum graph. The sound of the
>"beamships" was, I'm guessing, far more complex than that.)

>And if the alleged sound of the ships wasn't musical -- if, in
>other words, it's what we'd call "noise," rather than music --
>then its frequency spectrum would be even more complicated. How
>could it match the resonant frequency of a piece of tin foil,
>let alone the earth?

>We're dealing here with mystical blather.

Greg...

Do you have a copy of the video 'Contact?' It is the investigation of the Billy Meier case by Wendelle Stevens, Lee and Britt Elders, and Tom Welch...

This video has the sounds on it...It has a short blurb of the sounds early on as the explain where the recordings were taken by Poppi and Billy.

Later in the video, is where they actually analyze the sounds. One must remember that this analysis of the Meier case occurred over a five year case, and the video itself was copyrighted in 1986.

A lot has changed in technology in the past twelve years, but the foundations were laid at that time for even more "serious" investigations today, with the most up to date electronic equipment available....

The equipment you possess, it seems to me, an untrained technician, to be adequate to substantiate the aspect of the sounds which would answer the charges you have made, as well as those I have suggested.

The sounds were taken to Electronics Consultant Nils Rognerud and Sound Engineer Steve Amborse for examination, according to the 'CONTACT' Video...

However, the book, 'UFO Contact From The Pleiades, A Preliminary Investigation', By Wendelle Stevens, says the following:

"At Excaliber Studios on Ventura Boulevard in Studio City, California, Nils Rognerud and Steve Singer, sound engineer and electronics system designer, working together with a Hewlett-Packard model 3580 Frequency Spectrum Analyzer, with memory unit, a Two-channel Oscilloscope, a Multi-track Mixer and Amplitude Readout and Full Frequency Sound Control Board, studied and analyzed a 3-minute segment of the later spacecraft sounds that were recorded in front of 15 witnesses."

Continuing from the Stevens Investigative Report:

"Mr. Nils Rognerud of the Rognerud Research and Development Company of Los Angeles, advised me in his letter Dated 12 December, 1981, 'Regarding the taped UFO sounds from the Swiss case, I found a very complex and changing sound pattern. The sounds were somewhat changed through poor tape duplication effort via microphone. In future, try to use direct wire or cable-link between tape recorders when duplicating. Microphones are a link that one sometimes can do without. However, I did retrieve some information that should be of some value. The sound pattern is very dynamic and changing, and the only thing that seemed to have a repeatable pattern was an amplitude-modulation (a signal in which the volume is varied at a low periodic rate). For the three UFO recordings, this frequency worked out to be 4.9 cycles per second, 4.6 cycles per second, and 5.0 cycles per second. It is worthwhile revealing that Nicola Tesla discovered a natural electro-magnetic resonance of Earth at 6.6 cycles per second. A second gentleman named Schulman also discovered a second resonance at 7.8 cycles per second. Now you mention that your tape was running a bit slow. This could explain why the vibrations are a little bit slower than expected.'"

Continuing...after the introduction of the Excaliber Studios part of the book....

"As before, they found them to be truly unique in at least the following aspects:

1. There were many, at least 30 or more, discrete frequencies in a random and constantly shifting mix in ranges from 4 to 2170 Hz, but averaging 470 to 1452 Hz.
2. The amplitude of these frequencies also constantly changed whereas one would be dominant for a moment and then dominance would shift to another.
3. The wave form also changed constantly, and would come into and go out of synchronization in a random periodic rhythm that produced a characteristic beat.

"Two other sound engineers and a sound synthesizer specialist joined the analysis team and the sounds were re-examined with a view to possible duplication. These specialists all agreed that the sounds were unique in character, and that any synthesis, if at all possible, could only reproduce parts of the whole soundtrack we were examining; and that duplication of any part of the whole sound, even in short linear segment may be impossible. The number of discrete frequencies, constantly shifting, and the migrating and constantly changing amplitudes, shifting in relative dominance, presented problems in duplication beyond the capability of present state-of-the-art equipment.

"Sometimes the multiple waveform characteristics were so alike that they fell right on top of each other making one heavy wave trace of many fine lines. Sometimes the wave form was perfectly symmetrical, and sometimes it was totally asymmetrical. Then the waves would go out of synchronization again and there was no pattern at all.

"An overall beat was noticed at about 4 to 6 Hz, which just

happens to be the natural resonance of Earth. This may become significant in future analysis.

"After some 4 hours of testing these sound it was generally agreed that they were truly unique and that they were not produced by any mundane source."

More could be written on this, Greg, but this is enough for now. I would suggest that if you are really interested in proving or disproving the reality of these sound recordings, that you do your own research and not just reply to one message on this list.

REgards, Mike

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>Excuse me??????????

>I suppose I should apologize for discussing this piecemeal, as I
>scroll through messages that keep speeding further from reality.
>But let me introduce myself as a music critic for the Wall
>Street Journal, a member of the graduate studies faculty at
>Juilliard, America's leading music school, and a composer who's
>worked with everything from folksingers to opera companies, as
>well as with synthesizers and digital audio.

Well Greg, I will grant you that the machine which I have seen
in action was a physical contraption. It was invented in the
early part of this century, by Spencer Harvey Louis, and I think
it now resides in a museum, possibly in Chicago...I cannot be
sure, without looking through my information.

This machine consisted of an organ and a device which converted
the musical notes into light patterns of various colors, so that
when one played the organ, the audience was entertained with a
vast spectrum of color and music.

Grant you a device was constructed to demonstrate this
connection between color and sound, in the visible spectrum of
our reality. Yet, there are individuals who profess to see these
colors in the auric emanations from material things...In other
words it is an "energy."

Anything which is material would therefore produce this energy.
What is it that determines the difference between a brick and
a log?

It is the number of atoms and molecules in the material.. Maybe I
confused the frequency with the numbers...I can do that from
time to time...that is why I prefer to have my notes in front of
me when writing on this subject. However, to be fair, I wrote
strictly from memory in my original post.

>This statement of Michael's is -- forgive me, Michael --
>complete and utter nonsense. I'm very sympathetic to spiritual
>beliefs, and I believe that music can have great spiritual
>power, even, very likely, healing power. But Michael's statement
>purports to describe not the spiritual meaning of music, but
>physical facts about it. Not one of those supposed facts is
>correct.

>"Everything vibrates at a certain frequency." Not even musical
>notes vibrate at one frequency. As I said in a previous post --
>and as I can easily prove with standard musical software -- even
>apparently pure musical notes consist of many frequencies at
>once. (A pure sine wave would be an exception. But you won't
>hear those outside a laboratory or a recording studio, where
>they might be used for tuning or testing, or as a component of
>sounds created on an analogue synthesizer.)

>Besides, when we talk about musical notes vibrating, we're
>talking about sound waves. Sound waves certainly vibrate. But in
>what sense does a solid object vibrate? Perhaps it does in some
>mystical sense, but that has nothing to do with the kinds of
>tangible, measurable, physical vibrations involved in music.

Sound as you are aware, ranges from far below the auditory range
of the human ear to far above it...It is like a slide kazoo....
you can slide the bar in and get one sound and slowly withdraw
it to go all the way to the other extreme, of course again
within the range of the auditory senses. But those vibrations
which we call sound, do not stop, simply because we do not hear
them...animals have a far keener sense of hearing than humans...
Vibrations, deal with energy...this energy issues across the
entire spectrum of material existence. Music as a product of
material expression can be made more enjoyable by adjusting the
frequency of those vibrations...Too harsh and it causes us to
cringe...to soft and it puts to sleep.

>"Change the frequency of vibration of the object and you change
>the object."

>A violinist makes a violin play different notes by changing the
>way the strings vibrate. A clarinetist makes a clarinet play
>different notes by changing the way the air inside the clarinet
>vibrates. Musicians, in other words, do change vibrations that
>have some connection with their instruments.

>But how would you change the vibration of a rubber ball? Of a
>broom? Of your kitchen sink? There are some objects that
>obviously do vibrate -- a sheet of metal, to take a familiar
>example, even one formed into a tool, like the blade of a saw.
>But if you get a saw to vibrate, how does that change the saw?
>In the rural south, musicians used to play the saw as a musical
>instrument, more or less by bowing it as if it were a violin. I
>heard somebody doing that in the New York subway just a week or
>so ago. He played the saw beautifully, changing its vibration to
>form every musical pitch necessary to play a melody. But when he
>finished, the saw hadn't changed at all.

Ok, here definitely I have misrepresented what I was saying...not
intentionally, mind you, but by confusing frequency with the number
of atoms, molecules and electrons, which compose matter. You will
not change a clarinet by playing a frequency higher or lower, but
you would change it if you changed the molecular structure of the
wood or plastic from which it is made. <g>

>"play musical notes, and this generates a corresponding Color
>which can be used in a Kaleido- scopic display of sound and
>music."

>
>Oh, Michael, Michael...where did you ever learn such a thing?

Again, I stick by this, based on the machines I have seen
produce these colors and sounds....

>Musical notes don't generate colors. The vibrations of sound --
>relatively slow vibrations of air molecules -- have no relation
>to light. There's no way at all to translate the wavelengths of
>sound into light. If you play a note, no color physically
>appears in the air or in your eye. Musicians often associate
>musical notes with colors, but it's well known that they never
>agree on which colors correspond to which notes. The association
>of notes and colors is entirely subjective.

You are correct...play a note and no color appears in the air..
yet, as previously said by both of us, you can construct devices
to project this color in to the visible spectrum... Is it not
true that the notes on the Universal musical scale cover a range
of 80 octaves???

Definitely this is a subject with which I am struggling to make
sense.

It is not my forte'...but being the defender of ideas, I jumped
into the "beamship sounds" boat, and paddled just a little to
far in preparing the foundation for the posting I made earlier
today based on the findings as expressed in Wendelle Stevens
book: "UFO CONTACT From The Pleiades, A Preliminary
Investigation," and the video "CONTACT," which covers the tests

made on the Beam Ship sounds recorded by Billy Meier and his Wife Poppi, at the time. I opened myself up for this post and deserve it...<g> <blush> :-)

>It's possible, of course, to build a machine or create a piece
>of software that translates sound into color (I have a screen
>saver that does this), but the translation is totally arbitrary.
>If some sound produces a wash of red light, that's only because
>the machine or the software was designed that way. There's no
>intrinsic relation between the sound and the color red. In an
>earlier post, I mentioned the Sound Forge Spectrum Analysis
>plugin, which lets you display a visual analysis of the
>frequencies in any sound on your computer. One form of the
>display lets you see the frequencies as bands of color -- but
>you can vary the colors at will, to decide for yourself which
>colors will represent which frequencies.

You have me at a disadvantage, since I have not had the opportunity to have "hands on experience" with changng colors to sounds.... Here I am at your mercy.... <g>

>Michael is talking very lovingly in spiritual terms. But the
>things he's talking about aren't physical characteristics of
>sound.

You had a chance to really chew me up Greg, but you choose not to do so...Thanks...

You are correct, I was talking in Spiritual terms...but ultimately this Spirit reaches acorss the gulf into physical reality...

REgards, Mike

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: UFO Cults - A research question...
>>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 12:51:14 -0800

>>I am beginning to devote a great deal of time to studying the
>>cult phenomenon

><snip>

>I guess it's just my queer perspective, but I always begin to
>get a little uneasy when the term "cult" gets bandied about.
>Not that I don't believe in cults, and not that I don't think
>they are worth paying attention to, but rather how this
>derogative term is used demonize one person's belief system
>against another's.

I agree entirely, and I'm glad you made the point. Elsewhere in the posting you're responding to, the term "cult" is followed by "threat" in parentheses, as if to imply that the terms are synonymous. In fact, the vast majority of small religious movements -- which is what I assume our correspondent means by "cults" -- are no more sinister than mainstream religious groups, which themselves were dismissed as "cults" in their formative years. My experience with UFO "cults" -- most recently, I spent time with the Unarians at their headquarters in El Cajon, California -- convinces me that they are benign, well-intentioned, and sincere, however esoteric or outlandish their beliefs may appear to outsiders.

My friend J. Gordon Melton, an academic who has written voluminously on new spiritual groups, defines "cult" as any religious movement you don't happen to like. It is a word to be used rarely and carefully, if at all.

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 14:54:47 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 10:16:22 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratclif@inlink.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 10:46:23 -0600

>So, my question in all of this, is why do we piddle about a
>handful of people who form belief systems based on UFO
>experiences, visions, encounters, or just empirical research
>by members of this list?

>Let's either stop throwing this term 'cult' around in an effort
>to demonize a <group's belief system, or let's be fair, call a
>spade a spade, and focus on the <truly influential cults of the
>world, the largest and most powerful, starting with the <Pope an
>his edicts, and ending with the fanatical followers of Islam.

No one was "throwing the term 'cult'" around or "demonizing a group's belief system." I merely asked for the list's advice on good resource material on a subject which I happen to feel is fascinating and very worthy of research.

If you reread my original post (the start of this thread) you'll see that I was the first to acknowledge that my query covered a broad range of topics - sociology, psychology, closed societies, beliefs systems, and (but not only) cults. These topics are all related in certain ways (and very dissimilar in certain ways), and we can only benefit from a broader understanding of the ways in which belief systems are developed in small groups AND in large societies.

I would certainly not call this "piddling about." Are you suggesting that it is not worthwhile to try to understand the reasons behind such tragedies as Heaven's Gate, Jonestown, Branch Davidians, etc., and we should only focus on the larger cults (i.e. mainstream religion)?

While I am certainly not a follower or advocate of any mainstream religious belief system, I do believe that we could only benefit from a comparison of both the large and small belief systems and cults, and that this thread is a worthwhile, and interesting one.

-Scott C. Carr

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 17:10:31 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 10:18:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 09:20:41 -0600
>From: Ron Decker <decker@wt.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Sightings - Czarnik

>Mike,

>You're welcome. While I'm intensely interested in the UFO subject,
>and read EBK's wonderful list religiously, I seldom participate.

>Like many interested in this subject I hear stories that are not
>verifiable. Just tales that get told and passed around. I have
>no doubt that what my friend related to me is true. Unfortunately
>the story doesn't seem to be able to go any further.

The people who know will not talk because they fear it being traced back to them and then they lose their jobs, pensions, and other financial perks for which they have worked so dilligently over the years. Not only that, but the word goes around in their field, that they cannot be trusted with confidential information... I understand this...but somewhere someone has to unite these people as a Unit and then they will control the leverage. Until then, we just wait...<sigh>

>>If it is possible to receive direct coloboration from your
>>friend, I would be interested in doing so... I would appreciate
>>any assistance in contacting the author of the "pushing button"
>>story...

>I've already asked my friend about setting up a meeting with the
>guy who gave him the story. The NASA employee won't. Pretty
>typical.

Ok Ron...I appreciate your efforts. If something changes, I would appreciate you letting me know...

Take care. If I can do anything for you, just let me know..

REgards, Mike

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 23:18:55 GMT
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 10:21:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 16:36:10 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

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>Actually I'm still waiting to see if Bell ever pays a price for
>the Hale-Bopp/Mothership series. There is a connection between
>that and the deaths in the Heavens Gate Cult that neither one of
>those two irresponsible bozos (Bell and the other jamoke from
>the "Nearsight Institute" that propagated that hoax - apologies
>to Bob Shell for using his 'moniker') ever had to answer for.
>People died.

Hi John,

Pray tell, what is the transgression that Art Bell should "pay a price" for? Consider your answer carefully lest Budd Hopkins or a certain unnamed Webmaster be called on to pay the same price.

Regards,

Scott Ribordy
sdr@ns.net

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 17:21:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 10:30:06 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratclif@inlink.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 10:46:23 -0600

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>>I am beginning to devote a great deal of time to studying the
>>cult phenomenon

John, this is a very good presentation, from my prespective. You are correct, the word 'Cult' is used to demonize and turn people away from one or many schools of thought. I resent this use of "Word Power" which these 'aggressive' people use to play with peoples minds. Fear is a great weapon...it if used correctly, as you have described, it changes the whole world....

Not all people have the inner strength at this time to break their connections to groups which many will label a cult, because they fear the loss of direction more than they fear being labeled...

Thanks again for your presentation.

REgards, Mike

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Re: Harmonics of the Earth and the "Beam Ships"

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 17:39:31 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 10:34:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Harmonics of the Earth and the "Beam Ships"

>From: From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Harmonics of the Earth and the "Beam Ships"
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 12:34:50 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

<snip>

>I don't wish to pick on Michael specifically, but this is the
>kind of New Age blather that we are constantly subjected to.
>Michael didn't know the nature of the motion of the Moon around
>the Earth and yet now he tells us all about the Beam Ships and
>the resonance of their power systems with the earth's acoustics.
>He speaks about sound as if it were electromagnetism, and states
>as facts principles which have absolutely no meaning in science.

>Putting statements next to each other does not demonstrate that
>they have any relationship, causal or otherwise. The three
>statements cited do not have any relationship, despite their
>claim to prove something ("so this would explain", "apparently").

>(sigh)

Mark, see the post I made earlier today, in which I quoted from
the investigation report from Wendele Steven's book: 'UFO
Contact From The Pleiades, A Preliminary Investigation Report'.

In this post, I quoted directly from the book itself, and it can
explain, without all the stumbling and fumbling, what I have
attempted to say, but have not been able to make plain, due to
lack of educational skills. Hopefully, the post in the words of
those who did the investigative analysis will explain it in a
way which can be understood by those with Technical Backgrounds,
instead of 'we' of less understanding...

I have to say touche' to you as you once again point out that I
did not know the moon rotated on it's axis...I guess as a child,
I just didn't pay attention to this aspect in science
class...woe is me...all this time I have only shown my hillbilly
ignorance...shucks, I guess If'n I had put shoes on my feet,
they might not have got frost bit when I went out to feed the
hawgs...Oh well, I guess my loss of four toes will teach this ole
boy to be more alert the next time...Reckon? <G>

REgards, Mike ;-)

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 21:23:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 10:37:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 23:11:14 -0500

>I'm a music professional, and have no idea what this means. I'm
>inclined to think it doesn't mean anything.

>As for "the same group that worked with Stevie Wonder," he's
>worked with lots of musicians. And how does working with Stevie
>Wonder qualify anyone to understand the resonant frequency of
>the earth?

Just slap me on the head, I will be all right eventually,
Greg...It appears that it was just an old country boy talking
out of place...

I posted a piece this afternoon, which hopefully makes some
sense...it explains what I was trying to say here.

Read it, and maybe I will seem just a little more sensible,
but probably not...<G>

REgards, Mike

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Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 05:24:08 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 10:47:00 -0500
Subject: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

Source: "alt.alien.visitors",

Stig

From: kprinter@dfw.nationwide.net (Mark Shippey)
Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors
Subject: A secret Air Force project
Date: 11 Jan 1999 03:15:29 GMT
Organization: Nationwide Internet / 888-Nationwide

Here is an interesting one.....

Today I met an old retired Air Force officer who claims that in the 1960s the Air Force conducted secret projects concerning possible communications with alien life forms.

This fellow is the Uncle of a friend who was here in town to visit.

He said one project was called "Contour". He said that this project involved understanding "linguistic fundamentals of communication between different species", and that one part of the project focused on understanding how "primates such as a gorilla might be taught to communicate."

According to this retired officer, the Air Force was "publically disregarding UFOs," but privately was involved in "intense research concering inter-species communication."

He explained how one fascinating part of the project involved taking a gorilla that had been raised amongst humans and taught "basic sign language" back into the field to see how it related to and communicated with wild gorillas and if the domesticated gorilla could act as a "go-between" to communicate between the researchers and the wild gorillas.

All of this was supposed to have happened to, "help us learn fundamentals of language that could be helpful in communication with alien species."

I kid you not.

This is what he told me.

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Re: HOT GOSSIP UK - JANUARY 1999

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 23:41:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 10:56:41 -0500
Subject: Re: HOT GOSSIP UK - JANUARY 1999

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:51:51 +0000
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: HOT GOSSIP UK - JANUARY 1999

>HOT GOSSIP UK
>JANUARY 1999

>Researcher James Easton has done some interesting research on the
>Rendlesham Forest case. That said, he's been a little naughty, and
>anyone would think - judging from his recent Internet posts - that
>he was the only person ever to have investigated the case. Stanton
>Friedman once said that he felt he's been "airbrushed out of the
>Roswell case" by researchers who'd built upon his work, and I wonder
>whether Jenny Randles and Georgina Bruni feel the same way.

I'm sure, as we will see, that Jenny doesn't and it wouldn't take
Sherlock Holmes to detect who is in truth feeling somewhat miffed.

>Easton's Internet posts are full of references to his own papers on
>the subject, but mysteriously fail to mention any dissenting views.
>I wonder why.

And I sometimes wonder if I live in a parallel universe...

>For those who'd like some balance, check out Jenny Randles' paper
>Seeing the Forest for the Trees (IUR, Summer Edition)....

Alternatively, those interested in the case might have cleverly
noticed the apparently concealed contents of 'Resolving
Rendlesham: New Insights and Past Claims Examined', which
began:

I was pleased to read the recent article "Seeing the Forest for
the Trees: New Twists in the Bentwaters Case", written by Jenny
Randles.[1]

Jenny has researched the extraordinary 'Rendlesham forest' story
since early 1981 and her latest book, 'UFO Crash Landing?'[2],
is an invaluable summary of the case history.

The critical new evidence I had published earlier this year in
'Rendlesham Unravalled'[3] was a challenge to convictions,
including my own, that the case had any substance at all, let
alone the purported contact with an extraterrestrial
civilisation.

Her public response is therefore welcome as it raises issues
which need to be addressed and in doing so, the evidence
presented in this document will hopefully result in further
unravelling and understanding a complex series of events.

[...]

Reference:

[1] 'Seeing the Forest for the Trees: New Twists in the

Bentwaters Case', by Jenny Randles
International UFO Reporter (IUR), Summer 1998, pp 16-19 & 28, 30

http://www.cufos.org/IUR_article2.html

[End]

It was published in August 1998.

Also foremost in 'Pulsar Newsletter - Issue No. 1' was:

1. The 'Rendlesham forest' affair. Ministry of Defence employee
Nick Pope enters the fray.

[...]

In a statement dated 27th August, Nick Pope comments on these
latest developments -

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/aug/m28-006.shtml> [End]

Which drew attention to and addressed a statement which Georgina
Bruni had published on behalf of Nick Pope.

The newsletter was released in September 1998.

Contrary to current claims that I "mysteriously fail to mention
any dissenting views", the Jenny Randles' article was
comprehensively referenced and discussed SIX MONTHS ago.

Seems this 'Gossip' ain't so 'Hot'.

Perhaps Georgina's newsletter is not so much 'Hot Gossip' as
evidently 'Tepid Tittle-Tattle'...

>Easton is continuing to amuse serious researchers with his theory
>that the UFO seen by Lt Col Charles Halt and his team was the beam
>from the Orford Ness lighthouse. This is despite the fact that Halt
>has made it abundantly clear that he was entirely familiar with the
>lighthouse, and had it in view throughout his encounter.

Once...if... Georgina ever gets up to speed, she might care to
further consider the following from 'Pulsar Newsletter - Issue
No. 2':

1. The 'Rendlesham forest' affair. Photographic evidence
reaffirms lighthouse was the source of UFO scares. [End]

It was published in December 1998, but take your time...

All of my published material remains archived at URL:

WWW: <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/>

>There's also the fact that there were physical traces indicating that
>a structured craft had been present - damage to nearby trees, and
>indentations in the ground. These holes were surveyed with a Geiger
>Counter, and although the actual levels are the subject of legitimate
>debate, it's not disputed that levels peaked in the holes (and on the
>nearby damaged trees), and fell away in the surrounding area.

It isn't only disputed, it's a proven fact that the 'levels
peaked' in the surrounding area unrelated to the 'UFO' incident
- see the aforementioned response and challenge to Nick Pope's
comments.

Then again, that seems to be way ahead of where Georgina's
'research' currently stands.

It's regrettable if Georgina and 'Camelot International', who I
understand can be held ultimately responsible for claims made
within 'Hot Gossip', are consummately embarrassed, however,
there's little option other than to, again, highlight the
incompetent and woeful research which comprises the 'Hot Gossip'
newsletter.

James.
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Flying Saucers US Patents List

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 05:55:10 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 10:59:10 -0500
Subject: Flying Saucers US Patents List

"Cook, Roger D. (US), Flying Saucers U.S. Patents List - Dec 1998, (10 Kb) (Abstract) This report results from an extensive survey of various Patents Databases, searching for all patents relating to the Flying Saucers Aerospacecraft (i.e. circular-winged, V.T.O.L. by design). Lists over 90 Patents."

<http://personal.atl.bellsouth.net/bna/r/d/rdcook/mmfs98-0324.txt>

Stig

Original-from: rdcook@bellsouth.net (Roger D. Cook)

Last-modified: 30 Dec 1998

Archive-name: Man-Made Flying Saucers Patents: USA Only

Abstract: This report results from an extensive survey of various U.S. Patents Databases, searching for all patents relating to flying saucer type aerospacecraft (i.e. circular-winged and V.T.O.L. by design).

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5,178,344 Dlouhy, Vaclav (01/12/93) VTOL aircraft

5,170,963 Beck, August H., Jr. (12/15/92) VTOL aircraft

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5,102,066 Daniel, Wm. H. (04/07/92) Vertical take-off and landing aircraft

5,054,713 Langley, L. W., et al (10/08/91) Circular airplane

5,046,685 Bose, Phillip R. (09/10/91) Fixed circular wing aircraft

5,039,031 Valverde, Rene L. (08/13/91) Turbocraft

4,976,395 von Kozierowski, J. (12/11/90) Heavier-than-air disk-type aircraft

4,824,048 Kim, Kyusik (04/25/89) Induction lift flying saucer

4,804,156 Harmon, Rodney D. (02/14/89) Circular aircraft

4,795,111 Moller, Paul S. (01/03/89) Robotic or remotely controlled flying platform

4,778,128 Wright, Herbert H., et al (10/18/88) Flying disc aircraft

4,773,618 Ow, Gordon J. (09/27/88) High speed vertical take-off and landing aircraft

4,685,640 Warrington, John E. (08/11/87) Air vehicle

4,651,953 Kim, Kyusik (03/24/87) Induction Lift Aircraft

4,519,562 Willis, Wm. M. (05/28/85) Aircraft

4,457,476 Andresevit, Frank (07/03/84) Wingless aircraft

4,452,410 Everett, Robert A. (06/05/84) In-line gyro type aircraft

4,433,819 Carrington, Alfred C. (02/28/84) Aerodynamic Device

4,387,867 Jordan, Heinz (06/14/83) Flying craft

4,326,681 Eshoo, Frederick (04/27/82) Non-rigid airship

4,312,483 Bostan, Nicolae (01/26/82) Aircraft With Circular Wing

4,214,720 DeSautel, Edwin R. (07/29/80) Flying Disc

4,196,877 Mutrux, Jean L. (04/08/80) Aircraft

4,193,568 Heuvel, Norman L. (03/18/80) Disc-type airborne vehicle and radial flow gas turbine engine used therein

4,165,848 Bizzarri, Alfredo (08/28/79) Rotary thrust device including axially elongated rotor rotatable in casting having elongated fluid intake and discharge slots

4,117,992 Vrana, Charles K. (10/03/78) Vertical lift device

4,050,652 DeToia, Vincent D. (09/27/77) Gyro Foil

4,023,751 Richard, Walter A. (05/17/77) Flying Ship

4,014,483 MacNeil, Roderick M. (03/29/77) Lighter-than-air

craft

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3,871,602 Kissinger, Curtis D. (03/18/75) Circular wing aircraft

3,774,865 Pinto, Olympio F. (11/27/73) Flying Saucer

3,750,980 Edwards, Samuel L. (08/07/73) Aircraft with vertical take off and landing capability

3,697,020 Thompson, Raymond V. (10/10/72) Vertical lift machine

3,690,597 Di Martino, Renato (09/12/72) Vertical take-off landing aircraft having a pair of coaxial counter-rotating rotors etc.

3,640,489 Jaeger, Karl (02/08/72) Vertical takeoff and landing aircraft

3,630,470 Elliot, Frederick Thomas (12/28/71) VERTICAL TAKEOFF AND LANDING VEHICLE

3,614,030 Moller, Paul S. (10/19/71) Aircraft

3,612,445 Phillips, Duan A. (10/12/71) LIFT ACTUATOR DISC

3,599,902 Thomley, John W. (08/17/71) Aircraft

3,503,573 Modesti, James N. (03/31/70) Disk Flying Craft

3,469,802 Roberts, J. R., et al (09/30/69) Transport

3,437,290 Norman, Francis A. (04/08/69) Vertical lift aircraft

3,432,120 Guerrero, E. (04/11/69) Aircraft

3,410,507 Moller, Paul S. (11/12/68) Aircraft

3,395,876 Green, Jacob B. (08/06/68) Aircraft With Housed Counter Rotating Propellers

3,387,801 Kelsey, C. W. (06/11/68) Vertical takeoff aircraft

3,321,156 McMasters, Douglas Q. (05/23/67) Universally manuverable aircraft

3,312,425 Lennon, C. D., et al (04/04/67) Aircraft

3,243,146 Clover, P. B. (03/29/66) Vertical-takeoff-landing aircraft

3,237,888 Willis, William M. (03/01/66) Aircraft

3,199,809 Modesti, James N. (08/10/65) Circular wing flying craft

3,177,654 Gradecak, Vjekoslav (04/13/65) Electric Aerospace Propulsion System

3,124,323 Frost, John C. M. (03/10/64) Aircraft Propulsion And Control

3,123,320 Slaughter, E. E. (04/03/64) Vertical rise aircraft

3,103,324 Price, N. C. (09/10/63) High velocity high altitude V.T.O.L. aircraft

3,090,580 Kehlet, Alan B., et al (05/21/63) Space And Atmospheric Re-Entry Vehicle

3,072,366 Freeland, Leonor Z. (01/08/63) Fluid sustained aircraft

3,067,967 Barr, I. R. (12/11/62) Flying machine

3,066,890 Price, Nathan C. (12/04/62) Supersonic Aircraft

3,065,935 Dubbury, J., et al (11/27/62) Vertical take-off aircraft

3,062,482 Frost, John C. M. (11/06/62) Gas turbine engined aircraft

3,051,417 Frost, John C. M., et al (08/28/62) Aircraft control systems

3,051,415 Frost, John C. M. (08/28/62) Fluid sustained aircraft
3,051,414 Frost, John C. M. (08/28/62) Aircraft with jet fluid control ring
3,024,966 Frost, John C. M. (03/13/62) Radial flow gas turbine engine rotor bearing
3,022,963 Frost, John C. M., et al (02/27/62) Disc-type aircraft with peripheral jet control
3,020,003 Frost, John C. M., et al (02/06/62) Disc aircraft with gas turbine and ram jet engines
3,020,002 Frost, John C. M. (02/06/62) Vertical take-off aircraft control
3,018,068 Frost, John C. M., et al (01/23/62) Disc Aircraft With Multiple Radially Disposed gas turbine engines
2,997,254 Mulgrave, Thomas P., et al (08/22/61) Gyro stabilized vertical rising vehicle (discoid)
2,953,320 Parry, Robert D. (09/20/60) Aircraft with ducted lifting fan
2,939,648 Fleissner, H. (6/7/60) Rotating Jet Aircraft with Lifting Disc Wing and Centrifuging Tanks
2,918,230 Lippisch, Alexander M. (12/22/59) Fluid Sustained And Fluid Propelled Aircraft
2,927,746 Mellen, Walter R. (03/08/60) Torodial aircraft
2,912,244 Carr, Otis T. (11/10/59) Amusement Device
2,876,965 Streib, Homer F. (03/10/59) Circular wing aircraft with universally tilttable ducted powerplant
2,863,621 Davis, John W. (12/09/58) Vertical and Horizontal Flight Aircraft
2,807,428 Wibault, Michael (09/24/57) Aircraft With Enclosed Rotor
2,801,058 Lent, Constantin P. (07/30/57) Saucer-Shaped Aircraft
2,730,311 Doak, Edmond R. (01/10/56) Impeller Propelled Aerodynamic Body
2,772,057 Fischer, John C. (11/27/56) Circular Aircraft and Control System Therefor
2,619,302 Loedding, Alfred C. (11/25/52) Low Aspect Ratio Aircraft
2,432,775 Lennon, C. D. (12/16/47) Rotating disc type aircraft
2,431,293 Zimmermann, Charles H. (11/18/47) Airplane Of Low Aspect Ratio

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Rhetorical Questionnaire?

From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 23:25:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 11:04:52 -0500
Subject: Rhetorical Questionnaire?

Just what is a rhetorical questionnaire? Wait, don't answer that. Recently I have commented on the subject of alien autopsy hoaxing grooviness. Not too long ago I ranted with a great deal of spittle, spouting the fine distinction between a UFO cult, a Jehovah cult, and a can of spam. Since I've never done any actual UFO research and my public presence in the UFO field has been strictly limited to shooting my mouth off, an oozing orifice of sarcasm, most might wonder what, if anything, I have to say?

It is probably for this very reason that this questionnaire is so rhetorical. What's the purpose in answering a bunch of nonsense written by an admitted lunatic? Not really worth the effort at all is it?

The reason I am posting this message (you don't have to answer this question, I plan to tell you), is the recent developments regarding Joseph Smith (woops, pardon me!!) I mean Joseph Firmage, and his sudden decision to give up the good life of working himself to death CEOing a major megabucks super-corporation to become a bit player in UFO mythology right around the time when that great odometer in the sky ticks over all those way cool zeroes.

So some glowing alien dude shows up in his bedroom at night, waxing poetically on all that is cosmic, meanwhile some anonymous postal employee hands him a pile of dissinformational documents, he gets all spiritual and stuff and feels compelled to spend way too much money setting up a web site that seems to have the express purpose of hiding all of the actual material the casual surfer might actually want to read.

And where does that weirdo cultist John Ratcliff fit into this equation? What's his kick? Oh..oh..wait, I know the answer to that one. What tickles John's fancy ain't those silly aliens, it ain't those super sekrit gummint intelligence agents, what intrigues John is why folks like Firmage, Mack, Hopkins, Moses, Saul, and others change their lives in such dramatic fashion based on a singular psycho-spiritual experience?

Here's the questionnaire. Since it is in fact rhetorical, all of the correct answers are listed at the bottom of the page:

- (1) Who is in charge of the UFO cover-up?
 - (a). The US gummint.
 - (b). Whoever is flying the dang UFOs.
 - (c). There ain't no such thing as UFOs, therefore there ain't no cover-up.

- (2). An alien shows up in your bedroom, all glowing with light, and says there is a great galactic federation, that humanity is going to join up real soon, and that you, personally, should quit your job and inform the world of these momentous events, that you should affect world change and shape world opinion. What do you do?
 - (a) Quit your job, set up a website, and devote your life to spreading this personal revelation to the world.

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- (b) Hug your kids.
 - (c) See a therapist.
 - (d) Realize that it's not your job to inform the world about the galactic federation, you aren't even on payroll, and that they are in a far better position to perform this task than you are.
- (3) UFOs, if real, are....
- (a) The single more important event in human history.
 - (b) not necessarily proof of extraterrestrial biological entities.
 - (c) manifestations of Satan, demons pure and simple, straight from the fourth dimension.
 - (d) not nearly as important as how happy your children are today.
- (4) A source who is deeply involved in the black government discloses tantalizing hints about the extraterrestrial presence. This means...
- (a) The final proof required to solve the mystery, the enigma, the riddle, that is UFO.
 - (b) Without evidentiary value.
 - (c) An interesting twist in the evolution of modern mythology.
 - (d) An obvious disinformation effort by the powers which suppress the truth about the alien presence.
- (5) An archeological discovery is made, from the dawn of early human civilization, which provides a tale that sounds uncannily like nuclear weapons being launched from spaceships piloted by human like gods. This is proof positive..
- (a) That mankind is the product of a genetic engineering program administered by ancient gods who combined alien DNA with that of early ape men to produce modern Homo sapiens as a slave race.
 - (b) That early man was a primitive savage, full of superstitions and was capable of creating rich mythologies based on their ignorant understanding about the world around them.
 - (c) The dangers of speculating beyond a hopelessly limited data set.
- (6) While gardening, a UFO lands in your back yard and an alien steps out. You...
- (a) Run screaming for the hills.
 - (b) Seek psychiatric help.
 - (c) Connect the USAF.
 - (d) Offer him a buckwheat pancake to see if he gets the joke.
 - (e) Rub your eyes and hope it goes away.
 - (f) Refuse to answer the question because such a thing could never happen.
- (7) An alien being approaches you, all glowing and full of light, and wishes to enlist you in his/her/it's program to usher mankind into a new golden age. You...
- (a) Fall down in awe and prostrate yourself before this powerful spiritual being.
 - (b) Call the alien being to task for his secretive nature and insist that he do his own dirty work, pointing out that you, being Homo sapiens and all, refuse to be party to such a subversive agenda.
 - (c) Shrug the whole thing off as a bit of bad wiring in your temporal lobe.
- (8) You see a UFO, an actual flying saucer, at close range. You see it, and experience it in full vivid all senses Technicolor. This is...
- (a) Proof that you are going insane.
 - (b) Proof that you are having spontaneous hallucinations.
 - (c) Proof enough for yourself that UFOs are as real as rain.

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(d) Proof of nothing since you cannot recreate it on demand under laboratory conditions.

(9) Your best friend claims to have been abducted by aliens and experiences symptoms of shock, despair, confusion and a soul shattering change in his personal cosmology. This is...

(a) Proof that experiential reality is relative. That you feel concern for your fellow man, while at the same time remaining confused and ambivalent about what it all means to yourself.

(b) Proof that your friend is nuts and should be put in an institution.

(c) Proof positive of evil space aliens intent on raping humanity.

(d) Proof that your 'so called' friend is a hoaxer, liar, and jerk.

(10) Relativism is the most rational approach to experiential reality when communicating among members of your own species.

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Maybe.

This ends the rhetorical questionnaire. Thanks for playing our game. No answers, replies of any kind are necessary. You can check your score in the privacy of your own home.

- 1 (b)
- 2 (d)
- 3 (d)
- 4 (c)
- 5 (c)
- 6 (d)
- 7 (c)
- 8 (c)
- 9 (a)
- 10 (c)

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Re: '92 Sighting / Australia

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 21:55:41 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 11:17:44 -0500
Subject: Re: '92 Sighting / Australia

Dear Sharon:

[snip]

>>Thu, 31 Dec 1998 12:01:25 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Subject: '92 Sighting

>>>From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
>>>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Info on '92 Sighting
>>>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 1998 11:45:10 +0800

>>>I was hoping that someone might be able to help me with some
>>>information concerning a sighting which occurred in 1992. All
>>>the information I have follows -

>><snip>

>>I regret that my only record from Endeavor Hills was on
>>09Oct1989 and obviously unrelated.

>>In the 1989 account, two observers saw a 20 foot (6 metre)
>>object [poorly described] hovering near some power lines.
>>Grass in the vicinity later died in some odd manner.

>>For fine and necessary details on this particular event, one
>>must consult Bill Chalker's book " The OZ Files", page 189.

>>There is a second source: /r123 p 231. For ten centavos,
>>I will go look that up too, but please allow time.

>>If you are short of time, please let me know in advance.

>Mr Hatch,

>Thank you for the information. I don't believe this is the same
>case, but it's interesting to know there was another sighting in
>the same area. I will have to obtain a copy of Mr Chalker's book
>for future reference (being a fellow Aussie it must be a good
>read :)).

No problem!

The second reference (/r123 P231) was one of Timothy Good's UFO
Updates books, 1991 I believe.

Speaking of time, I have been down for ten days with computer
troubles, deep in the innards of Windows-95. If you sent further
inquiries, I probably missed them.

I am now back online at: larryhat@jps.net if you want to look up
other sightings I may have catalogued.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Australian UFO Reports - 01-11-99

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@fan.net.au>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 22:09:50 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 11:31:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Reports - 01-11-99

The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia
tkbnetw@fan.net.au

UFO Australian Research Network Hot Line Number 1800 77 22 88
Free Call

1800 Call In Code: 00023

Date 11th .1.1999
Day: Monday
Time Reported: 6.20pm
Source: Margaret S
Location: South Cessnock NSW
Tel 02 499
Report Given to nearest Rep: Di
E- mail tkbnetw@fan.net.au

Message:

Hello can some one call me, I have seen 2 to 5 orange lights going over my house for the past 6 nights.

Report: Mrs Margaret W

Said that she and her family have been seeing these orange fire ball of lights going over her house for the past six day. She said that she had got her son a telescope for Christmas and they had a observed the the objects through it.

Description: Round, Firey orange, flames coming from the back of each object, they had 4 lights in the front oblong shapped,white in colour,

Shape: Object a disc shape .

She said they came from the East which she said is out to sea, and went West, she stated that her neighbour came out and had a look and ran back inside to call Williams Town RAAF base to see if they had any planes in the area, They said No.

Size: If you where to hold a 20cent piece up at arms length that would be that size.

Speed: Not fast but not to slow, a plane came into view and when this happened the bright orange lights changed to a small white light which through the telescope I saw a circular object grey in colour, she said " I thought this to strange".

Mrs Margaret S said that she had taken a photo of it through the Telescope but is not to sure if they will turn out its the first time they used the photo connection.

She is going to send me a copy and the negatives and a drawing

of the objects I hope we get something here :>)

Report Form Sent out

Ps Maybe a night watch is in order here.

Regards Diane

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Re: Harmonics of the Earth and the "Beam Ships"

From: Rick Goldsmith <rgoldsm@synapse.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 12:46:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 09:13:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Harmonics of the Earth and the "Beam Ships"

>From: From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Harmonics of the Earth and the "Beam Ships"
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 12:34:50 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Please, think about this.

>First, what does it mean to say that "the power system which
>propels the Beam Ship resonates on the same frequency as the
>earth"?

>There is no question that the earth, as a solid body in space,
>vibrates. However, it has an extremely complex vibration which
>is based on its layered structure, discontinuities, various
>gravitational deformations generated by tides, and the various
>shocks produced, essentially at random, by tectonic activity.

>Given that, no doubt there are many frequencies which are
>harmonic to the state of oscillation of the earth at any point
>in time. So what? I imagine the 60Hz frequency of the American
>power grid can be fit into its harmonic structure somewhere.
>Does that mean anything with regard to the operation or
>effectiveness of our AC power grid? Of course not.

Well Y'know, The earth does actually have a somewhat discreet
radio frequency that you can listen to. I recall watching one of
those weather shows on TLC and the description given this
phenomena was; lightning strikes the earth an average of eight
(or was it four?) times every second (8hz). The EM radiation
can actually be picked up on a low-freq. receiver as a somewhat
regular signal.

I realize, of course, this lends no credibility to Meir's claims
or Michael's arguments (nor was it meant to) but I thought the
parties concerned in this discussion would find it an
interesting, related bit of trivia.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recommend that Mr.
Christol read Carl Sagan's excellent book, "The Demon Haunted
World". I admit that some of Carl's views on the UFO subject to
be somewhat narrow but this book has a lot to say about
rational, critical thinking and the dangers inherent in being
overly credulous of claims that fit well with one's own beliefs.

R.G.

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Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 13:18:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 09:15:18 -0500
Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'
>Date: Thu, 11 Feb 1999 06:38:21 -0000

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 09:30:17 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

>>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 19:38:22 -0500
>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 23:11:30 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: The Credibility of Edgar Fouche'

<snip>

>>Serge responded:

>>>I have asked you, on
>>>this List, a couple of times, a few pointed questions based
>>>"specifically" on this secret hidden technology paradox inherent
>>>to your research-claims: you never answered the damn questions.

>Do you know how many emails I get daily - at least 200! Re-ask
>the questions and I'll try to answer them!

Tim,

Good! Then, you will finally answer the following (4th try):

>What I can't figure out is how come silent-running vehicles,
>invisible to radar, designed for atmospheric and space flight,
>capable of hovering and stationary and vertical flight, that
>reach tremendous speeds and acceleration (from 0 to 1500 knots
>in seconds), are able to outpace any known conventional craft
>and are almost invulnerable to enemy attacks have been kept in
>the cupboard for more than 50 years ?

>Do you have any incentive on that ?

BTW, it seems Roger and I have the same problem: how many times
a pertinent question must be asked to get answered.

>How does your response affect the credibility of Mr Fouche and
>"associates"?

>Not one bit.

My post pointed out the fact that you were discrediting Fouche
with questions yourself did not answer in the past. According
to the recent post "25 Rules of Disinformation", this is #4
("the Straw Man argument") and #7 ("Question motives"). Of
course, you could be accusing me of #14 ("Demand complete
solutions"), but that would be #17 ("Change the subject") from
your part.

My 2 cents this will be lost in a 200 daily e-mails shuffle:

that will be #1 ("... don't discuss it").

As for Edgar Fouche, I suggest you pass on to him Roger's pocket and coat argument: it does fit the bill for him... too ;0)

Please giggle: I am just applying the #1 rule of information ("If you can't have fun, this is trouble").

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 13:56:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 09:21:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 23:18:55 GMT
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>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 16:36:10 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>><snip>

>>Actually I'm still waiting to see if Bell ever pays a price for
>>the Hale-Bopp/Mothership series. There is a connection between
>>that and the deaths in the Heavens Gate Cult that neither one of
>>those two irresponsible bozos (Bell and the other jamoke from
>>the "Nearsight Institute" that propagated that hoax - apologies
>>to Bob Shell for using his 'moniker') ever had to answer for.
>>People died.

>Hi John,

>Pray tell, what is the transgression that Art Bell should "pay a
>price" for? Consider your answer carefully lest Budd Hopkins or
>a certain unnamed Webmaster be called on to pay the same price.

Hello Scott,

I don't respond well to 'threats' Scott. If you ever wish to
just 'talk' (maybe) we can communicate with each other. Until
then go threaten Skippy McGurk, maybe he cares. In the
meantime, don't look for any future responses from me.

>Pray tell, what is the transgression that Art Bell should "pay
a >price" for?

I stated it clearly in my original. Is there a reading
comprehension problem that you have that I'm not aware of? You
ask me a question and then post the answer above it all in one
e-mail. Amazing!

The statements I made, and all other references, are in my
original. Reread it a couple of times and maybe (unless there is
some problem you have translating written words into concepts
and ideas) your poorly asked question will get answered there.

BTW, do you realize that by resorting to 'threats' it reveals
far more about you than it ever does about me, your intended
target! Kinda like aiming a rubber band hoping to hit someone
else and having it snap back in ones own face. You should know
that if you engage in that kind of thing often enough, your mug
will soon begin to resemble the "before" picture in an acne
commercial.

John Velez, Webmaster IF-AIC

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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APRO File Microfilm Found!

From: jan@cyberzone.net (Jan Aldrich)
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 13:26:20 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 09:17:27 -0500
Subject: APRO File Microfilm Found!

AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION FILE MICROFILM LOCATED

PROJECT 1947, the research study of the beginning of the UFO era, announced the recovery of a large portion of the microfilmed files of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), the first worldwide civilian UFO group to be organized. The APRO files have been inaccessible to researchers for over a decade since the demise of the organization following the deaths of founders Coral Lorenzen in 1988 and Jim Lorenzen in 1986.

Founded in 1952 and already mentioned menacingly by the CIA Robertson Panel in January 1953, APRO collected UFO data from all over the world during its nearly four decades of existence. APRO had an extensive UFO investigative network with representatives in more than 50 countries, especially in South America. In the 1970's with the aid of a small grant APRO began microfilming its UFO sighting files. As many as three separate microfilm reels are thought to exist. The first microfilm roll contains reports from ancient times to December 1956. The second microfilm confirmed to exist contains reports from December 1956 to 1962. The third microfilm, thought to exist by a number of people but yet to be confirmed, evidently covered 1962 to 1966.

The microfilm was located through the courtesy of Brad Sparks, long time UFO researcher and former APRO assistant director of research. Sparks also had leads to the 2nd microfilm reel which are now being pursued by Project 1947. After a long hiatus, Sparks recently returned to UFO research and has written on significant UFO topics including the well-documented RB-47 case of 1957, the Roswell case and "MJ-12," astronaut sightings, radar-visuals and other cases involving significant scientific content.

The APRO material has very little overlap or duplication with the UFO files of the old National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and the Civilian Saucer Intelligence (CSI-New York), now incorporated with the files of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Chicago.

Jan Aldrich, coordinator of Project 1947, remarked, "The reports, letters, investigations, and newspaper clippings contained in the APRO microfilm have few duplications of the reports in the files of NICAP, CSI, CUFOS, Barry Greenwood, Dr. Leon Davidson, or Loren Gross. Davidson had a worldwide clipping service which provided him with large numbers of clippings from South America. Greenwood and I have also done extensive research in South American newspapers in the Library of Congress, Harvard, Yale, and many other libraries. Yet the APRO South American newspaper clippings are essentially unique compared with what has already been collected."

The microfilm contains more than 1,000 pages of reports from ordinary citizens, pilots, the military and others. Many of these reports were not published in the APRO Bulletin or the Lorenzens' books. Southwest Microfilms of El Paso, Texas, produced the APRO file microfilm and exercised great care to assure legibility of the material. A search for copies of the other microfilm reels continues. Several former APRO officials

have been contacted in connection with the search.

"I was especially happy to see a number of pre-1947 reports which I had submitted to APRO years ago, but were lost from my files in an accident," said Aldrich. "This recovered APRO microfilm now joins a library of more than 400 microfilm rolls which contain official and private material on UFO's. We are now zeroing in on the APRO microfilm files for 1957 to 1962. A long time UFO researcher has promised it to us if his efforts to locate it bear fruit."

This is the second large portion of the APRO files recovered and available for research. Previously Canadian John Musgrave shared his Canadian Collection with Project 1947. Before APRO's demise Musgrave had copied all Canadian material in the APRO files for his own research project. Copies of Musgrave's collection which includes the APRO material are at CUFOS and at Project 1947.

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Re: Rhetorical Questionnaire?

From: Marc Bell <MARC@wufog.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 18:19:22 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 09:24:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Rhetorical Questionnaire?

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Rhetorical Questionnaire?
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 23:25:21 -0600

>(9) Your best friend claims to have been abducted by aliens and
>experiences symptoms of shock, despair, confusion and a soul
>shattering change in his personal cosmology. This is...
>
>(a) Proof that experiential reality is relative. That you feel
>concern for your fellow man, while at the same time remaining
>confused and ambivalent about what it all means to yourself.
>
>(b) Proof that your friend is nuts and should be put in an
>institution.
>
>(c) Proof positive of evil space aliens intent on raping humanity.
>(d) Proof that your 'so called' friend is a hoaxer, liar, and jerk.

>check your score in the privacy of your own home.
>9 (a)

Hi John & all at Toronto,

If its happened to you, this ones pretty painful.... sorry.

On a lighter note its great to see Larry back, I believe my PC's
been taken out twice in 2 months now as well.

All the best,

Marc

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-=[For The Record]- C.E.: Booms in Butler County,

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@FUSE.NET>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 05:23:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 09:28:07 -0500
Subject: -=[For The Record]- C.E.: Booms in Butler County,

Mysterious Sounds Heard in areas near Butler County, Ohio
Reported by WCPO Channel-9 News, Cincinnati

Laura Randall of WCPO Channel-9 News reported Sunday, January 10 of very strange sounds heard near residential homes in Butler County, Ohio. The situation involved explosive booms and thuds which alarmed residents in parts of Fairfield, Ohio (18-miles north of Cincinnati).

An earlier newscast by WCPO reporters addressed the numerous phone calls to police dispatch offices, stating that the disruptions had been attributed to an underground phenomenon known as 'ice heaving' or 'frost cracking.' This explanation was reportedly offered by persons at The National Weather Service office, located in Wilmington, Ohio.

Interestingly, WCPO News in this later report informed that a local geologist, University of Cincinnati Professor Dr. Kenneth Hinkle, refuted the 'frost-cracking' theory and informed that such explanations were not workable in this instance.

"In the High Arctic, frost-cracking resembles a sharp snap similar to a rifle report, which can be felt," Hinkle stated for the newscast.

The National Weather Service believed that a combination heavy rain and rapid freezing led to the mysterious sounds heard by alarmed residents. Hinkle was curious, and after conducting an investigation, added that frost-cracking was a most unlikely explanation.

Hinkle took a garden spade and put the frost-cracking theory to the test, but found that the snow had insulated the top-soil from the bitter cold. While cameras were rolling, Hinkle demonstrated that the sub-surface conditions were not conducive to frost-cracking.

Also noted on the newscast was a Ms. Jenny Morgan of Fairfield, who reported that she heard something similar to a shotgun sound.

A second resident told of suspecting someone had thrown 'snowballs' at her house, while a third person described what they thought was a supersonic crash.

At least 13-callers reported suspicious and frightening noises. A police dispatcher, interviewed for the new report, remarked that many people were complaining of possible break-ins or kids throwing snowballs and hitting houses.

WCPO reporters finalized their piece by stating: "We are left with an unsolved mystery."

In the late sixties, a series of unexplained events took place in Southern Ohio, in which dozens of persons reported unusual thumping or knocking sounds heard on their roofs. A re-typed copy of this newspaper article will be available on the internet at a later date.

During the fall of 1973, sonic anomalies were frequently correlated with UFO sightings. Details of these reports can be viewed at:

http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-March11a.htm
http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-Aug7a.htm
http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-Aug30a.htm
http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-Oct11a.htm
http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-Oct21a.htm

On May 9 and 15 of 1997, a series of sonic oddities perplexed persons throughout various quarters of the Cincinnati area. Details of these reports can be viewed at:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/PHANTOMBLAST.htm>
<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/MAY15.htm>

In some instances, the populace has been concerned by the sonic outburst caused by military jets breaking the sound barrier. Sonic booms, largely restricted over populated areas, frequently cause alarm. Due to the continuous outbursts and the localized residential areas where the recent disruptions are reported, it seems hasty to apply such an explanation without careful review.

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: Geri & Alfred Webre <Ecotoday@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 14:21:17 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 09:33:02 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

In a message dated 99-01-09 16:24:02 EST, you write:

>Subj: UFO UpDate: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: 99-01-09 16:24:02 EST
>From: updates@globalserve.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 12:51:14 -0800

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>I realize that this is quite a broad range of topics, but I
>would like to draw on this list's expertise in recommending the
>very best in resource material: publications, books, web sites,
>etc...

>Thanks in advance for your input, and hope to hear from you
>soon.

Dear Scott - We have found Madeleine Tobias' book, "Captive
Hearts, Captive Minds" to contain a good description of the
psycho-dynamics of cult behaviour, particularly of the cult
leader. The book has a de-programming bias, but still is fairly
comprehensive.

Good luck on the cult project!

Geri & Alfred Webre
Vancouver, BC

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Ed Fouche <<http://fouche@connecti.com>>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 14:56:06 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 09:58:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 00:28:49 -0500

>Excuse me??????????

>I suppose I should apologize for discussing this piecemeal, as I
>scroll through messages that keep speeding further from reality.
>But let me introduce myself as a music critic for the Wall
>Street Journal, a member of the graduate studies faculty at
>Juilliard, America's leading music school, and a composer who's
>worked with everything from folksingers to opera companies, as
>well as with synthesizers and digital audio.

Well Greg, I will grant you that the machine which I have seen
in action was a physical contraption. It was invented in the
early part of this century, by Spencer Harvey Louis, and I think
it now resides in a museum, possibly in Chicago...I cannot be
sure, without looking through my information. This machine
consisted of an organ and a device which converted the musical
notes into light patterns of various colors, so that when one
played the organ, the audience was entertained with a vast
spectrum of color and music. Grant you a device was constructed
to demonstrate this connection between color and sound, in the
visible spectrum of our reality. Yet, there are individuals who
profess to see these colors in the auric emanations from
material things...In other words it is an "energy." Anything
which is material would therefore produce this energy. What is
it that determines the difference between a brick and a log?

It is the number of atoms and molecules in the material.. Maybe I
confused the frequency with the numbers...I can do that from
time to time...that is why I prefer to have my notes in front of
me when writing on this subject. However, to be fair, I wrote
strictly from memory in my original post. Ed adds: From the
book, 'Color Practice' by Charles Klotsche, "Dinshah calculated
the equivalent sound vibration for each of his twelve colors.

For instance, the basic frequency or vibration of the color Red
is 436 trillion cycles per second. To arrive at a comparable
vibration in the audible range (reducing the vibrations from
visual to audible) Dinshah divided the basic color frequency by
two, 40 times. That results in 392 for Red, or the musical note
G. Through this calculation we find that the corresponding sound
is in the range of the ninth theoretical octave - that is, 40
theoretical octaves below the color vibration of the visible
spectrum.

Others have taken this method further, generating color from a
musical synthesizer for rock concerts, art forums, and
entertainment. There is a software program that uses his
formulas to produce myriad of colored fractals from music.

>This statement of Michael's is-forgive me, Michael-
>complete and utter nonsense. I'm very sympathetic to spiritual
>beliefs, and I believe that music can have great spiritual
>power, even, very likely, healing power. But Michael's statement
>purports to describe not the spiritual meaning of music, but

>physical facts about it. Not one of those supposed facts is
>correct.

>"Everything vibrates at a certain frequency." Not even musical
>notes vibrate at one frequency. As I said in a previous post-
>and as I can easily prove with standard musical software-even
>apparently pure musical notes consist of many frequencies at
>once. (A pure sine wave would be an exception. But you won't
>hear those outside a laboratory or a recording studio, where
>they might be used for tuning or testing, or as a component of
>sounds created on an analogue synthesizer.)

>Besides, when we talk about musical notes vibrating, we're
>talking about sound waves. Sound waves certainly vibrate. But in
>what sense does a solid object vibrate? Perhaps it does in some
>mystical sense, but that has nothing to do with the kinds of
>tangible, measurable, physical vibrations involved in music.

Sound as you are aware, ranges from far below the auditory range
of the human ear to far above it...It is like a slide kazoo....
you can slide the bar in and get one sound and slowly withdraw
it to go all the way to the other extreme, of course again
within the range of the auditory senses. But those vibrations
which we call sound, do not stop, simply because we do not hear
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entire spectrum of material existence. Music as a product of
material expression can be made more enjoyable by adjusting the
frequency of those vibrations...To harsh and it causes us to
cringe...to soft and it puts to sleep.

>"Change the frequency of vibration of the object and you change
>the object."

>A violinist makes a violin play different notes by changing the
>way the strings vibrate. A clarinetist makes a clarinet play
>different notes by changing the way the air inside the clarinet
>vibrates. Musicians, in other words, do change vibrations that
>have some connection with their instruments.

>But how would you change the vibration of a rubber ball? Of a
>broom? Of your kitchen sink? There are some objects that
>obviously do vibrate-a sheet of metal, to take a familiar
>example, even one formed into a tool, like the blade of a saw.
>But if you get a saw to vibrate, how does that change the saw?
>In the rural south, musicians used to play the saw as a musical
>instrument, more or less by bowing it as if it were a violin. I
>heard somebody doing that in the New York subway just a week or
>so ago. He played the saw beautifully, changing its vibration to
>form every musical pitch necessary to play a melody. But when he
>finished, the saw hadn't changed at all.

Ok, here definitely I have misrepresented what I was
saying...not intentionally, mind you, but by confusing frequency
with the number of atoms, molecules and electrons, which compose
matter. You will not change a clarinet by playing a frequency
higher or lower, but you would change it if you changed the
molecular structure of the wood or plastic from which it is
made. <g>

>"play musical notes, and this generates a corresponding Color
>which can be used in a Kaleido- scopic display of sound and
>music."

>Oh, Michael, Michael...where did you ever learn such a thing?

Again, I stick by this, based on the machines I have seen
produce these colors and sounds....

>Musical notes don't generate colors. The vibrations of sound-
>relatively slow vibrations of air molecules-have no relation
>to light. There's no way at all to translate the wavelengths of
>sound into light. If you play a note, no color physically
>appears in the air or in your eye. Musicians often associate
>musical notes with colors, but it's well known that they never
>agree on which colors correspond to which notes. The association
>of notes and colors is entirely subjective.

Ed adds: The human brain can do this.

There is a phenomena known as Synesthesia. A person with this disorder can see specific colors when hearing specific notes. Say, C sharp would be blue, and F flat would be red, etc. Other variations of synesthesia (Greek: syn -together / aisthanesthia -perceive) can cause a touched color to be tasted, heard, or smelled by the person with this disorder.

The question is, is this a genetic disorder or did early humans have this ability. Do some animals have this ability, I don't know. Synesthesia is described in detail in, 'A Natural History of the Senses

By Diane Ackerman.

You are correct...play a note and no color appears in the air.. yet, as previously said by both of us, you can construct devices to project this color in to the visible spectrum... Is it not true that the notes on the Universal musical scale cover a range of 80 octaves??? Definitely this is a subject with which I am struggling to make sense. It is not my forte'...but being the defender of ideas, I jumped into the "beamship sounds" boat, and paddled just a little to far in preparing the foundation for the posting I made earlier today based on the findings as expressed in Wendelle Stevens book: "UFO CONTACT From The Pleiades, A Preliminary Investigation," and the video "CONTACT," which covers the tests made on the Beam Ship sounds recorded by Billy Meier and his Wife Poppi, at the time. I opened myself up for this post and deserve it...<g> <blush> :-)

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From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 15:58:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:02:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 14:04:30 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Fox TV Special

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>connection between color and sound, in the visible spectrum of
>our reality. Yet, there are individuals who profess to see these
>colors in the auric emanations from material things...In other
>words it is an "energy."

Well, auras aren't sounds. The machine you saw is a perfect example of what I wrote about in my post. Spencer Harvey Louis invented a system for translating sound into color. In order to do that, he had to make decisions -- he had to decide, for instance, that a particular musical note would be represented by a particular color. From a scientific point of view, these decisions are arbitrary. There is absolutely no connection between the sound frequency that produces the note E flat, let's say, and the electromagnetic frequency that produces the color green. The decisions may not be arbitrary from some artistic point of view, but they have no basis at all in objective reality.

In classical music, color associations with music often come up. Beethoven's very mighty third symphony is in the key of E flat major. You'll sometimes hear someone say that this is a perfect key for something so majestic, because the key of E flat sounds golden. Then someone else will jump in and say, no, the key of E flat sounds red. Someone else will think it's blue. Nobody agrees! This is something joked about, affectionately, over and over within the field. Nobody can agree on which musical sounds should be associated with which colors, though many people have strong ideas on the subject.

>Sound as you are aware, ranges from far below the auditory range
>of the human ear to far above it...It is like a slide kazoo....
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>within the range of the auditory senses. But those vibrations
>which we call sound, do not stop, simply because we do not hear
>them...animals have a far keener sense of hearing than humans...

Sure. But sound vibrations and light vibrations are entirely different. Sound is created by a physical vibration of molecules of air or some other substance. Light is electromagnetic radiation. You can extend the spectrum of sound past the range of human hearing, but no matter how far you extend it, you'll

never end up with light. Light is on a completely different spectrum.

One difference between the two is the phenomenon of octaves, which exists for sound but not for light. If you picture a piano keyboard, you know that notes repeat. You can play a scale upwards from middle C, and the notes will be C,D,E,F,G,A,B, and finally another C. The first C and the second are audibly the same note, even though the second C is higher.

Physically, the phenomenon is linked to a note's frequency. If you double a note's frequency or cut it in half, you get the same note, only higher or lower. The sound spectrum, then, consists of repeating series of the same notes. (And now the fine print for those who want a fuller story. The notes of the piano keyboard are selected from a continuous spectrum. That is, it's perfectly possible with your voice or with many other instruments to produce an infinite number of notes, most of which fall between the cracks of the piano notes. The specific pitches of the piano keyboard -- the familiar 12-note chromatic scale of western music -- have been selected for technical musical reasons which evolved over many years, and would be too complicated to describe here.)

Taking a deep breath after that parenthesis...sound has this audible phenomenon of octaves. Light has nothing equivalent. The spectrum runs in a continuous sweep, without colors repeating each time a frequency doubles.

>Vibrations, deal with energy...this energy issues across the
>entire spectrum of material existence. Music as a product of
>material expression can be made more enjoyable by adjusting the
>frequency of those vibrations...Too harsh and it causes us to
>cringe...to soft and it puts to sleep.

Well, planning the quality of music is a lot more complicated than adjusting a frequency or two. Anyone who doubts that should attend an orchestra rehearsal, or sit with me while I prepare a recording mix of some synthesizer piece I've written!

More important, though..."this energy issues across the entire spectrum of material existence." From a spiritual or mystical point of view, it's fine to talk about energy as if it were a single thing, in all of its forms. In material reality, that's just not true. Sound and light are different forms of energy, with no physical connection between them.

>Again, I stick by this, based on the machines I have seen
>produce these colors and sounds....

My point, again, was not that machines can't produce color in response to sound. These connections are arbitrary; that's what I was trying to say.

>You are correct...play a note and no color appears in the air..
>yet, as previously said by both of us, you can construct devices
>to project this color in to the visible spectrum... Is it not
>>true that the notes on the Universal musical scale cover a range
>of 80 octaves???

Nope, not true at all. Can't imagine what the "universal musical scale" might be. I've never heard of such a thing. Besides, 80 octaves is a lot of octaves. The piano, with the largest range of any acoustic instrument (well, maybe the organ might exceed it), has only 8 octaves. 80 octaves would take you far beyond the range of not only human, but animal hearing.

>
>You are correct, I was talking in Spiritual terms...but
>ultimately this Spirit reaches across the gulf into physical
>reality...
>

In spirit (no pun intended), I agree with you, Michael. I think, though, that the spirit is able to work with physical reality as science knows it.

In any case, spirit can use the vast power of music, realizing itself only in sound. There's no need to make any new connection between sound and light to give music any more conviction than it already has.

Re: Fox TV Special

Greg Sandow

(Thanks for your kind words, Michael.)

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FSG on TV!

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Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 16:46:27 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:04:48 -0500
Subject: FSG on TV!

FLYING SAUCER GAZETTE - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear FSG readers,

We just got off of the telephone with a representative of CBS Productions. CBS had called to discuss a future episode of their "L.A. Doctors" television series, in which a man, known tentatively as "Charlie" believes that he is a victim of alien abduction. (At this time there is no decision, but it is possible that "Charlie" may become a recurring character on the series.)

CBS contacted us to request permission to include a few issues of the print edition of "The Flying Saucer Gazette" on the set, either being read by "Charlie" or to be placed on his night table or desk. We agreed, thrilled beyond words for the opportunity of Prime-Time exposure for our little sociological journal.

Shooting of the episode is set for Wednesday, and the show will probably air sometime during the end of February. Please check the FSG Home Page (www.erols.com/sardonica) as we will be sure to post regular updates as to the air date of the show.

-Scott C. Carr

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Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

From: Bob Huff <bobhuff@tidalwave.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 17:34:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:07:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

Hi,

A friend of mine who sold computers and other sophisticated equipment to his clients in the Southwest Range - Los Alamos, Sandia, Tonopah, Area 51...- has expressed that the selection of the location of Socorro NM for the large antenna arrays had a connection with the Roswell event. He implies they were/are used for:

- two way communications
- and not with objects of terrestrial origin
- part of larger tracking/triangulation network

Best, Bob

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DOD AND FEMA PLAN Y2K
NATIONAL GUARD ALERT

On Wednesday, January 6, 1999, World Net Daily revealed that the USA Department of Defense (DOD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are planning for a nationwide practice mobilization of Army National Guard troops on May 1, 1999.

Under the code name Exercise COMEX/MOBEX 99, the planned alert will call up all 480,000 National Guard troops in the USA's fifty states and four territories.

In peacetime, a state's National Guard remains under the command of the state's governor. But in time of war, the National Guard becomes part of the U.S. Army.

COMEX/MOBEX will be the biggest deployment of National Guard troops in nearly sixty years. The last full mobilization occurred in June 1940, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt mobilized the entire National Guard in preparation for American involvement in World War II.

According to David M. Bresnahan of World Net Daily, "The National Guard is planning its first national mobilization of troops since 1940 in preparation of civil unrest relating to the Y2K Millenium Bug. The National Guard Bureau in Washington is currently formulating plans for a mobilization test in conjunction with FEMA."

"The plan, as it is now being described, will be a full mobilization of all 480,000 members of the National Guard in all 54 states and territories. Exercise COMEX/MOBEX will be conducted without telephone, radio and television to get the word to all Guard members."

"This will be a simulated COMM-out," explained another member of the group. "DOD and FEMA will assume that the Y2K problem has paralyzed electronic communications nationwide. Direct contact means will be used to round up the National Guard members. By the end of the three-day exercise, they hope to have all National Guard units at an effective manpower strength of 95 percent."

Bresnahan's story was also confirmed by "a C2 (Command and Control) officer at the National Guard Bureau in Washington," who said, "This is going to happen. They are currently working on Public Affairs Guidance."

On Thursday, January 7, 1999, a document appeared in USENET which seemed to confirm preparations for a nationwide military response to possible Y2K civil unrest after January 1, 2000.

The document appears to have originated in the Office of General Administration, Commandant, Naval Reserve Forces, U.S. Navy under the title REF/A/DOC/COMNAVRESFOR/960301 and refers to a Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (NEPLO) program.

The NEPLO document stated that "senior Naval Reserve officers" with the rank of Captain or Commander were needed "to support Navy commanders in

implementing their responsibilities under the National Security Emergency Preparedness and Military Support to Civil Authority programs." Eligible officers are invited to volunteer for billets (posts) still available in the NEPLO program.

Naval Reserve officers were asked to send in their short cover letter, current mailing address, service record, copies of their last three fitness reports, current official photograph and a short biography of their civilian career experience. A Navy Selection Board will begin reviewing the applications on July 1, 1999.

Surprisingly, NEPLO billets will have a duration of three years, beginning in 2000 and ending in 2003.

Open NEPLO billets are still available at the Department of Defense; FEMA offices in Philadelphia, Atlanta, Kansas City, San Diego and Denton, Texas; Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; Fort Richardson, Arkansas; Springfield, Illinois; Reading, Massachusetts; Helena, Montana; Raleigh, North Carolina; Carson City, Nevada; Austin, Texas; Richmond, Virginia; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In September 1996, the U.S. Army Reserve Command was restructured to bring it into alignment with FEMA, making it easier for FEMA to control military units during a national emergency. The old Army Reserve Commands (ARCOMS) were abolished and replaced by ten Regional Support Commands (RSCs), which conform to the Standard Federal Regions (SFRs) used by FEMA. Also, there are three Regional Support Groups, based at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana and San Antonio, Texas, which also collaborate with FEMA in times of emergency. (See World Net Daily for January 6, 1999. Many thanks to UFOSSI for forwarding the news article.)

(Editor's Comment: The biggest military mobilization since 1940, and what's on the front page of the New York Times? The continuing adventures of Dr. Jekyll and Rep. Hyde, also known as the Love Story of the 90s--When Bubba Met Tubba. And they wonder why people are tuning out the Establishment media. Don't go away, folks. There are more Y2K shockers to come.)

BRITISH TV TEAM EXPOSES SECRET NATO BASE

On Wednesday, January 6, 1999, British TV viewers watching a segment on Nick McCamley's new book, SECRET UNDERGROUND CITIES, were startled when host Peter Morgan and journalist Douglas Campbell showed up on the doorstep of a secret NATO underground base in Wiltshire, eight miles (13 kilometers) east of Bath.

Morgan and Campbell discovered the top-secret facility at Corsham, Wilts. The huge underground base, known as the Corsham Computer Centre (CCC), costs billions of pounds sterling and was reportedly constructed as a "black project" by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) without the knowledge and approval of Parliament.

The facility is located at the end of Peel Circus, described as "an area of clipped lawns and landscaping designed to look like a patch of suburbia."

According to Gerry Lovell of Far Shores, Morgan and Campbell "attempted to make contact with a security building" at the bottom of a stairwell that had been built right into the hill. "Almost stunned silence greeted their opening question...namely that CCC was in fact the UK Government's nuclear command center... The men at the other end replied only that the location was a (Royal) Navy administration site and declined further comment."

During the Nineteenth Century, Corsham was the site of a stone quarry, and there are said to be extensive tunnels in that section of Wiltshire. One tunnel, Lovell added, links Corsham with the nearby village of Hawthorn, also the site of RAF base at Rudloe Manor.

(Editor's Note: Until recently, Rudloe Manor was the headquarters of the RAF's Provost and Security Services, claimed by some to be the kingdom's central UFO monitoring unit. Provost and Security Services is now located at RAF Henlow.)

The TV program also revealed that NATO had built an underground facility similar to Corsham on Mount Penteli in Greece, 50 kilometers (30 miles) north of Athens. (Many thanks to Gerry Lovell of Far Shores for this report.)
(Editor's Comment: Corsham may be the UK's command center for Operation Abacus and the Y2K computer crisis.)

ISRAELI MILLENIUM UNIT RAIDS
COLORADO CHRISTIANS

On Sunday evening, January 3, 1997, Israel's Millenium Unit swooped down on two villas in Jerusalem's hilly west end and arrested 14 members of Concerned Christians, an Evangelical sect from Lakewood, Colorado, USA.

"In carefully synchronized raids, dozens of uniformed and plainclothes police descended on two spacious homes a mile apart on Jerusalem's hilly outskirts," in Messaveret Zion and Motza.

"The group, whose members call themselves Concerned Christians, did not resist, and police said they will seek members' deportations." (See USA Today for January 4, 1999, "Israeli police detain 14 from Denver cult" by Laura King, page 4A)

"All 14 Americans, including six children and three married couples, were arrested Sunday in raids on two villas near Jerusalem."

"They were the first people detained by a new Israeli task force--including members of the Mossad spy agency--created to deal with possible violence by doomsday cults and messianic groups in the Holy Land when millions of tourists arrive for the 2000 millenium celebrations." (See the New York Post for January 5, 1999, "Israel sends Denver doomsday cultists packing," by Uri Dan, page 17)

The task force--informally known as the Milleium Unit--included officers of the Jerusalem police, the Shin Bet security police and the Mossad.

"Two months ago, Israeli police formed a task force to deal with the possibility of violence here by doomsday cults and messianic groups as the turn of the century approaches."

"There is great fear that among the 4 million or so visitors who are expected to come, there may be some who have ideas about the end of the world," said Ehud Sprinzak, a Hebrew University professor and expert on religious extremism, who is advising police on the phenomenon."

"They are coming to one of the most volatile places on Earth, and the fear is that if Jesus Christ does not appear, some of them might try to help the messiah--according to their perceptions--by starting Armageddon," Sprinzak said, "There is concern that they could try to start a war between Jews and Arabs." (See the Providence, R.I. Journal for January 4, 1999, "Israel detains members of U.S. doomsday cult," page A-4)

"Police said the group had planned to provoke a millennial shootout by opening fire on the officers, believing their own deaths in the subsequent bloodbath would help bring about the second coming of Christ."

"They planned to carry out violent and extreme acts in the streets of Jerusalem at the end of 1999 to start the process of beinging Jesus back to life," said Brig. Gen. Elihu Ben-Onn, the national police spokesman." (USA Today, January 4, 1999, ibid.)

The Concerned Christians, however, denied any intention of committing crimes. "I am not here to hurt anybody, I don't feel I have committed any conspiracy," said John Bayles of Denver, Colo., one of the men arrested.

Bayles, as well as Terry Smith, 42, of Eagle, Colo. and Eric Malesic, 36, of Westminster, Colo., was taken by the Shin Bet to the prison at Petah Tikvah and held incommunicado most of the week.

On Friday, January 8, 1999, all 14 members of Concerned Christians were deported. "Israeli police escorted the handcuffed Christians to collect

their belongings yesterday before putting them aboard an early-morning Air Canada flight." (See the New York Post for January 9, 1999, "Israel deports doomsday cult back to Denver," page 12)

In October 1998, the Concerned Christians, who are led by Monte Kim Miller, 44, a former Proctor and Gamble executive turned prophet, moved from Denver to Jerusalem after Miller predicted that the Mile-High City would soon be destroyed by a major earthquake. (It wasn't--J.T.)

Like Marshall H. Applewhite, founder of the Heaven's Gate sect, Miller told followers that he was one of "the Two," i.e. prophets mentioned in the Book of Revelation who would announce the imminent return of Jesus Christ. Miller "has prophesied that he will die in Jerusalem in 1999 and be resurrected" three days later.

The Millenium Unit is continuing its hunt for other members of Concerned Christians, including Miller, who is thought to be in Mexico.

"The police will continue to work in every legal way possible to allow for freedom of religion and ritual in Jerusalem and in Israel for all religions in the years of the millenium," said Gen. Yair Yitzrak, chief commander of the Jerusalem Police District. 'However, we will act firmly against the attempts of extreme groups to block access to other Christians in the year 1999.'

"In Colorado, relatives of the cult members said they had expected the arrests."

"We knew they were going to deport them a couple of weeks ago," said John Weaver of Lakewood, Colo., whose daughter used to be a member of the group. 'Israel is trying to set an example that they don't want these millenial groups.'" (See the New York Times for January 4, 1999, "Israel arrests 8 cultists who expect Apocalypse." by Deborah Montag.)

(Editor's Comment: Perhaps someone can explain to me the difference between Spain expelling the Granada Jews in 1492 and Israel expelling the Colorado Christians in 1999. I don't expect Israel to adopt the Bill of Rights. But an Edict of Nantes would be nice. Otherwise, Israel will begin to resemble more and more the other religion-based nations in that part of the world--Afghanistan and Iran.)

LAKE PARSIPPANY MYSTERY HAS NEW JERSEY BAFFLED

"Something plunged into Lake Parsippany on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24, 1998) breaking a hole in the ice 75 feet across and blowing vegetation into the air."

"Gifts were delivered by morning, so it wasn't St. Nick and the reindeer buying the farm. Nor were any meteor sightings reported, according to ION Weather meteorologist Bill Cotter."

"The hole in the ice caught the attention of Joe Strobel, who lives 150 feet away on a small island in the lake. He told a friend about it on Christmas morning."

"They were all ready to have me committed to Greystone (a local mental health facility--J.T.)," said Strobel, a nine-year resident. "Then they came over and they couldn't explain it. One guy lived here for 35 years and said he's never seen anything like that."

"The green vegetation was blown into the air and fell in a circle on the surrounding ice, drawing a flock of hungry Canada geese. A thin sheet of ice has since formed on the lake."

Parsippany, N.J. is located about 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest of New York City." (See the Daily Record of Morris County, N.J. for December 29, 1998, "75-foot hole appears in Lake Parsippany" by Erik Engquist. Many thanks to "Aiwass" for forwarding the newspaper article.)

MYSTERY SPACECRAFT

SEEN IN ANCHORAGE

On Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at 3:10 p.m., Warren A. and his wife were driving on Tudor Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska (population 226,338), heading towards the Chugiach Mountains, when they spotted something very unusual 15 miles down the road.

"My wife and I saw what appeared to be a large 'plane' head straight up and then level off at a high rate of speed," Warren reported, adding that they "could make out its general shape (larger than a commercial airliner at approximately the same distance), which was a silver reflective triangle. It appeared that the (condensation) trail went from two streams to four at an indeterminable altitude. We watch the fighters out of Elmendorf (air force base--J.T.) all the time. This was like nothing we've ever seen before."

"This was no small aircraft. This was almost shuttle-sized. And since we were heading straight towards it, we were able to make out details more clearly," he added.

Several other Anchorage residents also witnessed the strange launch.

A woman and her two daughters saw the enigmatic craft from Aurora Village. "We watched the large smoke trail in the sky and stared at the object until it was out of sight."

Two men driving on Minnesota Avenue saw it from the intersection at Huffman. "We saw a large smoke trail and a shiny object. We thought it was an ICBM."

An elderly woman living on Muldoon Road happened to look out her window at 3:10 p.m. "I saw it leave the ground," she reported.

Two teenagers walking home from Service High School on Abbott Road said they saw "two shiny objects" which they described as "saucer-shaped." (Email Interview)

GLOWING UFO STARTLES
WYOMING WOMAN

On Tuesday, December 29, 1998, Sami C. was driving through Casper, Wyoming (population 46,742) when she saw a strange light in the sky.

The UFO, Sami reported, "approached from the northwest. I would have to say it was 45 degrees" above the horizon. "I could not see the shape. The light was too bright. It was totally quiet. There was no sound at all around us."

As Sami watched, the luminous UFO "went up and down, then left and right, very fast-like. I had it in sight for around 10 minutes. It departed to the southwest, I think. All I can say is, it moved pretty fast."

Sami added that a woman in the car immediately behind hers also saw the light.

Casper, Wyo. is located 180 miles (300 kilometers) northwest of Cheyenne, the state capital. (Email Interview)

UFOs SIGHTED NEAR
MT. HEALTHY, OHIO

On Thursday, December 31, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., a woman decided to take her dog for a walk in a residential neighborhood in Mt. Healthy, Ohio (population 7,580), a suburb located 13 miles (21 kilometers) north of Cincinnati.

As she strolled along, the witness "reported seeing a large stationary object with a 'very bright' steady white light in what she said looked to be a circular pattern. As she watched, the small white light detached itself and flew away" through a partly cloudy sky.

The following evening, Friday, January 1, 1999, at 5:45 p.m., "after exiting (Interstate Highway) I-275 onto Hamilton Avenue, Mr. H. and his mother witnessed another unusual object in the sky near their home. Mr. H described the object as three

steady bright white lights in a triangular formation with another light at the center. It appeared to be stationary and about 500 feet in altitude."

"'It was larger than a plane,' Mr. H asserted. As they watched, the center light detached itself and flew a short distance before the object disappeared behind some trees. A small plane with a blinking red light had also been observed above the object before they were all lost to view. Mr. H said that he had the impression that the object was shaped somewhat like a B-1 bomber, but he was unable to explain the light he saw 'drop off.'" (Many thanks to Charles Stuart and Kenneth Young of Cincinnati UFO Research for this news story.)

UFOs SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE ON AUSTRALIA SHORE

On Thursday, December 31, 1998, at 11:30 p.m., residents of Narooma, a port city in New South Wales, Australia approximately 300 kilometers (180 miles) south of Sydney, watched a dazzling UFO display in the night sky.

Witnesses described "three yellow/orange very large lights in triangular formation" moving through the sky south of Narooma. "They appeared to be travelling slowly from west to east, or left to right as they witnesses were looking south."

"After five minutes in formation, the middle light moved to the right and" between the other two "so that they were all travelling in a horizontal line. A minute or so later, the middle light dropped sharply and then radically moved upward and downward. The left light slowly dropped and seemed gradually to disappear...The lights seemed too large and close together to be an aeroplane."

On Saturday, January 2, 1999, at 8 p.m., "a bright orange square or plug-shaped object with a shape tapering at each end" was seen by residents of Portsea, Victoria, 80 kilometers (50 miles) southeast of Melbourne. "It was seen almost standing still in the sky for a while. It appeared to be heading toward Port Phillip Bay." (Many thanks to Ross Dowe of Australasian National Space Information Hotline for these reports.)

from the UFO Files...

1965: USO SPOTTED IN NEW ZEALAND

Thirty-four years ago, on January 12, 1965, a DC-3 transport plane took off from Whenuapai, New Zealand for a flight to Kaitaia. As the twin-engined propellor plane flew over Kaipara Harbour, a broad estuary 100 kilometers (60 miles) northwest of Auckland, the pilot, Captain Kirkpatrick, spotted an unusual gleam in the water below--an unidentified submerged object or USO.

"He was about one-third of the way across Kaipara Harbour when he saw what he at first believed to be a stranded gray-white whale in an estuary."

"As he veered his DC-3 for a closer look at the object, it became evident to him that he was observing a metallic structure of some sort."

Captain Kirkpatrick "noted that the thing was perfectly streamlined and symmetrical in shape... had no external control surfaces or protrusions... appeared metallic with the suggestion of a hatch on top...was resting on the bottom of the estuary and headed toward the south as suggested by the streamlined shape...was harbored in no more than 30 feet of water...was not shaped like a normal submarine but approximately 100 feet in length with a diameter of 15 feet at its widest part."

After he filed his flight report, the Royal New Zealand Navy told Captain Kirkpatrick "that it would have been impossible for any known model of submarine to have been in that particular area,

due to the configuration of harbour and coastline."
(See the New Zealand magazine Spaceview, issue
number 43 for 1965. See also ATLANTIS RISING
by Brad Steiger, Dell Books, New York, N.Y., 1973,
page 99.)

FUN UFO WEBSITES:

If you want to read David M. Bresnahan's full story
about Exercise COMEX/MOBEX, you'll find it at
<http://www.y2knewswire.com/19990108.htm>

Scott Carr of WBAI-FM Radio in New York City
has made some changes to his Flying Saucer Gazette.
Check them out at <http://www.erols.com/sardonica/sardonica>.
UFO Roundup readers in the Big Apple
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has turned our newsletter into an interactive computer
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Search Puzzles. You'll find it at <http://www.jps.net/ken26/roundup.htm>.
As for me, I'll have to start
seriously hitting Roget's Thesaurus and improve
my vocabulary!

Gordon Speer has a load of UFO books for sale.
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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 19:42:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:23:01 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com> wrote:

>No one was "throwing the term 'cult'" around or "demonizing a
>group's belief system." I merely asked for the list's advice on
>good resource material on a subject which I happen to feel is
>fascinating and very worthy of research.

My apologies Scott. I have a nasty habit of using other
people's messages to launch myself onto a wild rant about some
pet peeve or another.

I'm certain your motives are good ones, and I respect your
desire to publicize cults, whether they are built around UFO
beliefs or not.

One of my greatest pet peeves, in fact, is how the 'mainstream
media' went on and on about how 'nobody saw Heaven's Gate
coming.' I find this insanely infuriating in light of the fact
that 'the two' had been written about in numerous UFO books and
were even subject to a television documentary. Pretty sad.

The only positive to come out of Heaven's Gate is perhaps it
will make future warnings taken a bit more seriously. Perhaps
the next time a group of CSETI cultists go tramping about the
dark, shining flashlights into the air searching for their alien
brothers, a twinge of doubt might tickle the mind of the
disillusioned seeker.

And, lastly, my biggest pet peeve is how UFO enthusiasts either
embrace the holy brothers from outer space or, worse, simply
ignore them entirely. Blaming the US government when, by
definition, the folks in charge of the cover up are the critters
behind the controls of the spaceship.

John W. Ratcliff

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Rebecca <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 18:06:10 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:24:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 17:10:31 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>The people who know will not talk because they fear it being
>traced back to them and then they lose their jobs, pensions,
>and other financial perks for which they have worked so
>diligently over the years. Not only that, but the word goes
>around in their field, that they cannot be trusted with
>confidential information... I understand this...but somewhere
>someone has to unite these people as a Unit and then they will
>control the leverage. Until then, we just wait...<sigh>

I see this claim about people losing their pensions and benefits
for talking about secret things, however, of all the people who
have spoken out about the secrets they possessed, such as Corso,
Cooper, Dean, and others, I can't seem to remember one of these
people ever having suffered the consequences of losing a pension
or benefits.

Does anyone know of anyone involved with UFOs or abduction who
has actually suffered loss of pension or benefits because they
spoke out?

Rebecca

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Retraction-Apology Required

From: Jim Dilettoso <jim@villagelabs.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 20:34:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:31:10 -0500
Subject: Retraction-Apology Required

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Mr Korff,

Regardless of what you think of me, Regardless of what you think of what I do, or how I do it,

You are not allowed by law to publish lies

Mr. Korff, you claim to be a journalist, investigate the facts, adhere to a journalistic code of ethics then you state (among other things) in a widely circulated e-mail which was written by you THAT "it has been proven in court records that jim dilettoso swindled/.conned investors out of millions of dollars" This information is false. It never happened.

No investor complaints.
No lawsuits from investors.
No accusations of fraud from investors or anyone.
Only YOU.

Where did you get that information?
Where are the court records of which you speak?
Who gave you that information that you have circulated as fact?

In fact you take great care to circulate your e-mail lies and pretend that it is news and then.. YOU submit them to search engines so that they will be found when people search my name.

I just received a call from someone who is soliciting my expertise in the computer field. Just because it is the way things are done, he submitted my name to the Alta Vista and Yahoo search engines.

What he got was that 8 out of 10 were documents created, posted, distributed, by YOU. The documents are a series of e-mails and responses orchestrated by you with certain and specific information about Jim Dilettoso. This information is false: created by you to defame me. Your actions and refusal to comment to me are interesting.

I demand that you answer the above questions concerning the source of information that you have globally submitted as fact.

Jim Dilettoso

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 22:52:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:35:46 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 17:27:43 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO Cults - A research question...

>>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratclif@inlink.com>
>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 10:46:23 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 13:20:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

It would seem to me that anyone who takes seriously the idea (fact) of UFO reality also has to seriously consider the possibility (probability) that Other Intelligences (OI), whether ETs or time travelers or whatever,

- 1) created humans
- 2) have watched human development
- 3) have affected human history a number of times by doing things outside the norm of human ability
- 4) have given rise to what we call "religious history"

In other words, there could be some core truth to Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Islam, Christianity and other more ancient religions, all of which report conversations between humans and "OIs".

The "Three Big O's" characterizing God/Creator/..... in human religious stories/mythology (my stories are religious and therefore true, yours are myth...hahahaha) are:

- 1) Omniscience
- 2) Omnipresence
- 3) Omnipotence

These O's could well be a legacy of OI/ET contacts with ancient humans who assumed that Creators could

- 1) "read minds" and knew everything (the OI/ET ability to communicate by what we loosely call telepathy... whatever that is... could explain this),
- 2) could be anywhere (high speed travel of OIs from one point to another would explain this)
- 3) the ability of OIs to create "fire", to move heavy objects, to cause great effects (blowing up Sodam and Gomorrah?) could appear as "omnipotence"

Does that mean that everyone should "worship" OI/ET's ? I wouldn't recommend it. ON the other hand, I wouldn't recommend giving up whatever religion you feel comfortable with because I think that the existence of UFOs qualifies or validates religion.

Do we face love, hate or indifference from the OIs? If we knew

that we might know whether or not our Creators are causing these sightings (love) or if these UFOs sightings are caused by galactic bystanders (indifference or hate).

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 22:52:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:39:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 13:18:20 -0500

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 00:28:49 -0500

>I could have been much clearer. I meant to say that nature
>provides no way to translate sound into light. They're
>completely different phenomena, with no intrinsic relationship.
>Sounds have no relationship, in purely physical terms, with
>colors. You can't prove that a particular frequency of sound is
>equivalent to a particular frequency of light.

Just a technical point here: there IS a way to "translate sound
into light", but it plays no role in this discussion. The
phenomenon of "sonoluminescence" does appear to be the direct
conversion of acoustic energy or power into light by focusing of
sound waves into a fluid under particular circumstances. The
phenomenon is not yet understood. There is no color-frequency
relationship, however (at least not that I'm aware of).,

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Re: HOT GOSSIP UK - JANUARY 1999

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 23:39:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:42:38 -0500
Subject: Re: HOT GOSSIP UK - JANUARY 1999

Regarding...

>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 23:41:30 -0500
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: HOT GOSSIP UK - JANUARY 1999

To clarify... although I wrote:

>It's regrettable if Georgina and 'Camelot International', who I
>understand can be held ultimately responsible for claims made within
>'Hot Gossip', are consummately embarrassed, however, there's little
>option other than to, again, highlight the incompetent and woeful
>research which comprises the 'Hot Gossip' newsletter.

It is recognised that my comments about incompetence and woeful
research are equally applicable, and duly so in the first
instance, to Nick Pope, the material in question originating
from "NICK POPE'S WEIRD WORLD" column.

One might presume that Georgina Bruni as 'Editor-in Chief' of
'Hot Gossip' magazine, failed to recognise that Nick Pope's
defamatory allegations were patently false and six months behind
developments in the 'Rendlesham Forest' case.

Otherwise, she would no doubt have spared Nick the humiliation
of circulating his latest 'NICK POPE'S WEIRD WORLD'.

However, I see that when I published 'Resolving Rendlesham: New
Insights and Past Claims Examined' in August 1998, she was an
active participant in subsequent, related discussions and was
familiar with the contents.

Why then is Georgina Bruni publicising Nick Pope's bogus claims
that "Easton's Internet posts are full of references to his own
papers on the subject, but mysteriously fail to mention any
dissenting views - I wonder why" and his suggestion that, "For
those who'd like some balance, check out Jenny Randles' paper
Seeing the Forest for the Trees (IUR, Summer Edition)".

Georgina in fact knew that Jenny's paper was not only referenced
(as were other 'dissenting views'), it was a focus of
discussions within 'Resolving Rendlesham', published six months
ago.

Perhaps Georgina can explain this and also confirm that Nick
Pope is consequentially now aware of these issues.

Not shy to circulate Nick's gossip column, it seems reasonable
to request that Georgina asks Nick Pope to publicly comment on
his recently published smears and his reaction to realising how
absurd they are, that this was already known and yet he wasn't
apparently informed before they were first published and later,
further circulated.

In the September 1998 issue of 'Hot Gossip', Nick Pope wrote an
article entitled, 'Rendlesham - The Unresolved Mystery', which

can be seen at URL:

<http://www.hotgossip.co.uk/98sep/flash.html>

Nick Pope is also asked to confirm that he was aware that in September 1998, I published a response to this article, categorically disproving his assertion that 'radiation levels' only 'peaked' at the supposed alien spacecraft landing site and questioning the validity of claims he was now making about having had access to "the official government file on the incident". See URL:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/newslet1.htm>

How could Nick Pope have had access to any such material, as he originally lamented his department had never seen any 'Rendlesham' related file?

Enquiring minds in the UK want to know, Nick.

Instead of publishing false accusations and perpetual claims that people are having their bottoms 'rogered' by nocturnal, alien assailants, Nick Pope is duly challenged to answer these points.

James.
E-mail: pulsar@compuserve.com

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BZ - Flying High For the US Army

From: Lawrie Williams <nemesis@fastinternet.net.au>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 15:50:19 +1000
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:45:06 -0500
Subject: BZ - Flying High For the US Army

Hi all. Just arrived back on the list.

Here is a potent "abduction drug" that may have been involved in the "abduction" I had in 1975. Has anyone any thoughts on BZ as it relates to abduction experiences. e.g. how much of this stuff, of which many thousands of tons was made, could be loose in our ecosystem?

Lawrie Williams

Flying High for the US Army

[New Scientist August 26 1976 Michael Carter]

Long before the hippies of San Francisco indulged in their experiments with hallucinogens, the US Army was administering these drugs to thousands of subjects - some willing, many unwitting - to see if they could be used as chemical warfare agents.

A US Army report, released this month, admits that the drugs were administered without the knowledge or permission of the subjects or their families. The reports also admits that the Army attempted to conceal its role in the research. At least two people were killed early in the research, more than 20 years ago.

LSD, mescaline (and its modification STP) and psilocybin are all known as sympathomimetic hallucinogens. Effects are noted within ten or fifteen minutes after administration. At first there is slight nausea and trembling, combined with some apprehension. These autonomic effects soon pass and the predominant effects, on the sensory and psychic systems, soon begin. Perceptual distortion and enhancement plus eyes-closed imagery are the first to appear. Random lines on the wall assume recognizable patterns; objects become surrounded by a faint halo and their boundaries appear to shift and tremble. Detail in the visual field becomes a source of great fascination and it is easy to become deeply involved with what amounts to a sensory storm. Sense of time is completely distorted due to the great increase in information being received by the brain.

These behavioural effects suggested to the US military the possibility of subduing enemy forces and populations by a kind of "ethical warfare", and, as research quickly revealed, providing potential weapons with a wide range of potencies and duration of effect. The US was not the only power interested. Papers were published by researchers at the Chemical Defence Establishment at Porton Down on the effect of tryptamine (psilocybin) and mescaline analogues in animals. The US conducted a massive program of human testing with frequent disregard for ethical procedures on the part of both Army researchers and civilian programmes funded by the Army. In the guise of blind and double-blind techniques many subjects were given hallucinogens with no knowledge of what the effects might

be.....the procedure can only be considered unethical.....

The US military program also lacked any fixed goals. Army spokesmen, reported in a number of reports last year in the New York Times, variously said that the research programs were intended to find shorter-acting hallucinogens than LSD, to lower resistance to interrogation, to find suitable antidotes, to provide a combat tool, and to provide an alternative to nuclear war. As a result of this apparent lack of direction new drugs were tested in humans without sufficient animal data or full exploration of low dose levels before high doses were given.

A clue to what the Army later came to seek was given by Dr Van M. Sim, the civilian director of the Army's programme at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. He is reported in the New York Times as having said that experiments with LSD were dropped in 1967 "because the Army decided it really wanted a drug that would stun an enemy, but leave it able to carry out orders".

In the late 1950's a new group of hallucinogens was developed whose effects were far more disabling than the LSD type. These anti-cholinergic drugs are usually called deleriantis. Plants containing anti-cholinergic alkaloids such as atropine and scopolamine have been used throughout history as narcotics and poisons. The search for drugs with the therapeutic characteristics of atropine had led to the synthesis of a series of chemicals with the potency of atropine but with even more pronounced effects on the central nervous system. Most of these were derivatives of glycollic acids including diphenylglycollic acid, also called benzilic acid.

The characteristic effects of the deleriantis are almost always unpleasant. With the onset of symptoms autonomic symptoms are pronounced - dryness of the mouth, dizziness and muscular weakness. Shortly a state of apprehension, fear and depersonalization appears. One or two hours after administration subjects are confused, agitated and suffer from motor and mental incoordination. Emotions range through anger, panic, paranoia and fear. Subjects soon lose all contact with reality and experience true hallucinations, conversing with imaginary individuals and engaging in tasks with imaginary objects. During this period of delirium, amnesia (particularly of short-term memory) occurs and persists for the duration of the drug effect. Asked a question the subject will respond correctly at first but then may break off and discuss unrelated matters, then stop, realizing that he has answered irrationally. Panic can occur when the subject realizes his confusion.

Clearly these drugs would be more attractive than the sympathomimetic hallucinogens as chemical warfare agents. Significantly the only known hallucinogen to be stockpiled in US arsenals is the drug code-named BZ, reputedly 3-quinuclidinyl benzilate.

Disturbingly this was one of the agents excluded from the ban on chemical and biological agents signed by President Ford in January 1975. Its use, the Army claim, would be for protection of military zones and in civilian riots.

Current goals and research programs are unclear. However it was revealed last year that the US Army was testing atropine and scopolamine on 55 military personnel at Edgewood Arsenal. The Army denied that either drug could cause hallucinations. This information only serves to confuse the Army's intentions - the ability of atropine and scopolamine to cause delirious states similar to the anti-cholinergic hallucinogens has been well known for many years. What seems further to confuse the situation is that researchers at Edgewood Arsenal published, in 1973, a comprehensive paper showing the behavioural effects of atropine, scopolamine, and Ditran, (an anti-cholinergic hallucinogen) to be indistinguishable from each other. [Psychopharmacologia (sic), vol 28 p 121]. The subjects were 158 Army enlisted men. The general properties of the drugs were described to subjects before testing.

Any view on why a further experiment is being conducted must be purely speculative. However it is worth noting one feature of these drugs described in the paper. During the early effects "in spite of their confusion.....most subjects were curiously docile and tractable". One is reminded of the Army's declared desire for a drug to stun the enemy but leaving it capable of carrying out orders. In their present state of development these drugs

can in no way be said to produce this effect alone, but such a goal may not be difficult to achieve.....

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 23:54:23 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:50:13 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net> stupidly wrote:

>>Perhaps the next time a group of CSETI cultists go tramping
>>about the dark....

<snip>

As soon as I hit the 'send' button on this message I thought, boy, that's going to get me in a bunch of trouble. I need to follow up my previous message with a tiny bit of clarification. First, CSETI is no more or less a cult than the Roman Catholic Church. As I said before, either call them all cults or none of them. Unfortunately I usually call them all cults since I can rarely see much of a distinction; and the mainstream cults love to use that term for the newcomers.

Let me clarify. I have the utmost respect for Steven Greer in his efforts to bring about a more open dialogue on the subject of the UFO phenomenon, and end the culture of secrecy in the USAF regarding this topic. I fully support his efforts and respect him as a compassionate and driven man. Where I differ with Greer is on his methods to contact these 'extraterrestrials' and his assumptions about benign space brothers. I believe that trust is earned, and in no way, shape, or form has any aspect of the UFO phenomenon engendered a sense of trust. The UFO phenomenon has appeared hostile, subversive, sometimes benign, always secretive and has never been an open, honest, or equal exchange between two species. Even if you don't accept evidence of hostility, common sense suggests an air of great caution.

Regarding my classification of CSETI's contact protocol as a cult, let me clarify.

There is absolutely no objective distinction between a group of people attending a Virgin Mary apparition and the CSETI protocols.

Catholics attending a Virgin Mary apparition utilize meditation techniques, chanting, deep focused thought, musical tones, all in an effort to contact a higher spiritual being.

CSETI protocol uses mediation, musical tones, and deep focused thought to contact higher spiritual beings.

That one group believes their apparition to be the mother of Jesus Christ and the other group believes their apparition to be benign space brothers in UFOs is a hair split so fine that to the outside objective observer appears to be irrelevant.

The actual work which has been done by Steven Greer to open up a dialogue in government on the UFO subject is to be commended. However, it is my humble opinion that his stated belief in benign aliens, his lack of critical assessment of their motives or criticism of their cover-up (meaning the space brothers), his blind view of the negative interactions between some aspects of this phenomenon, his lack of historical perspective of the amorphous nature of the phenomenon, and his ritualistic contact protocols goes a long way towards destroying his credibility in

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his other more worthwhile efforts.

Just this author's humble opinion of course.

John W. Ratcliff

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Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlt@pacbell.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 00:57:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:52:30 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 10:47:22 -0500
>From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

>>From: Larry Clark <lclark@ibm.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft
>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 19:32:03 -0000

>>Question: Has anyone heard of any experimental government
>>aircraft as referred to as 'pumpkin seeds'?

>Re: Pumpkin Seeds, John McPhee's book published in 1973 and
>earlier serialized in New Yorker magazine was entitled, 'The
>Deltoid Pumpkin Seed'. The book covers the development of a
>experimental deltoid shaped craft developed and flown by the
>Aereon Corporation which is still based in Princeton, New
>Jersey. Aereon has done government contract work.

>Aereon patents indicate that their airframes and platforms are
>similar in shape as to what was reported as UFOs in the Hudson
>Valley area of New York state, Belgium, etc. over the years.

>Hope this helps.

>Tom Benson

Does anyone know what projects Aeron has developed since them? I
always assumed that kind of stuff would come out of the Lockheed
Skunkworks.

Josh Goldstein

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Re:

From: **Greg Wilson** <Euromgt@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 05:14:51 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:59:32 -0500
Subject: Re:

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Dear Mr. Korff,

I have been following your crusade from a distance for about 20 years and am finally moved by sheer outrage to complain.

I have known Jim Dilettoso since the mid-'70s variously as a friend, colleague and business partner... in brief far better than you.

I have intimate knowledge of many of his projects and can state with certainty that his so-called "modus operandi", subject of your life-long harangue bears little resemblance to your accusations.

You have now slung so much mud, it is difficult to even comment intelligently. Choosing only one example... persuading someone to give a grant or otherwise fund an interesting project (which is done a thousand times a day for ideas much more zany than Jim ever pursued) does not constitute fraud. I'm quite sure that you yourself have at times asked for funding on little more than what you thought was a good idea... so it seems we have the pot calling the kettle black.

What I do take extreme issue with, Karl, is YOUR modus operandi, which is, and has always been, vicious and very personal character assassination.

I read your last book on the Meier case with great dismay... and disgust. Though I tend to agree with a number of the aspects you call into question, the HUNDRED PAGES devoted to destroying the personal character of decent people like Marcel Vogel, Wendell Stevens, Lee & Brit Elders, Tom Welch, not to mention of course, Jim Dilettoso, was right over the top and in such bad taste professionally, that it in fact seriously degraded the credibility of an otherwise thought-provoking report.

There is a striking similarity between your crusade against Jim Dilettoso and that of Kenneth Starr against Bill Clinton. "But what about peace in Northern Ireland? You lied about sex, Mr President". "But what about the great economic boom? You lied about sex Mr. President"..... ad nauseum. "But what about all my years of good work on colorizing black & white movies? Sorry Jim you didn't give your correct academic credentials in 1979". Give us break Kal... the public is REALLY tired of you and your crusade. First, it's not a perfect world, and second, nobody cares about this any more. Go get a life!

You might try Kenneth Starr's office. I hear they're looking for a few good people.

Sincerely,

Greg Wilson

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 04:29:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:06:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 12:56:39 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Fox TV Special

>Do you have a copy of the video 'Contact?' It is the
>investigation of the Billy Meier case by Wendelle Stevens, Lee
>and Britt Elders, and Tom Welch...

>This video has the sounds on it...It has a short blurb of the
>sounds early on as the explain where the recordings were taken
>by Poppi and Billy.

>Later in the video, is where they actually analyze the sounds.
>One must remember that this analysis of the Meier case occurred
>over a five year case, and the video itself was copyrighted in
>1986.

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>The sounds were taken to Electronics Consultant Nils Rognerud
>and Sound Engineer Steve Amborse for examination, according to
>the 'CONTACT' Video...

>However, the book, 'UFO Contact From The Pleiades, A Prleiminary
>Investigation', By Wendelle Stevens, says the following:

>"At Excaliber Studios on Ventura Boulevard in Studio City,
>California, Nils rognerud and Steve Singer, sound engineer and
>electronics system designer, working together with a
>Hewlett-Packard model 3580 Frequency Spectrum Analyzer, with
>amemory unit, a Two-channel Oscilloscope, a Multi-track Mixer
>and Amplitude Readout and Full Frequency Sound Control Board,
>studied and analyzed a 3-minute segment of the later spacecraft
>sounds that were recorede in front of 15 witnesses."

Just so we don't get wowed by this long list of equipment...only
the spectrum analyzer and the oscilloscope are needed for the
analysis. The terminology may sound formidable, but in truth
it's needlessly so. A multi-track mixer is, for instance, a
redundant term -- all mixers are multi-track, since mixing many
tracks together is what they're for. And in any case a mixer is
nothing special or exotic, just a piece of standard studio gear,
used in any professional recording.

>Continuing from the Stevens Investigative Report:

>"Mr. Nils Rognerud of the Rognerud Research and Development
>Company of Los Angeles, advised me in his letter Dated 12
>December, 1981, 'Regarding the taped UFO sounds from the Swiss
>case, I found a very complex and changing sound pattern.

<snips>

>The
>sound pattern is very dynamic and changing, and the only thing
>that seemed to have a repeatable pattern was an
>amplitude-modulation (a signal in which the volume is varied at
>a low periodic rate). For the three UFO recordings, this

>frequency worked out to be 4.9 cycles per second, 4.6 cycles per
>second, and 5.0 cycles per second. It is worthwhile revealing
>that Nicola Tesla discovered a natural electro-magnetic
>resonance of Earth at 6.6 cycles per second. A second gentleman
>named Schulman also discovered a second resonance at 7.8 cycles
>per second. Now you mention that your tape was running a bit
>slow. This could explain why the vibrations are a little bit
>slower than expected.'"

So the "signal" in the sound (more on that below) turns out
not to match the alleged electromagnetic resonance of the
earth! Many, many years ago, my mother told me that beer causes
cancer. (I'm not making this up.) I asked her why she thought
that, and she pulled out a New York Times article, which said
that beer did not cause cancer. "But what do _they_ know?" she
asked, triumphantly.

Michael, I'm afraid that your evidence for the sound of Meier's
UFOs matching the resonance of the earth makes no more sense
than my mother's evidence for beer causing cancer. The document
you're quoting from clearly states that there is no match.

Ah, but what about the tapes running slow? That would, indeed,
slow the "signal" on the tape down. So maybe if the tapes ran at
the proper speed, the sound really would match the resonance of
the earth after all.

Or, on the other hand, maybe it wouldn't. We aren't told -- and
the analytical gentlemen apparently didn't think to ask --
exactly how slowly the tape was running. That's crucial data.
Depending on the exact speed of the tape, the frequency of the
"signal" might turn out to be 5.3 cycles per second, 5.7 cycles
per second, 6.6 cycles per second, 8.9 cycles per second, 16.12
cycles per second, or any other number larger than what was
measured. Unless we know the exact speed of the tape, we can't
know if there was a match -- and the odds are that there wasn't.

And now about that "signal." That's a nice strong word, one that
implies there's some meaning, some communication in the
information being analyzed. Of course, these careless analysts
(I have to call them that, after their failure to ask the
important question about the speed of the tape) may only have
said "signal" to separate the recurring amplitude modulation
from the random "noise" created by other aspects of the sound. I
don't know.

But let me reveal a little technical secret. No, wait -- the
analysts revealed it themselves. A repeatable pattern of
amplitude modulation sounds very impressive, especially since
"amplitude modulation" is such a fearsome term, but all it
means, as the analysts themselves let us know, is that "the
volume is varied at a low periodic rate."

Or in other words the sound gets louder and softer in regular
pulses. Many sounds do that. The sound of water coming out of
the faucet in my kitchen sink is doing that right now, as I
explained to the superintendent of my building this morning;
evidently there's some problem. The sound of my dishwasher also
shows a "repeatable pattern of amplitude modulation," and so do
all sorts of sounds on my synthesizers. Amplitude modulation, in
fact, is a well known synthesizer effect, something modern
synthesizers allow you to control. There's nothing necessarily
remarkable about it.

>Continuing...after the introduction of the Excaliber Studios
>part of the book....

>"As before, they found them to be truly unique in at least the
>following aspects:

>1. There were many, at least 30 or more, discrete frequencies in
>a random and constantly shifting mix in ranges from 4 to 2170
>Hz, but averaging 470 to 1452 Hz.

Um, unique because they had at least 30 frequencies in a
constantly shifting mix? Nearly any sound would have that.
Nearly any sound would have many more frequencies shifting
around, apparently at random. (The numbers here don't have
anything to do with the supposed uniqueness of the sound. They
just tell us what the highest, lowest, and average frequencies
were in the mix.)

>2. The amplitude of these frequencies also constantly changed
>whereas one would be dominant for a moment and then dominance
>would shift to another.

Again, you'd find that in many sounds.

>3.The wave form also changed constantly, and would come into and
>go out of synchronizaton i a random periodic rhythm that
>produced a characteristic
>beat.

Once again, something that's reasonably common.

>"Two other sound engineers and a sound shnthesizer specialist
>joined the analysis team and the sounds were re-examined with a
>view to possible duplication. These specialists all agreed that
>the sounds were unique in character, and that any synthesis, if
>at all possible, could only reproduce parts of the whole
>soundtrack we were examining; and that duplication of any part
>of the whole sound, even in short linear segment may be
>impossible. The number of discrete frquencies, constantly
>shifting, and the migrating and constangly changing amplitudes,
>shifting in relative dominance, presented problems in
>duplication beyond the capability of present state-of-the art
>equipment.

I'm not an expert on 1986 sound synthesis, so I can't comment with any authority. But I do think that our friendly analysts (friendly to Wendelle Stevens, certainly, because without any solid data they were happy to agree that the sound probably matched the resonance of the earth) could have given us a little more information. What, exactly, about the sound would be so hard to duplicate? The fact that it had many shifting frequencies? I'm at a loss to know exactly what these people are trying to say. In the early '70s, I made some very complicated sounds with an early-model synthesizer. That, of course, doesn't mean that I could have duplicated the sound on the Meier tapes, but the extremely vague, somewhat muddled description I've just quoted doesn't prove to me that I couldn't have done that.

Besides, the opinion quoted here is just an opinion. Remember all the conflicting opinions on whether the alien autopsy film could have been duplicated by special effects experts. I'd want to see other opinions, preferably from people who ask harder questions, and state their conclusions more professionally.

>"Sometimes the multiple waveform characteristics were so alike
>that they fell right on top of each other making one heavy wave
>trace of many fine lines. Sometimes the wave form was perfectly
>symmetrical, and sometimes it was totally asymmetrical. Then the
>waves would go out of shnchroniza- tion again and there was no
>pattern at all.

So?

>"An overall beat was noticed at about 4 to 6 Hz, which just
>happens to be the natural resonance of Earth.

Except, as we've seen, the numbers don't actually match. (Talk about shoddy thinking!Earlier we learned that the sound had beats between 4.6 and 5 cycles per second, while the earth resonates at 6.6. Those numbers are different. But now the differences are concealed by lumping all the numbers into a range of "about 4 to 6 hz." I suggest we all try the same trick next time we're at the supermarket. "So my groceries add up to \$23.71?" we'll say to the checkout person. "I have about \$19 to \$23 in my wallet. I'll just give you that, and we'll call it even, OK?"

>"After some 4 hous of testing these sound it was generally
>agreed that they were truly unique and that they were not
>produced by any mundane source."

Sure.

>More could be written on this, Greg, but this is enough for now.
>I would suggest that if you are really interested in proving or
>disproving the reality of these sound recordings, that you do
>your own research and not just reply to one message on this
>list

I'm not remotely qualified to do that. As I said, I don't know enough about 1986 sound synthesis. Besides, the sound wouldn't have to be synthesized. Maybe it's a slowed-down tape of a 1986 Swiss hair dryer. (Or something like that.)

And, Michael, despite the mantra from these sloppy analysts about the sound not being produced by any "mundane source," I'm not aware that there's any developed science of sound analysis that could prove that. If we had a substance that, allegedly, came from a UFO, it could be analyzed chemically. The chemical analysis could tell us whether it was anything known. Chemists, after all, do studies like that all the time. If someone's arrested for cocaine possession, the police labs have to prove that the substance they were carrying really is cocaine.

But nobody, to my knowledge, is in the business of analyzing sounds to discover what they are. Maybe the police need to do that sometimes, if a tape somehow turns up as evidence in a criminal case. But I don't think analyzing sounds to discover their origin is a common practice, simply because there's not much need for it.

If I'm right about that, then any opinion these analysts have is suspect, because there isn't any body of knowledge they can draw on to support it. Even in 1986, it was (I'm pretty sure) easy to create unusual sounds simply by manipulating recordings of nature, machinery, electronic devices, animal noises, you name it. Play something backwards, and it's often unrecognizable. Slow it down, filter out some of the frequencies, layer other sounds over it (or, for a much more subtle kind of complexity, layer it with other manipulated versions of itself), and even a familiar sound will turn into something new and strange.

With so many possibilities, could we ever know that we weren't hearing a 1986 Swiss hair dryer?

Greg Sandow

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UFO Sighting in Italy

From: **Fabrizio Monaco** <F.Monaco@stm.it>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 16:13:27 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:09:09 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting in Italy

Hello my name is Fabrizio Monaco and I am the international coordinator for the CISETI, an italian organization.

I have been reported of a sighting made on Dec 27 at 00:15 A.M. the place was Merlengo near Bolzano, about 700Km north-east from Rome. The object was "mothership" in shape and it was at about 2000Mt of altitude, probably it was huge because the witness said that it was big, like a lighter.

The object was moving approximately at 600 Km/h and after 1,5 minutes it moved up and disappeared in the sky. The weather was cloudy and the object was positioned over the clouds, the witness saw it because of the moon light. We are looking for other witnesses of this sighting, please let me know if you have further information on it. Thank you in advance.

Fabrizio Monaco
CISETI International Coordinator

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APRO Microfilm Questions

From: Jan Aldrich) <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:10:08 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:19:38 -0500
Subject: APRO Microfilm Questions

Several questions have come in concerning the APRO microfilm.

1. Were all these reports on the microfilm published in the APRO Bulletin?

No, these files on the microfilm contain many items that were never used in the Bulletin. Also, some items that were published in the Bulletin do not appear in the files. Specifically, I was looking for the stalled "tractors" or "bull dozers" case from Forili or Ferrara, Italy. It was published in the Bulletin--the account differs from most others--however, is was not on the microfilm.

2. Was Fontes' material among the files?

There was Brazilian material, but none was from Fontes. Fontes started to work with the Lorenzens long after the time period covered by the files.

Loren Gross did receive some early Fontes material for another source. Fontes produced a little bulletin with English translations of some of reports.

3. Do the files contain the APRO Bulletins?

No, but Ed Stewart obtained what might be considered a complete set of APRO Bulletins. There is some concerns about missing bulletins from 1954-56 period. It seems no matter how many people we contact; their original source seems to be Isabel Davis. If Isabel were missing some, we would not know as there was no numbering system for early issues of the APRO Bulletin.

4. Was there correspondence from Hynek or other personalities on the microfilm?

No, the microfilm contains sighting report files only.

5. What is the extent of the South American material?

Most South American material comes from Venezuela. The Venezuela material consists of mostly of newspaper clippings, many translated into English. There are some retrospective investigative reports from Peru. Most of the South American material is in the form of newspaper clippings. (The Venezuelan material Project 1947 found is from different sources than APRO's.)

Some comments about the microfilms in general, there are few reports for the 1920s anywhere, the material in the APRO files about doubles what was in the CUFOS/NICAP/CSI files. There are "new" reports for 1947. Reports start getting more detailed after APRO begins operations in 1952. There are some report forms from other UFO organizations in Norway, Canada, and from some of the representative overseas.

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Jan Aldrich

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MICROFILMING PROJECT

Almost 2,500 UFO reports in APRO files have been microfilmed since the Organization received funds for the microfilming project. During the course of the microfilming it has been possible to ascertain, for the first time the amount of reports contained in the files. Microfilming to date (reports contained in the files. The following is a breakdown of the microfilming to date (reports are filed in chronological order)

1600 BC-AD 1600	179
1600-1700	12
1700-1800	8
1800-1900	19
1900-1910	12
1910-1920	12
1920-1930	14
1930-1940	18
1940-1946	49
1947	81
1948	24
1949	47
1950	74
1951	51
1952	349
1953	132
1954	525
1955	226
1956	315
1957	376

The reports from 2,000 years ago are from Roman and Greek accounts of unusual aerial phenomena, many of which probably could have had mundane explanation, such as meteorological or astronomical phenomena, but they are all included for the record. The last 19th century "airship" sightings over the United States are not included in the above figures. This is not because APRO does not accept the "airship" as legitimate aerial phenomena but because APRO's files on the subject are not very extensive. It is known that others have very complete files on the "airship" reports so APRO decided not to include them in its catalog at this time.

A marked increased in reports is apparent from 1952 onwards. That was the year APRO was founded and report files were maintained. Reports prior have filtered through to APRO over the years in lesser numbers. It should be noted that the totals in the above list include UFO Report Forms, letters from citizens describing their observations, reports received from other organizations (including many abroad) and newspaper clipping. Most do not represent, by means, *investigated* cases as APRO was in its infancy in the early-mid 50s and the Field Investigations Network did not exist.

Statistics for years 1958 through 1971 will be given microfilming progresses over the next several months.

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Updated Posting Rules

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:36:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:36:13 -0500
Subject: Updated Posting Rules

Please read the enclosed 'Posting Instructions' and then look at the message you submitted for posting to the List (also enclosed) and re-submit your message.

Errol Bruce-Knapp,
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

Posting Instructions

To help current and future readers of UFO UpDates' posts and the UFO UpDates Instant Archive software at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates>

please observe the following rules when posting to the List.

1. Line-length

Please make your lines no more than 70 characters long

-----This line is 70 characters-----

Longer lines are wrapped by various pieces of software along the Net and leave awkward and eye-jarring line lengths.

2. Attribution

When responding to a message from the List, always include the four line 'header' from the body of that message at the start of your message - eg.:

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>Date: 01 Jan 97 00:00:01 EST
>From: Genghis@mukluk.com <Bob Bobberts>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Grays are Grey Area
```

Again - it's at the beginning of the 'body' of the message you are responding to.

3. Quoting

Always quote from the message to which you are responding.

Quotes should come before you key your response.

Start each quoted line with a 'greater-than' sign (>) as the first character. It should look like this:

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>Start each quoted line with a 'greater-than' sign (>) as the
>first character. It should look like this:
```

Keep quoted material from previous messages to a minimum: Just

quote enough text to let people know what you are referring to.

Messages that do not utilize the required quoting protocol or contain excessive quoting will not be posted to UpDates.

The Archive software will automatically italicize these lines. Visit the Archive page and take a look.

Most modern E-Mail software will allow the user to click a 'Reply' button and automatically open a new window, with the message being responded to inserted with universal quote-mark (>) at the beginning of each line.

When 'Reply' is clicked, some E-Mail software will insert a line which states:

On 01 Jan 97 at 00:00:01 EST, UFO UpDates wrote:

If your program does this, please remove it - UFO UpDates did not write the message - it merely posted it to the List.

5. Don't send 'personal' responses to the list that should be sent directly to the original author. Send a message to the list only if it contains new information that you want everyone to see.

Messages that contain what the List Administrator considers to be personal attacks or 'flames' will not be posted to the List. Those messages will be forwarded to the person they refer to for their information.

6. URLs (Web Site addresses) must include 'http://' and be on one line. The Archive software will make the URL a 'click-able' link to that address in your archived message.
7. To un-subscribe, send a new message with 'Un-subscribe' as the 'Subject: '
8. And please do not use the 'formatted text' features of your e-mail program. No colours, no fancy fonts, no italics or bolding, no fancy quoting designs or html styling. Plain Ascci is what UpDates uses. Messages that are not plain text will not be posted.

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:12:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:23:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>From: Rebecca <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 18:06:10 -0800 (PST)
>Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:24:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 17:10:31 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

Previously, Michael had wisely pointed out:

>>The people who know will not talk because they fear it being
>>traced back to them and then they lose their jobs, pensions,
>>and other financial perks for which they have worked so
>>diligently over the years. Not only that, but the word goes
>>around in their field, that they cannot be trusted with
>>confidential information... I understand this...but somewhere
>>someone has to unite these people as a Unit and then they will
>>control the leverage. Until then, we just wait...<sigh>

Rebecca responded:

>I see this claim about people losing their pensions and benefits
>for talking about secret things, however, of all the people who
>have spoken out about the secrets they possessed, such as Corso,
>Cooper, Dean, and others, I can't seem to remember one of these
>people ever having suffered the consequences of losing a pension
>or benefits.

>Does anyone know of anyone involved with UFOs or abduction who
>has actually suffered loss of pension or benefits because they
>spoke out?

Hi Rebecca,

To my knowledge, no UFO whistle blower has ever come out with
any "secrets" that they can prove; therefore, the powers that be
probably would not want to inadvertently validate such a
person's claims by publicly retaliating about something that is
not even supposed to exist. In short, the person poses no threat
without proof.

On the other hand, if someone DID have proof that would be
damaging to the powers that be, then it's quite likely that the
general public would never be allowed to even hear about that
person's existence. In such a case, the whistle blower in
question would have much bigger problems than "loss of pension",
if you get my drift.

Does this answer your question?
I really hope not...

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:43:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 13:08:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 04:29:47 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:06:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 12:56:39 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Fox TV Special

Previously, Michael had offered:

>>"At Excaliber Studios on Ventura Boulevard in Studio City,
>>California, Nils rognerud and Steve Singer, sound engineer and
>>electronics system designer, working together with a
>>Hewlett-Packard model 3580 Frequency Spectrum Analyzer, with
>>amemory unit, a Two-channel Oscilloscope, a Multi-track Mixer
>>and Amplitude Readout and Full Frequency Sound Control Board,
>>studied and analyzed a 3-minute segment of the later spacecraft
>>sounds that were recorede in front of 15 witnesses."

Greg replied:

>Just so we don't get wowed by this long list of equipment...only
>the spectrum analyzer and the oscilloscope are needed for the
>analysis. The terminology may sound formidable, but in truth
>it's needlessly so.

<snip of much patient explanation>;-)

>With so many possibilities, could we ever know that we weren't
>hearing a 1986 Swiss hair dryer?

Greg,

Of course it's a 1986 Swiss hair dryer.

But it was recorded in 1947!!! <G>

Roger Evans

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:40:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 13:10:29 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 19:42:36 -0600

>My apologies Scott...I'm certain your motives are good ones...

>One of my greatest pet peeves, in fact, is how the 'mainstream
>media' went on and on about how 'nobody saw Heaven's Gate
>coming.'

>And, lastly, my biggest pet peeve is how UFO enthusiasts either
>embrace the holy brothers from outer space or, worse, simply
>ignore them entirely. Blaming the US government when, by
>definition, the folks in charge of the cover up are the critters
>behind the controls of the spaceship.

No problem at all, John. All of your point are good and valid
- essential to any pursuit or investigation of the cult
phenomenon. I was just a little confused by the accusatory tone
of your post, but the points that you raised are excellent.

-Scott C. Carr

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Re: 'Unsubscribed' From CAUS updates

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 12:09:39 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 13:16:34 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Unsubscribed' From CAUS updates

'Unsubscribed' From CAUS updates

>From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:16:36 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 10:16:36 -0500
>Subject: 'Unsubscribed' From CAUS updates

>Return-Path: <CAUSupdates-owner@caus.org>
>Received: from caus.org (www.anw.com [206.111.8.33])
> by mail3.globalserve.net (8.9.1/8.9.1) with SMTP id SAA23321
> for <updates@globalserve.net>; Mon, 11 Jan 1999 18:23:10 -0500 (EST)
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 99 16:18:21 MST
>Message-Id: <9901111618.AA15C1CC78@caus.org>
>From: CAUSupdates-owner@caus.org (List Server)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Successful Unsubscribe

>You were unsubscribed from CAUSupdates.

>[Not by request of UpDates --ebk]

Hello, ebk!

In 'All the President's Men' the reporters spoke of something called "Non-denial Denials".

Since Peter Gersten is on record as claiming that UpDates wasn't a subscriber in the first place, what we have here must be a very rare anomaly known in science as the "Unsubscribed Non-Subscription". Therefore, does this act of reversing what existed before mean that UpDates is now, officially, a CAUSupdates subscriber?

This could get confusing...<g>

Later,

Roger Evans

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Kal Korff: Be Careful... What goes around, comes

From: Greg Wilson <Euromgt@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 05:14:51 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 13:17:06 -0500
Subject: Kal Korff: Be Careful... What goes around, comes

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Dear Mr. Korff,

I have been following your crusade from a distance for about 20 years and am finally moved by sheer outrage to complain.

I have known Jim Dilettoso since the mid-'70s variously as a friend, colleague and business partner... in brief far better than you.

I have intimate knowledge of many of his projects and can state with certainty that his so-called "modus operandi", subject of your life-long harangue bears little resemblance to your accusations.

You have now slung so much mud, it is difficult to even comment intelligently. Choosing only one example... persuading someone to give a grant or otherwise fund an interesting project (which is done a thousand times a day for ideas much more zany than Jim ever pursued) does not constitute fraud. I'm quite sure that you yourself have at times asked for funding on little more than what you thought was a good idea... so it seems we have the pot calling the kettle black.

What I do take extreme issue with, Karl, is YOUR modus operandi, which is, and has always been, vicious and very personal character assassination.

I read your last book on the Meier case with great dismay... and disgust. Though I tend to agree with a number of the aspects you call into question, the HUNDRED PAGES devoted to destroying the personal character of decent people like Marcel Vogel, Wendell Stevens, Lee & Brit Elders, Tom Welch, not to mention of course, Jim Dilettoso, was right over the top and in such bad taste professionally, that it in fact seriously degraded the credibility of an otherwise thought-provoking report.

There is a striking similarity between your crusade against Jim Dilettoso and that of Kenneth Starr against Bill Clinton. "But what about peace in Northern Ireland? You lied about sex, Mr President". "But what about the great economic boom? You lied about sex Mr. President"..... ad nauseum. "But what about all my years of good work on colorizing black & white movies? Sorry Jim you didn't give your correct academic credentials in 1979". Give us break Kal... the public is REALLY tired of you and your crusade. First, it's not a perfect world, and second, nobody cares about this any more. Go get a life!

You might try Kenneth Starr's office. I hear they're looking for a few good people.

Sincerely,

Greg Wilson

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 12:18:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 13:39:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Ed Fouche <<http://fouche@connecti.com>>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 14:56:06 -0600

>Ed adds: From the
>book, 'Color Practice' by Charles Klotsche, "Dinshah calculated
>the equivalent sound vibration for each of his twelve colors.

>For instance, the basic frequency or vibration of the color Red
>is 436 trillion cycles per second. To arrive at a comparable
>vibration in the audible range (reducing the vibrations from
>visual to audible) Dinshah divided the basic color frequency by
>two, 40 times. That results in 392 for Red, or the musical note
>G. Through this calculation we find that the corresponding sound
>is in the range of the ninth theoretical octave - that is, 40
>theoretical octaves below the color vibration of the visible
>spectrum.

"Theoretical" is the operative word here. You can perform any
arithmetic you like, but you're still making a personal,
arbitrary choice. There's still no physical relationship between
light and sound.

>Others have taken this method further, generating color from a
>musical synthesizer for rock concerts, art forums, and
>entertainment. There is a software program that uses his
>formulas to produce myriad of colored fractals from music.

Yep. It's all a lot of fun, but has no deep meaning.

>>Musical notes don't generate colors. The vibrations of sound-
>>relatively slow vibrations of air molecules-have no relation
>>to light. There's no way at all to translate the wavelengths of
>>sound into light. If you play a note, no color physically
>>appears in the air or in your eye. Musicians often associate
>>musical notes with colors, but it's well known that they never
>>agree on which colors correspond to which notes. The association
>>of notes and colors is entirely subjective.

>Ed adds: The human brain can do this.

>There is a phenomena known as Synesthesia. A person with this
>disorder can see specific colors when hearing specific notes.
>Say, C sharp would be blue, and F flat would be red, etc. Other
>variations of synesthesia (Greek: syn -together / aisthanesthia
>-perceive) can cause a touched color to be tasted, heard, or
>smelled by the person with this disorder.

>The question is, is this a genetic disorder or did early humans
>have this ability. Do some animals have this ability, I don't
>know. Synesthesia is described in detail in, 'A Natural History
>of the Senses

> By Diane Ackerman.

I think synesthesia is most fun when it gets into the less
quantifiable, more subjective senses like touch and taste.

There's no doubt that sounds and colors can be linked via synesthesia. But the links are completely arbitrary, as I've been saying, and entirely subjective. No two musicians agree on them. C sharp for me is whitish silver, but I wouldn't expect my colleagues in the music biz to say the same thing. My own associations for F flat would be pretty murky -- a shadowy yellowish tan, maybe. It would be a vague and murky color because you don't run into an obscure note like F flat every day of the week. Only in the key of D flat minor (which most composers would write as C sharp minor)...or in some passages in Verdi operas. Verdi, who in his early and middle works has a reputation as a fairly simple composer, could create really hairy arrays of flats when he's already in a flat key, and modulates even further in that direction. Take the Sleepwalking Scene in Macbeth. It's in D flat major, and modulates to the flat sixth. That's a common modulation, and in simple keys, it's very straightforward to notate. In C major, you simply go into A flat.

In D flat, the simplest thing would be to notate the new key as B major. But not Verdi! He's a stickler for technical accuracy, and writes the new key as C flat, just bristling with accidentals. So there you do run into that elusive note, F flat (normally simply written as E). The scale of C flat major goes like this: C flat, D flat, E flat, F flat, G flat, A flat, B flat, C flat. You don't see that one every day of the week! (And if you inserted a C flat minor chord, suddenly you'd have an E double flat!)

But I digress.

Greg Sandow

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Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 12:21:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 13:41:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

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Re: Ireland Newest Hotspot For Alien Spaceships?

From: David Gullick <dgullick@interlog.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 15:30:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 16:00:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Ireland Newest Hotspot For Alien Spaceships?

>From: Stig Agermose <Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 21:25:22 +0100
>Subject: Ireland Newest Hotspot For Alien Spaceships?

>Ansbro is convinced UFOs will be hovering above Dublin at
>5 a.m. Jan. 30. And in February, he promised, they'll return to
>one of their favorite haunts, the tiny town of Boyle, County
>Roscommon. It's "a UFO hotspot," he said.

Oh no! Not again... two predictions in one month <sigh>

Now let me see (pulls out trusty old slide-rule again..twiddle,
twiddle). Arrgh...not Sirius this time..its..its.. The Pleiades
(The Seven Sisters).

In Dublin on Jan 30th, at 5:00am Daylight saving time The
Pleiades are just above the horizon. At 5:01am Electra is just
at the horizon at precisely 43.1 deg north of west. At 5:07 The
Pleiades are below the horizon.

Darn! Not enough accuracy, perhaps the 43.1 is actually 43.1336
degs (43:08:0.8).. hmmm, now where have I seen a number like
that before? (4 million pounds sterling will produce instant
memory recall and a map of Egypt. oops, I hope the
pyramidologists aren't reading this)

Seven minutes for Seven Sisters to transit the horizon?
Scary <grin>. (Collapses in a frenzy whilst incanting long lost
Druidic tome)

solis sacerdotibus.

djg

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Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 14:55:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 18:11:10 -0500
Subject: Kenneth Arnold - Question

Sorry to bother the list with another research question, but I am closing in on the finish line of a writing project, and am at the point of fine-tuning and checking minor details.

Does anyone know what make of airplane Kenneth Arnold was flying during his famous sighting of June 24, 1947? I've looked in Jerome Clark's 'The UFO Book' and while there is a wealth of information about the event, this is one detail I could not locate.

-Scott C. Carr

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From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 18:13:17 -0500
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Terry

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 15:47:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 18:20:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

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Re: UFO Cults, A Research Question...

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 15:49:21 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 07:21:36 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults, A Research Question...

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 19:42:36 -0600

>My apologies Scott...I'm certain your motives are good ones...

>One of my greatest pet peeves, in fact, is how the 'mainstream
>media' went on and on about how 'nobody saw Heaven's Gate
>coming.'

>And, lastly, my biggest pet peeve is how UFO enthusiasts either
>embrace the holy brothers from outer space or, worse, simply
>ignore them entirely. Blaming the US government when, by
>definition, the folks in charge of the cover up are the critters
>behind the controls of the spaceship.

No problem at all, John. All of your point are good and valid ones- essential to any pursuit or investigation of the cult phenomenon. I was just a little confused by the accusatory tone of your post, but the points that you raised are excellent.

-Scott C. Carr

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: John Ratcliff <jratcliff@att.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 21:35:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 07:25:38 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 22:52:31 -0500Fwd Date: Tue, 12
>Jan 1999 10:35:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>Bruce wrote:

>It would seem to me that anyone who takes seriously the idea
>(fact) of UFO reality >also has to seriously consider the
>possibility (probability) that >Other Intelligences (OI),
>whether ETs or time travelers or whatever,

- >1) created humans
- >2) have watched human development
- >3) have affected human history a number of times by
> doing things outside the norm of human ability
- >4) have given rise to what we call "religious history"

Excellent post Bruce and a fine theory. My view is since we know that human beings have strange experiences, whether it's due to the influence of space aliens, temporal lobe misfiring, psychoactive consumption, fasting, or the paranormal, it is impossible to come to any firm conclusions about some base reality surrounding the mythologies of early man.

If you put forth the idea that religious history is in fact the product of the influence of another species, replete with nuts & bolts UFOs, I maintain a fairly homo sapiens centric view. What I mean is when it comes down to a choice between gods/aliens and humans, my loyalty lies with my own species, warts and all.

Afterall, if you choose to postulate a theory that some of these old gods were in fact objectively 'real', then we must examine, critically, their actions. And their actions as recorded in our myths, if taken literally, are a record of violent genocide against humanity. (Put your Bible aside and simply see the recent animated childrens film 'Prince of Persia' for just a few examples of how brutal these OI's can be.)

These don't sound like spiritually advanced folks I want to welcome with open arms (see Bramley's 'The Gods of Eden'). Call me xenophobic, or just call me cautious, but when Jehovah starts flitting about in his UFO and issuing a fresh set of edicts, I'm going to be mighty pleased if the USAF has some top secret aircraft ready to take him on.

John W. Ratcliff
Xenophobic Warrior Princess

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Re: 'Unsubscribed' From CAUS updates

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 16:51:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 07:54:06 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Unsubscribed' From CAUS updates

At 10:16 AM 1/12/99 -0500, you wrote:

>From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Return-Path: <CAUSupdates-owner@caus.org>

>Received: from caus.org (www.anw.com [206.111.8.33])

> by mail3.globalserve.net (8.9.1/8.9.1) with SMTP id SAA23321

> for <updates@globalserve.net>; Mon, 11 Jan 1999 18:23:10 -0500 (EST)

>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 99 16:18:21 MST

>Message-Id: <9901111618.AA15C1CC78@caus.org>

>From: CAUSupdates-owner@caus.org (List Server)

>To: updates@globalserve.net

>Subject: Successful Unsubscribe

>You were unsubscribed from CAUSupdates.

>[Not by request of UpDates --ebk]

Errol,

The way the CAUS site works, any joker could have pulled that one on you: fill in the proper E-mail address and then requesting to remove the subscription.

I could have done it ;)

My best,

Serge

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Firmage Book Synopsis - Due 01-15-99

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 08:47:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 08:47:32 -0500
Subject: Firmage Book Synopsis - Due 01-15-99

Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 17:14:17 -0500
To: updates@globalserve.net
From: Joseph P. Firmage - The Kairos <thekairos@the-word-is-truth.org>
Subject: Book Synopsis - Friday, January 15th

Hello Everyone,

On the evening of Friday, January 15th, I plan to publish a synopsis of my book. It will be distributed at no cost to all those who have visited the site. The document will arrive in a Microsoft Word file format, allowing you to print clean copies easily. I know how challenging it is to find enough time to read a 600+ page book, let alone one found exclusively online. So, this "editor's cut" of the book contains enhanced up-to-the-moment perspective and the most salient points made across the collection of works.

Please forward this message to anyone who may be interested in receiving the forthcoming document, and ask them to log in to www.TheWordIsTruth.org. They will then automatically receive my future messages. E-mail addresses are requested by my site exclusively to enable these infrequent messages from me to you.

Thank you again for checking into my site, and very best wishes for 1999,

JOSEPH P. FIRMAGE

[Firmage appeared on CNN this morning - I caught it at 08:57
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Re: Ireland Newest Hotspot For Alien Spaceships?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 17:55:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:08:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Ireland Newest Hotspot For Alien Spaceships?

>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 15:30:46 -0600
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: David Gullick <dgullick@interlog.com>
>Subject: Re: Ireland Newest Hotspot For Alien Spaceships?

>(4 million pounds sterling will produce instant
>memory recall and a map of Egypt. oops, I hope the
>pyramidologists aren't reading this)

Uh, don't you mean Pyramidiots, to use the proper terminology?

Bob

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 16:49:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 09:57:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:43:07 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Fox TV Special

>Greg,

>Of course it's a 1986 Swiss hair dryer.

>But it was recorded in 1947!!! <G>

Ah!

So any unusual sonic artifacts are byproducts of time travel!

Greg Sandow

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Re: Kenneth Arnold Question #2

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 18:51:33 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:22:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold Question #2

Dear List

If you will allow me to once more delve into the minutia of the Kevin Arnold case - Arnold (according to Jerome Clark's 'The UFO Book) detoured from a straight flight to Yakima, to Mt. Rainier in order to try and sight the wreckage of a Marine transport which had gone down (a \$5000 reward was being offered for discovery of the transport) - Does anyone no what ever became of the Marine transport? How long did it take to find it? Were there any survivors?

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What is SPACELINE?

From: Patricia Mason <pmason@ee.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 19:19:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:26:59 -0500
Subject: What is SPACELINE?

What is SPACELINE?

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Background: SPACELINE was established as a cooperative venture of the Life Sciences Division of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM), one of the institutes of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Its objective is to consolidate the results of the growing body of space life sciences research into a single, easily accessible resource. Work on the creation of the database began in mid-1993; SPACELINE was made available to the public for searching on October 25, 1995.

National Library of Medicine database: SPACELINE is one of the National Library of Medicine's specialized databases. NLM is considered a world leader in providing online information in the life and biomedical sciences. MEDLINE is the best known of its databases. There are 40 specialized databases such as AIDSLINE, CANCERLIT, TOXLINE, and SPACELINE.

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 18:36:44 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:38:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 18:06:10 -0800 (PST)
>From: Rebecca <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>I see this claim about people losing their pensions and benefits
>for talking about secret things, however, of all the people who
>have spoken out about the secrets they possessed, such as Corso,
>Cooper, Dean, and others, I can't seem to remember one of these
>people ever having suffered the consequences of losing a pension
>or benefits.

I don't know that anyone has ever lost a pension, but I have
talked to retired military people, who say they were threatened
with such if they talked about some of the things they were
associated with...

I once made a trip to Marysville, Kansas to talk with a Retired
Air Force officer, who allegedly "escorted" a UFO which was having
mechanical problems...

However, when I got there, He would not talk to me...It had been
arranged by a friend of mine who lived in Marysville...Later,
my friend told me he talked to the man again after I had returned
home, and he told him he could not risk loosing his pension at
his advanced age...

REgards, Mike

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Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 19:56:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:48:25 -0500
Subject: What is SPACELINE? [More]

Hi All,

Please refer to my other post on Spaceline. The description in that post was taken from their web site. I think that may not have been clear from what I sent to Errol, now that I think about it. I didn't write it. Here is a sample record. This turned up in a search for EXOBIولوجY. Do some of your own searches. It's a real eye opener!

Pat

National Library of Medicine: IGM Full Record Screen

TITLE: Media reaction to a SETI success.

AUTHORS: Shostak GS

AUTHOR AFFILIATION: SETI Institute, Mountain View, California 94043, USA.

SOURCE: Acta Astronaut. 1997 Aug-Nov;41(4-10):623-7.

SECONDARY SOURCE ID: NASA/00022572

ABSTRACT: Consideration of the reaction to a SETI detection by the media, and the effect this will have on the public, is more than mere sociological speculation. An accurate forecast of the media's interest can lead to actions that will help ensure that correct and comprehensible information reaches the public. This is most critical in the first few weeks following a discovery. While a widely accepted protocol for dealing with a detection exists in the "Declaration of Principles Following the Detection of Extraterrestrial Intelligence," it gives scant consideration to the fact that the actual situation will be chaotic and not subject to easy control. The 1996 story about the possible discovery of martian microfossils has provided a useful precedent for what will happen if astronomers uncover the existence of alien intelligence.

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 19:00:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:51:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 22:52:40 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>I could have been much clearer. I meant to say that nature
>>provides no way to translate sound into light. They're
>>completely different phenomena, with no intrinsic relationship.
>>Sounds have no relationship, in purely physical terms, with
>>colors. You can't prove that a particular frequency of sound is
>>equivalent to a particular frequency of light.

>Just a technical point here: there IS a way to "translate sound
>into light", but it plays no role in this discussion. The
>phenomenon of "sonoluminescence" does appear to be the direct
>conversion of acoustic energy or power into light by focusing of
>sound waves into a fluid under particular circumstances. The
>phenomenon is not yet understood. There is no color-frequency
>relationship, however (at least not that I'm aware of).,

Thanks Bruce for your input here. I realize that I have
blundered my way through this post from the first day, however,
I have a passing awareness of it. I am not an expert by
anymeans, and sometimes find myself illprepared when trying to
discuss it.

I like the last sentence of your post, especiall what you put
in parenthesis...<G>

Awareness is the key to any knowledge...<G>

Hopefully, one day we will have a scientific Mandamus on this.
Do you think you would be interested in devoting the time to
research, experiment and write it? Heck, maybe you can do it as
part of another Thesis toward another PHD...? Can we ever have
to much education?

Thanks...to me, it does play a role in the discussion I was
"trying" to have....<g> ;-)

Have a good evening Everyone...

REgards, Mike

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:52:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Kenneth Arnold - Question
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 14:55:56 -0800

>Does anyone know what make of airplane Kenneth Arnold was flying
>during his famous sighting of June 24, 1947? I've looked in
>Jerome Clark's 'The UFO Book' and while there is a wealth of
>information about the event, this is one detail I could not
>locate.

>-Scott C. Carr

Scott,

On page 161 of his book The Coming of the Saucers Arnold is seen posing with his camera in a "CallAir" plane, on page 9 he states he was flying a "specially designed mountain airplane". The identifier on the rudder appears to be N2913. The last two digits 13 are unclear.

Gary

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 20:45:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:13:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 15:47:59 -0500
>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>You'll find a great description and lots of pictures at:

><http://www.hooked.net/~rgeorge/sonofusion.html>

>Sonoluminescence is believed to be related to cold fusion.

Terry, thanks so much for this reference.

As I understand sonoluminescence from reading the material on this website, sound is not really translated into light. Instead, the energy in very high frequency sound waves -- above the normal range of human hearing -- can create vibrations in certain substances that cause them to emit light.

What's important to understand, considering the discussion we've been having here, is that the sound doesn't create any kind of equivalent of itself in light. This is not, in other words, a way of translating a particular sound frequency into a particular light frequency. Instead, it's a physical process in which sound energy stimulates the production of light, much (I hope I've got this right) as electricity stimulates the production of light in a light bulb. The particular nature of the sound energy as we hear it (or, in this case, as a dog might hear it) has no relationship with the particular nature of the light energy it creates.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Kari Valimaa <suomen.ufotutkijat@kolumbus.fi>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 04:28:09 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:37:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Kenneth Arnold - Question
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 14:55:56 -0800

>Sorry to bother the list with another research question, but I
>am closing in on the finish line of a writing project, and am at
>the point of fine-tuning and checking minor details.

>Does anyone know what make of airplane Kenneth Arnold was flying
>during his famous sighting of June 24, 1947? I've looked in
>Jerome Clark's 'The UFO Book' and while there is a wealth of
>information about the event, this is one detail I could not
>locate.

Kenneth Arnold's airplane was single-engined Callier. According to Jenny Randles ('The Complete Book of UFOs', Revised edition, 1997), it was specially designed for mountain work - capable of landing in rough fields and pastures.

Kari Valimaa
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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 21:37:13 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:39:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 04:29:47 -0500

>>Investigation', By Wendelle Stevens, says the following:

>>"At Excaliber Studios on Ventura Boulevard in Studio City,
>>California, Nils rognerud and Steve Singer, sound engineer and
>>electronics system designer, working together with a
>>Hewlett-Packard model 3580 Frequency Spectrum Analyzer, with
>>amemory unit, a Two-channel Oscilloscope, a Multi-track Mixer
>>and Amplitude Readout and Full Frequency Sound Control Board,
>>studied and analyzed a 3-minute segment of the later spacecraft
>>sounds that were recorede in front of 15 witnesses."

>Just so we don't get wowed by this long list of equipment...only
>the spectrum analyzer and the oscilloscope are needed for the
>analysis. The terminology may sound formidable, but in truth
>it's needlessly so. A multi-track mixer is, for instance, a
>redundant term -- all mixers are multi-track, since mixing many
>tracks together is what they're for. And in any case a mixer is
>nothing special or exotic, just a piece of standard studio gear,
>used in any professional recording.

>But nobody, to my knowlege, is in the business of analyzing
>sounds to discover what they are. Maybe the police need to do
>that sometimes, if a tape somehow turns up as evidence in a
>criminal case. But I don't think analyzing sounds to discover
>their origin is a common practice, simply because there's not
>much need for it.

>If I'm right about that, then any opinion these analysts have is
>suspect, because there isn't any body of knowledge they can draw
>on to support it. Even in 1986, it was (I'm pretty sure) easy to
>create unusual sounds simply by manipulating recordings of
>nature, machinery, electronic devices, animal noises, you name
>it. Play something backwards, and it's often unrecognizable.
>Slow it down, filter out some of the frequencies, layer other
>sounds over it (or, for a much more subtle kind of complexity,
>layer it with other manipulated versions of itself), and even a
>familiar sound will turn into something new and strange.

>With so many possibilities, could we ever know that we weren't
>hearing a 1986 Swiss hair dryer?

Greg...This was a total waste of post....

You apparently, based on what I just read, have never even heard
the sounds you commented on....

If I am wrong I appologize...but if I am correct, then before we
go any further with this please get a copy of the "CONTACT"
video, and listen to the sounds, and watch the and his group as
they show you how they arrived at their conclusions.

I know that you have virtually no respect for the material in
question...It is quite evident by the message you posted. Please

don't think that I am attacking you... I am not. I just want you to listen to the information, then we will have something to comment on.

The metal samples which Meier gave to Stevens were analyzed by Marcel Vogel, and a video tape of the analysis was made as well and is also available for you to see.

It's hard to consider available information if we allow Bias to get in the way... Just basing one's opinion on what others on this or other lists have to say against a case is not the correct way to investigate the merits of a case.

I know there are those which have been classified as: "Noisy Negativists," on this list. They despise the Meier case and have openly attacked it from the beginning. These attacks can relate directly back to William E. (Bill) Moore and Kal Korff... Please don't be sucked into a conclusion until you have taken the time to actually check out the available information which has been compiled on the case.

Thanks for you patience with me Greg...

REgards, Mike

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DISPATCH # 114 -- the weekly newsletter of

From: ParaScope@AOL.COM
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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:42:20 -0500
Subject: DISPATCH # 114 -- the weekly newsletter of

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Quote of the Week

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it exists or not, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedy."

--Ernest Benn

Rant of the Week: "Be careful of what you say. It may destroy your race."

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, "Lloyd" touches on, among other things, the all-time second-favorite person among prospective ranters: Adolf Hitler. (Jesus Christ is still the king, so to speak, among ranters). Anyway, Lloyd warns us to watch our tongues because you never know when you might be talking to the next Hitler. Or Jesus. Enjoy.

"I'm not degrading anyone, but where in the hell did you all (both North & South) get your education? The slave issue was the tip of the iceberg. The war dealt with the south's hardships of the plantations & economics compared to the rich North Industries. I'm glad the south has it's attitude which it got from the large amounts of Anglo-Saxon cultures/farmers primarily from Irl/Scot lands. But no matter what, it was a lost war, simply due to the massive Industries & resources the North had. As to these people who believe so strongly in a man who had "chronic acute syphilis" came up with the idea of a pure race, no lower intelligence and for "ONLY GERMANS"... Many do not know for example, His hate for Jews simply came from them picking on him when he was studing art. I just told a good friend of mine who has a baby on the way, "Each new born child carries within them the power to save our world or destroy it". So, perhaps people when it come to picking on others, becareful on what you say. It may destroy your race. Now with the pure race ideas. That was one hell of a lost cause... Why you may ask? It's called gene purity rule... When a species has within pure genes with no random sequences happening, nature takes over and forces that probability to occur. You are going to have lower intelligence like it or not. Mutations occure to advance a species. Oh yea, Hitler had stolen large amounts of philosophy from Existentialism which was sold to him from Neitz's Sister. In truth, what did the world expect from Germany? The country was dying because of sanctions from WW1... The people needed a leader, they didn't care if it was a madman. They wanted to survive. Back in the 20's Our Government believed in a man named Goddard whom had the idea of a pure intelligent race... The exportation rate of newcomers into this country rose 300 percent! He used an IQ test in english on those who did not know english... All in all... How much of reality has been slandered and misconceived. How many consciences disturbed. How many Gods

off the info highway? Well, we're only going to go over this once, so listen up!

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 21:53:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:44:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:12:50 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Hi Rebecca,

>To my knowledge, no UFO whistle blower has ever come out with
>any "secrets" that they can prove; therefore, the powers that be
>probably would not want to inadvertently validate such a
>person's claims by publicly retaliating about something that is
>not even supposed to exist. In short, the person poses no threat
>without proof.

Remove the word UFO from this post and you have a totally
different post.

Remember the revelation that the US had used radiation on
pregnant women as well as other peoples in the 1950? Whistle
blowers have come forth in the past...

However, in regards to UFOs, like you Roger, I don't know of
any, if we leave out such names as: William (Bill) English,
William (Bill) Cooper, Clifford Stone, Robert Dean, Jess
Marelle, Col. Phil Corso, Dr. Michael Wolf, Bob Lazar and
others.

Of course, these are just names and they may or may not have
actually had proof of what they speak...especially the first
two...<sorry guys.>

>On the other hand, if someone DID have proof that would be
>damaging to the powers that be, then it's quite likely that the
>general public would never be allowed to even hear about that
>person's existence. In such a case, the whistle blower in
>question would have much bigger problems that "loss of pension",
>if you get my drift.

>Does this answer your question?
>I really hope not...

I would say that you are correct in your assumption here Roger.
<G>

REgards, Mike

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Fireball Over New Hampshire

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <StrmNut@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 22:49:22 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:47:14 -0500
Subject: Fireball Over New Hampshire

Sunday was a strange day for New Hampshire, my home state. At 5:50 a.m., a minor earthquake was felt in southern NH and northern Massachusetts, measuring about 2.7. An aftershock of about the same magnitude occurred at 10:20 a.m. Not a big deal, but around here windows don't rattle unless a big truck is passing by, and while tremors are rare in these parts, two on the same day is unheard of.

Also, read the following story which appeared in the Monday edition of Manchester's Union Leader:

'Green flash' streaks through central NH sky

By Derek Rose
Union leader Staff

Bill Slatton was driving home when he saw what looked to be a green fireball streak across the night sky in Pittsfield yesterday.

"My God, this thing was as clear as day," he remembers thinking to himself. "It was huge. It was right along side of us."

His fiancée, Kathy Bickford, saw it too. Police departments in Bow and Northfield report sightings also, from callers describing a "green flash" in the sky.

Slatton said he and his fiancée saw the fireball for a few seconds as they drove south on on Route 28 in Pittsfield around 7:05 p.m. yesterday.

He said it was like the fireball that crashes into the earth in a recent Dunkin Donuts commercial.

"It was descending almost like a plane descending. It's hard to describe, it was just so awesome."

The object was about the size of a nickel or a quarter in the sky, and perhaps a few thousand feet away and a few thousand feet up, although it was hard to tell, Slatton said.

His stepson, who was in the van, didn't notice the object, he said.

They tried to find where the fireball crashed, Slatton said, but then realized if it was a meteor it "would leave such an impact, we'd feel it."

They didn't find anything, but after arriving at the Epsom traffic circle there seemed to be some kind of haze in the sky, he said.

It was to the left of them as they drove south, perhaps landing or crashing in the Pittsfield, Epsom or Chichester area, said Slatton, a property maintenance contractor from Chichester.

"It was definitely not a reflection or anything, it was very clear," he said.

James Ryan, a professor of physics and space science at the University of New Hampshire, didn't think the report was strange. "It could be a meteorite," he said. "Estimates of how far away these things are are very unreliable."

Note: Saw a similar fireball about 11 years ago directly over Manchester NH. Almost crashed the car as a result. It was a bright green firball, with smaller pieces breaking off. Thought for sure it was going to hit the ground, but alas, it burned out first.

Greg St. Pierre

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 04:15:29 GMT
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:50:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 13:56:28 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>>From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 23:18:55 GMT

>>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 1999 16:36:10 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

<snip>

John:

>>>Actually I'm still waiting to see if Bell ever pays a price for
>>>the Hale-Bopp/Mothership series. There is a connection between
>>>that and the deaths in the Heavens Gate Cult that neither one of
>>>those two irresponsible bozos (Bell and the other jamoke from
>>>the "Nearsight Institute" that propagated that hoax - apologies
>>>to Bob Shell for using his 'moniker') ever had to answer for.
>>>People died.

me:

>>Pray tell, what is the transgression that Art Bell should "pay a
>>price" for? Consider your answer carefully lest Budd Hopkins or
>>a certain unnamed Webmaster be called on to pay the same price.

John:

>I don't respond well to 'threats' Scott. If you ever wish to
>just 'talk' (maybe) we can communicate with each other. Until
>then go threaten Skippy McGurk, maybe he cares. In the
>meantime, don't look for any future responses from me.

Certainly no threat. Just a subtle admonition for someone who I
perceive as a stone-throwing, glass-house-dweller.

>>Pray tell, what is the transgression that Art Bell should "pay
>>a price" for?

>I stated it clearly in my original. Is there a reading
>comprehension problem that you have that I'm not aware of? You
>ask me a question and then post the answer above it all in one
>e-mail. Amazing!

Thanks. Perhaps I misunderstood and could impose on you for a
clarification. I got the impression that you felt Art should
"pay a price" for reporting on something that he thought was an
interesting discovery. (The fact that some individuals took the
information a little too seriously and made some questionable

decisions based on that information seems, to me, to be no fault of Art's.) Is that what you think he should "pay a price" for?

Do you feel that you or Mr. Hopkins should "pay a price" for propagating the alien abduction meme and all the associated harm that it causes?

>The statements I made, and all other references, are in my >original. Reread it a couple of times and maybe (unless there is >some problem you have translating written words into concepts >and ideas) your poorly asked question will get answered there.

>BTW, do you realize that by resorting to 'threats' it reveals >far more about you than it ever does about me, your intended >target! Kinda like aiming a rubber band hoping to hit someone >else and having it snap back in ones own face. You should know >that if you engage in that kind of thing often enough, your mug >will soon begin to resemble the "before" picture in an acne >commercial.

Is this another example of the kind of warm empathy and human compassion that the 'recently probed' can look forward to from the Intruder Foundation? Quite revealing indeed.

Non-threateningly Yours,

Scott Ribordy
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>>With so many possibilities, could we ever know that we weren't
>>hearing a 1986 Swiss hair dryer?

>Of _course_ it's a 1986 Swiss hair dryer.

>But it was recorded in 1947!!! <G>

Grin...that is so, Roger...

REgards, Mike

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 00:24:41 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:59:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Kenneth Arnold - Question
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 14:55:56 -0800

>Does anyone know what make of airplane Kenneth Arnold was flying
>during his famous sighting of June 24, 1947? I've looked in
>Jerome Clark's 'The UFO Book' and while there is a wealth of
>information about the event, this is one detail I could not
>locate.

>-Scott C. Carr

Ken Arnold's airplane was a Callair. Pierre LeGrange can give
you the registration if you need it. Anyone have his email?

Don Ledger

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Dilettoso To Korff

From: Jim Dilettoso <jim@villagelabs.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 21:41:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 12:08:33 -0500
Subject: Dilettoso To Korff

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Mr. Korff,

I am still awaiting your response on these matters. There has been enough time.

1. Your credentials in image processing and image analysis. Since you made a statement ..that video is 400 lines per inch and that film is "millions" of lines. I have a sense that you have NO IDEA what constitutes image processing and image analysis.

2. The source of your false information on my "so called lawsuit" with my investors.

3. Furthermore, are you really an expert in terrorism and did SDI work at Livermore and Berkley Labs. Dr. Winifred Salsbury, one of the top persons EVER at these labs is an friend of ours. So is Robert Cornog. Deliver your information accurately, as we know the facts. If you are such a big shot why don't you respond.

I am a very busy person. I do not have time for your shennanigans. You have deliberately attempted to disintigrate the positive work of many people. What do you have to say for yourself. WHAT MOTIVATES YOU.

You state on your website that Jim Dilettoso is responsible for your statements regarding Art Bell.

This is a complete Lie and you know it.

You completely manufactured this information.

You may have had help from Jeff Payton aka Erskine. If so say it.

You stated that THREE Radio stations Management told you that Art Bell called those stations.

Explain how my letter to ONE station became your statements about Art Bell. You are a LIAR.

Furthermore you state in your HOME page www.kalkorff.com that

1. Village Labs is going out of business
2. A fellow con of Jim Dilettoso spills the beans.

PROVE YOUR SOURCES.

These things are not true and you know it.

What are you.

Waiting,
Jim Dilettoso.

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Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

From: **ames Bond Johnson** <JBONJO@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 02:46:10 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 15:21:22 -0500
Subject: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

Excerpts from the Official US Air Force
"Roswell Incident" Investigative Report:
"CASE CLOSED!" (1994-1995)

"What is uniquely lacking in the entire exploration and exploitation of the "Roswell Incident" is official positive documentary or physical evidence of any kind that supports the claims of those who allege that something unusual happened."

(Only with the discovery in 1998 by the international RPIT (Roswell Photo Interpretation Team) of numerous strange curved, geometric shaped glyphs and symbols emblazoned upon the Roswell crash debris as photographed in the 8th Air Force Headquarters office of Brig. General Roger Ramey on July 8, 1947, is there finally both such documentary and physical evidence. A printed message held by General Ramey refers to "VICTIMS OF THE CRASH" and states that they were being brought to Fort Worth; the message appears to be time stamped just a few minutes prior to the taking of the photos. It is speculated that General Ramey was learning of the recovery of alien bodies in a second crash location even as he was being photographed.)

"Dr. Jesse A. Marcel, Jr., a physician and surgeon in Helena, Montana, (son of the late Major Jesse Marcel and 11-years-old at the time of the incident), on May 6, 1991, executed an official Affidavit. It stated that "... There were three categories of debris: a thick, foil like metallic gray substance; a brittle, brownish-black plastic-like material, like Bakelite; and there were fragments of what appeared to be I-beams. On the inner surface of the I-beam, there appeared to be a type of writing. This writing was a purple-violet hue, and it had an embossed appearance. The figures were composed of curved, geometric shapes. It had no resemblance to Russian, Japanese or any other foreign language. It resembled hieroglyphics, but it had no animal-like characters." (Each of the types of materials described by Dr. Marcel are to be seen in the Ramey office photos.)

"There is one additional person who was universally acknowledged to have been involved in the recovery (of the Roswell wreckage), Sheridan Cavitt, Lt Col, USAF, (Ret). Cavitt is credited in all claims of having accompanied Major Marcel to the ranch to recover the debris."

"Lt Col Cavitt was interviewed on May 24, 1994, at his home. Cavitt provided a signed, sworn statement (Atch 17) of his recollections in this matter. He also consented to having the interview tape-recorded. A transcript of that recording is at Atch 18. In this interview, Cavitt related that he had been contacted on numerous occasions by UFO researchers and had willingly talked with many of them; however, he felt that he had oftentimes been misrepresented or had his comments taken out of context so that their true meaning was changed."

"Lt Col Cavitt also reviewed the famous Ramey/Marcel photographs (Atch 16) of the wreckage taken to Ft. Worth (often claimed by LITO researchers to have been switched and the remnants of a balloon substituted for it) and he identified the materials

depicted in those photos as consistent with the materials that he recovered from the ranch."

"Similarly, Irving Newton, Major, USAF, (Ret) was located and interviewed. Newton was a weather officer assigned to Fort Worth, who was on duty when the Roswell debris was sent there in July, 1947. He was told that he was to report to General Ramey's office to view the material. In a signed, sworn statement (Atch 30) Newton related that "...I walked into the General's office where this supposed flying saucer was lying all over the floor. As soon as I saw it, I giggled and asked if that was the flying saucer ... I told them that this was a balloon and a RAWIN target..." Newton also stated that "...while I was examining the debris, Major Marcel was picking up pieces of the target sticks and trying to convince me that some notations on the sticks were alien writings. There were figures on the sticks, lavender or pink in color, which appeared to be weather faded markings, with no rhyme or reason (sic). He did not convince me that these were alien writings." Newton concluded his statement by relating that "...During the ensuing years I have been interviewed by many authors, I have been quoted and misquoted. The facts remain as indicated above." (A comparison of Ramey and Newton photos shows that indeed some of the "beams" shown in the Ramey photos are missing from the Newton photo.)

"The blueprints for the "Pilot Balloon Target ML307C/AP Assembly" (generically, the radar target assembly) were located at the Army Signal Corps Museum at Fort Monmouth and obtained. A copy is appended as Atch 29. This blueprint provides the specification for the foil material, tape, wood, eyelets, and string used and the assembly instructions thereto. An actual device was also obtained for study with the assistance of Professor Moore... An examination of this device revealed it to be simply made of aluminum-colored foil-like material over a stronger paper-like material, attached to balsa wood sticks, affixed with tape, glue, and twine."

(While there does appear to be included in the Ramey office photos a foil-like material, it includes the strange glyphs and symbols affixed in an "orderly" manner, which would indicate some type of non-terrestrial writing. The "sticks" displayed appear to be made of some type of hollow, plastic material rather than wood and there is NO evidence of any tape, glue or twine.)

"Additionally, the researchers obtained from the Archives of the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), a set of original (i.e. first generation) prints of the photographs taken at the time by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, that depicted Ramey and Marcel with the wreckage. A close review of these photos (and a set of first generation negatives also subsequently obtained from UTA) revealed several interesting observations. First, although in some of the literature cited above, Marcel allegedly stated that he had his photo taken with the "real" UFO wreckage and then it was subsequently removed and the weather balloon wreckage substituted for it, a comparison shows that the same wreckage appeared in all the photos of Marcel and Ramey. The photos also depicted that this material was lying on what appeared to be some sort of wrapping paper (consistent with the affidavit excerpt of crew chief Porter, above)." (Thus there is no evidence whatsoever of any "switch" of the "real" Roswell wreckage as collected by Major Marcel and Lt Col Cavitt.)

"It was also noted that in the two photos of Ramey he had a piece of paper in his hand. In one, it was folded over so nothing could be seen. In the second, however, there appears to be text printed on the paper. In an attempt to read this text to determine if it could shed any further light on locating documents relating to this matter, the photo was sent to a national level organization (believed to be the CIA) for digitizing and subsequent photo interpretation and analysis. This organization was also asked to scrutinize the digitized photos for any indication of the flowered tape (or "hieroglyphics", depending on the point of view) that were reputed to be visible to some of the persons who observed the wreckage prior to it getting to Fort Worth. This organization reported on July 20, 1994, that even after digitizing, the photos were of insufficient quality to visualize either of the details sought for analysis. This organization was able to obtain measurements from the "sticks" visible in the debris after it was ascertained by an interview of the original

photographer (Dr. J. Bond Johnson) what kind of camera he used."
(A 4"x5" Speed Graphic Press Camera with black and white cut
film were used.)

(RPIT members report being perplexed that the "national level
organization" utilized by the USAF for digitizing and subsequent
photo interpretation and analysis was unable to locate any of
the numerous symbols or read any of the Ramey message text since
these are readily observed by RPIT.)

"This report was generated as an official response to the GAO,
and to document the considerable effort expended by the Air
Force on their behalf it is anticipated that that they will
request a copy of this report to help formulate the formal
report of their efforts. It is recommended that this document
serve as the final Air Force report related to the Roswell
matter, for the GAO, or any other inquiries.

RICHARD L. WEAVER, COL,
USAF DIRECTOR, SECURITY AND SPECIAL PROGRAM OVERSIGHT."

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Re: Rhetorical Questionnaire?

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 00:49:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 14:44:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Rhetorical Questionnaire?

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Rhetorical Questionnaire?
>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 23:25:21 -0600

Just what is a rhetorical questionnaire?

>Don't worry, I won't/can't.

However, I looked over your answers and decided that the appropriate answer to each question/should have been.....

Somewhere between "all of the above" and "none of the above"

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Answer

From: Kathleen Andersen <KAnder6444@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 02:00:56 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 15:45:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Answer

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Kenneth Arnold - Question
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 14:55:56 -0800

>Does anyone know what make of airplane Kenneth Arnold was flying
>during his famous sighting of June 24, 1947?
> -Scott C. Carr

Its a question that has a vague answer by most accounts. It was
a Call Air especially designed for mountain search and rescue.
Can do more checking if you need it.

Kathleen Andersen
MUFON State Section Director
Seattle Washington

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Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 08:00:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 19:18:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

>From: Bob Huff <bobhuff@tidalwave.net>
>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 17:34:04 -0500

>A friend of mine who sold computers and other sophisticated
>equipment to his clients in the Southwest Range - Los Alamos,
>Sandia, Tonopah, Area 51...- has expressed that the selection of
>the location of Socorro NM for the large antenna arrays had a
>connection with the Roswell event. He implies they were/are used
>for:

>- two way communications
>- and not with objects of terrestrial origin
>- part of larger tracking/triangulation network

>Best, Bob

If one checks a topographic map one finds that the VLA is a good
ways West of Socorro in a relatively unique area The Plains of
San Augustine or San Agustin. It is flatter than a pacncake at
an altitude over 6500 feet, is surrounded by mountains up to
10,000 feet and was a lake bed until about 5000 years ago.

It is a very sparsely inhabited area.

The land was cheap, flat, and, of great importance, out of reach
of most radio noise background. Even though I am convinced that
indeed an alien sapcecraft crashed in the area in July 1947, the
people I talked to felt it was cheap land in an ideal location
for listening. There is a Y shaped track with each leg about 12
miles long.. Catron County was the least populated of all NM
counties.

The Farr Ranch is 120,000 acres.The Plains is about 60miles by
20 miles with the Continental Divide alongs its Western Edge and
Magdalena at its NE corner. We saw herds of antelope while
flying over it in a helicopter.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 08:06:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 19:24:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 18:06:10 -0800 (PST)
>From: Rebecca <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 17:10:31 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>>The people who know will not talk because they fear it being
>>traced back to them and then they lose their jobs, pensions,
>>and other financial perks for which they have worked so
>>diligently over the years. Not only that, but the word goes
>>around in their field, that they cannot be trusted with
>>confidential information... I understand this...but somewhere
>>someone has to unite these people as a Unit and then they will
>>control the leverage. Until then, we just wait...<sigh>

>I see this claim about people losing their pensions and benefits
>for talking about secret things, however, of all the people who
>have spoken out about the secrets they possessed, such as Corso,
>Cooper, Dean, and others, I can't seem to remember one of these
>people ever having suffered the consequences of losing a pension
>or benefits.

>Does anyone know of anyone involved with UFOs or abduction who
>has actually suffered loss of pension or benefits because they
>spoke out?

Perhaps this is because neither Corso, nor Milton William
Cooper, nor Robert Dean have provided any classified
documentation to support their claims? The same goes for Lazar,
Kaufmann, Kirkwood, Wolf. Rumors are not punishable.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Ron Decker <decker@wt.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 06:28:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 19:30:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 18:06:10 -0800 (PST)
>From: Rebecca <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 17:10:31 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

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>has actually suffered loss of pension or benefits because they
>spoke out?

Rebecca,

Offhand, no.

But the perceived threat would be just as effective.

Having never taken a loyalty oath I can't speak from experience,
but I'd wager that such an oath entails some sort of penalty for
breaking that oath. And I'm sure that most of the folks 'in the
know' have taken a loyalty/nondisclosure oath or something to
that effect.

From a mundane standpoint, I know this effect is alive and well
in business having seen it first hand.

A few of our customers are major oil refineries. One of them
planned a major expansion to which we were privy and hoped to
profit. They wanted to keep this information under wraps.
Somehow, word of the proposed expansion leaked to the industry
press and the news was soon all over the place.

The customer blamed us, specifically one of our representatives,
and banned him from attending any more meetings, ever. Further,
they insinuated that our contracts were in jeopardy because of
the leak. No one knows who leaked the information, but we got
blamed in any event.

It's a unique experience that definitely gets your attention.

Re: Sightings - Czarnik

Best regards,
Ron.

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Ron Decker <decker@wt.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 07:37:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:02:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 17:10:31 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>>Date: Sun, 10 Jan 1999 09:20:41 -0600
>>From: Ron Decker <decker@wt.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Sightings - Czarnik

>>Like many interested in this subject I hear stories that are not
>>verifiable. Just tales that get told and passed around. I have
>>no doubt that what my friend related to me is true. Unfortunately
>>the story doesn't seem to be able to go any further.

>The people who know will not talk because they fear it being
>traced back to them and then they lose their jobs, pensions,
>and other financial perks for which they have worked so

.....

>>I've already asked my friend about setting up a meeting with the
>>guy who gave him the story. The NASA employee won't. Pretty
>>typical.

>Ok Ron...I appreciate your efforts. _If_ something changes, I
>would appreciate you letting me know...

>Take care. If I can do anything for you, just let me know..

Mike,

Thanks very much for the offer. If anything -does- change I will
certainly be in touch.

I believe you're correct in your views regarding
whistle-blowers. While they may want to come forth, they still
gotta eat! And that's a pretty strong incentive to zip one's lip
whether the threat is real or perceived.

Oddly, this same friend's father once worked for NASA as a
tracker during various missions. He claims that during the first
moon mission he personally tracked 'unknowns' following the
spacecraft all the way from the earth to the moon and back
again.

Another tantalizing, unverifiable story. And I've already asked;
the answer was the same.

In Galveston County, Texas, where I live, I interviewed a couple
of witnesses to a large sighting here a couple of years ago.
According to the reporter who filed the story, approximately 60
people saw UFOs 'dancing' around a NOAA weather station here.

The reporter called these witnesses who then called me. They
didn't want anyone else to have their phone numbers. One witness
who had given the bulk of the information to the reporter
wouldn't speak with me at all.

Neither of the witnesses (both women) would give me their names

but recounted the incident and another besides that involved a cigar-shaped UFO dipping into the waters of Galveston Bay. But no personal information.

The fear is palpable. Whether it's justified or not is another matter and probably doesn't matter in the end. The net effect is the same.

I've spoken with many folks who have had anomalous experiences. Those who share them seem glad to do so. If you ask them if they'd be willing to go public, well, that's another story.

Best regards,
Ron.

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: David Crundall <dec@psychology.nottingham.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 15:51:09 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:02:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 12:21:54 -0500

>>>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 22:52:40 -0500
>>>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>>Just a technical point here: there IS a way to "translate sound
>>>into light", but it plays no role in this discussion. The
>>>phenomenon of "sonoluminescence" does appear to be the direct
>>>conversion of acoustic energy or power into light by focusing of
>>>sound waves into a fluid under particular circumstances. The
>>>phenomenon is not yet understood. There is no color-frequency
>>>relationship, however (at least not that I'm aware of).,

>>Very interesting. Thanks for correcting me, Bruce. It would be
>>interesting to know what relationships -- if any -- are created
>>between the sound and the light.

My apologies if this point has already occurred in this thread,
but there is a natural phenomenon where sound evokes colours in
the human system. This tendency is called synesthesia. It was
most famously investigated by the Russian neuropsychologist
Luria (1968) who studied a subject who reported a crossover of
sensory modalities. Most commonly this subject would report
patches of colour for certain sounds, though all five senses
have been reportedly mixed in some synesthetics. Similarly to
Bruce, I could not tell you whether there is a consistent
relationship across subjects between colour and frequency,
though I doubt it.

Dave Crundall

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: **Karl T. Pflock** <Ktperehwon@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:20:57 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:02:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO CulTs - A research question...
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 12:51:14 -0800

SCOTT & List --

>Does anyone know what make of airplane Kenneth Arnold was flying
>during his famous sighting of June 24, 1947?

It was a Call-Air A-2.

Say, when are you going to send me the promised tape of my
appearance on your show?...

-- Cheers, KARL

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Re: Ken Arnold's Call Air & Deltoid Pumpkins

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 09:22:33 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:02:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Ken Arnold's Call Air & Deltoid Pumpkins

Hello again all,

I have returned from my skiing adventures and encounter with an Unidentified Flying Snowboardist.

While I am healing, I noticed a couple of threads: One ,the question of Arnold's Call Air A2, good airplane, been around a couple, superior to the Piper Supercub, 25 or so built only a handful still flying (4-5).

The Call Air line was eventually only into Ag Aircraft and eventually absorbed by Rockwell. Two the Deltoid Pumpkin seed has me bugged. It seems that I remember either the designer or the Areon Co. was originally attached to a Christian missionary org.

I also remember this occured in the mid 60's and their 'pumpkin seed' actually flew propelled by a small horizontally opposed (cylinder arrangement) engine. The goal, as I recall was to use the ol' Deltoid for missionary work.

GT McCoy

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:16:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:17:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 18:36:44 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 18:06:10 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Rebecca <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO Update: Re: Sightings - Czarnik
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>I see this claim about people losing their pensions and benefits
>>for talking about secret things, however, of all the people who
>>have spoken out about the secrets they possessed, such as Corso,
>>Cooper, Dean, and others, I can't seem to remember one of these
>>people ever having suffered the consequences of losing a pension
>>or benefits.

>I don't know that anyone has ever lost a pension, but I have
>talked to retired military people, who say they were threatened
>with such if they talked about some of the things they were
>associated with...

>I once made a trip to Marysville, Kansas to talk with a Retired
>Air Force officer, who allegedly "escorted" a UFO which was having
>mechanical problems...

>However, when I got there, He would not talk to me...It had been
>arranged by a friend of mine who lived in Marysville...Later,
>my friend told me he talked to the man again after I had returned
>home, and he told him he could not risk loosing his pension at
>his advanced age...

I don't think that there's any question that regulations are in
place that would allow for the loss of pension and health
benefits if a security oath is violated. Depending on the
incident, it might also involve prosecution and imprisonment.

A point was raised yesturday that any prosecution, or denial of
benefits, would serve to validate the statements being made as
true, so that is unlikely to happen when "black projects" (or
UFOs) are involved. Any breach involving national security at
that level would most likely be handled behind closed doors, and
those involved would be warned to not say anything about it in
public.

All this being said, it also provides someone who is trying to
gain attention (for whatever reason) a convenient excuse as to
why they "can't devulge details", or talk about it with those
who might ask too many questions. Many people have argued that
one way to get the "truth" out would be to change the
regulations and grant immunity to those who speak out about the
military's involvment with UFOs. However, I have to wonder if
this will bring forth more valuable information, or perhaps a
different set of reasons as to why they can't talk.

A few thoughts.

Steve

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Re: Kenneth Arnold Question #2

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 12:52:06 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:41:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold Question #2

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 18:51:33 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:22:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold Question #2

>If you will allow me to once more delve into the minutia of the
>Kevin Arnold case - Arnold (according to Jerome Clark's 'The UFO
>Book) detoured from a straight flight to Yakima, to Mt. Rainier
>in order to try and sight the wreckage of a Marine transport
>which had gone down (a \$5000 reward was being offered for
>discovery of the transport) - Does anyone no what ever became of
>the Marine transport? How long did it take to find it? Were
>there any survivors?

I found the following small item in the Santa Fe New Mexican,
July 23, 1947:

LONGMIRE, Wash., July 23. (UP) -- A search party trudged up
the ice-covered southwest slop of Mt. Ranier today to investigate
airplane wreckage tentatively identified as a Marine transport
missing since Dec. 10 with 32 persons aboard.

The wreckage was sighted through binoculars by Assistant Chief
Ranger Bill Butler of the national park service last Monday
[July 21]. Butler said parts of the aircraft were widely
scattered and appeared to be at the 10,000-foot level on South
Tahoma glacier.

Obviously there were no survivors.

Hope this helps.

David Rudiak

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 13:36:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:57:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 12:21:54 -0500

>>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 22:52:40 -0500
>>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Just a technical point here: there IS a way to "translate sound
>>into light", but it plays no role in this discussion. The
>>phenomenon of "sonoluminescence" does appear to be the direct
>>conversion of acoustic energy or power into light by focusing of
>>sound waves into a fluid under particular circumstances. The
>>phenomenon is not yet understood. There is no color-frequency
>>relationship, however (at least not that I'm aware of).,>

>Very interesting. Thanks for correcting me, Bruce. It would be
>interesting to know what relationships -- if any -- are created
>between the sound and the light. Do you know anywhere I can read
>more?

Try:

www.sonoluminescence.com

Or, better yet, do a web search. I got 400 hits!

OK, Greg, here's your chance for a Nobel Prize: explain sonoluminescence. Nobody knows how it works. In water a converging sound wave sets up a pressure field that acts on a tiny bubble in the water in such a way as to create a pulse of light. When this was first discovered years ago people were amazed. They were more amazed as the time duration of the light pulse was measured. I think it was only about 10 years ago that experimental equipment got good enough (fast enough) to measure these bursts which are on the order of 50 picoseconds (50 times ten raised to the minus 12 seconds or 50 millionths of a millionth of a second).

It is presently a subject of some intense research both experimental and theoretical.

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 13:25:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:52:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 20:45:23 -0500

>>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 15:47:59 -0500
>>From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>You'll find a great description and lots of pictures at:

>><http://www.hooked.net/~rgeorge/sonofusion.html>

>>Sonoluminescence is believed to be related to cold fusion.

>Terry, thanks so much for this reference.

>As I understand sonoluminescence from reading the material on
>this website, sound is not really translated into light.

<snip>

Correct, Greg... at least as far as I understand it. How the microbubbles create light is not that well understood and they may be created by methods other than ultrasound. Recalling 'The Hunt for Red October', rapid acceleration of a submarine can cause cavitation by the screw and subsequent sonoluminescence. Indeed, pitting of the metal of the screw results.

I recently read a treatise by one professor where she stated that she thought that the collapse of the microbubbles occurred at superluminal speeds and may be tapping the Zero Point Field. There's no doubt that further study will alter physics as we know it.

For gigabytes of information on new energy, antigravity, and the likes, check out the Institute for New Energy web site:

<http://www.padrak.com/ine/>

"Tiny bubbles . . . " :)

Terry

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Re: FSG on TV!

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 13:36:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:01:15 -0500
Subject: Re: FSG on TV!

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>Subject: FSG on TV!
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 16:46:27 -0800
>Return-Receipt-To: <sardonica@erols.com>

>FLYING SAUCER GAZETTE - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

>Dear FSG readers,

>We just got off of the telephone with a representative of CBS
>Productions. CBS had called to discuss a future episode of their
>"L.A. Doctors" television series, in which a man, known
>tentatively as "Charlie" believes that he is a victim of alien
>abduction. (At this time there is no decision, but it is possible
>that "Charlie" may become a recurring character on the series.)>

This is nice free publicity for FSG.

However, why do I suddenly feel slightly sick? Am I having a
bad case of deja view? Have we seen Hollywood treatment of UFO
"aberrations" such as abduction before? Can anything good come
of it?

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Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 14:19:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 07:36:57 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 16:13:27 +0100
>From: Fabrizio Monaco <F.Monaco@stm.it>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: UFO Sighting in Italy

>I have been reported of a sighting made on Dec 27 at 00:15 A.M.
>the place was Merlengo near Bolzano, about 700Km north-east from
>Rome. The object was "mothership" in shape and it was at about
>2000Mt of altitude, probably it was huge because the witness
>said that it was big, like a lighter.

>The object was moving approximately at 600 Km/h and after 1,5

Fabrizio

Please remember that without a radar detection or at least a reliable visual triangulation, it is impossible to determine the size or speed of a reported object. Outside certain distances, witness impressions are worthless, and are usually based on some assumption by the witness of the object size.

Therefore, the figures you cite are unlikely to have any basis in fact.

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

UFO cases, analysis, classification systems, and more...
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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 14:34:33 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 07:39:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 21:53:45 -0600
>Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 11:44:36 -0500
>Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 11:12:50 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

Previously, I had written:

>>To my knowledge, no UFO whistle blower has ever come out with
>>any "secrets" that they can prove; therefore, the powers that be
>>probably would not want to inadvertantly validate such a
>>person's claims by publicly retaliating about something that is
>>not even supposed to exist. In short, the person poses no threat
>>without proof.

Michael responded:

>Remove the word UFO from this post and you have a totally
>different post.

>Remember the revelation that the US had used radiation on
>pregnant women as well as other peoples in the 1950? Whistle
>blowers have come forth in the past...

Of course, that's why I differentiated this post by using the
term "UFO whistle blowers". I do not believe that I suggested no
whistle blowers of any kind had ever come forth and been
punished for their actions by private corporations.

The difference is that when someone works for a private
corporation and blows a whistle, they can sue the company if
they lose their benefits, assuming they have proof that they
were singled out for retaliation. Therefore, it might be worth
the risk since there is a recourse for the whistle blower.
Sometimes they win, sometimes not. The corporation bean counters
also look at the risk factor to determine if they want to pursue
or settle or just stand back and see what happens.

On the other hand, people working for the government are in a
totally different situation since it's very difficult to
successfully sue the US government for anything, even when you
HAVE proof of wrong doing. Therefore, intimidation tactics and
physical threats are more likely to be used since there's
virtually nothing the victim can do about it. This person is
facing a giant with endless physical, legal and monetary
resources.

Relating to the above info you mentioned, is there any record of
these woman's families suing the US government and successfully
getting a judgement? I believe the info was, as you put it, a
revelation since it had been covered up for decades by the
government. I doubt if things have changed much, other than the
government is much better at covering
its tracks.

>However, in regards to UFOs, like you Roger, I don't know of
>any, if we leave out such names as: William (Bill) English,
>William (Bill) Cooper, Clifford Stone, Robert Dean, Jess
>Marcelle, Col. Phil Corso, Dr. Michael Wolf, Bob Lazar and
>others.

>Of course, these are just names and they may or may not have
>actually had proof of what they speak...especially the first
>two...<sorry guys.>

As you point out, these are just names. If there was any
definitive proof that would turn the UFO world on its ear, we'd
be talking about that in this post instead of the current topic.

Finally, I had offered:

>>On the other hand, if someone DID have proof that would be
>>damaging to the powers that be, then it's quite likely that the
>>general public would never be allowed to even hear about that
>>person's existence. In such a case, the whistle blower in
>>question would have much bigger problems that "loss of pension",
>>if you get my drift.

>>Does this answer your question?
>>I really hope not...

Michael's response:

>I would say that you are correct in your assumption here Roger.
><G>

Which assumption, Mike?

Later,

Roger Evans

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BUFORAwatch

From: **Mike Wootten** <ej77@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Tue, 13 Jan 1998 20:53:44 GMT
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 07:50:53 -0500
Subject: BUFORAwatch

BUFORAwatch has just received the following from a BUFORA insider. Our deep-throat informant states that this was posted onto the Internet as one of our bulletins. This did not originate from us but it's interesting enough to be one.

Happy reading!

BUFORAWATCH

It has come to our attention that controversial UFO researcher Malcolm Robinson has recently become a BUFORA council member.

Since moving to London in May 1998, Robinson has been quite active on the fringes of the British UFO Research Association, providing

BUFORA with a number of lecture presentations. However, he was effectively stopped from taking a more active role in the association due to his stance on BUFORA's hypnosis moratorium. Robinson (although officially associated

with BUFORA) opposes the moratorium, circumventing it in the past by "officially" conducting hypnotic-regression work under the aegis of the Scottish paranormal group S.P.I (Strange Phenomena Investigations); a group which he established in the 1980's!

This has caused certain discontent among some of BUFORA investigators. As a result of this, BUFORA's Director Of Investigations (Gloria Dixon) made changes to the group's Code Of Practice, in an attempt to close the loophole which Robinson was exploiting. Shortly afterwards, Robinson officially resigned from BUFORA and joined the London UFO Studies group, a body which endorses the use of hypnosis in supposed cases of "alien abduction". He later wrote an article on this matter, where he claimed Kevin McClure was damaging the image of the association by his "attacks" on Robinson and BUFORA council, and that McClure had effectively hounded him out of BUFORA!

However, it was strongly rumoured that some members of council were still keen to have Robinson involved in BUFORA, hoping that "they could find some way" around this moratorium problem, so that Robinson could join the BUFO RA council.

Things went quite for a while..... until, in late December 1998, it was announced internally within the BUFORA Council that Robinson had accepted an offer made to him by Steve Gamble to run BUFORA's lecture programme. As this position "traditionally" came with a council-place, this effectively got Robinson onto council, in a manner some felt would not create a conflict with the moratorium issue.

This decision was subject to a vote, but it seems a forgone conclusion that Robinson will end up on council, and may be on council as you read this!

We don't know the answer, as council has shrouded this matter in

a deep layer of secrecy. It is claimed that members of council were told not to disclose this proposal to anyone outside of council; a fact that has seemingly been confirmed by this writer! Furthermore, it is said that some members of council expect criticism of this decision, which has reportedly been written off as a case of "oh well....so what!"

Again, it seems that BUFORA members (including many of its activists) have been deliberately kept in the dark over an important issue affecting their association. Why?

It also shows a notable degree of arrogance by the BUFORA council. It is rumoured that two members of council wrote long e-mails spelling out the reasons why Robinson should not be on council, but these objections were ignored by other council members. Why??

It is sad to see how little council seemingly cares about its own hypnosis Moratorium. It seems that Investigators and normal members are barred from using hypnotic regression, but not members of council! Why???

And how come Robinson is rated higher than someone like Andy Roberts on the BUFORA council scale? Andy is a critic of the BUFORA machine, but Robinson has effectively broken its own rules, and did so repeatedly, with premeditated intent. But Robinson gets on council, regardless. Why???

The ease in which such a controversial character as Robinson has quietly slid onto the BUFORA council should be contrasted with the problems Andy Roberts experienced in merely keeping his BUFORA membership! It can also be contrasted with the many objections BUFORA council had to Robert Moore's request for Andy Roberts to help with the BUFORA BULLETIN! This resulted in Robert Digby (more on him later!) proposing changes to the running of the BULLETIN, which effectively means council now has full control over the running of the magazine, although Robert Moore may ask people to write articles, etc on a regular basis (gee, thanks Mr. Digby..!).

Resignations????????:

As a result of this decision, it is known that a number of resignations have taken place, or will do so in the near future. It is said that the editor of the BUFORA BULLETIN - Robert Moore - has resigned. We contacted Robert to confirm this, but he would say no more than he is stepping down as editor in February-March 1999, in order to "concentrate on other projects". (Come on, Robert, tell us the real reason! Don't be shy!!)

Other people said to be on the verge of resigning from BUFORA (to our knowledge) include Andy Roberts, David Clarke, Jenny Randles, Tony Eccles and Kevin McClure.

There are currently two concerns entertained by those aware of this decision. The first is that the BUFORA lecture programme will become biased and slanted towards Robinson's extreme views of UFOs. The second is of the future; where will this end - as Robinson as BUFORA Director of Investigations!!!

This decision by BUFORA council also seemingly puts a large shadow of doom over the hypnosis moratorium. It also seems to indicate that the goals of BUFORA the mass-membership society can override and supersede the ideals of BUFORA the objective UFO study group! If this is true, BUFORA will be looked upon as an effectively inert player in the field of serious ufology. And it will only have itself to blame if this state of affairs come to pass.

"Ping..... Bong.....!"

Philip Mantle on the rebound?

I am sure you will have noted Robert Moore's circular e-mail re QUEST magazine sent out in the late summer of 1998. This asked for material for a BUFORA UFO column in this magazine. Despite this, nothing materialised. It is rumoured that Digby (infamous for his "I'll be getting rid of Jenny Randles soon!" remark made at a northern UFO conference in the early 1990's) was

less-than-happy with Moore's openness towards this assignment , where he fully addressed the concerns of some towards QUEST and any monie s forthcoming from this assignment to him.

So, it was with some surprise that we heard Philip Mantle had been appointed. If this is not a case of "jobs for the boys" I don't know what is! Given the covert croneyism displayed by the content of this magazine (where many pieces are written by members of BUFORA's so-called "inner" council; ie Spencer, Beer, Gamble, etc) does this suggest that Mantle is now worming his way back up the BUFORA ladder?

Again, as with Robinson, BUFORA's "inner council" has again shown it's fondness for scientifically-ignorant individuals with extreme ufological views. We all know how Mantle is deemed a "cash cow" by some within thhe association, so his return seems effectively preordained.

It's a pity BUFORA's inner circle don't show more support for it's more objective members, where it's future as an objective UFO body surely lies. But does the BUFORA "Inner council" actually want such a future for the association? Does it actually want the association to merely be a "gee-wow" group, catering for sensationism and scientifically dubious (but popular) notions???

BUFORA seems intent on selling it's soul to the Devil, wholesale!

ATB
Mike

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 14:26:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 08:08:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>From: ames Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 02:46:10 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

James -

Would it be too much to ask that you and the rest of the RPIT team put together your results, along with the supporting evidence (such as enhanced images) into a form that we all can view and understand? There are several interpretations of the "memo", and to many the alleged "symbols" appear to be imperfections in the surface of the glue covered sticks.

Your findings, if true, are significant. But so far we've all heard little more than rhetoric.

Steve

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>Excerpts from the Official US Air Force
>"Roswell Incident" Investigative Report:
>"CASE CLOSED!" (1994-1995)

Previously, this report was presented fro the USAF:

>"What is uniquely lacking in the entire exploration and
>exploitation of the "Roswell Incident" is official positive
>documentary or physical evidence of any kind that supports the
>claims of those who allege that something unusual happened."

<large snip, no censure intended>

>RICHARD L. WEAVER, COL,
>USAF DIRECTOR, SECURITY AND SPECIAL PROGRAM OVERSIGHT."

Mr. Johnson offered the following:

>(Only with the discovery in 1998 by the international RPIT
>(Roswell Photo Interpretation Team) of numerous strange curved,
>geometric shaped glyphs and symbols emblazoned upon the Roswell
>crash debris as photographed in the 8th Air Force Headquarters
>office of Brig. General Roger Ramey on July 8, 1947, is there
>finally both such documentary and physical evidence. A printed
>message held by General Ramey refers to "VICTIMS OF THE CRASH"
>and states that they were being brought to Fort Worth; the
>message appears to be time stamped just a few minutes prior to
>the taking of the photos. It is speculated that General Ramey
>was learning of the recovery of alien bodies in a second crash
>location even as he was being photographed.)

Mr. Johnson,

"Victims of the Crash"?

Don't you think this is a little premature; perhaps even fanciful?

I have great respect for the efforts of the RPIT. But I've looked and squinted and stared at the photo in question until my eyes bled and I do not see the phrase you noted. I do see bits and pieces. Perhaps the words "victim" and "crash" might be recognizable; maybe not. It's very much open to interpretation.

You present it as fact. Do you really feel comfortable doing this?

Perhaps I've missed out on a more recent "refinement" of the photo's resolution. Could you post the photo and clearly circle the message you feel is visible on the Ramey note? Maybe I'm looking in the wrong place. Thanks.

Roger Evans

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New York UFO/Abduction Conference - April '99

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 17:07:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 08:16:22 -0500
Subject: New York UFO/Abduction Conference - April '99

The Intruders Foundation Presents

THE 1999 UFO ABDUCTION CONFERENCE

- WHAT WE KNOW AND HOW WE KNOW IT -

On Saturday, April 10, 1999, New York City will be the site of a day-long national conference on the UFO abduction phenomenon. Four of America's most respected UFO researchers - Budd Hopkins, Stanton Friedman, David Jacobs and Jerome Clark - welcome the public to a cutting-edge presentation of current evidence for the reality and possible future of alien abductions. The conference will be held at the O. Henry Learning Center, at 333 West 17th Street in Manhattan, and will start at 10 AM. Admission to all events is \$60, purchased in advance, or \$80 at the door. For tickets and further information phone the Intruders Foundation, 212 645-5278.

The conference is planned as both a crash course in the ongoing UFO abduction phenomenon - what we know and how we know it - and an illustrated presentation of the latest research findings.

At 10:00 a.m., proceedings begin with a lecture by nuclear physicist and internationally known investigator Stanton Friedman. Mr. Friedman, author of *Crash at Corona* and *Top Secret/Majic*, will present a range of scientific evidence in support of the theoretical presence of extraterrestrial life and the ability for technologically advanced societies to travel between solar systems.

The second lecture will be given by Jerome Clark, veteran researcher and author of the masterful, virtually indispensable two-volume *UFO Encyclopedia* as well as other numerous important books and articles. Mr. Clark will present a concise history of the abduction phenomenon, with special attention to significant but little known aspects of such seminal cases as those of Betty and Barney Hill, Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, and Travis Walton.

The afternoon session begins with a lecture by pioneer abduction researcher Budd Hopkins, author of *Missing Time*, *Intruders* - source of the CBS miniseries - and *Witnessed* - *The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions*. Mr. Hopkins will present his latest case findings, with special emphasis on witnessed UFO abductions and the issue of alleged alien implants. His talk, like the others, will be illustrated by slides and videotapes.

Dr. David Jacobs, distinguished Temple University historian and author of two trailblazing books on the abduction phenomenon - *Secret Life and The Threat* - will present the fourth lecture. Dr. Jacobs will discuss evidence he and other researchers have amassed which indicates a highly specific and disturbing Alien agenda and an answer to the central question: why are they here?

In a fifth part of the conference, documentary filmmaker Carol Rainey will draw on her own media experience in an exploration of how the mainstream media treats the subject of UFO abductions. In a lecture packed with video clips, Rainey will discuss why the media often either ignores or misrepresents the

phenomenon. She includes a behind-the-scenes look at the making of a controversial PBS "NOVA" program, "Kidnapped by UFOs?," which featured Budd Hopkins, John Velez and John Mack.

The final, evening session will be an extended panel discussion moderated by the composer, journalist and UFO researcher Greg Sandow. Appearing along with Mr. Sandow will be the five speakers - David Jacobs, Budd Hopkins, Jerome Clark, Stanton Friedman and Carol Rainey - and two well known UFO abduction experiencers, Linda Cortile and IF webmaster John Velez. Full audience participation will be encouraged in this final segment of what we believe will be a historic event.

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NBC UFO Special Feb 17 Has Own Website

From: Stig Agermose <Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:02:32 GMT
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 08:30:09 -0500
Subject: NBC UFO Special Feb 17 Has Own Website

On 13 Jan 1999 05:12:11 GMT, in alt.ufo.reports mntlapse@aol.com
(MNTLapse) wrote:

>Author Whitley Strieber is producing a show based on his
>'Communion' book. It will explore alien abductions! There will
>also be an abductee on the show, an alien implant being
>removed, and some of the greatest UFO footage in the world.

>It'll air at 8pm on NBC on Wednesday February 17th, 1999.
>It's 2 hours and it's gonna show that there are aliens among
>us!

<http://www.confirmation.net>

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 20:03:24 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 08:42:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Kari Valimaa <suomen.ufotutkijat@kolumbus.fi>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Kenneth Arnold - Question
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 04:28:09 +0200

>>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Kenneth Arnold - Question
>>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 14:55:56 -0800

>>Sorry to bother the list with another research question, but I
>>am closing in on the finish line of a writing project, and am at
>>the point of fine-tuning and checking minor details.

>>Does anyone know what make of airplane Kenneth Arnold was flying
>>during his famous sighting of June 24, 1947? I've looked in
>>Jerome Clark's 'The UFO Book' and while there is a wealth of
>>information about the event, this is one detail I could not
>>locate.

>Kenneth Arnold's airplane was single-engined Callier. According
>to Jenny Randles ('The Complete Book of UFOs', Revised edition,
>1997), it was specially designed for mountain work - capable of
>landing in rough fields and pastures.

That should read Callair. The aircraft was a taildrager with heavy undercarriage for rough field landings. It was however a low wing aircraft with struts so not full cantilevered spars. Most successful roughfield aircraft were and are high winged. Since it had short wings the engine must have been of greater horsepower than usual for higher-than-normal altitude work in and around the mountains.

Don Ledger

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 18:33:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 08:44:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>From: **Scott Ribordy** <sdr@ns.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 04:15:29 GMT

>Do you feel that you or Mr. Hopkins should "pay a price" for
>propagating the alien abduction meme and all the associated harm
>that it causes?

What harm would that be? Please give details, with supporting evidence.

("Meme" -- not found in the Merriam-Webster Third International Dictionary, the standard unabridged dictionary in the United States, or even in the unabridged Oxford English Dictionary, first edition, which lists every word ever known to be used in the language. I did find it, though, in the Shorter Oxford Dictionary, based on the OED but more up to date. "Meme" -- biological term. An element of a culture or system of behavior that may be consider to be passed from one individual to another by non-genetic means, especially imitation." Nice swipe, Mr. R. Now prove it.)

Greg Sandow

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 20:31:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 08:46:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Kari Valimaa <suomen.ufotutkijat@kolumbus.fi>
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>>to Jenny Randles ('The Complete Book of UFOs', Revised edition,
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>>landing in rough fields and pastures.

Kari,

I understand you are trying to be helpful however; what's the point in posting the name misspelled and not giving a reference specifically with pagination that can be verified?

Gary

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Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

From: Scott Hale <shale@columbus.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 21:18:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:36:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>From: ames Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 02:46:10 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>Excerpts from the Official US Air Force
>"Roswell Incident" Investigative Report:
>"CASE CLOSED!" (1994-1995)

<snip>

>"This report was generated as an official response to the GAO,
>and to document the considerable effort expended by the Air
>Force on their behalf it is anticipated that that they will
>request a copy of this report to help formulate the formal
>report of their efforts. It is recommended that this document
>serve as the final Air Force report related to the Roswell
>matter, for the GAO, or any other inquiries.

>RICHARD L. WEAVER, COL,
>USAF DIRECTOR, SECURITY AND SPECIAL PROGRAM OVERSIGHT."

All,

I am in the process of scanning and converting the entire Case Closed report to html. This is quite tedious work thus far, so bear with me while I work out the kinks in the report and work on posting it.

I am also planning on scanning parts of the first report so that anybody in the world can access them, but the report is 1,000+ pages long so I doubt I'll get the whole thing scanned. I have plenty of other ideas, but if anybody has any audio, video, or textual data they would like to see on the web that isn't copyrighted, drop me a line.

Take Care,
Scott Hale

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 00:55:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:47:42 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>From: John Ratcliff <jratcliff@att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFO Cults - A research question...
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 21:35:15 +0000

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 22:52:31 -0500 Fwd Date: Tue, 12
>>Jan 1999 10:35:46 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>>Bruce wrote:

>>It would seem to me that anyone who takes seriously the idea
>>(fact) of UFO reality >also has to seriously consider the
>>possibility (probability) that >Other Intelligences (OI),
>>whether ETs or time travelers or whatever,

>>1) created humans
>>2) have watched human development
>>3) have affected human history a number of times by
>> doing things outside the norm of human ability
>>4) have given rise to what we call "religious history"

>Excellent post Bruce and a fine theory. My view is since we
>know that human beings have strange experiences, whether it's
>due to the influence of space aliens, temporal lobe misfiring,
>psychoactive consumption, fasting, or the paranormal, it is
>impossible to come to any firm conclusions about some base
>reality surrounding the mythologies of early man.

<snip>

>Afterall, if you choose to postulate a theory that some of these
>old gods were in fact objectively 'real', then we must examine,
>critically, their actions. And their actions as recorded in our
>myths, if taken literally, are a record of violent genocide
>against humanity. (Put your Bible aside and simply see the
>recent animated childrens film 'Prince of Persia' for just a few
>examples of how brutal these OI's can be.)>

>These don't sound like spiritually advanced folks I want to
>welcome with open arms (see Bramley's 'The Gods of Eden'). Call
>me xenophobic, or just call me cautious, but when Jehovah starts
>flitting about in his UFO and issuing a fresh set of edicts, I'm
>going to be mighty pleased if the USAF has some top secret
>aircraft ready to take him on.

"WE ARE THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"
.....(Maccabee, 1996)

You are correct. The actions of the "old Gods" do not seem
"Godlike"especially to modern "bleeding heart liberal
types." HOWEVER!!! That really is a result of a change in the
concept of what God should be like that result from analysis of
the New Testament.

It seems to me that "good" and "evil" were relative terms in early days (as they are now) where "good" meant "that which worked according to the Creator's (or Creators') desires" and "evil" was that which didn't "work." Obviously The Creator(s) was trying for something, some type of humans, and many human activities p--- ed him off so he decided to get rid of the whole bunch (the Flood..... if it actually occurred) and start with a "pure" genetic line (Noah). Of course, if all of humanity is NOT descended from Noah (and I think it isn't all descended from Noah...or an equivalent in' some other religion), that still does not change the "post-deluvian" history as recorded in ancient works. In the Old Testament we find numerous examples of man's cruelty or "inhumanity" toward man (and women). We also find that whatever God says is good. So, for example, its OK to march into the "Promised Land" and take over. SO what if a few thousand humans get killed as a result. There are plenty more.

My understanding of a key theme running through the Old Testament is that the Creator(s) didn't understand the humans. Why did humans do the things they do, including "bad" things they have been warned not to do. The New Testament then describes the result of the effort of the Creator(s) to learn "first hand" what makes humans tick and thus to become "reconciled" to the nature of humanity.

This interpretation may make no sense if the Creator(s) is(are) supra-universal beings as in the old concept of God. It does make some sense if the Creator(s) are "merely" highly advanced beings who whose capabilities appear as "magic" (miracles) who created some "artificial intelligence" which they discover they cannot understand.

To better understand this argument, consider the "human analogue": We could create artificial intelligence AI using available computer methods, etc. If we made it self-reproducing then we could follow this AI through a number of generations and try to figure out why it was doing whatever it was doing. Point: it could well do things we don't understand!

Of course, this raises a number of interesting questions such as, could this AI "reverse-engineer" itself and thus understand itself? Would it have sufficient intelligence to understand itself? Or is intelligence in general "Godelified", that is stopped by the AI analogue of Godel's theorem (that you can't "prove" a mathematical system from within the system)? Is it possible that humans are not sufficiently intelligent to understand humans?

Or is it possible that we are approaching the capability of doing just that (the ultimate reverse-engineering of life)... and perhaps "somebody up there" is worried about the abilities we might be able to give ourselves?

(sleep on that one, if you can!)

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:29:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:44:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:16:34 -0500
>Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:17:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

Previously, Steven had offered:

>Any breach involving national security at
>that level would most likely be handled behind closed doors, and
>those involved would be warned to not say anything about it in
>public.

>All this being said, it also provides someone who is trying to
>gain attention (for whatever reason) a convenient excuse as to
>why they "can't devulge details", or talk about it with those
>who might ask too many questions. Many people have argued that
>one way to get the "truth" out would be to change the
>regulations and grant immunity to those who speak out about the
>military's involmnet with UFOs. However, I have to wonder if
>this will bring forth more valuable information, or perhaps a
>different set of reasons as to why they can't talk.

Agreed.

I don't make light of security oaths, however, I'm not sure anything would really change in the future if the rules governing disclosure are modified. Allowing people to talk about what they've seen is one thing; allowing them to take away proof to show to the world is something else.

As Serge wisely pointed out during the SETI debate some time back, all the government has to do is release thousands of classified documents that ALREADY exist relating to UFOs and the like. Even without changing regulations regarding security oaths, the release of these old documents would go a long way toward satisfying the UFO community. If these old documents won't be declassified, then there's no reason to believe that future documentation would be made available to any "UFO whistle-blower" that wants to kiss and tell about the government's involvement with UFOs.

In my opinion, lack of proof will still be the bug-a-boo, no matter how much talking is done.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 01:52:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:51:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 15:51:09 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: David Crundall <dec@psychology.nottingham.ac.uk>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>My apologies if this point has already occurred in this thread,
>but there is a natural phenomenon where sound evokes colours in
>the human system. This tendency is called synesthesia. It was
>most famously investigated by the Russian neuropsychologist
>Luria (1968) who studied a subject who reported a crossover of
>sensory modalities. Most commonly this subject would report
>patches of colour for certain sounds, though all five senses
>have been reportedly mixed in some synesthetics. Similarly to
>Bruce, I could not tell you whether there is a consistent
>relationship across subjects between colour and frequency,
>though I doubt it.

Yes, David, synesthesia has been mentioned. As I understand the term, it refers not just to sound evoking colors, but any sense evoking another one -- sounds evoking textures, light evoking smells, touches evoking light, tastes evoking sounds.

I've never heard that there were any consistent synesthetic relationships. A woman touches me, and I sense the taste of rich, deep plums...she touches someone else, and for them it's prunes.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Fox TV Special

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Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 01:45:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:57:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 21:37:13 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Fox TV Special

>Greg...This was a total waste of post....

>You apparently, based on what I just read, have never even heard
>the sounds you commented on....

Michael, if I'd really commented on the sounds without hearing them, you'd have every right to be upset.

But I didn't comment on the sounds. I commented on the analysis of the sounds, which is a very different thing. The sounds, for all I know, might be the sounds of a UFO. They might be something else. But the analysis you quoted is, in my opinion, unclear, credulous, and unprofessional.

I also want to repeat what I said at the end of my post -- I'm not sure it's possible to analyze a sound and conclude that it couldn't have been created by any known means. You can analyze chemical compounds or metallic alloys, and say whether or not they're familiar. That's because there are long lists of known compounds and alloys.

But there's no such list of possible sounds, as there is of known chemical compounds or metallic alloys. I don't think anyone has ever listed all the properties of known sounds, and I don't see how anyone could.

I may be wrong about this, of course, since my field is music, not audio engineering. But I do know that it's readily possible to create new sounds with a variety of hardware and software, or simply by taking a recording of a known sound and altering it. Anyone curious about this should take a look at some of the audio editing software that's around these days. You can actually take a computer "pencil" and draw details of a soundwave, creating something that never existed in nature. Professionals, designing the latest synthesizers, create sounds directly from mathematical models. I'm not going to say it's easy to create a sound nobody has ever heard before, but it's not terribly difficult, either. A junior high school kid with some standard software could do it.

>I know that you have virtually no respect for the material in
>question...It is quite evident by the message you posted. Please
>don't think that I am attacking you... I am not. I just want you
>to listen to the information, then we will have something to
>comment on.

I have to admit I have little respect for the analysis you quoted, Michael, for all the reasons I stated. My opinion of Meier has nothing to do with that. I hope I'm an objective student of ufology, but I can't throw away all my professional knowledge of sound and music just to give the Meier case (or any other one) a chance.

>I know there are those which have been classified as: "Noisey

>Negativists," on this list. They despise the Meier case and have
>openly attacked it from the beginning. These attacks can relate
>directly back to William E. (Bill) Moore and Kal Korff... Please
>don't be sucked into a conclusion until you have taken the time
>to actually check out the available information which has been
>compiled on the case.

Nattering nabobs of negativism? Is that what Spiro Agnew called us? <laughing>Seriously, Michael, I've never studied the Meier case. I was only reacting to the analysis you yourself quoted, because -- taken purely on its own terms -- it didn't make much sense. >>Thanks for your patience with me Greg...

We're all students of life, Michael...

Greg Sandow

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Fox TV Special
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>OK, Greg, here's your chance for a Nobel Prize: explain
>sonoluminescence. Nobody knows how it works. In water a
>converging sound wave sets up a pressure field that acts on a
>tiny bubble in the water in such a way as to create a pulse of
>light. When this was first discovered years ago people were
>amazed. They were more amazed as the time duration of the light
>pulse was measured. I think it was only about 10 years ago that
>experimental equipment got good enough (fast enough) to measure
>these bursts which are on the order of 50 picoseconds (50 times
>ten raised to the minus 12 seconds or 50 millionths of a
>millionth of a second).

>It is presently a subject of some intense research both
>experimental and theoretical.

C'mon, Bruce. We know it's alien technology. I'll just channel
some aliens, find out how it works, and claim my Nobel.

Greg Sandow

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Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Judith Dale <judithdale@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:32:40 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 10:03:35 -0500
Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

I have been following the recent discussion regarding the consequences that might occur if a retired military person was to break their secrecy agreement.

The experience that I have is with my partner's dad, who is a retired Lt. Colonel, USAF intelligence. In response to questions about UFO's and the involvement of the Air Force, he will only say that alot has gone on and to talk about it would put him, and us, in terrible danger. This doesn't sound like a fear of loosing his pension, to me. This is a man who started in the Army and became Air Force in 1947. The Air Force subsequently paid for him to get a graduate degree in communications at Yale.

My partner describes a childhood of many moves to and from numerous Air Force bases, and long absences of dad on secret assignments, when contact could only be made through his CO. Then there was the discovery of one of dad's notebooks during a childhood search of his desk. This notebook contained drawings that at the time, my partner thought were cartoon people, but now recognizes them as "greys", as well as what seemed to be a symbol type writing. This occurred in 1956.

We have all found his refusal to tell us anything to be incredibly frustrating. He is now in his 80's, but insists that what he knows will go to the grave with him. He is adamant that it is not safe for him to speak. Fear of lost pension? I don't think so. This is also a man who was rah, rah military, and now vehemently hates the military. Curious.

I suspect that those who have spoken, don't have the "real skinny". Those that do, will probably never reveal what they know.

In the hope of the revelation of the true story,

Judith

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 05:27:02 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 10:11:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 08:06:07 -0400

>Perhaps this is because neither Corso, nor Milton William
>Cooper, nor Robert Dean have provided any classified
>documentation to support their claims? The same goes for Lazar,
>Kaufmann, Kirkwood, Wolf. Rumors are not punishable.

>Stan Friedman

That could be Stan...however, harrassment is not only allowed,
it is encouraged. <g>

REgards, Mike

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Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 07:57:02 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 10:31:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers";;
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?
>Date: Thu, Jan 14, 1999, 12:18 AM
>

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 08:00:16 -0400
>

>If one checks a topographic map one finds that the VLA is a good
>ways West of Socorro in a relatively unique area The Plains of
>San Augustine or San Agustin. It is flatter than a pancake at
>an altitude over 6500 feet, is surrounded by mountains up to
>10,000 feet and was a lake bed until about 5000 years ago.

>It is a very sparsely inhabited area.

>The land was cheap, flat, and, of great importance, out of reach
>of most radio noise background. Even though I am convinced that
>indeed an alien spacecraft crashed in the area in July 1947, the
>people I talked to felt it was cheap land in an ideal location
>for listening. There is a Y shaped track with each leg about 12
>miles long.. Catron County was the least populated of all NM
>counties.

>The Farr Ranch is 120,000 acres.The Plains is about 60miles by
>20 miles with the Continental Divide alongs its Western Edge and
>Magdalena at its NE corner. We saw herds of antelope while
>flying over it in a helicopter.

Most people are familiar with the VLA from the movie Contact.

If any of you are ever in the area, the VLA is worth a visit.
The giant dishes are very impressive, and if you happen to be
there at a time when they are moving them, even more impressive.

There is a nice little museum in the control building with the
complete history of the place and some neat photos from optical
observatories.

I seriously doubt that those dishes can transmit. The place is
open to the public, and there is no security to speak of, so if
there was transmitting equipment it would be very hard to hide.

However, that canyon that Jodie Foster goes and sits by in the
movie just does not exist. The whole place is flat as a
pancake.

There are pronghorn herds everywhere, as Stan mentions, and I
took a lot of photos of them with telephoto lenses while I was
driving around on the plains.

Bob

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:31:58 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 10:34:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 20:31:26 -0500
>Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 08:46:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

Previously, Kari offered:

>>Kenneth Arnold's airplane was single-engined Callier. According
>>to Jenny Randles ('The Complete Book of UFOs', Revised edition,
>>1997), it was specially designed for mountain work - capable of
>>landing in rough fields and pastures.

Gary Alevy countered:

>I understand you are trying to be helpful however; what's the
>point in posting the name misspelled and not giving a reference
>specifically with pagination that can be verified?

Gary,

One might very well ask the same regarding your posts about
Hynek and Larsen. At least Kari can prove Arnold's plane
existed, even if the name is misspelled. How about a reference
and pagination to support your own info?

Roger Evans

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Re: Firmage

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:33:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 10:38:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Firmage

>From: Stig Agermose <Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 01:55:04 +0100
>Subject: Firmage

>[List only]

It's interesting to note that the media is now picking up on the MJ-12 material, and perhaps they'll go below the surface and investigate them further.

In a compilation of the MJ-12 material on Firmage's site, which has been distributed to researchers and others, it is interesting to note that the two prominent scientists listed above are extremely poor spellers, and apparently don't proof their work very well. Celestial is spelled "celestial" throughout the document, and is just one of the obvious mistakes (spelling and typographical) that were corrected when it was re-typed in the printed version. In fact, there are spelling errors on many of the "official" documents, and they are usually noted in the re-typed versions.

If the media actually looks into this, they'll discover some of these errors. Of course, I'm assuming that they care.

Steve

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Aliens and Memes (was: Re: Art Bell - Friday,

From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:53:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 10:45:05 -0500
Subject: Aliens and Memes (was: Re: Art Bell - Friday,

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 18:33:51 -0500

>>From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 04:15:29 GMT

>>Do you feel that you or Mr. Hopkins should "pay a price" for
>>propagating the alien abduction meme and all the associated harm
>>that it causes?

>What harm would that be? Please give details, with supporting
>evidence.

>("Meme" -- not found in the Merriam-Webster Third International
>Dictionary, the standard unabridged dictionary in the United
>States, or even in the unabridged Oxford English Dictionary,
>first edition, which lists every word ever known to be used in
>the language. I did find it, though, in the Shorter Oxford
>Dictionary, based on the OED but more up to date. "Meme" --
>biological term. An element of a culture or system of behavior
>that may be consider to be passed from one individual to another
>by non-genetic means, especially imitation." Nice swipe, Mr. R.
>Now prove it.)

Greg-

I use the phrase "meme" when describing the alien image that has
become a standard, but it isn't a term that many are familiar
with. I think you'll find that your definition is somewhat
abridged.

For a listing of sites where you can gather information on
memetics, you can visit:

http://www.yahoo.co.uk/Social_Science/Psychology/Disciplines/Social_Psychology/Memetics/index.html

>From that page you can venture out to a number of sites that express many
points of view regarding "memes" and their impact. For a number of short
definitions offered by several researchers you can go to :

<http://maxwell.lucifer.com/virus/alt.memetics/what.is.html>

or for a more in depth description you can visit:

<http://pespmc1.vub.ac.be/MEMIN.html>

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For what it's worth, I don't think that Bud Hopkins, or any
other researcher, should pay a price for their honest research.

But, IMO, the alien image has become a "meme" in our society and has become a universal symbol that conveys meaning, just as an image of the devil and German swastika do.

Steve

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Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 11:43:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 11:43:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:22:35 -0800
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 16:44:16 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>>From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 02:46:10 EST
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 15:21:22 -0500
>>Subject: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>>Excerpts from the Official US Air Force
>>"Roswell Incident" Investigative Report:
>>"CASE CLOSED!" (1994-1995)

>Previously, this report was presented fro the USAF:

>>"What is uniquely lacking in the entire exploration and
>>exploitation of the "Roswell Incident" is official positive
>>documentary or physical evidence of any kind that supports the
>>claims of those who allege that something unusual happened."

><large snip, no censure intended>

>"Victims of the Crash"?

>Don't you think this is a little premature; perhaps even
>fanciful?

>I have great respect for the efforts of the RPIT. But I've
>looked and squinted and stared at the photo in question until my
>eyes bled and I do not see the phrase you noted. I do see bits
>and pieces. Perhaps the words "victim" and "crash" might be
>recognizable; maybe not. It's very much open to interpretation.

>You present it as fact. Do you really feel comfortable doing
>this?

>Perhaps I've missed out on a more recent "refinement" of the
>photo's resolution. Could you post the photo and clearly circle
>the message you feel is visible on the Ramey note? Maybe I'm
>looking in the wrong place. Thanks.

Dear Rodger and All,

I don't know Errol's policy on attachment but to enlighten those
who don't know what we (RPIT) are dealing with I thought it
might be fitting to show a small piece of the Ramey Message,
infact the phrase at the cent re of the thread in progress.

As the RPIT are all free thinking individuals we do tend to have
our "own take" on the wording, I'm currently going over this

wording again so my "take" will no doubt change to reflect this revision.

My "current" take of the phrase is "VICTIMS OF THE WRECK"

>From the attachment image you can see the raw data is a little poor to say the least and IMHO some of the wording may never be resolved due to damage that the negative sustained, first having been printed "wet" and in haste and then the scratch damage the neg has picked up over the years.

Of course some nice helpfull person may think to try and get the Cc out of the archives under the FOIA?.

Though I guess it went through the shredder with the rest of the Roswell signals.

Best Regards

Neil.

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Neil Morris@Home.

Email: Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Kathleen Anderson <KAnder6444@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 10:40:19 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 11:38:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

> Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 20:03:24 -0300
> From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
> To: updates@globalserve.net >Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question
> Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

> That should read Callair.

Was curious to wonder why the picture of the plane shows Call
Air on it. Small a -- big A. I do note that some publications
list it as you did Callair. I just thought I'd be a pain in the
A today and ask.

Kathleen A
Seattle

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Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

From: **Fabrizio Monaco** <F.Monaco@stm.it>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 18:14:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 12:29:25 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 14:19:28 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

>Please remember that without a radar detection or at least a
>reliable visual triangulation, it is impossible to determine the
>size or speed of a reported object. Outside certain distances,
>witness impressions are worthless, and are usually based on some
>assumption by the witness of the object size.

>Therefore, the figures you cite are unlikely to have any basis
>in fact.

The problem is that it is very difficult to retrieve radar information in Italy. Airports do not want to divulgate information. I have worked for the Italian Air Force and i knew a person who works at the radar station... he said to me : "we haven't seen anything, but in any case i cannot say anything to you or other people not authorized".

I can say that my witness is a very reliable person and I believe him.

Sincerely,

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Kari Valimaa <suomen.ufotutkijat@kolumbus.fi>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 19:21:07 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 09:52:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 20:31:26 -0500
>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>I understand you are trying to be helpful however; what's the
>point in posting the name misspelled and not giving a reference
>specifically with pagination that can be verified?

>Gary

The make of Kenneth Arnold's airplane was misspelled by Jenny Randles in her book 'The Complete Book of UFOs, Judy Piatkus Ltd, Revised edition 1997, page 72.

Kari

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Re: Watch For My Coming Hoax!

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Re: BUFORAwatch

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 15 Feb 1999 07:42:34 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 15:53:50 -0500
Subject: Re: BUFORAwatch

>From: Mike Wootten <ej77@dial.pipex.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: BUFORAwatch
>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 1998 20:53:44 GMT

>BUFORAwatch has just received the following from a BUFORA
>insider. Our deep-throat informant states that this was posted
>onto the Internet as one of our bulletins. This did not
>originate from us but it's interesting enough to be one.

>Happy reading!

>BUFORAWATCH

>It has come to our attention that controversial UFO researcher
>Malcolm Robinson has recently become a BUFORA council member.

>Since moving to London in May 1998, Robinson has been quitely
>active on the fringes of the British UFO Research Association,
>providing

>BUFORA with a number of lecture presentations. However, he was
>effectively stopped from taking a more active role in the
>association due to his stance on BUFORA's hypnosis moratorium.
>Robinson (although officially associated

<snip>

>And how come Robinson is rated higher than someone like Andy
>Roberts on the BUFORA council scale? Andy is a critic of the
>BUFORA machine, but Robinson has effectively broken it's own
>rules, and did so repeatedly, with premeditated intent. But
>Robinson gets on council, regardless. Why????

>The ease in which such a controversial character as Robinson has
>quietly slid onto the BUFORA council should be contrasted with
>the problems Andy Roberts experienced in merely keeping his
>BUFORA membership! It can also be contrasted with the many
>objections BUFORA council had to Robert Moore's request for Andy
>Roberts to help with the BUFORA BULLETIN! This resulted in
>Robert Digby (more on him later!) proposing changes to the
>running of the BULLETIN, which effectively means council now has
>full control over t he running of the magazine, although Robert
>Moore may ask people to write articles, etc on a regular basis
>(gee, thanks Mr. Digby..!).

I don't think that Malcolm is entirely the devil he is shown as
here....

Having met him I though that he came over as a dedicated
researcher who has got the best interests of the subject at
heart....I think he is genuinely convinced that hypnosis is an
effective method.

I don't know of anybody who agrees though.

Yes, I am totally against the use of hypnosis as are most UK
investigators but there are ways of doing things and I have
concluded that this kind of attack is NOT the way!

BUFORA appears to be finished and it is true that this is largely as a result of;

1 - A rump of Council members running the show with no reference to the membership.

2 - The non-appearance of "UFO Times" for 10 months during 1997.

3 - The problem of trying to maintain a public face of supporting research into supposed "ET reality" where 95% of the accredited investigators do not support a belief in 'alien contact', especially through the use of hypnosis (!).

4 - The lack of interest shown by the members perhaps as a result of BUFORA's rather odd structure whereby the Association is a registered company and where bureaucracy takes precedence.

(I am told that until the early 1990s BUFORA Council meetings did not even discuss UFO research and were more akin to bank managers' conventions!)

>Resignations?????????:

>As a result of this decision, it is known that a number of
>resignations have taken place, or will do so in the near future.
>It is said that the editor of the BUFORA BULLETIN - Robert Moore
>- has resigned. We contacted Robert to confirm this, but he
>would say no more than he is stepping down as editor in
>February-March 1999, in order to "concentrate on other
>projects". (Come on, Robert, tell us the real reason! Don't be
>shy!!)

>Other people said to be on the verge of resigning from BUFORA
>(to our knowledge) include Andy Roberts, David Clarke, Jenny
>>Randles, Tony Eccles and Kevin McClure.

I think they're all well out of it. Jenny only helps with the UFOCALL service whilst Andy, Dave and Kevin are most likely to go with the IUN - being launched at the big Southport UFO Conference on 27th February.

>There are currently two concerns entertained by those aware of
>this decision. The first is that the BUFORA lecture programme
>will become biased and slanted towards Robinson's extreme views
>of UFOs. The second is of the future; where will this end - as
>Robinson as BUFORA Director of Investigations!!!

I'm not sure that's true but it's the old problem;

Most attenders seem to want to hear about 'aliens' whilst most of the active types - researchers/investigators - want to focus upon objective research.

The simple solution whereby a proportion of each BUFORA membership could be directed exclusively towards objective UFO research has never been adopted and the NIC has virtually ceased to exist.

Perhaps the failure to develop an NIC WITH IT'S OWN independence and funding is evidence of a desire within 'the rump' to control the Association for its' own ends?

>This decision by BUFORA council also seemingly puts a large
>shadow of doom over the hypnosis moratorium. It also seems to
>indicate that the goals of BUFORA the mass-membership society
>can override and supercede the ideals of BUFORA the objective
>UFO study group! If this is true, BUFORA will be looked upon as
>an effectively inert player in the field of serious ufology.
>And it will only have itself to blame if this state of affairs
>come to pass.

Yes, I hear you but every NIC meeting has voted overwhelmingly to reject the use of hypnosis and this has been a feature of its' work.

In any case, membership is down to around 500, half of what it was until fairly recently. There are various reasons as to why this has happened but the most obvious one is not internal - in fact people are losing interest. The "X" factor is diminishing, even in this Millennial year!

>"Ping..... Bong.....!"

>Philip Mantle on the rebound?

>I am sure you will have noted Robert Moore's circular e-mail re
>QUEST magazine sent out in the late summer of 1998. This asked
>for material for a BUFORA UFO column in this magazine. Despite
>this, nothing materialised. It is rumoured that Digby (infamous
>for his "I'll be getting rid of Jenny Randles soon!" remark made
>at a northern UFO conference in the early 1990's) was
>less-than-happy with Moore's openness towards this assignment ,
>where he fully addressed the concerns of some towards QUEST and
>any monie s forthcoming from this assignment to him.

>So, it was with some surprise that we heard Philip Mantle had
>been appointed. If this is not a case of "jobs for the boys" I
>don't know what is! Given the covert croneyism displayed by the
>content of this magazine (where many pieces are written by
>members of BUFORA's so-called "inner" council; ie Spencer, Beer,
>Gamble, etc) does this suggest that Mantle is now worming his
>way back up the BUFORA ladder?

No, not at all. As far as I am aware Philip is ONLY a BUFORA member
and is only involved with 'Quest' on a limited basis.

Anyway, it's up to him, and nobody else!

>Again, as with Robinson, BUFORA's "inner council" has again
>shown it's fondness for scientifically-ignorant individuals with
>extreme ufological views. We all know how Mantle is deemed a
>"cash cow" by some within thhe association, so his return seems
>effectively preordained.

This is a problem for all Ufology - not just BUFORA!! After all,
"science" does not provide simple and sensationalist answers to
the difficult questions posed by the variety of UFO phenomena..

>It's a pity BUFORA's inner circle don't show more support for
>it's more objective members, where it's future as an objective
>UFO body surely lies. But does the BUFORA "Inner council"
>actually want such a future for the association? Does it
>actually want the association to merely be a "gee-wow" group,
>catering for sensationism and scientifically dubious (but
>popular) notions???

Maybe...but this wouldn't be a problem is the mass membership
paid for effective research. That would indeed be a reasonable
compromise but I believe that the re-forming Independent UFO
Network - THE most successful UK group between 1987 and 1994
- in terms of research at least - is the way forward and I am
certainly not alone in voicing this opinion.

I think that it's too late for BUFORA which is a great shame
given its potential.

But we must move on.....

Tim X

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Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

From: Victor Viggiani <zland@globalserve.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 17:25:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 16:01:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?

>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 07:57:02 +0000
>Subject: Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Secret USAF 'SETI' Projects?
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 08:00:16 -0400

>>If one checks a topographic map one finds that the VLA is a good
>>ways West of Socorro in a relatively unique area The Plains of
>>San Augustine or San Agustin. It is flatter than a pancake at
>>an altitude over 6500 feet, is surrounded by mountains up to
>>10,000 feet and was a lake bed until about 5000 years ago.

>>It is a very sparsely inhabited area.

>Most people are familiar with the VLA from the movie Contact.

<snip>

>I seriously doubt that those dishes can transmit. The place is
>open to the public, and there is no security to speak of, so if
>there was transmitting equipment it would be very hard to hide.

>However, that canyon that Jodie Foster goes and sits by in the
>movie just does not exist. The whole place is flat as a
>pancake.

Bob,

Greetings from Canada.

Just a note to say that I have visited Socorro and the VLA.
Spent several days in the town to do my own investigation about
"things" in the summer of '96.

Interesting discussions off the record with a former Los Alamos
physists, now working at VLA.

The question about the VLA's "receiving" and "sending" capacity
was very evasively answered by staff during the presentation.

The radio capacity to identify signals, distance stars, galaxies
etc. was the focal point. Seemed to me people were tip-toeing
around the obvious.

Regarding the '47 landings there, the history of it is quite
entrenched.

Lots more about the trip if you wanna know more.

Los Alamos, Holloman AFB Kirkland AFB, Dulce, Corona (spoke to
Loretta Proctor and visited Corona landing site), Magdalena,
Roswell, Santa Fe, Taos, Sun Spot, Alamagordo, Rachel, Area 51
(camped out for 3 nites outside of boundary, 3 sightings of

incredulous luminous craft behaviours), and many more places visited... the trip of a lifetime for investigative richness. Glad to share the experiences with if you'd like.

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Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 17:25:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 16:34:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:22:35 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

<snip>

>Of course some nice helpfull person may think to try and get the
>Cc out of the archives under the FOIA?.

Neil-

Interesting post, and I agree that this needs to be researched further.

Is there any indication that a duplicate of the negatives was ever created and retained? Since there was no "official" investigation ((that I'm aware of) following the announcement in Ramey's office, I'm not familiar with any evidence that was gathered and retained (other than the anecdotal references mentioned by Roswell witnesses).

It is my understanding that the Air Force had a duplicate of the negative made in 1994 (or thereabouts) as part of their investigation in anticipation of the GAO probe, but it would have already sustained the damages mentioned.

If we have reason to believe that a duplicate was made at the time, then we could make the request of the Archives.

Steve

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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Dave Vetterick <veterick@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:46:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 16:40:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:32:40 -0800
>From: Judith Dale <judithdale@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates-Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>I have been following the recent discussion regarding the
>consequences that might occur if a retired military person was
>to break their secrecy agreement.

<snip>

The key thing missing here is..What is the basis for the fear?

He wouldn't be revealing any secrets, just explaining what he was told would be the consequences if he talked, and who told him this causing him to think it was credible?

From there you can eliminate it as a justifiable fear, and then make all sorts of arguments as to why he should talk.

Start with the fact that even the military can't legally threaten bodily harm or death without due process. It's almost impossible to serve up the death penalty even to convicted mass murderers much less for violating a 30 year old oath.

What are they going to do, break someone's leg instead?

This oath crapp is a cop out or cover for BS to start with.

Dave Vetterick

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Firmage 1995

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 06:27:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:08:01 -0500
Subject: Firmage 1995

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com.au/pcweek/news/1127/onov29.html>

Note: This is _1995_

November 29, 1995 2:00 p.m.

Two senior Novell execs quit to form new venture

By Norvin Leach

Two senior Novell Inc. officials announced this morning that they would leave the company on Jan. 5 to start their own Internet-related venture.

Joe Firmage, vice president of strategic planning for Novell's systems group, and Toby Corey, vice president of marketing for the systems group, disclosed few details of their proposed startup, which Firmage said "will be complementary to what many of the leading software vendors are doing now."

Firmage said the two are leaving Novell because their plan does not fit into the Orem, Utah, company's new, slimmed-down business model.

"We're actually very pleased with the moves Novell has made, but the entrepreneurial bug has caught me again," he said.

Firmage, 25, formed his first company when he was 19 years old. That company, Serius Corp., was bought by Novell in 1993 for \$17 million.

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 17:58:14 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:15:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 07:37:07 -0600
>From: Ron Decker <decker@wt.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Thanks very much for the offer. If anything -does- change I will
>certainly be in touch.

>I believe you're correct in your views regarding
>whistle-blowers. While they may want to come forth, they still
>gotta eat! And that's a pretty strong incentive to zip one's lip
>whether the threat is real or perceived.

Well, when you make these trips and then find that people will
not talk to you it gets rather agravating....I'm sure you know
that yourself...

Most of those on the List who would disagree with this are
probably in their 20 - 40 year range. They don't know what it
is to be without any hope of replacing your pension if you do
lose it. They can quit one job and find another in the not too
distant future.

Those who are in their 60's or older, don't have that luxury for
the most part. Oh, they can flip a burger, or Greet customers,
and some even work as security guards at plants. But most do
not...It's a long life when you have no money and no way to get
it...(actually it can be a very short one then...<G>)

>Oddly, this same friend's father once worked for NASA as a
>tracker during various missions. He claims that during the first
>moon mission he personally tracked 'unknowns' following the
>spacecraft all the way from the earth to the moon and back
>again.

Yeah, I have heard these stories as well as those which claim
that these vehicles were seen sitting on the surface of the moon
on top of the crater rims, as if watching them as they moved
about the surface taking samples....

<snip>

>Neither of the witnesses (both women) would give me their names
>but recounted the incident and another besides that involved a
>cigar- shaped UFO dipping into the waters of Galveston Bay. But
>no personal information.

>The fear is palpable. Whether it's justified or not is another
>matter and probably doesn't matter in the end. The net effect is
>the same.

Yes, I know what you are saying. Have you by any chance tried
to contact these people again, to see if there have been
recurring incidents? It happens sometimes...

There have been reports from all over about UFOs being seen
entering lakes and bays... There are reports of divers having
actually found objects on the bottom of the lake, only to dive
down again and find them gone.

The trick would be to find them still there and bring them up.
<G>

>I've spoken with many folks who have had anomalous experiences.
>Those who share them seem glad to do so. If you ask them if
>they'd be willing to go public, well, that's another story.

Yes, I have run into that also...An abductee whom I know,
willingly talks about his abduction, but when it comes to
talking to his doctors and others who could very well verify his
physical condition, or refute it, he shy's away.

He does not want to be well known, in the sense that I would
take him into the national limelight, if he were to help me
verify his condition.... But, I cannot justify doing that,
regardless of my belief in the truthfulness of his claims. I
will not make him the target of the naysayers nor myself for
that matter...<smile>

REgards, Mike

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 18:08:49 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:17:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 10:16:34 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>I don't think that there's any question that regulations are in
>place that would allow for the loss of pension and health
>benefits if a security oath is violated. Depending on the

>A point was raised yesturday that any prosecution, or denial of
>benefits, would serve to validate the statements being made as
>>true, so that is unlikely to happen when "black projects" (or
>UFOs) are involved. Any breach involving national security at
>that level would most likely be handled behind closed doors, and
>those involved would be warned to not say anything about it in
>public.

Well, I don't doubt this at all. But there is always the
scenario where "MIBs" often are reported making visits to the
person's home to reinforce the ideas. People seem to be easily
intimidated by the appearance of these guys...I just wish they
would come visit me. I would actually like to get a look at
these guys. <G> Perhaps I could do a little intimidating myself.
<G>

>All this being said, it also provides someone who is trying to
>gain attention (for whatever reason) a convenient excuse as to
>why they "can't devulge details", or talk about it with those
>who might ask too many questions. Many people have argued that
>one way to get the "truth" out would be to change the
>regulations and grant immunity to those who speak out about the
>military's involmment with UFOs. However, I have to wonder if
>this will bring forth more valuable information, or perhaps a
>different set of reasons as to why they can't talk.

Or the next generation of "I know a secret," crackpots... That
is the problem with all of this...anyone can make a claim, but
it is another thing to produce verifiable data to back it
up...<g>

Thanks Steve.

REgards, Mike

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 19:13:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:21:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:31:58 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 20:31:26 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 08:46:23 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>Previously, Kari offered:

>>>Kenneth Arnold's airplane was single-engined Callier. According
>>>to Jenny Randles ('The Complete Book of UFOs', Revised edition,
>>>1997), it was specially designed for mountain work - capable of
>>>landing in rough fields and pastures.

>Gary Alevy countered:

>>I understand you are trying to be helpful however; what's the
>>point in posting the name misspelled and not giving a reference
>>specifically with pagination that can be verified?

>One might very well ask the same regarding your posts about
>Hynek and Larsen. At least Kari can prove Arnold's plane
>existed, even if the name is misspelled. How about a reference
>and pagination to support your own info?

Roger,

You are a piece of work. You assert she can prove Arnold' plane
existed.

How?

Perhaps if she could bring the plane to my home, with the
paperwork documenting its chain of ownership. Otherwise without
physical evidence acceptable to me I won't consider anything
else proof.

Or maybe she should land it on the Whitehouse lawn.

Isn't that how your usual line of reasoning goes.

Or am I to accept on your word that her proof is my proof.

Why don't you file a FOIA for Larsen and Hynek's paystubs.
If you don't know how people are vetted then I suggest that
you brush up on your tradecraft.

Gary

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Re: Sightings - Czarnik

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 18:34:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:23:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings - Czarnik

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 14:34:33 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Sightings - Czarnik

>Of course, that's why I differentiated this post by using the
>term "UFO whistle blowers". I do not believe that I suggested no
>whistle blowers of any kind had ever come forth and been
>punished for their actions by private corporations.

No you did not...

>The difference is that when someone works for a private
>corporation and blows a whistle, they can sue the company if
>they lose their benefits, assuming they have proof that they
>were singled out for retaliation. Therefore, it might be worth
>the risk since there is a recourse for the whistle blower.
>Sometimes they win, sometimes not. The corporation bean counters
>also look at the risk factor to determine if they want to pursue
>or settle or just stand back and see what happens.

Yes, that is true, but I think it depends on how deep the
company itself is involved with "sensitive projects," and
whether these projects are directed linked to the Military Black
Ops... If they are, the as you relate in the next paragraph, the
person is facing a "hard road to hoe.." <G> You didn't quite
phrase it that way, but it means the same thing.

>On the other hand, people working for the government are in a
>totally different situation since it's very difficult to
>successfully sue the US government for anything, even when you
>HAVE proof of wrong doing. Therefore, intimidation tactics and
>physical threats are more likely to be used since there's
>virtually nothing the victim can do about it. This person is
>facing a giant with endless physical, legal and monetary
>resources.

Yes, it is very difficult to sue the US Government and win, but,
it has been done...and it can be done again...but you just
better have the stuff to get it done.

>Relating to the above info you mentioned, is there any record of
>these woman's families suing the US government and successfully
>getting a judgement? I believe the info was, as you put it, a
>revelation since it had been covered up for decades by the
>government. I doubt if things have changed much, other than the
>government is much better at covering
>its tracks.

I didn't really follow up on that...but I know the information
is readily available to those who will take the time to check
it out...

In fact there may be people on this list who do know the answer
to this question.

>As you point out, these are just names. If there was any
>definitive proof that would turn the UFO world on its ear, we'd
>be talking about that in this post instead of the current topic.

Well, there very may have been "definitive proof" at some point, but you can bet that by the time the powers that be, got through with the story, it looked like something from "Mickey Mouse."
<G> I just don't know....

>Finally, I had offered:

>>>On the other hand, if someone DID have proof that would be >>>damaging to the powers that be, then it's quite likely that the >>>general public would never be allowed to even hear about that >>>person's existence. In such a case, the whistle blower in >>>question would have much bigger problems than "loss of pension", >>>if you get my drift.

>>I would say that you are correct in your assumption here Roger.
>><G>

>Which assumption, Mike?

I was generally replying to both statements, but more especially the last one..."the whistle blower in question would have much bigger problems..."

Yes, indeed...

REgards, Mike

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 18:48:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:26:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 01:45:47 -0500

>>I know that you have virtually no respect for the material in
>>question...It is quite evident by the message you posted. Please
>>don't think that I am attacking you... I am not. I just want you
>>to listen to the information, then we will have something to
>>comment on.

>I have to admit I have little respect for the analysis you
>quoted, Michael, for all the reasons I stated. My opinion of
>Meier has nothing to do with that. I hope I'm an objective
>student of ufology, but I can't throw away all my professional
>knowledge of sound and music just to give the Meier case (or any
>other one) a chance.

Yet again Greg you are basing your bias on what I typed. I again
call for you to just take the time to view the CONTACT video
tape and then you and I can talk from a somewhat level playing
field... I respect your right to your opinion...but an opinion
which is formed on partial information, is incomplete. <G>

>Nattering nabobs of negativism? Is that what Spiro Agnew called
>us? <laughing>Seriously, Michael, I've never studied the Meier
>case. I was only reacting to the analysis you yourself quoted,
>because -- taken purely on its own terms -- it didn't make much
>sense. >>Thanks for you patience with me Greg...

>We're all students of life, Michael...

Even if you did study the Meier case, Greg, you may well have
the same opinion.

I would be able to better accept your opinion at that point.
But in this case, where you openly admit to not having
studied it, it would be akin to commenting on the "singing
Chipmunks," just because both of you are presenting music...<g>
This is totally to be taken in jest Greg...<g>

REgards, Mike

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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 22:44:25 -0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:30:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:32:40 -0800
>From: Judith Dale <judithdale@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates-Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>I have been following the recent discussion regarding the
>consequences that might occur if a retired military person was
>to break their secrecy agreement.

Well about this discussion, my father were a Brazilian Air Force, all his life, but at end of its life, he worked at the A2, that means, the Brazilian Air Force Intelligence.

I always asked him about UFOs, documents, photos, and he always denied it. Some day I implored him to let me see some documents... and he said ok. So the soldier give me a briefing about UFOs...there had a lot of reports, from pilots, civilians and so...well, what a tryied to say is, he never were threatened...

Here in Brazil it's very difficult to happen it.

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Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

From: **Rob Irving** <RobIrving@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:31:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:31:41 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

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> From: Fabrizio Monaco <F.Monaco@stm.it>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

Hi Fabrizio,

> Fabrizio Monaco
> CISETI International Coordinator >>

What do the letters CISETI stand for?

Rob

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The State of Ufology Today

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>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:32:20 -0500
>Subject: Filer's Files 99-#1 MUFON Skywatch Investigations

>Filer's Files #1-1999, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer, MUFON Eastern Director, Happy New Year
>January 8, 1998, Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020

>UFOs SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

Every once in a while something appears on this List that is so, well, amazing (sic) that it cries out for commentary. Such an item was the January, 1999, edition of Filer's Files, written by the Eastern Director of MUFON, George A. Filer. That is, this missive beggars description, though I am going to try. Can it be that the coming end of the millenium has addled the brains of otherwise steady people? Maybe. Or perhaps what we see below is simply more of the same wheel-spinning that MUFON is famous for.

My comments after the quoted sections >.

>UFOs SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

>Sightings seemed to disappear in the days before Christmas and
>into the New Year. Apparently even UFO pilots like to home for
>the holidays.

Or perhaps the human reporters have done the same thing?

>We can speculate they are off for the holidays or over Iraq.

Maybe visiting war zones IS their idea of a holiday! Perhaps they enjoy watching the natives at play!

>The sudden lack of reports may indicate people are too busy to
>notice UFOs or report them.

What a concept, i.e., the ufonauts don't report themselves!
Please direct them to the Bureau of Alien Registration.

>UFOs may have simply disappeared from our skies as they also
>seemed to do last year at this time. This apparent absence of
>UFOs may be an indicator to understanding the UFO phenomenon.

Or, an indicator of an incredible obtuseness.

>My files indicate that December has been a comparatively slow
>month over several decades.

You know, I just can't IMAGINE why this should be, can you?

>I feel more than fifty percent of the sightings can be explained
>as aerial misidentifications, natural phenomenon, various types
>of secret military aircraft and the like.

I am amazed at your abilities, after decades in the field.

>There continues a steady stream of reports throughout most of
>the year.

Well, yes, this is most certainly so and worthy of comment.

>It seems that the reporting of these misidentifications should
>continue, even if the real UFOs departed.

The "real" UFOs! Got them pinned down, do you?! And I rather imagine if the "real" UFOs stopped coming around we'd see an end to the other reports as well, after a decent interval.

>In the few days before Christmas, the only UFO reports I
>received were an Utah report and observations of a large
>V-shaped craft over Bagdad, Iraq during US and UK bombing raids.
>These raids were apparently conducted without contacting Russia
>resulting in the serious cooling of international relations
>between Russia and
>the US that could lead us back to the Cold War. CNN television
>carried live shots of the bombing and strange V-shaped craft
>above the city. These reports infer the US military may be
>using
>holographic technology or other sophisticated hardware to
>confuse Iraqi antiaircraft gunners.

What kind of "strange V-shaped craft" for God's sake! This is potential big news, unlike most of what is published here. Let's get after those "V-shaped objects" -- they might be the sources for Larry Flint's information!

>In reviewing 1998, Georgia had more UFO reports than any other
>state. Early in the year the reports were centered mostly in
>the La Grange area of Western Georgia. The bulk of the sighting
>reports then moved towards and north of the Atlanta area. New
>Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio followed with the most
>reports in the Eastern part of the US. California, Colorado and
>Arizona sent me the second largest group of reports.

>Numerous reports are sent to the National Reporting Center,
>MUFON, ISUR, Skywatch, TASK, etc. We attempt to verify these
>reports as best as possible and many reports we receive are
>never published. The reader should be aware that verification of the
>reports is expensive and time consuming problem.

Now, just how are there reports "verified?" And just what do these "verifications" purport to "prove" to anyone?

>MUFON investigators like myself are not paid or reimbursed for
>numerous phone calls, travel, and time expended to verify the
>reports.

Now, that says a whole lot about something, doesn't it? That is, the "verification" process is self-funded, by the verifiers, who are just ordinary citizens. Impressive, to say the least.

>I have learned from experience that the Air Force, police and
>other organizations will seldom officially verify the presence
>of a UFO.

Let's see, hasn't this been the case since about 1947? That is, isn't THIS the problem -- the REAL reason we're getting nowhere with all these "reports" and "verifications?" I think so. And just why is this so? Don't want to go there, eh?

>Unofficially, we have received verifications after getting to
>know the officials on a friendly basis.

But, of course, you can't use their names or rank and they will deny everything when the crunch comes! And, anyway, don't we have all kinds of written and verbal statements by various local officials (even police and military) "verifying" UFOs? I think so. But what has happened as a result, hmm? Very little, yes?

>Many conscientious people who report UFOs do not want their real
>name known and hide or refuse to respond to our attempts to
>contact them.

I'm shocked but then I just fell off the turnip truck yesterday! Gee, you'd think that by now the citizenry of the USA would be over this, wouldn't you? This is a serious handicap, isn't it?

I mean, if we could get ANOTHER 100,000 sighting reports from the >people who won't now sign their names, well, that WOULD cinch the case, would it not?

>I admit that I have occasionally been fooled by people hoaxing >UFO reports. Fortunately the number of hoaxes is very small.

God, I'm glad of that or we'd all be in trouble! That is, it sure seems like the hoaxers often do quite well with the UFO organizations, at least for a while! Then, later, when things blow up, well, how does that affect their credibility?

>I report the siting if it seems authentic.

Is that "siting" or "sighting?" Inquiring minds want to know!

>We attempt to have investigators follow up the reports. Often >those people with the best sightings are very reluctant to be >interviewed. They often do not want UFO investigators coming to >their homes or giving out their names. I think this is >understandable. Even under the best conditions it is difficult >to have a meaningful follow up investigation. We have MUFON >investigators driving hundreds of miles to meet with a witness >who fails to show. Sometimes they refuse to fill out the papers >or sign their name.

And what do you have if they DO sign their name? Just another sighting to add to the thousands of others filed away in dusty files -- since the 1950s, for heaven's sake! So what!

>I wish to thank those investigators who have driven the miles, >spent their time and written the reports. One investigation >done correctly can take days. MUFON and most UFO organizations are >strictly volunteer with no pay. Expenses are not paid, and a >great deal of time and effort is spent. The investigators >deserve a medal, a thank you, and a well done. They are the >heroes of this field.

And, it seems to me, dumber than dirt. Why spend any more time and money on this activity? What does it gain you! Don't you know that Richard Hall's house is near unto bursting with file cabinet after file cabinet of UFO reports, all just as "verified" as the latest thing MUFON is doing! What in heaven's name will piling up more of THESE do to move things along?

>During 1998, we had a series of hoaxers who claimed to have >inside government information and secrets concerning UFOs.

Do tell! We never had THIS happen before, did we? Only about every other week! And no one EVER falls for it, do they? At least, no one among the "leaders," right?

>They seldom are long time researchers or investigators.

But sometimes they are such!? Which ones? When?

>They suddenly appear making wild claims and erroneous reports.

So, why don't you just ignore them? I mean, that's what I'd do.

>Hasn't it ever occurred to you guys that every minute and dollar >you spend chasing these hoaxes is a dollar and a minute you do >NOT have to spend chasing more of those valuable sighting >reports. Ooops! I think I see the problem!]

>Unfortunately, it is expensive and very time consuming to weed >out hoaxers.

Why! Who cares? Why waste you time on them -- unless even YOU folks secretly know you're getting nowhere with your normal, day-to-day activities.

>They cause serious harm to the field and I often wonder if they >are hired or compelled to cause trouble and confusion.

Well, there's an interesting idea, one that would require a little investigation into areas today's ufological "leaders" are loath to go. But it might lead to some actual PROGRESS, might it not? But on second thought, NAAAAH, it's worthless.

>I fail to understand their motivation.

You need to read more of Kal Korff's stuff; get into the know.

>Little if any of their information has been proved to be valid.

But then again, some of its has panned out, hasn't it? Which might lead ME to look really hard at these "hoaxes" as perhaps not being what they seem on the surface, at least in part.

>They create confusion and hurt serious researchers.

How? Why can't you folks just sail on, ignoring them?

>Often they have information that seems accurate at first, but
>later is determined to be false.

Hmm. How do they pull this off if they're just "hoaxers"? Could it be that some of them are actually more than they seem and that this fact might shed some interesting light on UFO history and on some of it's various personalities? But, NAAAAH, it's worthless.

>Often they will later admit lying despite their previous claims
>of being a NASA contractor, on the National Security Council,
>working inside NORAD and the like.

No kidding! The NERVE of some people!

>Anyone who claims to possess startling UFO information should be
>able to provide at a minimum there military or government
>records, ID cards, college transcripts and similar evidence to
>prove their backgrounds and employment.

First, a Clarkism: "there" should be "their." And, of course, I agree -- all of these people should be vetted. . .as should all the OTHER people in this field who have positions from which they may pontificate! Why stop with the new guys, huh?

>Those people who possess insider documents and information
>should be willing to produce these documents to respected
>organizations such as MUFON, CUFOS, or the Fund for UFO Research.

Well, I agree. I'd trust ALL of those "respected" organizations with secret stuff, since from the very beginning UFO organizations have had numerous and obvious associations with our "intelligence community." But I don't think any of that means anything, do you? NAAAAH! Could it be that the historically documented presence of representatives of the intelligence community in those organizations might be just to intercept those leaking insider documents and information? I mean if we can't trust all of the former/present intelligence members who belong to these organizations, then who can one trust!

>Ufology cannot expect to gain trust, if people without cred-
>entials are acknowledged without question.

I agree with this, and apply it to EVERYONE in the field!

>I strongly advise the reader to seriously question any claims of
>alien data, inside government knowledge, classifications above
>Top Secret and similar unsubstantiated UFO data.

I agree entirely! Yes, sir, all of that can hardly be of any importance compared to the piling up of the 100,000th UFO sighting by a school teacher on an interstate highway on a Tuesday afternoon. And, anyway, how could a "government secret" ever be "verified" by one of our verifiers, hmm?

>I have not reported on the release of new MJ-12 documents in
>these files, because I am not convinced they are genuine.

Is anyone?

>How would one person be able to steal these highly classified
>documents from the government?

I don't know. . .HAARP methods?

>There are guards, safes and controls to prevent this from
>happening.

Yet many government documents HAVE been stolen, hmm? And who could imagine that just today "intelligence officials" are quoted in the New York Times that a naval intelligence analyst stole a "roomful" of highly classified documents! Just what is your interest in maintaining the fictions that these documents can't and haven't been stolen?

>In many little ways the documents are vague and seem to contain >errors. For example, the documents infer they were written in >1951. The documents then refer to the Chief of Chaplains as a >Major General Luther Miller who retired in 1949. This is a >small, but significant error.

No doubt sufficient to destroy the whole corpus! And how interesting that hoaxers who have gone to immense trouble and know so much about the inner workings of certain government agencies. . .could make such a simple mistake!

>Government documents generally contain more specific and >detailed information. They are written by a team of people >representing various offices. These documents seem to be written >by one or only a few persons. The new MJ-12 documents simply >do not feel right to me, so I withhold judgment on their legitimacy.

Well, this is a detailed and specific critique, isn't it! But I'll withhold judgement on that.

>Later, in these files there is further analysis of photographs >taken by Dr. J. Bond Johnson in General Ramey's office of the >Roswell crash debris. This is old news but we now have new >technology that may help prove what happened.

Or maybe not, hm? That is, what would it take to "prove" something about those photos to a true skeptic? I think a lot more than "computer enhancement!" As for "old news," that's what ufology is all about, all the time, that and "new" sightings!

>There is a legitimate record of the film kept in storage at the >University of Texas and Dr. Johnson. The analysis may lead to >an unsatisfactory conclusion, but at least we know the photographs >are authentic. Many abductees and military personnel have >reported seeing similar strange symbols on board alien craft. >In fact, some of the latest technology is similar to certain >aspects of the debris. You are invited to help and judge for yourself. >Therefore, I will continue to cover this story.

Well, thanks, since you are my Silver Standard in ufologists!

>To those who desire to learn the truth about UFOs, I encourage >you to read information from the respected leaders in the field >such as Richard H. Hall's "Perspectives" column. It's published >monthly in the "MUFON UFO Journal."

Ah, yes, my Gold Standard for ufologists IS Mr. Hall!

>For example Richard states:
>The Art Bell piece [published in the November 1998, issue of the >"MUFON UFO Journal"] makes me think about how the sociological >aspects of the UFO movement distract from the physical science >aspects.

Mr. Hall is a well-respected physical scientist with a huge budget for instrumented scientific analysis of high flying UFOs!

>News media gleefully report on the colorful personalities, the >more paranoid the better, but where is their reporting on the >potentially important airline pilot sightings of the past few >years?

So what if they WERE reported -- are they any different from 10,000 other sightings by airline pilots since 1947?

>Obviously, Bell is viewed by the media as representative of the >UFO field, even as guru for ufologists. Well, count me out. >Let's stick to facts, logic, and science.

Ah, yes, but that's HALL'S "facts, logic and science!"

>Thanks to Bob Soetebier and the December '98 MUFON Journal, p18.

Thanks, indeed!

Gary Alevy

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Kelly Tyson <RCTyson@webtv.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 19:19:45 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:49:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

Could anyone post a sample of the sound(s) that are being so vehemently debated? I seem to have missed the Fox TV Special and would also appreciate the name of the show and any possible repeat dates!

And that's the way it is, RCTyson.

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RPIT Test, Jonn Kares

From: **John W. Ratcliff** <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 19:35:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 18:08:59 -0500
Subject: RPIT Test, Jonn Kares

Quick comment. I've been more than slightly skeptical of the whole Roswell Photo Interpretation team hyperbole. Of course, the idea is kind of fun, especially reports of memos offering tantalizing details, a time capsule of the great mythological 'first coming'.

In the past I found it rather hysterical that the rhetoric from James Bond Johnson included statements like "can clearly be seen", in reference to blobs, blurs, and splotches. Most of his proffered evidence has compelled me to offer Mr. Johnson a gift certificate to Lenscrafters.

So, in that light, I tried a little experiment with the recent image attachment which purported to include the eerie statement about "the victims." All I saw when I downloaded the image at first, were the murder mystery letters cut-out. With a great deal of squinting I finally managed to imagine that there was in fact a vague correlation between the two.

I then had my boss come into my office, and covered up everything but the smudgecicles. I asked him, cold, "What does that say?" He took a few seconds and then read the first half of the sentence exactly!

I worthwhile experiment, I was surprised at the results. I guess the USAF is going to have to redress that whole "victims" issue in their next report, due 50 years hence. <g>

John W. Ratcliff

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Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 19:13:35 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 18:21:06 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Pumpkin Seed' Aircraft

Hi, with al the recent talk about unusual aircraft and all, go to:

<http://users.aol.com/slicklynne/facet.htm>

We are talking low aspect ratio and ot gives insight to why a 'pumkin seed' would work.

GT McCoy

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Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 22:38:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 18:48:29 -0500
Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Regarding...

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 07:11:41 EST
>Subject: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction

Gildas wrote:

>>Date: Wed, 30 Dec 1998 22:59:22 -0500
>>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: FOX Hoax Special - Reaction
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Regarding the FOX 'Hoax Special' program...

>> <snip>

>>Still many more questions than answers.

>Thank you for your interesting analysis, and your very appropriate
>conclusion...

Gildas,

I was hoping Ray Santilli would clarify some questions I had asked concerning the 'tent footage' story before I replied to your mail. Unfortunately, although perhaps not unexpectedly, he hasn't.

>... it seems to me. Just a few more thoughts: I find very improbable
>that Ray Santilli, a small music producer, would have launched in
>such a risky and costly operation of producing a highly complex hoax
>by himself.

Yes, the very idea of creating an 'alien autopsy' which would be sufficiently credible to be taken seriously has so many problems to overcome that it's difficult to understand why anyone would invest in such a project.

Even if, as must surely be the case, the hoax could be accomplished for a relatively small outlay, there's little guarantee that both the film and those claiming authenticity wouldn't be ridiculed, especially creating such a bizarre 'alien', although it was, by design or good fortune, sufficiently 'humanoid' to be 'acceptable'.

The only comparative 'humanoid alien autopsy' I've seen is a brief sequence in the 'Hangar 18' movie. You don't see them actually perform the 'autopsy' though!

>I am surprised that the very possible hypothesis of a "secret
>services" operation has been paid so little attention, apparently (or
>am I wrong here?).

It would be more surprising if the 'conspiracy' angle hadn't been suggested!

>What would be the purpose of such an operation? Perhaps two purposes.

>The first one would be to jam inquiries on Roswell getting too close
>to the truth.

I don't think ufology generally needs any help in that respect.

>Please note the worldwide release of the film coincided with the GAO
>report which, as a consequence, drew little attention in the press.

The timescale doesn't really equate and there's some important background detail documented in the 'Manikin Who Fell to Earth' feature on my web site, at:

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/aa_ga.htm

As mentioned therein, I located and obtained a copy of a newspaper article published by the UK 'Daily Mirror' newspaper 17 August, 1992. A two-page spread, entitled 'ELVIS: his last amazing letter', it tells the story of considerable and rare Elvis Presley memorabilia which had been located in the US and would feature in a documentary called 'Private Presley'.

The article mentions Ray Santilli and his company.

Ray told me, "I came back with many hours of rare Elvis film, so rare that Polygram commissioned a report by ex-BMG (RCA) director Roger Seaman".

Referencing some further facts noted in my 'Manikin...' summary:

* Back in Time *

The Cleveland visit in the summer of 1992 is factual and it seems Ray Santilli did acquire a significant collection of Elvis Presley film clips and memorabilia.

One of the first people he spoke to about the alleged "Roswell" footage was Carl Nagaitis, a journalist with an interest in the Elvis Presley story.

Nagaitis was also to co-author "Without Consent", a book on the subject of "alien abductions". The co-author was Philip Mantle, at that time Director of Investigations for BUFORA.

I discussed the case with both of them and they helpfully clarified the background.

Via Mantle, Nagaitis released a statement explaining his involvement:

"This is to confirm that I first met Ray Santilli in 1992 while researching an article for the Sunday People about some never-before-seen photos of Elvis Presley. Ray was interested in selling the rights to the story through a national newspaper.

Although we didn't do a deal, Ray and I got on well and he told me how he had made many trips to the USA in search of the material.

When I left Mirror Group Newspapers in January 1993 I kept in touch with my contacts, including Ray, and I had several meetings with him about various possible projects. It was during one of these meetings, in February or March of 1993, that he revealed that he had seen some remarkable material while in the USA. He did not reveal the nature of that material".

This could be an allusion to the film which was to surface almost two years later and is the first reference to any "remarkable material" that I'm aware of.

Nagaitis continues, "Later in the year, when Ray and I were discussing the possibility of a video on UFOs and alien abductions (another aborted project) he went on to add that the film he had managed to get from the USA was connected with the Roswell Incident.

I remember that he mentioned this to be before I actually introduced him to you (Philip Mantle)".

Mantle takes up the story:

"I was contacted by Ray Santilli in 1993, the exact date of which I did not keep.

Ray may have located me via Carl Nagaitis or by some of the publicity that I was involved in at the time helping to promote the movie "Fire in the Sky". To be perfectly honest, I am not 100 % sure how Ray located me but it was probably via one of the two options above. At the time of my first contact with Ray Santilli it was immediately clear to me that he knew either very little or nothing about the Roswell case and UFOs in general.

The subject matter we discussed was mainly on abductions as I recall, this being my idea as I was in the process of writing a book on them at the time. However, I discussed many ideas none of which, at that that time, included or involved anything to do with Roswell or crashed UFO's in general".

"All I can say regarding Ray Santilli's "knowledge" of the Roswell event is that as far as I'm aware he knew little or nothing about it when I first met him. For example, for a long time he called Roswell "Rosewell" and was not familiar with any of the well known names of witnesses and/or investigators associated with the case". [End]

Philip has confirmed that he told Santilli's tale to a few 'trusted colleagues', including John Spencer and Walt Andrus, when Andrus was in the UK speaking at BUFORA's 1993 conference.

So, the story has its origins much further back than perhaps generally realised.

It does nothing to verify the authenticity of the 'alien autopsy' footage or the 'cameraman', still, in answer to the question how likely was it that Ray Santilli would acquire genuine 'Roswell' footage, we might say it was as likely as finding the last letter Elvis Presley perhaps wrote and hours of rare Presley film.

Than again, we might not...

Ray claims to have finally acquired all of the footage in November/December 1994 and his explanation for the lengthy gap since he allegedly first saw some of the film in the summer of 1992, was that he couldn't raise the finance.

In hindsight, if a hoax controlled by Ray, there was no obligation for him to have explained how the purchase was financed, however, he named a business acquaintance, Volker Spielberg, and as you know Spielberg stated in the French TF1 documentary that he was a "collector", and did have "the film reels".

This may, however, simply have been a planned excuse for later 'difficulties' in providing even one frame of archive, 16mm 'autopsy' film. As a hoax, it was extremely unlikely that any 'autopsy' frames would be offered as evidence which could be independently tested.

And no surprises there...

A complex, yet by no means incredulous background to the claims and that's before we even consider the questions of why an 'alien autopsy' hoax was considered worth the financial investment and risk, plus Santilli's potential loss of business and public credibility, who was responsible for the exceptional SFX, how some of the effects were achieved, where it was filmed, processed, by whom, when, etc.

All of which remain unknown, at the time of writing.

Not exactly a 'case closed'.

However, the bottom line is that despite the many unanswered questions, anything founded on 'Roswell aliens' struggles to reach first base and from the initial appearance of the 'tent footage' there have been clear indications all along that the entire escapade was a grandiose hoax, with Theresa Carlson's dedicated research appearing to have eventually provided absolute proof of that.

Doubt not the ability of a competent hoax to be sufficiently anomalous and a spectacular hoax to be a real pain in the...

>In France, the autopsy footage was a disaster, not only for Roswell >but for ufology itself, from which we are slowly recovering.

Perhaps more of a disaster for 'Roswell' as the purported crash of an ET spacecraft, or two/three etc. ET spacecraft and resulting genuine 'alien autopsies', was that as the Santilli footage became sufficiently credible to justify major UK and US, indeed world-wide TV documentaries, Glenn Dennis's pivotal Roswell 'autopsy' claims and perceptions of how the real aliens looked, were being accepted as unreliable, if not simply untrue.

As one of the main objections from 'Roswell' ET crash proponents had been that the 'body' in the footage didn't correspond with witness descriptions, it was a contest which Ray's alien easily won.

It was at least still maintaining some credibility.

Frank Kaufmann's 'Roswell aliens', I would only mention in the same sentence as my hope that one day Kevin Randle, or someone, will be able to put to Kaufmann the questions I had raised and documented re Kaufmann's claims.

>The second purpose, on the other hand, might be to accustom the >general public to the idea of the alien presence on Earth, and to the >future revelation of secret operations, which require obviously a >long preparation (That's my optimistic touch).

As the 'popular face' of 'ufology' is effectively a declaration that 'aliens' are zipping in and out of our bedrooms and a clandestine US government has kept a dark secret from simple folks for over 50 years, the public must be pretty well accustomed to the idea by now!

Thankfully, they're not all so gullible and don't accept everything at face value.

Any ufologists who might feel this is heresy, will hopefully realise this is the precept applied from the beginning and with some hostility to the 'alien autopsy'.

>All this does not necessarily mean that the film is authentic. It may >just be close to the truth, but with some deliberate inaccuracies, >just like, perhaps in other operations such as the MJ-12 documents, >etc.

If the 'alien autopsy' was a disaster for ufology, a suitable analogy for the patently bogus and quite ridiculous 'MJ-12' soap opera would have to be something like mega-disaster.

Again, never underestimate what a reasonably competent hoax can achieve and how it will be magnified by those who have an innate desire to believe in it, or see the opportunities in supporting and promoting it.

>I would be interested to read convincing arguments against this >hypothesis.

I'm not sure if it's convincing, but it's an argument!

>Incidentally, I may have some information to release soon on the 'KGB
>Secrets' TV production. Russian ufologist Boris Shurinov, to whom I
>sent the video, has already presented a rather devastating analysis
>of it at a recent conference in Italy (Cagliari, in Sardinia, 12
>december 1998). He is to send me soon a summary of it (he was
>completing his inquiry) with his authorization to circulate it. Just
>to give an example, he claims that the uniforms of the soldiers are
>not correct : they wear an officer's belt!

I'm sure this analysis would be of great interest to everyone.

Although I haven't seen any mention of it, possibly due to total
apathy, the TNT network's 'Secrets of the KGB UFO Files', or
whatever, was shown in the UK about six weeks ago.

As another presumed hoax, the scale of the 'crashed flying
saucer' footage was impressive and again indicated an ostensibly
competent recreation of a supposed real event.

Like the 'alien autopsy', the circumstantial 'documentary'
evidence also looked to be authentic.

It's an immense problem and questions whether any actually
genuine 'UFO' footage or related documents acquired under
'dubious' circumstances are now accepted to be bogus by default.

Incidentally, I recently taped, 'Secrets of the KGB JFK
Assassination Files' which was also hosted by Roger Moore,
resplendent in his 'spy' trenchcoat.

Assuming this has been shown in the US, although I also haven't
seen this mentioned, did it precede or supersede the 'TNT'
program?

It wasn't apparently a 'TNT' production, however, some of the
supposed 'hidden video' sequences showing the 'KGB secret files'
being purchased on the black market, had distinct similarities
to the TNT footage.

In any event, I'm hopeful there will shortly be quite
significant developments in the 'Santilli affair' and I can
explain what this relates to.

James.
E-mail: pulsar@compuserve.com

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 03:36:50 GMT
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 18:44:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 18:33:51 -0500

>>From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 04:15:29 GMT

>>Do you feel that you or Mr. Hopkins should "pay a price" for
>>propagating the alien abduction meme and all the associated harm
>>that it causes?

>What harm would that be? Please give details, with supporting
>evidence.

Hi Greg,

That's my whole point. There is no harm. I think Art Bell, John Velez, Budd Hopkins, etc. should all be free to say what ever they think is of interest to their audience without fear of "paying a price" (as long as there is no intent to cause harm). The notion that Art Bell is responsible (even partly) for the Heaven's Gate suicides is ludicrous.

<snip>

>"Meme" --
>biological term. An element of a culture or system of behavior
>that may be consider to be passed from one individual to another
>by non-genetic means, especially imitation." Nice swipe, Mr. R.
>Now prove it.)

I think the definition fits nicely. Thanks for including it. Do you have a specific disagreement with it?

Scott Ribordy
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Lectures explore NASA search for 'cosmic roots'

From: Keith Wyatt <keithwyatt@uswest.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 20:51:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 18:50:51 -0500
Subject: Lectures explore NASA search for 'cosmic roots'

Date sent: Tue, 12 Jan 1999 12:40:22 -0800 (PST)
From: JPL Media Relations Office <JPLNews@jpl.nasa.gov>
To: news@www.jpl.nasa.gov
Subject: Lectures explore NASA search for 'cosmic roots'
Send reply to: news-owner@www.jpl.nasa.gov

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Contact: Jane Platt

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 11, 1999

PUBLIC LECTURES EXPLORE NASA SEARCH FOR 'COSMIC ROOTS'

The search for life beyond the solar system will be the topic of a pair of free public lectures Thursday, January 21, at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Friday, January 22, at Pasadena City College.

"NASA's Origins Program -- The Search for Our Cosmic Roots and ... Galactic Cousins?" will be the topic of the lectures by Dr. Firouz Naderi, manager of the Origins Program at JPL. The JPL lecture will be held in the Laboratory's von Karman Auditorium, while the Pasadena City College lecture will be in the campus' Forum. Both are at 7 p.m., with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Naderi will explain NASA's series of planned missions to trace our existence to the formation of galaxies, stars, planets and early life on Earth. Origins missions will also hunt for Earth-like planets around stars in our "galactic neighborhood." The lectures are part of the monthly von Karman Lecture Series sponsored by JPL's Public Affairs Office.

During his 19 years at JPL, Naderi has also served as program manager for the Space Science Flight Experiments Program, project manager for the Scatterometer and SeaWinds projects, and project manager for mobile satellite experiments. Naderi was also the program manager at NASA Headquarters for the Advanced Communications Technology Satellites Program.

More information about JPL's von Karman Lecture Series is available on the Internet at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/lecture/>, or by calling (818) 354-5011. JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology.

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'Haunted' Nuclear Power Plant?

From: **Scott Carr** <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 16:00:41 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:09:47 -0500
Subject: 'Haunted' Nuclear Power Plant?

Hi EBK and List,

(I hope no on minds a slightly off-topic question)

I vaguely recall hearing a story on Sighting (or a similar show) about an allegedly haunted nuclear power plant somewhere in the U.S. -ring any bells? (I certainly do not mean to start a thread debating the topic of ghosts, I'm just curious about this particular story- and if it might possibly have been a mis-identification of UFO, or some other phenomenon).

By now you might be asking yourself, what is Scott doing asking all these questions- Kenneth Arnold's plane? UFO Cults? Haunted power plants? Fear not, these are three separate research avenues I'm pursuing for three separate projects.

As always, thanks for the tremendous, insightful, and informative response to my previous questions!!!

-Scott C. Carr

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Re:

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:24:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:12:01 -0500
Subject: Re:

>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 17:25:49 -0500
>Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 16:34:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:22:35 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

Previously, Neil wrote:

>>Of course some nice helpfull person may think to try and get the
>>Cc out of the archives under the FOIA?.

Steven replied:

>Is there any indication that a duplicate of the negatives was
>ever created and retained?

<snip>

>It is my understanding that the Air Force had a duplicate of the
>negative made in 1994 (or thereabouts) as part of their
>investigation in anticipation of the GAO probe, but it would
>have already sustained the damages mentioned.

>If we have reason to believe that a duplicate was made at the
>time, then we could make the request of the Archives.

Hi Steven,

Perhaps I misread Neil's post, but wasn't he talking about
getting a "Cc" of the original Ramey message? I did not get the
impression that Neil was talking about a duplicate negative. As
I said, I may be mistaken. Did I get it wrong, Neil?

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Re: Watch For My Coming Hoax!

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 14:22:47 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:15:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Watch For My Coming Hoax!

>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:58:32 -0800 (PST)
>From: Jeff Westover <frequentflier66@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Watch For My Coming Hoax!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Hello EBK and list.

>I'm interested in knowing whether or not anyone in the mental
>health field has ever done a study of the psychology of UFO
>hoaxers? It certainly would be a worthy area of study within
>ufology.

Dear Jeffrey:

How about hoaxers in general? That might make the numbers large enough to interest the Psychology community or others in allied studies.

UFOs are a prime target of course, but so are paranormal studies, exobiology, xenobiology (bigfoot, loch ness ..) and other "fringe" areas. The lure might be the large numbers of people who want to believe in something, but there may be some other psychology afoot here entirely.

I would expect hoaxers in all fringe sciences to have very similar modes and motives, but I could be wrong there too.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:50:20 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:18:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Dave Vetterick <veterick@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:46:28 -0600
>Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 16:40:09 -0500
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Previously, Dave opined:

<snip>

>Start with the fact that even the military can't legally
>threaten bodily harm or death without due process. It's almost
>impossible to serve up the death penalty even to convicted mass
>murderers much less for violating a 30 year old oath.

>What are they going to do, break someone's leg instead?

>This oath crapp is a cop out or cover for BS to start with.

Hi Dave,

First off, I'm fairly certain there's only one "p" in crap.

Just joking.<G>

In a way, you answered your own question when you wrote:

>Start with the fact that even the military can't legally
>threaten bodily harm or death without due process.

The problem isn't what the military or government does that's legal; those things are part of public record and can be researched. The problem is what the military or government does that's illegal. Those sort of things, such as CONTRA, don't normally appear as part of the public record, but they do happen. Do you think, per chance, that a single innocent person wasn't killed during the CONTRA dealings? We're talking about big money, clandestine arms running! The stakes were very high, certainly as high as they would be concerning ET technology. In fact, the stakes concerning ET technology might even be higher, if it's real.

In this instance, due process is not a concern for "the powers that be". Don't believe for a moment that just because something is illegal that the government is going to avoid doing it if it achieves the desired goal effectively and swiftly.

My father worked for a local TV station on the remote crew for the better part of 45 years. He told me often how police officers or government officials had confiscated field tapes from his unit minutes after taping had been completed on some story. These guys would arrive out of nowhere in the field and descend on my dad's news truck. Sometimes a reason was given, sometimes not. In every instance, my father was warned not to resist.

Intimidation is a very real and effective weapon because it can not be traced. On the other hand, I do agree that the "oath" business gets a little old since we seem to be hearing it more and more. It does seem that after 30 years, someone might feel

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they could let their guard down. But then again, without proof
what are they going to say?

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 18:09:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:26:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 19:13:34 -0500
>Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:21:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:31:58 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

Previously, Kari had offered:

>>>>Kenneth Arnold's airplane was single-engined Callier. According
>>>>to Jenny Randles ('The Complete Book of UFOs', Revised edition,
>>>>1997), it was specially designed for mountain work - capable of
>>>>landing in rough fields and pastures.

Because Gary is so sharp and devotes himself to only facts that
can be proved, he cautioned Kari:

>>>I understand you are trying to be helpful however; what's the
>>>point in posting the name misspelled and not giving a reference
>>>specifically with pagination that can be verified?

Myself, annoyed with Gary's hypocrisy concerning "factual
evidence" decided to remind him of his own short comings in
recent history:

>>One might very well ask the same regarding your posts about
>>Hynek and Larsen. At least Kari can prove Arnold's plane
>>existed, even if the name is misspelled. How about a reference
>>and pagination to support your own info?

In response, Gary formulated this brilliant passage, all the time
avoiding the question at hand:

>You are a piece of work. You assert she can prove Arnold' plane
>existed.

>

>How?

>

>Perhaps if she could bring the plane to my home, with the
>paperwork documenting its chain of ownership. Otherwise without
>physical evidence acceptable to me I won't consider anything
>else proof.

>Or maybe she should land it on the Whitehouse lawn.

>Isn't that how your usual line of reasoning goes.

>Or am I to accept on your word that her proof is my proof.

>Why don't you file a FOIA for Larsen and Hynek's paystubs.
>If you don't know how people are vetted then I suggest that
>you brush up on your tradecraft.

And here are my logical, well formulated responses to the above:

1) I think you are full of crap.

- 2) I think the above proves you are full of crap.
- 3) I will continue to consider you full of crap as long as you don't practice what you preach regarding "verification" of facts.
- 4) Did I mention I think you are full of crap?

Later,

Roger Evans

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From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:27:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 20:00:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Kari Valimaa <suomen.ufotutkijat@kolumbus.fi>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 19:21:07 +0200

>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 20:31:26 -0500
>>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>>I understand you are trying to be helpful however; what's the
>>point in posting the name misspelled and not giving a reference
>>specifically with pagination that can be verified?

>The make of Kenneth Arnold's airplane was misspelled by Jenny
>Randles in her book 'The Complete Book of UFOs, Judy Piatkus
>Ltd, Revised edition 1997, page 72.

Kari,

Seems like 'The Complete Book of UFOs' might be a complete
source for many things except for its lack of fact checking and
correct spelling pertaining to the subject if such an elementary
item is incorrect.

Perhaps it's best to stick to the primary sources.

Gary

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Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 20:29:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 20:03:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 17:25:49 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:22:35 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

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>>Of course some nice helpfull person may think to try and get the
>>Cc out of the archives under the FOIA?.

>Interesting post, and I agree that this needs to be researcher
>further.

>Is there any indication that a duplicate of the negatives was
>ever created and retained? Since there was no "official"
>investigation ((that I'm aware of) following the announcement in
>Ramey's office, I'm not familiar with any evidence that was
>gathered and retained (other than the anecdotal references
>mentioned by Roswell witnesses).

>It is my understanding that the Air Force had a duplicate of the
>negative made in 1994 (or thereabouts) as part of their
>investigation in anticipation of the GAO probe, but it would
>have already sustained the damages mentioned.

>If we have reason to believe that a duplicate was made at the
>time, then we could make the request of the Archives.

My \$25 CDROM ofthe many scans of the Ramey photo includes one of
my 20 year old print. No scratch on the fingernail.

Stan Friedman

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From: **Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto**
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Dr. James E. McDonald, Professor of Atmospheric physics,
University of Arizona. 1967 stated in 1967. "I have absolutely
no idea where the UFO's come from or how they are operated, but
after ten years of research, I know they are something from
outside our atmosphere."

TWO NEW PLANETS FOUND THAT MAY HOST LIFE

A star within the Big Dipper, 47 Ursae Majoris is believed to
host a planet a little larger than Earth. It could have a warm
and watery surface ideal for life based on its orbit around the
star. New planets are being found almost monthly based on new
gravitational measurements and characteristic wobbles of the
stars. Another planet was found orbiting the star 70 Virginis,
in the Constellation Virgo. Unlike Earth, many newly found
planet orbit's are an elongated oval rather than a near-perfect
circle. Geoffrey Marcy of San Francisco State University notes
that nine of 17 extrasolar planets detected so far have such
eccentric orbits. The circular orbits exhibited by every planet
in our solar system may be more the exception than the rule,
Marcy and his colleagues suggest in a paper submitted to the
Astrophysical Journal. 'Looking for Life.' The gravitational
effects of giant planets in elliptical orbits could sweep aside
smaller worlds, the researchers say. "This does represent a bit
of a wet blanket on the search for intelligence in the galaxy,"
Marcy said in Saturday's announcement. "The big bullies may wipe
clean the terrestrial planets in those planetary systems,
rendering them void of any Earth analogs." On the bright side,
Marcy says only about 5 percent of the stars in the Milky Way
appear to have close-in Jupiter-scale planets. "What we're
learning is that 95 percent of sunlike stars don't have these
wildly wacky Jupiter's in such close-in orbits, and I would say
that's quite good news for the SETI efforts." Thanks to AP by
Paul Recer.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIREBALL

Greg St. Pierre reports January 10, 1999, Sunday was a strange
day for New Hampshire, my home state. At 5:50 a.m., a minor
earthquake was felt in southern NH and northern Massachusetts,
measuring about 2.7. An aftershock of about the same magnitude
occurred at 10:20 a.m. Tremors are rare in these parts, two on
the same day is unheard of. Also, the following story appeared
in the Monday's edition of Manchester's Union Leader by Derek

Rose: 'Green flash' streaks through central NH sky. Bill Slatton was driving home when he saw what looked to be a green fireball streak across the night sky in Pittsfield yesterday. "My God, this thing was as clear as day," he remembers thinking to himself. "It was huge. It was right along side of us." His fiancée, Kathy Bickford, saw it too. Police departments in Bow and Northfield report sightings also, from callers describing a "green flash" in the sky. Slatton said he and his fiancée saw the fireball for a few seconds as they drove south on Route 28 in Pittsfield around 7:05 PM, yesterday. He said it was like the fireball that crashes into the earth in a recent Dunkin Donuts commercial. "It was descending almost like a plane descending. It's hard to describe, it was just so awesome." James Ryan, a professor of physics and space science at the University of New Hampshire, didn't think the report was strange. "It could be a meteorite," he said. "Estimates of how far away these things are very unreliable." Thanks to Greg St. Pierre and John Thompson. StrmNut@aol.com.

NEW JERSEY

TETERBORO AIRPORT-- Ann Marie Fondaciaio's reported to CAUS that her husband had two recent UFO sightings. He was in the Special forces in Vietnam and has worked as a ground crew chief for 32 years at the airport. He works with all kinds of private jets and helicopters. His first experience occurred on December 15, 1998, at 5:30 AM at Teterboro Airport in Northern New Jersey. The corporate airport is located about a five minute drive from the George Washington Bridge that goes over the Hudson River into New York City. My husband left his line shack and looked towards the George Washington Bridge. He saw a huge row of lights that were stacked together in two rows as long as the bridge, flying very low and slow. It was coming out of a cloud bank and made a long slow turn towards the bridge. The size of it was as big as the whole span of the GWB. It was huge. It's shape was a wedge with the corners rounded. You could feel the ship move like a low grade vibration in the air, though it made no sound. At this point another worker came up in back of my husband and said, "Oh what is that?" My husband said "What ever it is it's big" Now the ship started to head up the river towards the Tappansee Bridge. Then it went up into the clouds. As the object was leaving, my husband heard a message in his ear. It was not like a thought. "The unsettling ? in the Middle East will end. The evil alchemist will die" Again on December 31 at about 10:15 AM same airport. My husband was in the line shack again when he saw something that caught his eye in the sky. He looked up and in the sky where there were clouds, but in a small blue open patch of sky, he saw a glint of light. It came from the Southeast, then turned to the northeast going towards the George Washington Bridge. When he first saw it, it was moving against air traffic and bobbing up and down going against the wind. When it banked to the left and faced the sun, he could see the sun shine off the top. When it banked the other way, the bottom was a dull Grey. The tower saw it in their radar. The tower said it was moving erratically in altitude between 8,000 and 10,000 feet. The tower radioed aircraft in the landing pattern that they have an unidentified over the airport not responding to any radio call. Divert from the left downwind pattern to a right downwind pattern until we determine the unidentified intentions. The ship was 20-30 feet in diameter. About 16 people witnessed this including the tower people. Thanks to Peter A. Gersten Dir. CAUS and <http://caus.org> and Ann Marie Fondaciaio's--e.fonda@poconos-online.com.

LAKE PARSIPPANY MYSTERY: "Something plunged into Lake Parsippany on Christmas Eve December 24, 1998, breaking a hole in the ice 75 feet across and blowing vegetation into the air." "Gifts were delivered by morning, so it wasn't St. Nick buying the farm. Nor were any meteor sightings reported, according to ION Weather meteorologist Bill Cotter." The hole in the ice caught the attention of Joe Strobel, who lives 150 feet away on a small island in the lake. He told a friend about it on Christmas morning." "'They were all ready to have me committed to Greystone the local mental health facility.' said Strobel, a nine-year resident. "Then they came over and they couldn't explain it. One guy lived here for 35 years and said he's never seen anything like that." "The green vegetation was blown into the air and fell in a circle on the surrounding ice, drawing a flock of hungry Canada geese. A thin sheet of ice has since formed on the lake." Parsippany, NJ is located about 20 northwest of New York City." (See the Daily Record of Morris

County, NJ for 12/29/98, by Erik Engquist. Thanks to "Aiwass" and UFO Roundup Vol. 4, #2 January 11, 1999 Editor: Joseph Trainor

MICHIGAN

I am E-mailing to ask if any one of you had received reports or heard talk of UFO sightings in the Saginaw-Bay area of Michigan on Christmas Eve. Also, the Macomb/St.Claire Counties area northeast of Detroit on Christmas night. I had a sighting of an anomalous orangish light on December 24, 1998. An odd unimpressive light flared on and off low in the eastern sky. I received a sober-sounding message from a person in Macomb County, Michigan concerning several lights in the southern sky on Christmas night. The lights were apparently in sight by an entire family for over two hours. The family seems to have a history of UFO sightings as well as silent black helicopter sightings. It should be noted that Selfridge ANGB near by. Let me know if you'd like more information. Jeff Westover

OHIO

CINCINNATI-- Channel-9 News WCPO reports mysterious booms were heard in areas near Butler County by Laura Randall on January 10, 1999. The situation involved explosive booms and thuds which alarmed residents in parts of Fairfield, Ohio (18-miles north of Cincinnati). An earlier newscast by WCPO reporters addressed the numerous phone calls to police dispatch offices, stating that the disruptions had been attributed to an underground phenomenon known as 'ice heaving' or 'frost cracking.' This explanation was reportedly offered by persons at The National Weather Service office, located in Wilmington, Ohio. Interestingly, WCPO News in this later report informed that a local geologist, University of Cincinnati Professor Dr. Kenneth Hinkle, refuted the 'frost-cracking' theory and informed that such explanations were not workable in this instance. "In the High Arctic, frost-cracking resembles a sharp snap similar to a rifle report, which can be felt," Hinkle stated for the newscast. The National Weather Service believed that a combination heavy rain and rapid freezing led to the mysterious sounds heard by alarmed residents. Hinkle was curious, and after conducting an investigation, added that frost-cracking was a most unlikely explanation. Hinkle took a garden spade and put the frost-cracking theory to the test, but found that the snow had insulated the top-soil from the bitter cold. Hinkle demonstrated that the sub-surface conditions were not conducive to frost-cracking. Thanks to Kenny Young TASK.

ILLINOIS

Thanos Perros reports seeing a disk at 2:00 AM on January 1, 1999. The disc-shaped UFO landed and I ran inside to get my camera it was gone. (708) 301-6787 12853 Parker Road, Lockport, IL 60441. Editors Note: At this time he may have been celebrating New Year's Eve, in any case his phone is now disconnected, so we are unable to verify.

ALASKA

Warren Angel writes that on January 6, 1999, "My wife and I were driving in Anchorage toward the Chugiach Mountain range and saw what appeared to be a large "plane" (for lack of a better term) launch straight up and then level off at a high rate of speed. Thinking it was just our eye playing tricks on us, we dismissed it. Since it happened Wednesday afternoon several people in different parts of town witnessed the same thing. The trail was immense. It almost reminded us of watching a shuttle launch. Since the area it came out of is on military property, we figured it's safe to say it's "one of ours".. As I said, the trail was immense, like a shuttle launch. I kind of doubt it was a UFO. However, it does suggest there might be other US space projects going on around Arctic Valley. This thing was over 15 miles away and we could make out the general shape. It was larger than a commercial airliner at approximately the same distance. It was a silver, reflective triangle in the same kind of shape as the new shuttle designs. It appeared that the trail went from 2 streams to 4 as it hit an undeterminable altitude. We watch the fighters out of Elmendorf all the time, this was not an F-15 or anything we've seen before. And obviously others felt the same (so far the count is 8 spread throughout the city) as it caught their attentions as well. Thanks to: Warren Angel

warangel@geocities.com. Editors Note: This description fits similar takeoffs of a powerful aircraft sometimes called the Aurora.

IRELAND

DUBLIN--The Boston Herald, January 11, 1999, by Jim Dee. Last year, 4,230,000 visitors descended on the Emerald Isle - Land of a Thousand Welcomes - from the four corners of the Earth to sample Ireland's legendary hospitality. Others - possibly from a galaxy far, far, away hovered in the sky above without ever landing, according to self-taught UFO expert Eamon Ansbro. A former engineer and meteorologist, Ansbro, 48, has spent much of the past decade trying to perfect a system of predicting when and where alien spacecraft will arrive. Ansbro is convinced UFOs will be hovering above Dublin at 5 a.m. on January 30. And in February, he promised, they'll return to one of their favorite haunts, the tiny town of Boyle, County Roscommon. It's "a UFO hotspot," he said. Ansbro can't explain exactly why Ireland is a preferred extraterrestrial destination, but says possible reasons range from the nation's political neutrality to its Druidic past. After all, in a country renowned for its 'Forty Shades of Green' and a multitude of leprechauns, little green men from outer space might fit in nicely. And then there's Irish hospitality. "The one thing about the Irish is that they're open to the new," Ansbro said. "Ireland isn't going to send up some fleet of F-16s and blast UFOs out -- which has been done, apparently, by the Americans" in the 1950s. Ansbro has frequently been profiled in Irish newspapers and featured on British and Irish TV and Irish radio in the last year. He claimed he has identified "an automated surveillance" of Earth, regularly conducted by "a large craft, say at 80 to 90 thousand feet, that somehow is camouflaged." The craft periodically ejects UFOs to orbit and scan the Earth below, he believes. Ansbro thinks alien craft use Ireland's abundant stone-age rock monuments, known as Megalithic tombs, as "vortexial energy points" - navigational beacons - to maintain their bearings. He produces a map outlining common alien touring routes around Earth. Eighty percent of them pass over Megalithic tombs.

GEORGIA HAIN'T'S INTRUDERS

John Thompson writes: I was talking to an ex-MUFON member in LaGrange today and he related an interesting account of INTs to me. He said a dog was barking and jumping on a bed trying to get at an "haint" and everybody in the witness's family was having bad dreams of same type until they did some demon bashing with the help of God. That was several months ago and the family he talked to say the haints instantly disappeared; thus, confirming the Florida folks and what my own limited investigations into this matter have shown. Over 90 percent of this business is dimensional stuff and why there is never, never any physical proof. I think despite all of the Air Force's critics, Project Bluebook had it about right: 6-7% of UFOs are unexplainable. Actually looking at their unsolvables, I think I could have solved some of them and this would bring it down to 4 or-5 %. Thanks to John Thompson.

TERRORIST RETALIATION?

The US has struck at targets in Iraq, Libya, Yugoslavia, in recent years. These countries have no chance of attacking us with standard modern military weapons of war. Therefore it is likely they will attack with terrorist actions. Some of the most vulnerable targets are commercial aircraft and large buildings as targets. In a related story by Ian Williams Goddard (c)1999. (The Orwellian Nightmare) One of the more disturbing issues surrounding the TWA Flight 800 crash has been the claims made by some people that on the night of the crash they saw reports on TV that confirmed a missile hit, yet the reports apparently disappeared into an Orwellian black hole. NOW a news cameraman has spilled-the-beans on one of these disappeared TV reports, indicating that what people have been saying they saw on TV really was on TV. People have claimed they saw an interview right after the crash of an Air National Guard pilot as he stood on a tarmac in front of an aircraft where the pilot said the jet was hit with a missile and that Navy-missile exercises were being conducted at the time. Consistent with such an interview, the Long Island paper Suffolk Life reports [1]: "Long Island's Channel 55 cameraman James Hughes, said during an interview that he and another camera crew from one of the networks were at the

airport when the C130 landed. The crew, he said, stated they saw a missile heading toward FL 800 just before they witnessed the explosion. The C130 crew members were pulled away from the two camera crews by what Hughes said appeared to be their superiors and came back claiming they had seen nothing." This not only confirms TV-witness accounts of a truth-leaking interview of a pilot at an airport, but it also clearly indicates that the truth was known that night and, with the immediate censure of the pilots, it also reveals that a massive cover-up was activated immediately, which must explain why the media forgot about that explosive interview. (The C-130 was piloted by Col. William Stratemeier. Major Frederick Meyer, who said he saw a meteor-like streak, piloted an HH-60 helicopter. After retiring from the ANG, Meyer said that the first blast looked like "the detonation of an antiaircraft shell." We can speculate terrorists were at work. When our Navy hit an Iranian commercial aircraft with a missile we immediately announced that the ship had fired thinking the aircraft was attacking.

THE SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF UFOs AT CHRISTMAS

Dana Schmidt, MUFON State Director writes As to UFOs Suddenly Disappear, you do not state the necessary conclusion: If misidentifications should also continue through the holidays but do not, then the lack of ANY UFOs must be attributed to people being distracted from "Looking to the skies," and NOT, that UFOs are on holiday. Why aliens should care about our holidays is beyond me, just as much as why anyone (and folks have suggested this to me) would think UFOs would be more likely to be active at the turn of a century or millennium, as if our calendar meant anything to anyone else but the Christian world. As to the Iraq triangles noted in Desert Fox, I am surprised at your statement without comment that the CNN reports infer that might have been a "holographic projection" by our armed forces. Forget it -- that is science fiction, and we need to label it as such. The art is not NEAR advanced enough to do that. The last thing we need to do is encourage the skeptics to pounce on ridiculous explanations. Never mind it was CNN who "inferred" it. We need to call a spade a spade, or in this case, science fiction, science fiction. Editor's Note: It is likely that we are launching some type of decoy to draw antiaircraft fire. Lights or flares mounted on balloons or unpiloted aircraft to explain the triangular aircraft observed over Bagdad.

MAJESTIC 12 DOCUMENTS

Dr. Richard F. Haines writes: "Having looked at the publication still under investigation (headed by Dr. R. Wood and his son Ryan), I am more and more coming to the conclusion (yet still tentative) that these Majestic documents are authentic. Of course the burden of proof lies with the debunkers, since the documents are claimed to be authentic and not vice versa. I have seen almost no credible forensic work to date published on the debunker's side of this matter. As you and others have pointed out so clearly, the implications to our nation and the world of these documents (if verified) are enormous indeed. It is more than curious (and interesting) that they were leaked just before the new millennium! Finally, you may like to know that my book "Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind" (CE-5) has now been released by Sourcebooks, Inc., and is available at all major bookstores. I attempted to analyze the data set fairly rigorously and from the standpoint of seeking evidence for intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon. Thanks to Dick Haines dhaines@mail.arc.nasa.gov

NOSTRADAMOUS PREDICTS A KING WILL COME:

Ufo Contat writes Nostradamus predicted that in July of 1999, a King will come from the sky. "In the year 1999 and seven months, From the skies shall come an alarmingly powerful king, To raise again the great King of the Jacquerie, Before and after, Mars shall reign at will." The actual writing in French: "L'an mil neuf cens nonante neuf sept mois, Du ciel viendra un grand Roy d'effayeur, Resusciter le grand Roy d'Angolmois, Avant apres, Mars regner par bon heur." The commentary that accompanies my translation reads as follows: "A tremendous world revolution is foretold to take place in the year 1999, with a complete upheaval of existing social orders, preceded by World-Wide wars. Nostradamus shows his mystic knowledge of the great secret of the book of revelations and solves for us the identity of the "Beast of the Apocalypse" and the time of his arrival which John

of Patmos (Rev. 13:18) records "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the Beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is 666." By a simple reversal of the numbers and turning 999 upside down we obtain 666. Also in agreement with the prophetic vision of H. G. Wells and other gifted History and Science-Fiction writers, Nostradamus actually ties in the date 1999 when "from the skies shall come an invasion . . . and Mars shall reign at will." Time alone will tell whether this is "War of the Worlds" is to be accepted literally or metaphorically. Thanks to Ufo contact.

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RPIT Test

From: **John W. Ratcliff** <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 19:35:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 01:18:05 -0500
Subject: RPIT Test

Quick comment. I've been more than slightly skeptical of the whole Roswell Photo Interpretation team hyperbole. Of course, the idea is kind of fun, especially reports of memos offering tantalizing details, a time capsule of the great mythological 'first coming'.

In the past I found it rather hysterical that the rhetoric from James Bond Johnson included statements like "can clearly be seen", in reference to blobs, blurs, and splotches. Most of his proffered evidence has compelled me to offer Mr. Johnson a gift certificate to Lenscrafters.

So, in that light, I tried a little experiment with the recent image attachment which purported to include the eerie statement about "the victims." All I saw when I downloaded the image at first, were the murder mystery letters cut-out. With a great deal of squinting I finally managed to imagine that there was in

fact a vague correlation between the two.

I then had my boss come into my office, and covered up everything but the smudgecicles. I asked him, cold, "What does that say?" He took a few seconds and then read the first half of the sentence exactly!

I worthwhile experiment, I was surprised at the results. I guess the USAF is going to have to redress that whole "victims" issue in their next report, due 50 years hence. <g>

John W. Ratcliff

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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: **Angela Shilling** <ashill@visitations.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:55:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 01:33:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:50:20 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>It does seem that after 30 years, someone might feel
>they could let their guard down. But then again, without proof
>what are they going to say?

Exactly! These people still have to live and work in a society that shuns the UFO topic. I would venture to say that it's not just the Oaths that prevent these people from saying anything. It is the repercussions from society they are concerned about. Without proof they come out looking like fools and that's something they can't afford.

Angela Shilling
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Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

From: **Fabrizio Monaco** <F.Monaco@stm.it>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 00:43:01 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 01:15:13 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Sighting in Italy

What do the letters CISETI stand for?

The full name of my organization is "Comitato Internazionale per lo Studio delle Intelligenze Extraterrestri", the English translation is "International Committee for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence". We called it CISETI just for make it not so difficult...

Best Regards,
Fabrizio Monaco
CISETI International Coordinator

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Re: Watch for my coming hoax!

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 21:01:05 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 01:41:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Watch for my coming hoax!

>>From: Michael Edelman <mje@mich.com>
>>Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors
>>Subject: Watch for my coming hoax!
>>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 12:39:37 -0500
>>Organization: Wayne State University

>>Fellow aliens, spooks, paranoids (you know who you
>>are) and schitzophrenics:

>>I am just about ready to launch my massive saucer
>>hoax on the nation, and I'm giving you advance
>>warning. I do so so (1) you'll know it's a hoax
>>and (2) to prove that it can work even if I
>>disclose it's a hoax in advance.

>>Watch for it!

>Hello EBK and list.

>I'm interested in knowing whether or not anyone in the mental
>health field has ever done a study of the psychology of UFO
>hoaxers? It certainly would be a worthy area of study within
>ufology.

Jeffrey S. Westover
Mt Pleasant, Michigan

Jean van Gemert, Brian Zeiler, and I had a number of run-ins
with Michael Edelman over on Usenet groups like
alt.alien.visitors and alt.paranet.ufo. There were numerous
instances of where Edelman simply invented his "facts" on the
fly. Or to put it more bluntly, the man was a flagrant liar.
I supposed that gives him the necessary qualifications to be a
UFO hoaxer.

Here are a few examples of his lying. At one point we were
discussing Blue Book Special Report #14, the massive statistical
Battelle Institute study of UFO cases for the Air Force. As I
recall, Edelman first claimed that BBSR#14 was called Blue Book
because it was nothing more than publication of a saucer fan
magazine. Later he said it was the comparison of alien faces
from different witnesses. He also claimed to have read it as a
teenager in some 1960's paperback. We continually pushed him to
name the book, since none of us had ever heard of it. Eventually
he claimed to have finally found the book, but again when pushed
could produce no name or author. Then he said he would provide
the information if we sent him \$50.

I hope this gives you a general picture. Jean van Gemert can
back me up on this. Or you can go to Deja News archives and look
up Edelman's posts for yourself. Have the barf bag close at
hand.

Edelman isn't alone, as I have seen a number of other debunkers
who also resort regularly to deliberate lying. Many of them are
also obnoxious or verbally abusive in the extreme. (Any names
leap immediately to mind?)

Re: Watch for my coming hoax!

Ironically, like many debunkers, Edelman also claims to have a scientific background and decries ufology as completely unscientific. Since when is compulsive lying to make your case "scientific"?

There is definitely some sort of debunker psychopathology at work here worthy of at least a PhD thesis or two. Maybe the doctor dropped them all on their heads when they were born.

David Rudiak

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Chat with Mark Hall, British Ufologist

From: Yvonne Hedenland <vonni_h@email.msn.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 20:35:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 01:45:46 -0500
Subject: Chat with Mark Hall, British Ufologist

MJ-12 CHAT

Mark Hall, British UFOlogist, is a resident of the North East Of England. He is a member of the UFO organizations CSETI and the small British organization UfoStudies based near Newcastle.

Mr. Hall has accumulated a massive database of UFO material including hundreds of government documents and has undertaken an extensive study of the sensational, newly released MJ-12 information.

Join Mr. Hall and the Politics of UFOs Staff Sunday, January 17, 1999, 6 PM Pacific Time.

This chat is available at <http://communities.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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Circles Phenomenon Research Canada Update 01-15-99

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:15:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 01:54:46 -0500
Subject: Circles Phenomenon Research Canada Update 01-15-99

Circles Phenomenon Research Canada Update
January 15, 1999

NEW COORDINATOR FOR SASKATCHEWAN
CPR-Canada welcomes Jeff Rudichuk, who has an extensive
background in video production, broadcasting, photography and
computer network analysis

OVER 100 ICE / SNOW CIRCLES REPORTED IN GERMANY
Link to report on FGK web site in Germany (most of the report is
currently still in German only, but some good photos available)

OLIVER'S CASTLE VIDEO HOAX CONFESSION:
A STATEMENT FROM COLIN ANDREWS
Report from Colin Andrews, who has a videotaped confession by
John Wabe as to how and why he did it

See News and Reports web site link
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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 02:35:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 03:36:50 GMT

>That's my whole point. There is no harm. I think Art Bell, John
>Velez, Budd Hopkins, etc. should all be free to say what ever
>they think is of interest to their audience without fear of
>"paying a price" (as long as there is no intent to cause
>harm). The notion that Art Bell is responsible (even partly) for
>the Heaven's Gate suicides is ludicrous.

><snip>

>>"Meme" --
>>biological term. An element of a culture or system of behavior
>>that may be consider to be passed from one individual to another
>>by non-genetic means, especially imitation." Nice swipe, Mr. R.
>>Now prove it.)

>I think the definition fits nicely. Thanks for including it. Do
>you have a specific disagreement with it?

None at all, Scott. I think I misunderstood you, and I'm sorry.
I thought you were suggesting -- as many have in fact declared
with no proof at all -- that the abduction phenomenon is spread
by cultural contagion. I thought your use of "meme" implied
that, and I was complimenting you on your deft use of language,
while asking you to prove the point I thought you were making.
Silly of me, if you really weren't saying what I thought, and I
apologize.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 00:41:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 02:39:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 18:48:52 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>>I have to admit I have little respect for the analysis you
>>quoted, Michael, for all the reasons I stated. My opinion of
>>Meier has nothing to do with that. I hope I'm an objective
>>student of ufology, but I can't throw away all my professional
>>knowledge of sound and music just to give the Meier case (or any
>>other one) a chance.

>Yet again Greg you are basing your bias on what I typed. I again
>call for you to just take the time to view the CONTACT video
>tape and then you and I can talk from a somewhat level playing
>field... I respect your right to your opinion...but an opinion
>which is formed on partial information, is incomplete. <G>

For the last time, Michael, and this is very frustrating....

I'm not talking about the Contact video, on which I have no
opinion.

You quoted an analysis of the sound heard on it. Your quote was
quite long. I commented on what you quoted. If there's something
else in the video that you think I would like better, please
type it out, as you did your last quote, so I can know what it
is.

I'm most definitely not required to spend time and money to view
something just because you're interested in it. If you didn't
convince me to be interested, that's your problem, not mine. I
have absolutely no bias one way or another; I just read what you
quoted.

I have only so much time to spend on UFOs, and I try to spend on
the things that both interest me, and make the most sense. The
Contact video hasn't yet become one of them -- which by the way
is not meant as a rejection of it. Life is short, Michael. I
don't know Mahler's 7th symphony as well as I know his others, I
haven't read William Faulkner, I haven't seen the Jackson
Pollock exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art here in New York, I
haven't talked to my friend Jesse for three weeks, I haven't
heard the recent PJ Harvey album, I don't know much about the
Russian economic collapse, and I haven't tried two new
restaurants that recently opened in my neighborhood.

Maybe one of my friends will tell me I ought to read Faulkner,
quoting me some passage they love from one of his novels. Maybe
the passage won't impress me, and I'll say, "You know, I don't
like that very much." That doesn't mean I think Faulkner is a
terrible writer. It just means that my friend hasn't convinced
me to give Faulkner as high a priority as she does.

That's all that's happening here, Michael. You may think the
Contact video is very important, and maybe it is, but you
haven't convinced me. If you want me to watch it, give me better
reasons -- and, for God's sake, stop thinking this has anything
to do with any discussion of Meier you've read on this list or

Re: Fox TV Special

anywhere else.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

From: John Rimmer <magonia@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 10:04:57 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:31:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9

>From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 03:36:50 GMT

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 18:33:51 -0500

>>>From: Scott Ribordy <sdr@ns.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Art Bell - Friday, January 8/9
>>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 04:15:29 GMT

>>>Do you feel that you or Mr. Hopkins should "pay a price" for
>>>propagating the alien abduction meme and all the associated harm
>>>that it causes?

>>What harm would that be? Please give details, with supporting
>>evidence.

To see the harm that these abduction so-called researchers are
doing I suggest you read Kevin McClures 'Abduction Watch', which
is archived on the Magonia web-site - address below. There's
plenty of evidence there.

--
John Rimmer
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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: John Rimmer <magonia@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:12:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:34:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:55:11 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Angela Shilling <ashill@visitations.com>
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:50:20 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>It does seem that after 30 years, someone might feel
>>they could let their guard down. But then again, without proof
>>what are they going to say?

>Exactly! These people still have to live and work in a society
>that shuns the UFO topic.

With the massive degree of media promotion, books, magazines, TV programmes ("factual" and fictional), a huge amount of web-space, newspapers features, videos, etc., etc., etc. devoted to a largely uncritical view of ufology, how can you claim that this is "a society that shuns the UFO topic"? This is a society that laps it up. Many postings on this List are of newspaper and magazine articles reporting surveys that purport to show that a very high percentage of the general population believes that "UFOs are real".

The fact is that people claiming some special insight or direct experience of an extraterrestrial UFO phenomenon are not shunned - often they are given very large advances on book contracts. It's the wicked old sceptics who are shunned. Who gets more money for a book, Klass or Strieber? Even the more rational ufologists get a raw deal - I suspect Tim Good's bank balance is a lot healthier than Jerome Clark's! But then Jerry doesn't spread a "gee-whiz, I'll believe anything" line so he's a lot less marketable in this allegedly UFO-shunning society. If only!

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Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

From: Lawrie Williams <nemesis@fastinternet.net.au>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 21:53:21 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:37:31 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 1999 22:52:31 -0500Fwd Date: Tue, 12
>Jan 1999 10:35:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Cults - A research question...

>It would seem to me that anyone who takes seriously the idea
>(fact) of UFO reality >also has to seriously consider the
>possibility (probability) that >Other Intelligences (OI),
>whether ETs or time travelers or whatever,

- >1) created humans
- >2) have watched human development
- >3) have affected human history a number of times by
> doing things outside the norm of human ability
- >4) have given rise to what we call "religious history"

A nice analysis!

Modifying the above, consider the possibility that all of the
others

- 1) co-evolved with humans throughout the galaxy/cosmos(?)
- 2) compete with humans for a perch on the rungs above us
- 3) in this remote region we live below and cop the droppings
- 4) evangelical Others from elsewhere are sneaking us some help
- 5) there is no Grand Scheme, its ecology and xeno-sociology and
we'll to comprehend the dynamic equilibrium to understand.

That is how I have come to see it based on the picture "they"
appear to have offered me. (All disclaimers apply.)

Ever so humbly yours,

Lawrie Williams____ who wishes he could thank everyone for the
absolute flood of responses to his BZ and DEH postings

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Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

From: "Steven W. Kaeser" <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 06:50:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:39:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:24:44 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

<snip>

>Hi Steven,

>Perhaps I misread Neil's post, but wasn't he talking about
>getting a "Cc" of the original Ramey message? I did not get the
>impression that Neil was talking about a duplicate negative. As
>I said, I may be mistaken. Did I get it wrong, Neil?

Roger and Neil -

You're probably right. It's that damned language barrier when
I'm trying to translate English to english. . . .<g>

Of course, if the memo mentions "victims" as alleged, then it
would likely have become destroyed, rather than filed.

Steve

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Kelly Tyson <RCTyson@webtv.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 06:07:49 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:42:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

I don't mean to sound rude, but perhaps you guys can give what appears to be personal vendettas a rest. Especially in this public forum. You don't seem to, or even want to, understand each others point. Maybe you should drop the endless sniping and really try to resolve this dispute or just give it up. Sometimes two people can't see eye to eye no matter how many times you try.

In the interest of respectful enlightenment,

RCTyson@webtv.net

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Alfred's Odd Ode #289

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 06:11:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:45:38 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #289

Apology to MW #289 (For January 16, 1999)

Come on up -- I'll fill your bucket, and I'll give you much to chew when I show you what's around to be assessed. At first a little scary, when the ground begins to quake, but the shakedown is deliverance to discover that you're blessed! You'll have what keeps your button pushed -- have everything you need, a place to study facts you lack to bring you up to speed. A place to lay a tired brow that's clean and smells just right. An engagement of your faculties that's yours alone -- no need to fight. . . It's an unpolluted meadow, or a river rife with fish. It's finding there are other ways to be successful -- rich. It's receiving due respect from those you work to keep afloat. It's not suffering their sneers, derision -- or failing while they gloat.

Happy satisfaction (?) or despair in their distraction as they milk your very glands for what they have. And you'll do without a piss break, so you won't have much to drink, and your wounds will see no medicine or salve. While they short you on the front end -- your **specific** contract pay, they will short you on the back end to erode your health away. But fan detested gonads (!), then, to sell their toxic soap, decrying sex (which happens!) as the wage of Satan's joke. And them the ones so teasing (!), as they rub it in your face! And them the ones you're pleasing when you give in to disgrace! It's why we're taught to keep sex dirty -- a forbidden price is high. If sex was honored . . . natural (?) -- the price goes down, is why <g>.

Their tease regarding UFOs is wall to wall TV! They're in our papers/magazines -- displayed for you to see. Festooned with woo-woo music, and a digitized effect, we're jerked beyond credulity, so the facts will lose respect. The mainstream keeps it's distance, and the NASA stays aloof! They won't go on the Jeff Rense Show! They won't discuss the truth. They're not open and forthcoming, and it's said they might conspire with the forces of **convenience** that may keep us from our hearts desire!

It could mean that we're autonomous, and too strong to be assailed -- on the lip of newer wonders that some **Starfolk** might detail. It could simply mean there's starfolk, and a lot of them out **there**. We discounted Drake's equation (when we could not take the number's dare)! Let sleeping dogs alone, we whined (but out of mean convenience). Our lives we've based on futures that exclude our craft and genius. We make our strained assumptions putting castles in the air, and deny the watching Starfolk that have always hovered there. From time gone unrecorded they have been in human skies. Have they made their long recording of our litany of lies? They'll play it for us soon, perhaps, then wait for your denial. When crying's done we'll find, I'll bet, *absolution's* clean and final. The future that we plan is surly gone, I am assured, but the future that replaces it is bigger, grander -- pure.

The future that's portended will be seen and not pretended, and the satisfaction gained will awe inspire! We will live beyond pretensions, and ignore our class distinctions as we build on firmer ground than what's now known to be conspired! We will build upon new ethics in a wealth of new eclectics that

we knew not were abundant in our fog. And we'll find that our behavior's more inclusive -- it's our SAVIOR, while =E9litists see their error in the past, and all along. C'mon up and fill your bucket with the facts you haven't chewed yet, and don't worry that it tastes a lot like crow -- it may taste a little worse before you finish what needs chewing, but then tasting, far, far better than you know!

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

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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: RPIT Test

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 05:49:09 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 12:17:03 -0500
Subject: Re: RPIT Test

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: RPIT Test
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 19:35:07 -0600

<snip>

>Quick comment. I've been more than slightly skeptical of the
>whole Roswell Photo Interpretation team hyperbole. Of course,
>the idea is kind of fun, especially reports of memos offering
>tantalizing details, a time capsule of the great mythological
>'first coming'.

>In the past I found it rather hysterical that the rhetoric from
>James Bond Johnson included statements like "can clearly be
>seen", in reference to blobs, blurs, and splotches. Most of his
>proffered evidence has compelled me to offer Mr. Johnson a gift
>certificate to Lenscrafters.

I had to laugh at one line in your messagew, the one referring
to Lenscrafters!

I am not referring to J. B. Johnson in particular, but to any
number of people who see the most intricate structures in what
looks to me like a pile of rocks or the like.

I do not have poor eyesight. I do wear reading glasses now
that I'm (well) past age 40, when I started using them.

Over and over we are asked to look at pictures of "obviously
artificial" structures when the only thing obvious is wishful
thinking on the part of the originator.

"Psychological projection" is too much of a buzzword for my
tastes (tonight at least) .. so I just call it wishful
thinking.

Its a bit like the time I saw a missing loved one everywhere I
looked some years ago. Disappointing.

My eyesight was fine. I didn't need Lenscrafters, I needed a
bite out of the reality sandwich .. I needed
Objectivitycrafters.

Anyone who wants pyramids on Mars will find them. If they want
the BVM (Holy Virgin) to appear bad enough, She will oblige
them. Monsters are a dime a dozen.

The next time someone touts some rock pile or humus heap as a
railway line on the moon (or Mars or) I suggest that
there are any number of good double-blind tests that may be
applied. This is way out of my turf, but there are plenty
of others who know how to design such experiments.

I've lost count of how many slow loading .jpegs and .gifs I have
wasted time on, only to find cracks in a dry lake bed, impact
debris, erosive features and other perfectly natural nearly
rectilinear extra-geological artifacts of nature alone.

Re: RPIT Test

If some alien presence is elusive, hidden or camouflaged on Earth, is it likely "they" would put up the equivalent of a neon sign within the range of telescopes or interplanetary probes?

I think not.

Best regards

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 08:30:36 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 12:12:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 17:25:49 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:22:35 -0800
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

><snip>

>>Of course some nice helpfull person may think to try and get the
>>Cc out of the archives under the FOIA?.

<snip>

>It is my understanding that the Air Force had a duplicate of the
>negative made in 1994 (or thereabouts) as part of their
>investigation in anticipation of the GAO probe, but it would
>have already sustained the damages mentioned.

>If we have reason to believe that a duplicate was made at the
>time, then we could make the request of the Archives.

Steve,

Either you are misinterpreting Neil's post or I am. I thought he was talking about trying to get a copy of the telegram via FOIA, not a copy of the negative. Even the best copy negative would have less information than the original, even in its present state. But if the telegram was filed after the event, a copy of it may well exist in some file.

Bob

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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 09:13:13 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 12:22:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:46:28 -0600
>From: Dave Vetterick <veterick@ix.netcom.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:32:40 -0800
>>From: Judith Dale <judithdale@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates-Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>I have been following the recent discussion regarding the
>>consequences that might occur if a retired military person was
>>to break their secrecy agreement.

<snip>

>The key thing missing here is..What is the basis for the fear?

>He wouldn't be revealing any secrets, just explaining what he
>was told would be the consequences if he talked, and who told
>him this causing him to think it was credible?

Actually, in some cases, merely telling people that there was an
oath would be revealing a secret.

>From there you can eliminate it as a justifiable fear, and then
>make all sorts of arguments as to why he should talk.

The real problem, as I see it, isn't that the witness is afraid
to talk but believes that revealing specific information would
be a violation of the oath taken forty or fifty years ago. They
don't talk about it because they were told not to talk about it.
They are, for the most part, honorable people who made a promise
that they want to keep.

Edwin Easley, the Roswell Provost Marshal, said that he had
promised the President that he wouldn't talk and he wasn't going
to talk. He always seemed caught in the middle, wanting to help,
but believing that he was under an obligation not to tell. He
offered what he could in the way of information without opening
violating the oath.

It wasn't fear that motivated him but his sense of honor. This
is something that we just don't consider.

>Start with the fact that even the military can't legally
>threaten bodily harm or death without due process. It's almost
>impossible to serve up the death penalty even to convicted mass
>murderers much less for violating a 30 year old oath.

Most of the military people I know signed agreements when they
left the service suggesting they would not reveal what they knew
for five, ten or twelve years. The longest I ever heard about
was twenty years. By that time, it was believed that any special
knowledge would have been rendered obsolete because of time.

These would have been special circumstances, and the rules might
have changed for them.

The real point, however, is that it is not fear that keeps the people from revealing all, but a belief that a promise is a promise.

KRandle

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'The Truth Is Out There & Joe Firmage Is Paying

From: Stig Agermose <Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 06:18:32 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 02:26:18 -0500
Subject: 'The Truth Is Out There & Joe Firmage Is Paying

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Source: The Industry Standard,

<http://www.thestandard.net/articles/display/0,1449,3177,00.html>

Very thorough article with many details that haven't been supplied by other media.

Stig

January 15, 1999=BF=BF

THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE and Joe Firmage is Paying for It

By Laura Rich

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You can tell the story of Joe Firmage a number of ways: He's a saint, he's a wacko, or he's just a rich guy with good intentions and questionable means.

Firmage, 28, is the former CEO of Internet start-up USWeb, the successful interactive agency that made headlines in September 1998, when it was announced that USWeb would merge with CKS to form Reinvent. One month later, Firmage himself made headlines, when his involvement in a project he calls "Kairos" was revealed and he stepped down as USWeb's CEO. On Jan. 8, 1999, he resigned from the company completely, after the press had taken the Kairos story and run with it, portraying him as a UFO nut.

Now Firmage is off on a new project set to launch by the end of the year -- EarthCity, an e-commerce venture that will allow consumers to direct revenues from their purchases to nonprofit organizations. But until he makes a new fortune, creates a new empire, he will be hounded by those who mock him for pursuing, as he puts it, "The Truth."

It all started with a vision.

It was just before El Nino came to town, in October 1997, when the sun was still unwaveringly beating down upon Silicon Valley. Joe Firmage was working endless days to smooth the edges on countless drafts of papers to be filed with the Securities & Exchange Commission, so that the company he founded with Novell colleague Toby Corey in 1995 could make a run on the public stock market.

One morning, before the SEC papers were due but after he'd pressed the "snooze" button on his alarm clock, Firmage fell back to sleep. During that time, he says he was visited by a "remarkable being, clothed in brilliant white light," carrying a glowing blue sphere, the size of a basketball. The two exchanged words about space travel.

Just before Firmage was about to make that most symbolic move of

taking his company public and "cashing in" -- a leading motive for most entrepreneurs -- he suddenly shifted his mental course. He says he realized he was in a position of power, and that he could do good with it or do evil. In the last hours before he was about to "sell out," Firmage was struck by a desire for a more rewarding avocation. He was prepared to give it all up to better society.

One year later, Firmage shocked the industry, which, it should be noted, is not closed to creativity, by revealing a project -- a Web site called Kairos -- that he'd been working on. Kairos is a Greek term with many definitions. Firmage's meaning is "the right moment." or "opportune."

"Ours is a Kairos moment," the site read. It posed a series of questions ("What is the future of learning? Will wars ever end? What is the future of religion? What would life from another world be like?") and went on to offer some "clues." The site prompted a wave of speculation about Firmage, mainly in the vein of Gary Reischel, a partner at venture capital firm Softbank Technology Ventures, who sits on USWeb's board. "A crackpot," he told The Standard, summarizing what he'd been hearing on the street.

The Kairos Web site turned out to be a teaser campaign for the ultimate product, a 600-page online "book" on life, religion, science and spirituality called The Truth . "That was what you call 'good marketing,'" Firmage says of Kairos, which logged 10,000 visitors per day at the time. The clues, of which there were 10, included links to books, writings and art by Carl Sagan, Vanevar Bush, the Pope and others.

"I want people to understand something here," Firmage says. "I have spent well over \$3 million on this project. And I'm not expecting a single dime in return."

Before there was Kairos, before there was a focus for derision, Firmage was both liked and not liked. Wall Street types liked him because he made them money. More experienced competitors didn't because he was young and successful. Within USWeb, he was not a natural manager. He was always, however, respected as a visionary.

Firmage's career started taking off early. In 1989, he launched Serius Corporation, a software company, in his hometown of Salt Lake City, Utah. He sold it in 1993 to Novell for \$24 million, and went to work as vice president of strategy in Novell's NetWare division. The unit's purpose was to promote and sell NetWare, an operating system for wide area networks (meaning it would provide the same computer language and interface for machines that were linked together, so that they could communicate more easily). The computer language for NetWare was Unix, which is what much of the Internet is based on.

In 1995, Novell decided to sell its rights to Unix, which Firmage thought was a terrible idea. "They had a wondrous opportunity with their Unix operating system," he says. "Novell owned the rights to Unix, which, today, ultimately runs the Internet. And 60 days after Netscape went public, Novell decided to sell its rights to Unix. I thought that was an insane decision and, therefore, I decided to leave. I was not optimistic about the prospects for Novell. And, of course, between then and now, it's taken a long, long time for Novell to even start to look like a turnaround."

Before Firmage left Novell, he met Toby Corey, a former Ashton Tate executive who was NetWare's vice president of marketing. "We saw the world the same way," says Firmage. "We were both frustrated with Novell. It was like birds of a feather." Furthermore, "Toby is one of the most brilliant operational managers I've met. And he has a deep understanding of marketing."

Corey, who would not return phone calls for this story, said last fall in an interview about his last days at Novell with Firmage, "We felt there was an opportunity, a shortage of people who could help businesses take advantage of the Internet."

With the Internet in their sights, the two decided to strike out on their own. Corey and Firmage moved to Silicon Valley, where the money and necessary talent for start-ups was more readily

available. In March of 1996, USWeb was launched as a joint venture with Ziff-Davis, which owns Softbank Technology Ventures. Ziff-Davis is no longer a partner in USWeb, but Softbank is still on USWeb's board.

The first round of criticism could best be termed the "McWeb complaint." Competitors said the company was making a commodity business out of a service business, and that Web design should be based on individual attention to clients -- not an entirely inaccurate claim. Firmage and Corey say they could not become the major consulting firm they hoped to be if no one knew who they were. So they built their brand by licensing their name and business model for \$25,000 per year and 7 percent of revenues to affiliates, who would also gain access to USWeb's growing base of technology partners. "We signed 40 or so affiliates and gained a recognizable brand early on," Corey explained last fall.

In March of 1997, enough brand equity had been built. The company's roster of technology partners included the cream of the crop, including Microsoft, Novell, Cisco and Sun Microsystems, and \$20 million had just been raised in a private capital round. USWeb hired a mergers and acquisitions team led by Bruce Gilpin, a former venture capitalist, and set about building a network of wholly owned firms.

They swallowed up companies such as San Francisco-based Ikonix, W3 Design in Los Angeles and Reach Networks in New York: smallish, creative firms considered specialty boutiques. USWeb also bought Gray Peak Technologies, a technology firm on Long Island for \$100 million in stock. The idea was to amass a balance of talent across the creative, technology and strategic sectors of Internet marketing and business operations. Although USWeb officials made statements to the press asserting that the original brand names of the shops would not be changed, once each deal was closed, what happened was the equivalent of a truck backing up to the new acquisition: A USWeb team would take over the shop's existing ways with the goal of making their processes more organized and efficient, like USWeb's. Logos were changed, new business cards were handed out and all computer systems were exchanged for USWeb's own. Employees were expected to download their expertise onto a companywide network called the Knowledge Base.

In this way, Firmage became an Internet mogul and a respected businessman, even if he was somewhat disliked for his smugness. Critics complained USWeb's tactics drained their acquisitions of the freedom to be creative. Firmage and Corey countered that by taking over administrative tasks, the shops were actually freer to be creative.

In the meantime, Firmage was working on The Truth. Over the course of the book, the author, with contributions from others, runs through the history of the planet from geological, biological, physical and spiritual perspectives. Links off of a sort of poem act as a guide, or menu. The poem, his thesis, goes like this:

"Evolving in a place called Eden Is a promising young civilization. We grow more dangerous yet wiser each day.

Teachers have taught us through the ages.

They are watching us now. The Cosmos is their ocean,
and they have been mindful of our need to develop.

At what moment in history would these visitors want us to join them? What will we become when we do?

We shall meet them as the Men and Women of the Earth.

And ask them for their Truth."

An image of a DNA strand bisects the poem.

Firmage's primary hypothesis is that the Earth has been visited by extraterrestrial life forms who have contributed their own developments -- such as fiber optics -- to our scientific history.

These visitations have been expedited by time travel.

He also has no doubt that humans will, before long, resolve the mystery of gravity. Firmage describes a "new vehicle" in The Truth -- a self-propelling, antigravity machine (only its technology, not its assembly, has been determined, he says). But, for the time being, he drives a red Corvette convertible. "And I will be the first one to turn it over in exchange for one of these new vehicles, believe me," he says.

In the last section of The Truth, Firmage describes his dream-state encounter with the hovering Christ-like figure. That's where you find sections beginning, "I am the body," "I am the civilization" and "I am the creator of everything that comes after me," in which it's unclear about whom the pronoun "I" refers.

Plans for a new CEO at the merged USWeb and CKS had been in the works, but were accelerated when the company began to receive unwanted publicity over Kairos. Sources say Mark Kvamme, CEO of CKS Group, the company with which USWeb was merging at the time, went berserk when he heard about Firmage's Web site.

On Nov. 3, 1998, Firmage stepped down from his post as chief executive officer of USWeb, the company he built, to make way for Robert Shaw, a former top executive at Oracle and a Silicon Valley heavyweight with the Booz, Allen & Hamilton resume and salt-and-pepper hair to prove it. Kvamme, unreachable for days -- "at merger meetings," according to his assistant -- finally returned calls only upon news of Firmage's replacement. He continues to refuse to discuss Firmage or his book.

A few weeks after his resignation as CEO, two days before Thanksgiving and a day before his online book was to be launched, Firmage showed little outward signs of last-minute jitters. He wasn't distracted by the merger, or by his book, or by an interview in the midst of it all. He chose to discuss his reputation, saying he would lose nothing with the publication of the book and noting that he's in a good position to take risks with his ideas. After all, he has a proven track record.

"Outside the Valley, the spin will be however the newspapers choose to report it, right? So let's say it's the Wall Street Journal," which has written several stories on him and knows his business history, a confident Firmage asserted. "That's a national circulation. USA Today knows me. So, when they report, they'll always say, 'and this guy built this company,' 'a bright young guy,' whatever. So, I get credibility, because of my history."

But Firmage's credibility was strained throughout the next few months as he continued to receive more and more disparaging publicity. On Jan. 8, he cut his ties to USWeb, saying he wanted to protect the company from the flak he was receiving for The Truth.

But Firmage insists he's not a martyr, nor a cult leader (in an interview with USA Today, he said, "Someone said I'm trying to become the next L. Ron Hubbard," referring to the founder of Scientology. "I don't know of any comment that could be less appealing."). He says he's simply trying to spread some of the inspiration he's found to others, so that they will change their lives to better all of humanity. The outcomes include an end to consumer behavior that strains natural resources and the empowerment of individuals to become independent of the "system."

"A lot of people -- in fact most people -- don't know where that inspiration can come from. And what has replaced a God in their life is consumerism. How much do we worship the dollar? Think about that," he says. "There is a load we are placing on strained, limited natural resources. It's a very fragile planet. And unless we wake up and start to realize a different way of life, a more ecologically sound way of life -- frankly, a slower-paced life -- I very much fear for the survival of this species. And that sounds like a remarkable, bold statement. But it's also absolutely true. Talk to any biologist with a good set of credentials and they'll tell you exactly the same thing: The world is headed for disaster. If we're not smart enough and we're not courageous enough to look ourselves in the mirror and say, here's what we look like, here's what we were doing, than we

deserve to die in an ecological disaster."

Firmage recounts his years as a "youth" -- his word -- as the fifth of seven children in a Mormon family. His father had worked in the White House as Hubert Humphrey's press secretary and ran for a U.S. Senate spot as a Democrat during the '70s -- "which is about as close to suicide as you could possibly come [in conservative Utah]," notes Firmage. He remembers that his parents fought against expansion of land-based missile tests. He says that his father was a senior member of the Mormon church and a famed lecturer on theology. He doesn't mention that his parents split up when he was 18, when his father left the Mormon church, and that he dropped out of school to live with his dad. And in all the times he mentions his father -- whom he seems to respect and adore very, very much -- he does not mention that one of the biggest moments in his father's life was when he came out as a gay man a few years after his divorce.

Lots of people do like Firmage, recent media coverage notwithstanding. Those who have spent any time with him are ready to sing his praises. And he realizes this. In several interviews, in *The Truth* and several times within this interview, he refers to "people who know me."

Last October, he sent out an e-mail to USWeb employees, informing them of the project on which he'd spent \$3 million and countless hours over the past year. Drew Stepek, 28, responded.

Stepek had been toiling away in USWeb's Los Angeles office, working on scripts for the online version of NBC's *Homicide* and *The Practice*. He was a frustrated writer, looking for an outlet. He wrote Firmage and told him he wanted to help. They bonded over the discovery of their ages. Stepek was five days older than Firmage, but, they concluded, they couldn't have been more different. Firmage had been raised in the orderly, conservative town of Salt Lake City. Stepek grew up in a fast-paced, middle-class town on the East Coast. Firmage wore suits. Stepek died his hair yellow and wore baggy pants. Firmage was a businessman. Stepek was a creative type.

"He thought I was part of this hip-hop crowd," says Stepek. Firmage ultimately asked Stepek to write 10 pages on what life is like for a "youth" these days. The result is found in the "We grow more dangerous" section of *The Truth*. It's a "semiautobiographical" account of Stepek's last year in high school, in which his best friend is shot to death right before his eyes and another friend commits suicide because she can't escape her stepfather's molesting advances. The story is intended to be Firmage's way of giving readers a glimpse into the lives of "our children."

"Joe is a really nice dude," Stepek says. "I can't really dispell anything in his book. He believes it. That's what's important."

Stepek isn't the only one who's standing -- at some distance -- by Firmage throughout an ordeal that has put him in the awkward position of UFO poster boy. "I was his critic, until he told me his epiphany," said Ed Firmage, Sr., Joe's father, in December. "It's clear that Joe had experienced something profound. He's always been intensely rational, except for this last thing. What he's doing now, I can understand. But I could see more clearly than Joe what it would do to his corporate life."

Firmage behaves as if he's the first to discover the troubles many people have, or the ties between various religions and the points where they intersect with science. Furthermore, his naivete shows no more clearly than through the thoroughly Christian and Western slant of the entire book, a book that claims it is a resource that can tie together all walks of thought and types of people and lend them the knowledge to change their lives and the world. He says on the day before the book launches that those people who don't have the werewithal to take his knowledge and improve their lives "don't deserve to be a part of the future society."

And he believes that all critics have to do to be convinced is to read the book. But skeptics did read the book. And they lambasted him.

He's not pleased with the way the media has skewered *The Truth*.

The free paper, the Silicon Valley Metro, featured the Firmage story on its cover, giving it full tabloid treatment with the headline "Silicon Valley CEO Meets the Aliens," and adorning the article with illustrations of aliens. Once Firmage revealed his complete departure from USWeb/CKS earlier this month, the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury News followed with their own stories, similarly portraying him as a flying saucer-chaser.

Over the Martin Luther King Day weekend, Firmage was expected to release a condensed, printable version of the book. He also says he will continue to communicate directly with those who have visited The Truth.

But why call it "The Truth"? He utters two words: "Monica Lewinsky."

"You look at the consequences of a relatively minor lie in the office of the President, and you look at the consequences," says Firmage. "If you really wanted to change civilization, for the better, what would you do? If there was one thing you could do to change civilization for the better? Tell the truth. Because ultimately, the truth will guide people where they need to go. If we knew how we were damaging the environment, we could fix it. If we knew when a President was lying, we could deal with it." The Truth, says Firmage, will set you free.

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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Scott LeGrand <varelse@best.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 14:42:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:12:44 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Rimmer <magonia@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>With the massive degree of media promotion, books, magazines, TV
>programmes ("factual" and fictional), a huge amount of
>web-space, newspapers features, videos, etc., etc., etc. devoted
>to a largely uncritical view of ufology, how can you claim that
>this is "a society that shuns the UFO topic"? This is a society
>that laps it up. Many postings on this List are of newspaper and
>magazine articles reporting surveys that purport to show that a
>very high percentage of the general population believes that
>"UFOs are real".

Actually, while society does indeed "lap it up", I think Joseph Firmage is correct to state that if someone in a position of power and/or responsibility comes out and states that they believe in UFOs, there will be a "giggle factor" associated with them forevermore which will ultimately drive them from that position of power and/or responsibility. And the San Jose Mercury News' Dan Gillmor is dead-on IMO when he states that belief in UFOs is no more irrational than belief in the Bible yet we do not excise the religious from positions of power and responsibility despite centuries of evidence that excessive religion starts wars, gets people killed, and seems like a very bad thing.

While Joe Sixpack can regale his friends with tales of alien/satanic abduction tales like that compulsive liar from The Twilight Zone episode, no one seeking tenure, a CEOship, or political office can comfortably come out and state that they think aliens are among us. If they do so, it's game over for their careers despite any qualifications. I think Mr. Firmage's experience is but the latest evidence. All of this is irrespective of whether UFOs are real or illusory. The only power people who seem to have the right to openly profess belief are in Hollywood.

It's really odd. You're right that society eats up Roswell, abduction tales, and paranormal phenomena in general. But at the same time, no one in authority is allowed to believe any of it could possibly be for real. Just try asking a political candidate on the stump trail what he thinks about UFOs some time. Their responses are highly entertaining. I imagine that their spectrum of belief is very similar to that of the general population, but I'll bet a survey of politicians would show zero belief in any of this. Only in America...

>The fact is that people claiming some special insight or direct
>experience of an extraterrestrial UFO phenomenon are not shunned
>- often they are give very large advances on book contracts.
>It's the wicked old sceptics who are shunned.

This is a strawman, tsk tsk. You mean there's more money in the entertainment industry than in science? Say it ain't so! And just how many of those contactees ever really get the book contracts? Are you saying that if I walk down to Barnes and

Noble and tell them I've been on a flying saucer that they'll hand me a million dollars upfront to tell my story? Where do I sign up?!?!?!?!?

>Who gets more money for a book, Klass or Strieber?

Who's a better writer?

Who gets more money for a book, Penn and Teller or Strieber?

Scott

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Re: Watch For My Coming Hoax!

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 14:39:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Watch For My Coming Hoax!

>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 14:22:47 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Watch For My Coming Hoax!

>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 09:58:32 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Jeff Westover <frequentflier66@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Re: Watch For My Coming Hoax!
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Hello EBK and list.

>>I'm interested in knowing whether or not anyone in the mental
>>health field has ever done a study of the psychology of UFO
>>hoaxers? It certainly would be a worthy area of study within
>>ufology.

>How about hoaxers in general? That might make the numbers large
>enough to interest the Psychology community or others in allied
>studies.

>UFOs are a prime target of course, but so are paranormal
>studies, exobiology, xenobiology (bigfoot, loch ness ..) and
>other "fringe" areas. The lure might be the large numbers of
>people who want to believe in something, but there may be some
>other psychology afoot here entirely.

>I would expect hoaxers in all fringe sciences to have very
>similar modes and motives, but I could be wrong there too.

My guess is that the motives are relatively individual in nature. In the current IUR, for example, there is an exposure of the famous Beaver, Pennsylvania, UFO photo. Turns out the perpetrators, teenagers, had been doing a little underage drinking while their parents were away and were just having a little fun. Even then the hoax was accidental, in that it was a third boy who actually gave the photo to a newspaper, unbeknownst to the perpetrators. The latter, thinking they could get in serious trouble for same, then concocted a story to go with the photo. In a sense, then, there was no original motive, unless you want to blame it on the beer.

Earlier this month I was hiking with my family in West Texas when I came across the rusted lid of an old tin can. Without much conscious thought about the matter, I picked it up and sailed it off into the sunset. The lid made a beautiful bank against the sky and spectacular scenery. Damn, I said, that would have made a great flying saucer picture!

Well, we had cameras with us, and there was the lid still, so we did what came naturally. The pictures haven't been developed yet, but I'll let you know if anything good turns up.

Another problem with determining hoax motives, in the absence of a confession, is the definition of hoax itself. That, too, may be in the eye of the beholder. Many crop circle hoaxes weren't viewed as such by their perpetrators. Some thought there was nothing to hoax in the first place, for example, others felt

they were engaged in landscape art, and a few did it as an exercise, or experiment, in individual and mass psychology. On no doubt more than one occasion, crop circles were created simply to piss some prominent investigator off. A few were created as signals to the intelligence supposedly doing the real thing. Many circles, in other words, but many motives, too. Humans are like that, you know. Not everything they do is for the money or the attention.

Dennis

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Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

From: Patricia Mason <pmason@ee.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 14:32:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 14:44:57 -0500
Subject: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

Eve Lorgen will be giving a presentation to LA MUFON on January 20, 1999 at the Burbank Pickwik Center. For more information see:

<http://www.mufonla.com/>

For her latest article available on the web see:

http://users1.ee.net/pmason/el_implications.html

Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction Phenomena:
Psychological Implications

By Eve Frances Lorgen, M. A.

Excerpt:

The main difference between alien abduction trauma and versus other trauma-based problems is the added factor of the aliens continued perpetration of such victimizing activities. Not only do the aliens continue to contact and abduct the individual, but they also will often act in ways to prevent the abductee from getting the factual information they need to heal from these issues. Often abductees change their attitude concerning their abductors from anger and helplessness or critical thinking to adoration and compliance, similar to the "Stockholm" syndrome.

UFO researchers, abduction therapists, psychological and medical professionals dealing with abductees often overlook this alien "control" factor. Core issues of abductees cannot fully be addressed until the control factor of the alien presence is acknowledged. (This includes acquisition of evidence of alien abductions.)

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Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

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>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:24:44 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 17:25:49 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 16:34:51 -0500
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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>Previously, Neil wrote:

>>>Of course some nice helpfull person may think to try and get the
>>>Cc out of the archives under the FOIA?.

Steve, Rodger and All.

Yes, my comments were related to the "Ramey Message" document.

We now know from the GOA report that the Roswell signals documentation for the period in question were alledgedly "shredded" many years ago? Has anyone checked the corrisponding period documentation (should it exists..those shredders get everywhere) for the Fort Worth end, a signal has a source as well as a destination, and hopefully a record of passage at both ends.

A question for those UpDate'ers conversant with FOIA matters.
How difficult a task would this be ?

Neil.

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Subject: April IF Conference Info Webpage Is Up

Hi All,

A webpage containing information on the upcoming April conference being hosted by the Intruders Foundation is now up on the web. It can be accessed by going to:

<http://www.if-aic.com/conference.htm>

I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Peace,

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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The Truth

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Subject: The Truth

Hello friend,

My name is Joseph P. Firmage.

Broadcast messages from me will not be frequent, so don't worry about me cluttering up your mailbox.

Following this brief introduction, I have provided below a URL which will direct you to an "editor's cut" condensed edition of my book, The Truth, published on November 25th, 1998. This condensed edition is first available only in a Microsoft Word 97 file format, other formats will be added later. A hardback version of the complete book as it stands will become available later this year. I understand and appreciate that it is impossible for many of you to allocate enough time to read a several hundred page book, particularly online, so I have taken the time to provide a proper summary of its contents and claims. I've spent millions of dollars to communicate this information at no cost to you, so it is not asking much to take a quiet moment and at the very least read this shortened version. I don't ask that you believe, just that you read and consider.

The Truth represents a rather large hypothesis, whose overall conclusion has enormous implications for every single human on Earth. I have written the book from the perspective of a generalist, with the collaboration of many well-respected specialists. The specialization in which I have been most deeply educated is computer science, and more recently, the Internet economy. But that's only the latest step in my particular journey.

It started from a passion for the stars, sparked by wondrous science fiction shown throughout my youth. It grew into a commitment to science, and physics in particular. The desire to comprehend the deepest functions and meaning of physics evolved into a study of scientific anomalies - always where fundamental new discoveries emerge. Unfortunately, 5-10 years ago, such anomalies found no root in a rational explanatory hypothesis, and therefore the underlying observations have been rejected by science. Frustrated, I left the domain years ago to concentrate exclusively on a growing involvement in computing and communications and various related enterprises.

Sparked again 14 months ago by one of the most remarkable events in my life to date, I returned to these domains to study more recent developments, now aided by the communications reach of the Internet. I found extremely well-respected scientists whose remarkable new theories began to clearly explain the anomalies. The pieces of those old puzzles then began to assemble into a majestic picture, motivating me to return attention to studying a broad cross-section of works as a generalist. Adding fuel to the fire is a growing understanding that the future of our biosphere and our civilization is at risk and depends in fundamental ways upon the types of discoveries I discuss on the book.

Why are generalists useful to the world? Because we predict the future for the whole of civilization, not simply a single branch of study. As within any field of specialists, many generalists are frequently wrong and many generalists are frequently right.

I've chosen to put forth a testable hypothesis which is concisely stated in 17 phrases. The details underneath these phrases are each important, but more important is the coherence of the overall pattern. It is certain that several of the details in a work of this scale are incorrect. But the plausibility of the overall hypothesis requires only that there is good evidence for each primary logical step.

Naturally, there should be a lot of evidence supporting each logical step in order to make the assertions I am making. I believe such evidence is now in print, across my book and in those books referenced by me.

You might think that I am distraught over wild exaggerations in the press and the resulting possibility of damage to my credibility and career, given my choice to communicate this information so publicly. Indeed, though I am no longer with the firm, I have helped to create a \$2+ billion dollar enterprise at the pinnacle of the Internet communications revolution just before the dawn of the new millennium. It's a great place and time to build a career. But, actually, I am more excited than ever before in my life, despite the frightening challenges we all face that I describe below. What I have put together is quality information, I have studied it for over a decade, and its implications are an order of magnitude more fundamental than you have imagined. The implications fire the imagination.

This book simply does not fit into the class of the fringe or fantasy. I do not mean to diminish the works of others who've tackled this subject matter, for I have built my hypothesis in part upon their preliminary research into a phenomenon almost completely foreign to open science. But whatever the ultimate truth may turn out to be, it will have to explain all of the subjects addressed in this book, for everything in this book observes significant phenomenon that are or have actually occurred. I am not aware of an alternative theory that connects each of these large pieces. One thing is certain: there is a human saga, and we must decipher every major clue discussed in this book to understand it.

Even granting this, you may ask why I should bother doing this. Why should I not keep this to myself, and pursue whatever passions I have as a private study?

Why? Because you are my brothers and sisters in a sense more meaningful than the cultural frameworks we use to separate ourselves into groups: we are all part of the race of homo sapiens beings, a fragile yet ancient creation just now waking up to its potential. I care about you, and I am deeply concerned for our shared long term future, the legacy we shall leave. We are destroying our children, our culture, even the ancient biosphere that made us, as we encourage a mindlessly uncontrolled praise of wealth. The Earth has a water cycle and a carbon cycle. It must have a profit cycle. And it will, even if it becomes so disfunctional as to fail humanity, before returning to health. As the great scientist Carl Sagan long maintained, the discovery of extraterrestrial life will ultimately become the single greatest unifying force ever for humanity. We will need that kind of unity to overcome the next century's challenges.

Meanwhile, the Cosmos beckons us, as if to say "demonstrate the judgment to deserve access to this domain".

In this story, the CEO in me has become a human being, the scientist has turned from a pessimist to an optimist, the skeptic has opened his mind, and the spirit in everything I have sensed with clarity. Whether you agree with my conclusions or not, if a critical number of us can cross similar thresholds in our pursuit of truth, in whatever direction it may lead each of us, a genuine transformation of our society will occur.

Welcome to The Truth

<http://www.TheWordIsTruth.org/TheTruth.doc>

a story that will go on forever. Print this out, it's about 240 pages long. Take it to a quiet place, and read it through at one time. If you find it as fascinating as I do, please forward this message to as many people as you can. My primary objective is to spread this knowledge as far as possible. We can all agree to

let the history books determine whether my hypothesis is correct.

The complete book, and a recently started personal journal that will track its evolution, can be found at www.TheWordIsTruth.org.

And to my brilliant co-authors, thank you again.

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Project 1947 on Jeff Rense's Sightings

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Subject: Project 1947 on Jeff Rense's Sightings

I have been invited to appear on Jeff Rense's show, Monday, January 18, from 8-10 pm Pacific Time.

The proposed topic are:

1. The newly rediscovered APRO microfilm,
2. Newly reveal US Strategic Air Forces, Europe, 1945 Top Secret Document which mentions "Foo-fighters."
3. US government Ghost Rocket documents (mostly formerly Top Secret) as discussed in the latest edition of the CUFOS International UFO Reporter,

http://www.cufos.org/IUR_index.html

4. Proper handling of Top Secret material.

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Santilli's "Tent Footage": New Revelations

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
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Subject: Santilli's "Tent Footage": New Revelations

The 'tent footage' was the first alleged 'Roswell' film which Ray Santilli released, sometime during December 1994, or early January 1995.

Amongst those who saw a copy of the film on video were 'crop circle' aficionados Reg Presley, Colin Andrews and George Wingfield. Santilli also provided a copy of the video to Philip Mantle from the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA).

Even at that early stage, there were some misgivings about the authenticity of this film, with reports that it had a 'green cast' and exhibited no signs of originating from old film stock.

A video showing part of the 'tent footage' was received in the US by Robert Kiviat, producer of the Fox network's "Alien Autopsy: Fact or Fiction", a televised documentary which became a huge success when later itself released on video.

Although Mantle had confirmed that Santilli had a copy of the film which was "crystal clear", Kiviat's video was poor quality, with the faces of the 'medics' being , 'blackened out'.

Aside from these early showings, Santilli never released the 'tent footage' and as the main 'alien autopsy' footage took centre stage, circa May 1995, began to distance himself from the first film, claiming that neither himself or the 80 year-old 'cameraman' he bought it from were satisfied with its authenticity.

Stills from the 'tent footage' can be seen on Neil Morris's web site, at URL:

<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/tentft.htm>

In July 1995, I asked Ray Santilli if he could explain the origins of the 'security marker', reported as being present on screen throughout the early video showings:

"The marker is dated 'July 30, 1947', where did this originate and what does it refer to"?

Santilli replied, "On part of the tent footage there is a date board which was added after (it continues after the footage is over) It could be the date of process (we don't know)".

In August 1995, I further asked of the 'tent footage', allegedly part of the archive 16mm film acquired in December 1994-January 1995:

"I was wondering how you were able to show some of the footage, already carefully transferred to video from the original 16mm reels, as early as the first week or so of January 1995".

Santilli explained: "Some of the footage needed little or no work".

In September 1995, Bob Shell, editor of the US photographic magazine 'Shutterbug' and who had offered to assist in dating the claimed archive 16mm film, responded to questions being raised about the late release of Santilli's own mail order video, 'Roswell: The Footage' stating:

"I'm assured that the delay was only because Ray was trying his best to get permission to include the first autopsy and the rest of the tent scene. These negotiations apparently were not successful".

Shell has just reaffirmed to me, "This is what I was told at the time".

Shortly afterwards, he confirmed again having spoken to Santilli's company:

"This morning I asked about the absence of the tent footage from the video. I am told this was just loose in the box and that the cameraman now says he can't recall what this is or when and where he shot it".

Shell, however, also stated at this time that he had been told:

"The tent footage, shot at the crash site under light from emergency lanterns, shows technicians cutting the 'space suit' off one of the bodies because, to quote the cameraman, it was holding in heat and hastening decomposition. The fabric was very tough, and they eventually had to use sheet metal cutters to cut it".

A principal supporter of the 'Roswell' footage's authenticity was German 'ufologist' Michael Hesemann, who proclaimed in October 1995 that one of the "major revelations" at the forthcoming 'World UFO Congress Dialogue with the Universe' in Dusseldorf-Kaarst was that "Phil Mantle will show the complete tent footage".

Despite the fact that Hesemann, Mantle and Shell had become Santilli's 'ambassadors', with Hesemann and Mantle co-authoring an 'exclusive' book on the reality of the 'Roswell alien autopsy' claims, it seems none of them had been informed at this time that the footage was known to be bogus.

In January 1996, in reply to some queries I had raised, Bob Shell confirmed to me:

"Ray said to me that the complete tent footage was contained within the 'junk reel' when I was in his office in October. He motioned with his hands to indicate the diameter of the reel. He also mentioned at that time about the football game, family stuff, and other unidentifiable footage included in this reel".

Santilli himself seemed to uphold this claim when interviewed on 3 November, 1995:

Q: How much more footage do you have in your hands which does not show on the Roswell video? A: There is more footage but I am not in control of it. It is in the hands of the collector.

Q: How clear is it? A: There is one full autopsy film and some scrap.

Q: Is this the tent footage? A: No, the tent footage is scrap.

With no apparent warning that the footage was known to be fake, Mantle took the video across the Atlantic to be shown at the July 1996 Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) conference in Greensboro.

It wasn't until June, 1998, that there was published evidence indicating the 'tent footage' to be a definite hoax.

Mantle reported that on 30 March, 1998, he had received information from an unnamed source, who claimed to have taken part in the filming.

Subsequently, Mantle revealed the names of "those alleged to have faked the tent footage", as Keith Bateman and Andy Price Watts, from Milton Keynes, England.

The story was picked up by Robert Kiviat and on 28 December, 1998, it featured in a new Fox network documentary 'World's Greatest Hoaxes: Secrets Finally Revealed'.

It was only in response to the recent Fox broadcast that Santilli claimed to have been aware the footage was a "practical joke" played on him, although maintaining it didn't affect the authenticity of the 'alien autopsy' film.

Further information, including Santilli's rebuttals, can be found on Mark Center's informative web site, at URL:

<http://www.uforeport.com/kiviat1.html>

Although the program included an interview with one of the persons who had apparently participated in the 'tent footage', he was not, as claimed in the Fox press release, "one of the actors who took part in staging the alien autopsy ruse".

The 'alien autopsy' footage which had been broadcast world-wide was a completely separate and vastly superior sequence of film. As a hoax, none of the participants involved had been identified.

Missing from the evidence was an interview with either Bateman or Watts, with Mantle stating that neither had responded to his letters, phone calls or faxes.

Nick Price a journalist with the UK national newspaper 'The Mail on Sunday', and who I had worked with previously, was familiar with the complex and by no means straightforward 'alien autopsy' affair. Following recent developments, Nick contacted me in an effort to finally resolve the many unanswered questions.

I'm pleased to announce that Keith Bateman has now agreed to tell the 'full story' of the 'tent footage' and it will be the subject of an article in tomorrow's edition of 'The Mail on Sunday'.

Having a detailed understanding of the background to the 'alien autopsy', I was fortunately in a position to hopefully identify some key questions which were put to Keith Bateman and which he answered in addition to the obvious ones, such as whether Ray Santilli know from the outset that the film was bogus.

After the article is published, a transcript will be available on my web site at:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/>

Reactions and information which may not be included in the article will be addressed in the next issue of my 'Pulsar' newsletter, which will also be available on my web site before the end of this month, or can be requested by e-mail.

Even though the hoax footage was created in November 1994, almost a full year later, in correspondence with Hesemann, he chided:

"I saw the tent footage many times and just the speed of the movements and also the sharpness of the images indicates it was shot with a 16 mm camera and not with video. The only reason why Ray doesn't like it is that it is so bloody dark (dimly lit) and looks pathetically bad. I personally think it shows the being when the medics try to remove its spacesuit. A tent in the desert at night... with no electricity, that's why it is so dark. But all these sceptics will say again: Look, they have something to hide, looks, why is it so bad..".

Despite Hesemann's current insistence that the 'tent footage' was shot on 16mm film, according to Bateman it was in fact originally shot in colour, I understand using a Sony M3 video

camera, and the colour video has just been made available. If time permitted, Nick intended to include some colour stills with the article.

Far from evidence of a 'being' having it's spacesuit removed within a tent in the desert, it's the tale of a 'being' based on a 'gray' alien t-shirt, some 'chicken innards', was filmed within a barn in rural Bedfordshire and one of the stars was the local butcher.

Hereafter it should presumably be designated the 'barn footage', or perhaps 'yarn footage'

The 'Mail on Sunday' article will I'm sure prove enlightening and entertaining.

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R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

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Subject: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

please post far and wide.

One Last Little Item From The 'Fraud' Robert A.M. Stephens

Hello everyone. Since it has been universally disclosed and concluded that I am a fake and a charlatan and a liar---in essence, a Fraud, it should be fitting to close the last final chapter on this debacle in true, revealing fashion in the same venue as my undoing was set in motion.

So, with that fact stated, that last little item is still those vexing 199 remaining questions I was invited to debate with Richard C. Hoagland, esteemed plank owner of The Enterprise Mission, but was deprived from asking.

And since there seemed to be a problem in understanding my syntax of language, which is English, and through this confused state, Mr. Hoagland was unable to answer question number 1, its only fitting to be fair to Richard Hoagland to answer that question on his own venue with no interruptions to his own satisfaction. Then, on to question number 2 and so on, until all 199 have been addressed.

So, with all due triumph in mind for the winning team of Hoagland-Bell & Co. in round one in which if you don't like the question, shut off the questioner, this time, we just go straight to question number 2. This and all others are based solely on The Enterprise Mission web site. No tricks.

And it stands to reason that since question number 1 proved to be correct, and since the 'host', Art Bell, would not allow the question to be asked or answered, it is then easy to assume the other 199 questions are also true in charges of being lies. Consider.

Then a re-engagement is in order. To tidy up loose ends. To ferret out all 'Fraud'.

This is simple. I and the other 20 million Bell listeners and the others out there who still have all these questions need addressment. This is only fair in light of the awesome 'truth' endeavor that Bell-Hoagland & Co. is under in coming forth with said 'truth'.

Conditions of debate:

1. Debate will be as originally outlined by Art Bell himself in his phone call to my home.
2. Art Bell moderates Stephens 'Fraud' verses Richard Hoagland. Debate title: 'Fraud' vs. Richard Hoagland.
3. Debate runs all 4 hours as promised.
4. Debate is comprised of 200 questions based solely on the Richard Hoagland Enterprise Mission web site from 12-10-1998.
5. No cut off by Bell because he doesn't like 'Fraud's' questions to the debatee.

6. If all 200 questions are not answered to the satisfaction of Richard C. Hoagland then another show will be dedicated for Richard C. Hoagland and Fraud to conclude the debate format in due venue.

7. After the debate has concluded, the moderator, the debater, and the debatee are allowed to voice there assessments within a reasonable time limit. Art Bell will use no 'clickers' or other editing or cancellation tools unless the debaters get unruly or use profanities. Art Bell will not distort or edit 'Fraud' or Richard C. Hoagland.

8. Art Bell will read no phony preamble, secret agent crap from Tom Bearden or any other strange savant from the UFO community to dramatize the issue as he did in the first 15 minutes on 12-30-1998. Another words, no phony crap. The two debaters present should be all the 'strangeness' required for showmanship and ratings.

Simple conditions. And since Art Bell's ratings have dropped since 12-30-1998 this is an opportunity for Bell to rescue his show a little bit.

Errata ----- If Art Bell and Richard Hoagland refuse to assent to the re-debate, then a national press release will be issued pertaining to the fact that Art Bell is not interested in fair reporting, but rather is interested in tabloid journalism in its worst form with the intent to deceive. This, of course, is in keeping the integrity of the UFO regime intact publicly for complete intended credibility.

Too, since Robert A.M. Stephen's sanity is questioned two more conditions should be considered at this time: First, a professional medical report can and will be publicly issued testifying that 'Fraud's' mind is in fact, sound, ready to deploy in planned debate which was aborted by Art Bell. Second, if this is still a question, then a neutral debater will be brought to bare under the title of 'Fraud' verses, Richard Hoagland. Same format, different debater. The debatee, Richard C. Hoagland, can then have the choice to indulge in the unusual luxury of either debating the original 'Fraud' or a surrogate 'Fraud' in name only.

Just as we found out that Robert A.M. Stephens is a virtual 'Fraud' in every way a person can be a fraud, it is only fitting, and being absolutely objective, that the UFO Culture weed out ALL 'Fraud' for the betterment of the whole culture and field of endeavor combined. Under the present circumstances, only the first element of the 'Fraud' has been revealed, ala Robert A. M. Stephens. The second possible Fraud concerned with this issue remains illusive, by choice.

The field of UFOs and everything under this umbrella of study must not let this immutable unanswered clarity go unchallenged, or, then, everyone and anything having a connection to it comes to question. Or, put in even clearer terms, this UFO field of study then must conclude upon itself that it is infected with a form of 'selective disinformation'. And that further testifies to itself that what is good for forcing the 'gvmint' to come clean, is not the same protocol that is implemented for the UFO culture and its 'own', like Richard C. Hoagland and Art Bell and others, to come 'clean' too. One must then serve the other or all is lost. And since like Stephens' lie was found, there was also the first 'lie' that was found out in the beginning 'debate' on the Art Bell show made by Richard Hoagland, then it stands that the other possible 199 lies need to be revealed also.

Quite logical, actually. Quite fair too, for credibility sake.

Since that then becomes an immutable fact, it brings us back to the first post I ever mentioned on the Montana UFO: "if the field of UFO studies does not police itself in the eyes of the investigator, all parties, then how be it any doors of disclosure will ever come about from outside the UFO regime itself.

This assessment still, then, stands as a glaring beacon of

immutable truth.

Let the re-debate then be so scheduled.

Far and wide, let the Art Bell-Richard Hoagland entertainment juggernaut note your feelings on this subject with emails as soon as possible after you figure out what you should do for yourself.

You should direct all demands for clarity and disclosure to the great UFO cultural triad: Art Bell, Richard C. Hoagland of the Enterprise Mission, and CAUS. Do not tell me your thoughts, since I am publicly answering this already herein.

And lastly, should Bell-Hoagland & Co. refuse the re-debate, along with the press release, the 200 questions will also be released on the internet for the UFO community itself to then present to the parties of concern for answering on their own. Of course, I will answer them on the release before hand since no one will counter them and thus, it will then be up to the great Triad to respond with why they aren't lies.....

...and then prove it.

Imagine. 200 possible lies as perpetrated by long standing savant's of the UFO community. One lie was already proven to be a fact by the esteemed Dr. Richard Sauder. And that was only question number 1.

199 to go fellas.

Make your voices of truth intent heard.

'Fraud' has. So should you.

As mentioned in my last previous public post, this should 'cover' about everything.

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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

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>>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:12:44 +0000
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>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>With the massive degree of media promotion, books, magazines, TV
>>programmes ("factual" and fictional), a huge amount of
>>web-space, newspapers features, videos, etc., etc., etc. devoted
>>to a largely uncritical view of ufology, how can you claim that
>>this is "a society that shuns the UFO topic"? This is a society
>>that laps it up. Many postings on this List are of newspaper and
>>magazine articles reporting surveys that purport to show that a
>>very high percentage of the general population believes that
>>"UFOs are real".

>
>Actually, while society does indeed "lap it up", I think Joseph
>Firmage is correct to state that if someone in a position of
>power and/or responsibility comes out and states that they
>believe in UFOs, there will be a "giggle factor" associated with
>them forevermore which will ultimately drive them from that
>position of power and/or responsibility.

Possibly, but the stories we are dealing with do not come from CEOs,
tenured academics, etc. I still maintain that society is pretty tolerant
and accepting towards Joe Public who comes up with an abduction account.

>And the San Jose
>Mercury News' Dan Gillmor is dead-on IMO when he states that
>belief in UFOs is no more irrational than belief in the Bible
>yet we do not excise the religious from positions of power and
>responsibility despite centuries of evidence that excessive
>religion starts wars, gets people killed, and seems like a very
>bad thing.

This may be the case in America, but I think if a prominent British
businessman or academic came out as a prosyletising creationist or
fundamentalist it wouldn't do him much good, and the "giggle factor"
would be pushed into overdrive. One up for the UK, I think.

>
>It's really odd. You're right that society eats up Roswell,
>abduction tales, and paranormal phenomena in general. But at
>the same time, no one in authority is allowed to believe any of
>it could possibly be for real. Just try asking a political
>candidate on the stump trail what he thinks about UFOs some
>time.

True enough, but also ask them what their views are on haunted houses,
crop circles or sasquatch. I suppose there is a political element to
UFOs that some other paranormal topics don't have, but it seems to me
that there are politicians on both sides of the Atlantic who have raised
the matter in a serious and unsensational way in their respective
legislatures. They may have got brush-off replies from the Pentagon or
the MoD, but I don't see their careers suffering.

>Their responses are highly entertaining. I imagine that
>their spectrum of belief is very similar to that of the general
>population, but I'll bet a survey of politicians would show zero
>belief in any of this. Only in America...

... and I suspect anywhere else with a democratic electoral system where
politicians are terrified of offending *anybody* . They may avoid
demonstrating a pro-UFO position, but on the other hand try getting them
to say that people who see UFOs are kooks -- hey, there's a lot of
potential lost votes out there...

>>The fact is that people claiming some special insight or direct
>>experience of an extraterrestrial UFO phenomenon are not shunned
>>- often they are give very large advances on book contracts.
>>It's the wicked old sceptics who are shunned.

>This is a strawman, tsk tsk. You mean there's more money in the
>entertainment industry than in science?

Well, glad we agree that Strieber, Hopkins and the rest of the
crew are entertainment rather than science, but isn't that
rather my point?

> Say it ain't so! And
>just how many of those contactees ever really get the book
>contracts? Are you saying that if I walk down to Barnes and
>Noble and tell them I've been on a flying saucer that they'll
>hand me a million dollars upfront to tell my story? Where do I
>sign up?!?!?!?!?

No, but neither do I if I walk in and say there ain't no such
thing as an abduction. (oh, be honest, I once got about GBP800 -
about a thousand bucks, big deal - from a British publisher for
doing just that. I never got invited back, though!) No, not
everybody gets a big contract -- you've got to have a good agent
first. (British readers: try Max clifford!)

>>Who gets more money for a book, Klass or Strieber?

>Who's a better writer?

I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that Jerome
Clark will accuse me of Literary Criticism.

>Who gets more money for a book, Penn and Teller or Strieber?

Maybe, but there's still a helluvalot more money in gullibility
than scepticism. I just want to make it clear that the alleged
great public hostility to UFO experients is largely a myth.

--

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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Dave Vetterick <veterick@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 18:53:01 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 14:28:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 09:13:13 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:50:20 +0000
>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:46:28 -0600
>>From: Dave Vetterick <veterick@ix.netcom.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:32:40 -0800
>>>From: Judith Dale <judithdale@earthlink.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates-Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

EBK and List :

This topic needs some clarification.

My reply to Judith Dale's original post (both noted above) as submitted for posting to the list, did not snip any of her original post. I didn't think it was that long that it needed to be.

EBK evidently felt otherwise. In posting my message to the list he snipped Judith's post right after her opening paragraph.

Perhaps I should have written my reply differently. I apologize. However, the snip to Judith's message coming where it did has caused some confusion which I'll attempt to clarify while at the same time responding to Kevin and Roger's posts also noted above.

Here is the pertinent part of Judith's message:

>The experience that I have is with my partner's dad, who is a
>retired Lt. Colonel, USAF intelligence. In response to questions
>about UFO's and the involvement of the Air Force, he will only
>say that alot has gone on and to talk about it would put him,
>and us, in terrible danger. This doesn't sound like a fear of
>loosing his pension, to me. This is a man who started in the
>Army and became Air Force in 1947. The Air Force subsequently
>paid for him to get a graduate degree in communications at Yale.

She goes on to speak about a notebook with drawings of Greys which I'm sure we'd all love to see. She concludes with:

>We have all found his refusal to tell us anything to be
>incredibly frustrating. He is now in his 80's, but insists that
>what he knows will go to the grave with him. He is adamant that
>it is not safe for him to speak. Fear of lost pension? I don't
>think so. This is also a man who was rah, rah military, and now
>vehemently hates the military. Curious.

Kevin, my original point was NOT questioning or belittling the man's right to continue to honor his oath if he so chooses, as seems to be your impression of what I was saying.

My question was and still is...What is the basis for the fear that if he talked it would put him, AND HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY, in "terrible danger", and "it is not SAFE for him to speak".

This implies bodily harm would come about if he spoke about 30 year old UFO related military secrets.

Roger, no offense, but suggesting the government and military is going to inflict illegal bodily harm over this and could get away with it, as you said they likely did over the Contra dealings, is far fetched and bordering on paranoia in my opinion.

Intimidation is a tool, but to suggest in this day and time that the military could threaten anything other than putting a person in Ft. Leavenworth much less illegal bodily harm to a person's family, and get away with it just isn't realistic.

Judith said this gentleman now "vehemently hates the military". So the obvious conclusion she makes herself is that its not the oath keeping him silent, but the fear of bodily harm.

What was the nature of the threat, and who made it?

I've seen this claim of fear tossed around many times but there never is any elaboration of the exact nature of the this physical threat. I'm not questioning Judith's or anyone's integrity. Just asking for details of this threat.

If I were illegally threatened this way by the military, or any REAL government agency I'd be on CNN and MSNBC within the hour.

Dave Vetterick

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Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

From: Steve Jones <svjones@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 19:56:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 14:32:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

>From: Patricia Mason <pmason@ee.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction Phenomena
>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 14:32:34 -0500

>Eve Lorgen will be giving a presentation to LA MUFON on January
>20, 1999 at the Burbank Pickwik Center. For more information
>see:

><http://www.mufonla.com/>

>For her latest article available on the web see:

>http://users1.ee.net/pmason/el_implications.html

>Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction Phenomena:
>Psychological Implications
>
>By Eve Frances Lorgen, M. A.

Greetings-

I have had about 10 years of experience with informal observation of numerous individuals who have allegedly experienced an abduction involving what they described as a none human entity. I come at this, not from the standpoint of a clinical professional (although I have a degree in Psychology, where I specialized in perception and information processing), but rather as a Folklorist (also am degreed in Anthropology and have done graduate work in fringe religions and cults). I have been doing this type of work for over 30 years now, starting with the lore that is very prevalent in the Mount Shasta area of California back in 1968.

Although I have seen instances of what could be described as a "Stockholm syndrome" (falling in love with your abductor) type of reaction, for the most part, these people have experienced some very deeply seated trauma. I have three very close friends who have been in this situation and I can tell you that they really do not like to open up about it. This includes one who has been a combat veteran and has done special ops work for the U.S. Army. One of my cases also involved an ex-Navy Seal who disappeared in Travis Walton style for over 8 days. He was so traumatized that upon recovering, he reported directly to his ex-commanding officer, who just so happens to be very high up in the chain of command.

The point here is the abduction scenario, regardless of what people would like to make out of it in defense of their particular world view, is something that needs very serious scientific inquiry. This is precisely what motivated John Mack to do what he has done, regardless of the consequences.

Continuously over the past decade I have heard the rants of those who demand that proof be personally delivered to their doorstep and this continues to this day. To be frank, I have long ago grown bored of this, however nothing would give me greater pleasure than to take some skeptics right up to the side of a large craft and let them touch it themselves. Who knows,

sometime in the future, this might happen.

Steve Jones

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Re: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: "Robert A. M. Stephens" <sti3818@montana.com>

Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 21:40:17 +0000

Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 14:40:52 -0500

Subject: Re: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>UFOLAWYER1@aol.com wrote:

>In a message dated 1/16/99 5:17:34 PM Mountain Standard Time,

>sti3818@montana.com writes:

>>We got 199 questions to answer.

>Robert,

>Maybe so...but you are the last person to accuse anyone of
>anything. You have shown a propensity to lie and a total
>disregard for the truth. When you decide to tell the truth about

>your background...instead of lies...then you can challenge
>someone else's truth. Each of our truth's starts at home.

>I agree that all statements, including Richard's, must be
>carefully scrutinized by professional people. You are simply
>not that person...since you are neither truthful nor a
>scientist. You are merely another person seeking attention at
>another's expense and reputation.

>And you had told me on the telephone that you wanted no further
>involvement in this area or these People. That you would no
>longer e-mail anyone and sought no further attention. Were
>those statements to me just more of your lies? Or is it simply
>that you have no control over what you say and do?

>Peter

Hi Peter,

Good rational mail. I have sent you verification, on everything I have stated publicly. I have sent links to you personally since your interview with me on the phone, verifying SR-71, Fence, exobiology, etc, etc, by those hundreds who write me daily doing their own research. Everything was and is true. Not not some psycho induced conjecture based on fantasy and stolen embellished photographs from NASA archives.

I have lied about nothing. Nothing. My background, like the felonious records and erroneous lies of others, hidden and selectively ignored by this industry, is about to be revealed. Just like me, since I don't see you or anyone else putting their money where their all searching mouth is in ferreting out true fraud, I'll do what you have demanded of me. That is fair.

My background in service to the United States is not subject to public domain and never will be. Period. If that isn't good enough, then you should demand the same from others, or leave it alone. You can do that as you see fit.

I am the foremost to bring forth the other 199 questions that I was forbidden to asked. Why did Hoagland tell Sauder to leave Washington D.C. because it was going to bomb itself. Since you are the third leg of the great entertainment triad of Bell-Hoagland & Co. and you claim to be serious, how come you don't demand the same scruitny from him on such gravitous

questions. My data, from the Montana UFO to the present on NEXRAD is true, to the letter.

Until you get off the selective memory and censorship of the industry, your complaint is meaningless.

I told you you could quote anything of disclaimer in your interview with me. You decided to do just that. But you did not set back and think for a minute that if you did, you must do the same for all. You have erred. It is now you and the great triad of UFO entertainment that must defend your selves since I'm already at the bottom of the totem. Even a Fraud can asked questions.

Why is it that through all this it is the Ph.Ds, the serious researchers, the real people behind the scenes, that flood my mailbox with mail teaching me more about this industry and the intruder enigma, and asking questions in return. Why the thousands of mails since 12-30-1998 still pouring in in utter support myself and utter contempt of my discrediting because the great juggernaut didn't like the question.

You may call Kennedy Space Center, at 407-867-1566, the general number. Asked for Larry Mauk. Asked Mr. Mauk of my background with NASA documentation since 1982. Then asked him of my work for all the various vendors of aerospace since 1980. Simple. Asked about things I have not mentioned yet, like the artist in space project with Judith Resnik, deceased astronaut, Challenger, 1-28-1986. And there is so much more.

And that is all we should be concerned with. When you do, do the same for KSC public affairs, since you'll be at the same center, and asked why Richard Hoagland has lost his press accreditation for himself and the Enterprise Mission in every NASA center on Earth.

Because he lied to NASA.

I have not.

199 questions. One was a lie and confirmed. Either it will be done by debate or publicly.

As for attention, if you cared to check at Mutual News, or the National Gallery or the Smithsonian, you will find I have had enough 'attention' for anyone in five lifetimes, long before I ever new about this thing online. Attention is not the issue here. Because, remember, I'm a fraud Peter, and who wants to be proud of that.

sincerely,

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Re: Watch for my coming hoax!

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 00:09:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 14:47:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Watch for my coming hoax!

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 21:01:05 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Watch for my coming hoax!

>Ironically, like many debunkers, Edelman also claims to have a
>scientific background and decries ufology as completely
>unscientific. Since when is compulsive lying to make your case
>"scientific"?

Compulsive lying, eh? Perhaps Edelman has learned from Der
Schlickmeister (the Master of Slick)

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'Confirmation'?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 00:09:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 14:50:03 -0500
Subject: 'Confirmation'?

To All:

I have looked at the Confirmation web site:

www.confirmation.net

which hypes the upcoming (Feb. 17) 2 hr NBC documentary based "in spirit" on Whitley's book. Looks as if once again the entertainment and hype may overpower the accuracy.

In particular, it advertises the Aug. 6, 1997 Mexico City video.... which I demonstrated, at the studio which produced the NBC show, is a likely hoax (background imagery smeared by hand motion; UFO image never smeared by hand motion).

Of course, I don't know what they will say about it.... maybe they will call it a hoax.

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Australian Ufo Reports & Experiences -02-99, #10

From: Robert Frola <ufologist@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:18:10 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 14:56:29 -0500
Subject: Australian Ufo Reports & Experiences -02-99, #10

Hi all,

Attached here is the latest from Australia. One file in three different formats, Word7 Doc, Txt and Rtf. There are ongoing investigations and these will be reported in future issues.

Cheers

Robert Frola
Australian UFO Research Network

AUSTRALIAN UFO REPORTS AND EXPERIENCES
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POSSIBLE HOAX / MISIDENTIFICATION: Jimboomba, Queensland CE-2
Event

Original Report as posted on Skywatch International: Harry Mason
National UFO Hotline Australia

10-12-98 @ 10.55pm - JIMBOOMBA, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA, "BFT"
EVENT

UFO Sighting Report # 18,971/5=3D10-12-98 NATIONAL UFO HOTLINE
AUSTRALIA Harry Mason Defense and Intel Liaison Officer Defense
Intelligence Department WA Section

HM =3D Interviewer (Perth WA: 08-9525-5999) - notes taken by phone
on 10-12-98 night - about 2 hours after incident (began at
10.55pm Qld time) at 12.30am Qld time, (10.30pm WA time) -
Observers rang Ross Dowe at National UFO Hotline on his mobile
phone to offer sighting report - Ross could not hear them due to
noise on mobile telephone line. Ross immediately informed HM who
rang them 15 minutes later from WA to get report. Their house
telephone Line free of noise at this time =3D 12.30am Queensland
time on 11-12-98 (=3D 10.30am WA time on 10-12-98) - see below for
details of telephone interference before, during, and after
event.

(NB. HM Impressed by geniuses and apparent honesty of witnesses
- they were still somewhat "hyper-agitated" over sighting!)

Witness requested anonymity from public release of their names
and personal contact details but serious accredited researchers
can apply to HM for this info.

Observer Location =3D Jimboomba, Queensland, Eastern Australia

(some 40km. south of Brisbane at 153Deg 03Min East, 27Deg 50Min South)

[NB. The four observers promised to each draw object and fax to interviewer this weekend.]

[NB. Ipswich RAAF base is located 38km Northwest of Jimboomba.]

Event Date/Time =3D 10-12-98 @ 10.55pm Queensland Time (8.55pm WA Time)

Duration of Sighting =3D some 20 minutes.

Nature of Event: -

The three observers saw a big intense orange-red glowing upside down soup bowl or hemispheric light in the east (towards sea) at about an 65 Deg elevation which then moved towards them and rose in fluid fashion vertically above them whilst hemisphere changed colour to intense bright red (similar colour to setting sun). They could look straight up at 90 Deg into the base of the brightly glowing "bulb" of red light, which was so intense it hurt their eyes.

Multi coloured lights (like clear house lights) then began to flash from a flat structure now visible on top of the red hemisphere (possibly the top structure rotated?). The red hemisphere or "bulb" was seen to be attached underneath and in centre of a huge sort of dark Boomerang cum Equilateral Triangle shaped wing-form (one of observers familiar with F117A and B2 stated object was similar but much bigger and definitely not one of those - more like a very big Jumbo Jet in size - but flew totally unlike any aircraft he had ever seen).

Object hovered stopped dead in the sky, or moved slowly and then at times rapidly, and all times fluidly, from location to location. Craft was at times surrounded by a sort of green haze and local air space near craft glowed with either intense green or white light at various times. Flashing multicoloured lights seen at times on the top large dark wing structure consisted of orange-red-green-yellow-blue-silver etc. and appeared to originate all over this top structure. Lower central orange-red hemisphere or "bulb" glowed intense red at times and at other moments was more orange in colour.

The three observers thought there were possibly small rotating red lights on both sides at front of flat wing structure with small white lights at triangle apexes. As object came down over the observers from the east it moved towards their southwest and flashed all over with multiple coloured lights and then began to glow with a green haze.

The now four observers (one woken up to see the show) observed the object lower with a bright green haze around it to about a 45 Deg elevation to their southwest. It then hovered dead in the sky. A bright pure white light haze was then emitted from the object and the space nearby and lit up the entire surrounding area and the ground. There was no light coming from the ground - it was all derived from the object and the air space near it.

Just after object passed overhead they heard a light dull humming swishing noise - otherwise no noise in most of event. One observer remarked it was unlike a normal plane where sound preceded object. In this case sound followed it's movement and there was NO sound as it moved towards them or whilst it maneuvered - only when it stopped or went directly over and past them could they hear the dull hum.

The object then moved from it's location to their southwest and went around them to their south and thence back to the east (i.e. it did not approach Ipswich RAAF base which lies some 38km. to their northwest and 35km wsw of Brisbane). As it moved east it started flashing blue-red - possibly spinning? The base "bulb" began to pulse and flash blood red and the top lights flashed multicolours - all simultaneously. The object moved slowly for some time then it picked up speed dramatically fast and disappeared from sight in dark cloud to the east from whence it had come.

There was no rain, no lightning or any storm of any kind before during or after the event that night, but it was cloudy to the

east.

Their mobile phone was useless from just before they first saw the object for about one hour - well after object had left the area. The mobile phone just emitted intense static with a highly disturbed signal. The house phone was also useless for about 45 minutes during the incident and after, and emitted a very loud crackling noise for the 45 minutes of down time. NB Ross Dowe confirmed that whilst they rang him with their mobile it was impossible to hear them clearly due to intense static - he could just make out their phone number - this was about one hour after their UFO-light event had finished. They claim not being able to contact anyone by either mobile or house phone for nearly one hour after the event. They finally were able to reach the RAAF who gave them Ross Dowe's number.

They had their own electric lights off with no TV or radio or electrical appliances on during the event. They were finishing up their evening with candles on the verandah. Neighbours electric lights appeared to be unaffected during the entire event. They do not know what happened to TV and Radio transmissions during the event.

Whilst the object was around the township of Jimboomba the neighbourhood dogs were going berserk barking and howling and their own dog was "very frisky". The event put the hairs up on their own necks during the close overflight.

The interviewer detected no symptoms of alcohol or narcotics in each of the observers - over the telephone interview. Each person independently interviewed and each verified general aspects of entire event.

NB. Similar events involving huge "BFT's", or reports of very large Manta-Ray/outfolded "Rose Petal" or "Daisy Petal" black winged craft with many lights were reported beginning 4-Dec-98 City Beach Perth WA, 7-Dec-98 Melbourne Victoria. 10-Dec-98 Darwin NT, 10-Dec-98 North Queensland. These are currently being investigated and will be reported as soon as all facts are in. Some events are at night, others by day, some clear skies, some in electrical storms, and some in cloudy conditions.

No military maneuver known to be in progress - but this is being checked. NB somewhat similar electrical events in North Queensland previously attributed to US Military Exercises and use of EM blanketing device from Stealth aircraft?

Conclusion: Event represents Danger to Australian Airspace and Civilians

Recommendation: Inform Canberra Dept. Defense and Relevant Air Traffic Authority officers re BLT event series and request discussion.

Best Regards, Harry Mason orbitx@inet.net.au.

Our Conclusions - pending further investigation: Robert Frola
UFOICQ

A UFO Investigator who lives on the outskirts of Jimboomba said there was no jumbo size UFO over the town ship on the night of the 10.12.98. She stated that while driving home from dinner at 10.55pm she saw aircraft lights in the clouds, and may have mistaken them as a UFO. But it was definitely a plane she saw. It had big landing lights and was flying through the clouds. Contacted RAAF Amberley, whose response was that if indeed an object was observed on radar, that low over a town for a period of 20 minutes, they would have investigated this anomaly. There was no military maneuvers and only civilian activity that evening. As with power blackouts/brownouts, they are quite common around the area and happen often.

REPORTS:

26.06.96 Milton, NSW 0530hrs (CE1) (Source: Diane Harrison, e-mail: tkbnetw@fan.net.au. The Keith Basterfield Network 02.10.98) Her home at Milton NSW (Just north of Ulladulla) is approx. 3km from and 150 metres higher than the ocean, and faces east. At 5.30 AM She was woken by her cat and got up to let him out. At eye level out over the ocean at approx. 3=BD km distance

she saw "many" (more than 5) bright amber lights playing around a larger amber light. The smaller lights were pea size and the larger was tennis ball size. Some small ones arrived and others departed over a period of 30 minutes. Finally a very large, dark, hat shaped, dinner plate size object descended vertically into view and the larger amber light started flashing signals at it. In response, a ring of multi coloured lights came on around the rim of the large dark object. The large amber object then flew into it and disappeared. The large "mother ship" then angled its right hand edge up to about 45 degrees. while maintaining stationary position and soon after the smaller amber lights also flew into it and disappeared and the large craft ascended vertically until indistinguishable among the stars. Mrs. Y says she experienced no lost time or had any period of strangeness during the period of the sighting and does not believe an abduction was involved. (Brad Mildern)

12.10.98 Nowra, NSW 2300hrs (NL) **UPDATE** (Source: Joseph Trainor, UFO Roundup Vol.3, No.42 19.10.98. & Diane Harrison, e-mail: tkbnetw@fan.net.au. The Keith Basterfield Network 31.12.98) On Monday, October 12, 1998, just before 11 p.m., a 31-year-old housewife went outdoors at her home about 6 kilometers (3 miles) from Nowra, New South Wales, Australia and spotted a group of UFOs in tight formation flying low toward the south. The house is in a rural area with only one dirt road from Nowra to Sassafras and on to Braidwood. Nowra is on Australia's eastcoast about 180 kilometers (108 miles) south of Sydney. The UFOs appeared to be at 35 degrees elevation and hovered there before moving south again. The witness said they only had a visible shape when using the binoculars but appeared to be as large as a 5-cent piece at arm's length when using them. They were bell-shaped with a white or bluish-white light at the top, quite steady. They appeared 'translucent, like a jellyfish' and displayed multi-coloured flashing lights around the sides in no recognizable pattern. Central underneath was a steady bluish glow. When they came back toward the farm, they wove about in the sky about 6 to 8 kilometers southwest of her property, where they stayed for about twenty minutes and appeared to be flying erratically, 'like a conductor's baton or a ballet dance.' Just after 11:30 p.m., they flickered off to the west-northwest, dipping behind some trees. Brad Mildern of Paradox UFO Group, which covers Batemans Bay, investigated the case. Commenting on the Nowra UFOs, Ufologist Diane Harrison said, "Description reminds me of the photos from Gulf Breeze." (Brad Mildern)

01.12.98 Brisbane, QLD (St Lucia) 2000hrs (NL) (Source: Robert Frola, UFO Investigation Centre Queensland, 03.12.98) "Lisa & I had just finished our touch football game at St Lucia University (field No 7). As we walked back across the field towards our car, we observed the object just above the tree line heading west of the city in a slightly downward motion. It looked to me, from the size and position in the sky, that its location would have been between us and Brisbane City. Its speed was much, much faster than any plane I have ever seen. I know what meteors look like and this was no meteor...Its colour was almost flourescent bright green, not just in places but the whole entire object. (Personal Investigation)

14.12.98 Katherine, NT (NL) (Source: Northern Territory NEWS "UFO Sighting's on the rise: expert Says" by Maria Billias 14.12.98 & Keith Douglass Credit: Diane Harrison, e-mail: tkbnetw@fan.net.au. The Keith Basterfield Network 18.12.98) UFO reports in the Territory have increased astronomically, with the latest Sightings occurring in Katherine yesterday morning. UFO Researcher Keith Douglass of Unidentified Flying Objects Research, Alice Springs, yesterday said UFO sightings were reported to him every two or three days. And he said reports had soared, not just in the Territory, but all over the world. Mr Douglass said: "It's bigger than anyone could imagine. "UFO sighting is on the increase because it's becoming more acceptable not to be called an idiot."

"A lot of people are seeing them in the Territory especially, with strange lights being reported on average every tow or three days". Mr. Douglass said the most recent sighting came from Katherine early yesterday morning, with two tennis-sized red ball illuminating the sky. He said: "I got the report from a couple of different people saying they were about 2-3km up in the sky and 2am". Mr. Douglass said, while he was unsure where these lights came from he firmly believed that they were not a hoax. He said: "I think there is something going on out there."

(Keith Douglass)

14.12.98 Alice Springs, NT (Rapid Creek) 0210hrs (NL) (Source: Diane Harrison, e-mail: tkbnetw@fan.net.au. The Keith Basterfield Network 18.12.98) Warwick S said: "The time was 2.10am I had gone out side to have a smoke and enjoy the beautiful night/ early morning. I said a prayer, looked up and around the Milky Way that hung there in the sky. I saw a shooting star and then to my right a flashing light approaching, the lights caught my attention. At first I thought it was a plane as the Airport isn't far away. It flew past me slowly observing me and letting me observe them. It maintained the same speed around (5 km/h) and then flew out to sea."

Height: Around 20meters up, or a 3-story block of units in height. Objects lights: blue, red, yellow, and orange Duration: 10 min Shape: Oval with light through the middle of it How did you feel: Scared, excited, overwhelmed, spun out, and disappointed sort of because they didn't stop to chat. (Keith Douglass)

31.12.98/01.01.99 Brisbane, QLD (Woodridge) bet 2230-0030hrs (NL) (Source: 1800 Freecall Australian UFO Research Network Hotline Number) Over a period of three to four hours, a husband and wife, while relaxing on the back veranda of their home, sighted a number of unknown objects. The first was around 10.30pm on New Year's Eve. 3 objects were seen over the top of Mt Tamborine. Another lighted object was observed over Kingston. The next group of objects, (8 in number), were seen shortly after midnight. These objects were described as white balls of light with a red outer glowing rim. Looking through binoculars, the objects appeared to have flecks of light emanating from the circumference of the objects.

NOTE: RAAF Amberley had received numerous reports of similar objects. No military or civilian aircraft were flying in the area at the time of the sighting. The witnesses had contacted Ross Dowe after the RAAF Duty Officer of the day gave them his telephone number. Ross Dowe's explanation to the sightings: a meteor shower. Weather condition at the time: full cloud cover (1000-1500 feet), rain moderate to heavy. The meteor shower explanation seems ludicrous. Contacted authorities, which were involved with fireworks display. Objects do not fit the description of any fireworks they have in their inventory. Their suggestion: UFOs or meteor shower. A gentleman living in Wynnum contacted witness, being a CB/short wave enthusiast. He also saw the same objects but over the bay.

They also recounted a sighting, which occurred on Christmas Eve. A red ball was seen over Middle Rd Greenbank area. This object traveled across the sky in a straight line, before going vertical, disappearing quickly through the clouds. (UFOICQ)

01.01.99 Brisbane, QLD (Forest Lake) bet 0030-0100hrs (CE1) (U/I) (Source: 1800 Freecall Australian UFO Research Network Hotline Number) While sitting under the back pergola, Mr. W and his wife sighted a triangular object, moving very slowly over the western horizon in a north to northwesterly direction. The object had a yellow orange glow about it. Through binoculars it was yellow on top and orange on the bottom. 15 minutes later, an identical object appeared and traveled along the same flight path. The witness, an ex-Vietnam vet, estimated the speed of the object to be around 80 to 90kph. No noise was heard. Both witnesses wear glasses. (UFOICQ)

Sources for this issue:

Keith Douglass, PO Box 3205, Alice Springs, NT 0871
Brad Mildern, PO Box 255, Nowra, NSW 2541
UFOICQ, PO Box 805, Springwood, QLD 4127

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Re: Fox TV Special

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 23:55:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 14:58:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Fox TV Special

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Fox TV Special
>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 00:41:40 -0500

>>Yet again Greg you are basing your bias on what I typed. I again
>>call for you to just take the time to view the CONTACT video
>>tape and then you and I can talk from a somewhat level playing
>>field... I respect your right to your opinion...but an opinion
>>which is formed on partial information, is incomplete. <G>

>For the last time, Michael, and this is very frustrating....

>I'm not talking about the Contact video, on which I have no
>opinion.

>You quoted an analysis of the sound heard on it. Your quote was
>quite long. I commented on what you quoted. If there's something
>else in the video that you think I would like better, please
>type it out, as you did your last quote, so I can know what it
>is.

Yes, and I am telling you that the 'Contact' video contains that
analysis which I typed from the book. I could care less if you
see it or not, if you are not interested in viewing the very
thing I spent time typing...

So, regardless of the rest of this message, and what it may mean
to either of us, I will say no more. You need not bother to
reply, since it taxes your time and patience so much...

REgards, Mike

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Pilgrimage To Celestial Light Causes Terrible

From: Stig Agermose <Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 07:26:08 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:03:34 -0500
Subject: Pilgrimage To Celestial Light Causes Terrible

[List only]

Source: AP via the Boston Globe

http://www.boston.com:80/dailyglobe2/016/nation/Rescuers_seek_hundreds_in_rubble_after_a_landslide_at_Indian_shrine+.shtml

Stig

Rescuers seek hundreds in rubble after a landslide at Indian shrine

By Associated Press, 01/16/99

NEW DELHI - Rescuers cleared debris yesterday, and sobbing pilgrims searched for relatives and friends, after 51 pilgrims died in a stampede and landslide at a Hindu shrine in southern India, news reports said.

Local television reported that at least 100 other pilgrims were injured as thousands of people rushed down a hill Thursday near the Sabarimala shrine in southern Kerala state, 1,300 miles south of New Delhi.

Rescue workers dug through a mound of boulders that had slid down the slope, looking for 11 people still feared buried, police said yesterday. Hundred of firefighters and police were trying to clear thousands of panicked pilgrims from the area.

The pilgrimage turned into a stampede Thursday after a rope snapped that had been intended to channel the flow of people downhill. Barefoot pilgrims were suddenly all over the hillside, some trying to sidestep electrical wires strewn in the area, police said. Part of the hilltop collapsed under the pressure, creating a landslide, police said.

Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims were visiting the area for the Hindu festival of Makar Sankranti.

The Star TV network said facilities at the shrine were inadequate to cope with the number of pilgrims, which has risen each year. It reported that only 30 doctors were on hand to care for half a million pilgrims.

Sabarimala is a deeply revered Hindu pilgrimage site. Each year, tens of millions of pilgrims in traditional black robes climb the 9-mile route up the mountain to worship at a temple dedicated to the Hindu god Ayappa.

On the way down, they often stop at vantage points on the hill to watch for a naturally occurring light reportedly seen in the surrounding forest only on a limited number of holy days.

This story ran on page A05 of the Boston Globe on 01/16/99.

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Re: The State of Ufology Today

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlt@pacbell.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 01:37:06 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:10:27 -0500
Subject: Re: The State of Ufology Today

>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 20:15:06 -0500
>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDate <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: The State of Ufology Today

>>From: George Filer <Majorstar@AOL.COM>
>>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 19:08:34 EST
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:32:20 -0500
>>Subject: Filer's Files 99-#1 MUFON Skywatch Investigations

>>Filer's Files #1-1999, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>>George A. Filer, MUFON Eastern Director, Happy New Year
>>January 8, 1998, Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020

<snip>

>>I feel more than fifty percent of the sightings can be explained
>>as aerial misidentifications, natural phenomenon, various types
>>of secret military aircraft and the like.

>I am amazed at your abilities, after decades in the field.

>>There continues a steady stream of reports throughout most of
>>the year.

>Well, yes, this is most certainly so and worthy of comment.

>>It seems that the reporting of these misidentifications should
>>continue, even if the real UFOs departed.

>The "real" UFOs! Got them pinned down, do you?! And I rather
>imagine if the "real" UFOs stopped coming around we'd see an end
>to the other reports as well, after a decent interval.

<snip>

>>MUFON investigators like myself are not paid or reimbursed for
>>numerous phone calls, travel, and time expended to verify the
>>reports.

>Now, that says a whole lot about something, doesn't it? That
>is, the "verification" process is self-funded, by the verifiers,
>who are just ordinary citizens. Impressive, to say the least.

<snip>

>>I report the siting if it seems authentic.

>Is that "siting" or "sighting?" Inquiring minds want to know!

>>We attempt to have investigators follow up the reports. Often
>>those people with the best sightings are very reluctant to be
>>interviewed. They often do not want UFO investigators coming to
>>their homes or giving out their names. I think this is
>>understandable. Even under the best conditions it is difficult
>>to have a meaningful follow up investigation. We have MUFON
>>investigators driving hundreds of miles to meet with a witness
>>who fails to show. Sometimes they refuse to fill out the papers
>>or sign their name.

>And what do you have if they DO sign their name? Just another
>sighting to add to the thousands of others filed away in dusty
>files -- since the 1950s, for heaven's sake! So what!

>>I wish to thank those investigators who have driven the miles,
>>spent their time and written the reports. One investigation
>>done correctly can take days. MUFON and most UFO organizations are
>>strictly volunteer with no pay. Expenses are not paid, and a
>>great deal of time and effort is spent. The investigators
>>deserve a medal, a thank you, and a well done. They are the
>>heroes of this field.

>And, it seems to me, dumber than dirt. Why spend any more time
>and money on this activity? What does it gain you! Don't you
>know that Richard Hall's house is near unto bursting with file
>cabinet after file cabinet of UFO reports, all just as
>"verified" as the latest thing MUFON is doing! What in heaven's
>name will piling up more of THESE do to move things along?

>>Anyone who claims to possess startling UFO information should be
>>able to provide at a minimum there military or government
>>records, ID cards, college transcripts and similar evidence to
>>prove their backgrounds and employment.

<snip>

>First, a Clarkism: "there" should be "their." And, of course, I
>agree -- all of these people should be vetted. . .as should all
>the OTHER people in this field who have positions from which
>they may pontificate! Why stop with the new guys, huh?

<snip>

>Well, thanks, since you are my Silver Standard in ufologists!

>>To those who desire to learn the truth about UFOs, I encourage
>>you to read information from the respected leaders in the field
>>such as Richard H. Hall's "Perspectives" column. It's published
>>monthly in the "MUFON UFO Journal."

>Ah, yes, my Gold Standard for ufologists IS Mr. Hall!
>>"MUFON UFO Journal"] makes me think about how the sociological
>>aspects of the UFO movement distract from the physical science
>>aspects.

>Mr. Hall is a well-respected physical scientist with a huge
>budget for instrumented scientific analysis of high flying UFOs!

>>News media gleefully report on the colorful personalities, the
>>more paranoid the better, but where is their reporting on the
>>potentially important airline pilot sightings of the past few
>>years?

>So what if they WERE reported -- are they any different from
>10,000 other sightings by airline pilots since 1947?

<snip>

>>Obviously, Bell is viewed by the media as representative of the
>>UFO field, even as guru for ufologists. Well, count me out.
>>Let's stick to facts, logic, and science.

>Ah, yes, but that's HALL'S "facts, logic and science!"

>>Thanks to Bob Soetebier and the December '98 MUFON Journal, p18.

>Thanks, indeed!

>Gary Alevy

Gary,

These are selected snips from your post that I think illustrate
your caustic and hostile attitude toward Jerry Clark, Richard
Hall and MUFON investigators (like myself). I had to look at
your displays of hostility even when other researchers were
being civil to you and only asking you to prove what you were
saying in your posts. Bruce Evans received the same treatment. I
respect the work of the above people and despise seeing you

resort to character assassination. I don't know what drives your cynicism and hatred. Perhaps a qualified therapist would be able to help you understand yourself and your obvious self hatred.

Perhaps then you will drop your hateful attitude and actually begin to finally contribute something to this field. Judging by the work of Jerome Clark and Richard Hall you may after years be worthy of licking their boots.

Gary, don't vent on me. I've seen more than enough of your ugliness in far too many posts. I will not stoop to respond to you.

Josh Goldstein
(lowly MUFON investigator dumb as dirt)

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Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlt@pacbell.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 02:56:41 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:12:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 08:30:36 +0000
>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 17:25:49 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:22:35 -0800
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Official US Air Force 'Roswell Incident' Report

>><snip>

>>>Of course some nice helpfull person may think to try and get the
>>>Cc out of the archives under the FOIA?.

><snip>

>>It is my understanding that the Air Force had a duplicate of the
>>negative made in 1994 (or thereabouts) as part of their
>>investigation in anticipation of the GAO probe, but it would
>>have already sustained the damages mentioned.

>>If we have reason to believe that a duplicate was made at the
>>time, then we could make the request of the Archives.

>Steve,

>Either you are misinterpreting Neil's post or I am. I thought
>he was talking about trying to get a copy of the _telegram_ via
>FOIA, not a copy of the negative. Even the best copy negative
>would have less information than the original, even in its
>present state. But if the telegram was filed after the event, a
>copy of it may well exist in some file.

>Bob

Bob, it would be worth a try to see if a copy of that telegram
exists but I would not be surprised if the Air Force response
would be that if it existed it probably disappeared in one of
the missing Roswell files.

Josh

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Notice For All UFO Researchers

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 18:53:46 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:17:36 -0500
Subject: Notice For All UFO Researchers

Dear colleagues,

The UK based London Weeken Television company are currently looking for UFO's captured on film for a documentary they are working on. To this effect they have asked me to circulate the following:

UFO SIGHTINGS

Have you got footage of UFO's ? You could make =A3200.

An ITV documentary will pay =A3200 for your clip, if used. Please telephone (UK) 0171 578 4410, or e-mail: Claire.O' Donohoe@granadamedia.com

Regards,

Philip Mantle.

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'Tent Footage' Finally Exposed!

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 18 Feb 1999 01:53:48 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:19:45 -0500
Subject: 'Tent Footage' Finally Exposed!

Last year independent UFO researchers Phil Mantle and Tim Matthews conducted an in-depth investigation into the possible UK origins of the so-called "Tent Footage" after Phil was contacted by an insider with intriguing information on making of the film.

It subsequently emerged that this was a very low-budget UK production undertaken by people associated with ARK Music Ltd. of Milton Keynes, an outfit owned by Andy Price-Watts and Keith Bateman.

Thanks to our efforts a full expose of this sorry affair appeared in today's "Mail on Sunday" (UK) newspaper. The two page article by journalist Nick Fielding included further details of the making of the film and information about Ray Santilli's relationship with ARK Music Ltd.

Once again we have been able to penetrate the web of lies surrounding an important UFO hoax.

Tim Matthews - Lancashire UFO Society/British UFO Studies Centre.

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BWW Media Alert 19990117

From: BufoCalvin@aol.com
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Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:21:12 -0500
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The NOVA episode on Nessie was interesting. While it was by no means an endorsement, it treated the participants kindly. It seemed to appreciate their drive and innovation, and sympathize with the hurdles (such as lack of funding and lack of support)...sort of like what a documentary on the Apollo moon mission might do, if we had remained Earthbound.

On to the listings: Times are generally Pacific.

TELEVISION

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Tuesday, January 19, 8:00 PM, INSIDE AREA 51
Tuesday, January 19, 11:00 PM, INSIDE AREA 51
Thursday, January 21, 10:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS (crop circles; disappearing houses)
Friday, January 22, 1:00 AM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS (crop circles; disappearing houses)
Saturday, January 23, 1:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS (crop circles, disappearing houses)
Next Sunday, January 24, 4:00 PM, INSIDE AREA 51
Next Thursday, January 28, 10:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: CREATURES IN THE SHADOWS
Next Friday, January 29, 1:00 AM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: CREATURES IN THE SHADOWS

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Next Sunday, January 24, 5:45 PM, GOING WILD! WITH JEFF CORWIN (includes bigfoot)

PBS

Look for many stations to repeat (at their own whim, apparently) last week's NOVA episode on the Loch Ness monster.

THE SCIENCE CHANNEL

The new schedule (since December 28, 1998) is weird programming for an hour each at 3:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. Alternating shows are: INTO THE UNKNOWN and ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE. They also run a Roswell show now every other week (it's probably the same show every time) at 4:00 AM and noon on Sundays.

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Tuesday, January 19, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3015 (haunted highway;

UFOs; psychic detective; "hearing" sights, "smelling" sounds, etc.)
Wednesday, January 20, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3016 (exorcism; Orson Welles and voodoo; Earth energy; Gaia; alien abduction)
Thursday, January 21, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3017 (USS Franklin D. Roosevelt encounter; past lives; time travel)
Friday, January 22, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3018 (UFO and crash of P-51; spontaneous human combustion; rumors about the Denver airport)
Tuesday, January 26, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3019 (Mexican UFOs; psychic twins; cloning)
Wednesday, January 27, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3020 (Pacific Northwest UFOs; luck; psychic detective; haunted hotel in California)
Thursday, January 28, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3021 (secret government UFO research; Roswell; psychic detective; cemetery haunting)
Friday, January 29, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3022 (twins abducted by aliens; artificial intelligence; haunting; angels)

SYNDICATED

Thursday, January 21, MONTEL WILLIAMS: psychic Sylvia Browne

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 10:29:20 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:26:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

There are certainly hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people who have served in the military or worked for the Federal Government and have taken security oaths or worked under security restrictions. For the most part, these restrictions have certainly worked.

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Have there ever been any documented instances of such attempted prior censorship involving any UFO sources? If followers of this list could provide instances of such events, it would help us move from hypothetical and theoretic discussions to fact.

Any known instances, ladies and gentlemen?

Bob Young

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>That, I believe, in this venue, at this current moment, is
>me.

I am terribly curious to hear the questions and the response.
I've had many questions regarding Mr. Hoagland's information
myself.

>Behold

Good idea. Let's.

Judith Dale

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From: **Jose Escamilla** <rods@rmi.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:35:15 -0500
Subject: Re:

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From: **Jose Escamilla** <rods@rmi.net>
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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: [judithdale](#) <judithdale@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 12:45:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 21:11:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 18:53:01 -0600
>From: Dave Vetterick <veterick@ix.netcom.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 09:13:13 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:50:20 +0000
>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:46:28 -0600
>>>From: Dave Vetterick <veterick@ix.netcom.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:32:40 -0800
>>>>From: Judith Dale <judithdale@earthlink.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates-Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>EBK and List :

>EBK evidently felt otherwise. In posting my message to the list
>he snipped Judith's post right after her opening paragraph.
>
>Perhaps I should have written my reply differently. I apologize.
>However, the snip to Judith's message coming where it did has
>caused some confusion which I'll attempt to clarify while at the
>same time responding to Kevin and Roger's posts also noted
>above.

Yes, I've noticed the confusion. Actually, its been interesting
to watch information get skewed simply because its taken out of
context.

>Here is the pertinent part of Judith's message:

>>The experience that I have is with my partner's dad, who is a
>>retired Lt. Colonel, USAF intelligence. In response to questions
>>about UFO's and the involvement of the Air Force, he will only
>>say that alot has gone on and to talk about it would put him,
>>and us, in terrible danger. This doesn't sound like a fear of
>>loosing his pension, to me. This is a man who started in the
>>Army and became Air Force in 1947. The Air Force subsequently
>>paid for him to get a graduate degree in communications at Yale.

>She goes on to speak about a notebook with drawings of Greys
>which I'm sure we'd all love to see. She concludes with:

>>We have all found his refusal to tell us anything to be
>>incredibly frustrating. He is now in his 80's, but insists that
>>what he knows will go to the grave with him. He is adamant that
>>it is not safe for him to speak. Fear of lost pension? I don't
>>think so. This is also a man who was rah, rah military, and now

>>vehemently hates the military. Curious.

>Kevin, my original point was NOT questioning or belittling the
>man's right to continue to honor his oath if he so chooses, as
>seems to be your impression of what I was saying.

>My question was and still is...What is the basis for the fear
>that if he talked it would put him, AND HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY, in
>"terrible danger", and "it is not SAFE for him to speak".

>This implies bodily harm would come about if he spoke about 30
>year old UFO related military secrets.

>Roger, no offense, but suggesting the government and military is
>going to inflict illegal bodily harm over this and could get
>away with it, as you said they likely did over the Contra
>dealings, is far fetched and bordering on paranoia in my
>opinion.

>Intimidation is a tool, but to suggest in this day and time that
>the military could threaten anything other than putting a person
>in Ft. Leavenworth much less illegal bodily harm to a person's
>family, and get away with it just isn't realistic.

>Judith said this gentleman now "vehemently hates the military".
>So the obvious conclusion she makes herself is that its not the
>oath keeping him silent, but the fear of bodily harm.

>What was the nature of the threat, and who made it?

Ofcourse, we don't know the nature of the threat, or who made
it. The sense of family members is not so much that the danger
is from "bodily harm" by agents of the military, as it is some
bigger threat.

>I've seen this claim of fear tossed around many times but there
>never is any elaboration of the exact nature of the this
>physical threat. I'm not questioning Judith's or anyone's
>integrity. Just asking for details of this threat.

FYI, I don't feel that my integrity has been challenged. Quite
frankly, I'm clueless about the details of the threat, because
Bill isn't telling us anymore than he has already. I just know
that he was a Lt. Colonel in Air force Intelligence, responsible
for a good deal of the Pacific Northwest.

The threat may not have been one of "bodily harm". For all we
know, the danger may be in some threat to the human
socio/cultural/political paradigm.

>If I were illegally threatened this way by the military, or any
>REAL government agency I'd be on CNN and MSNBC within the hour.

I don't think it serves any of us to make assumptions about
what the threats involve.

Suffice to say, they were made and those of us who've not had to
take secrecy vows, won't know the nature of the threat, unless
one who does know tells us. In addition, I am quite comfortable
with my personal truths, gained from several years of life
experience. I don't feel any urgency to have the government, or
anyone else, validate my truth. I would like to know what the
government, or extra-government is doing about the intruders.
Ofcourse, the fact is, they may not be able to do anything, so
it falls to the rest of us.

Judith Dale

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Re: 'Confirmation'?

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:42:20 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 21:12:40 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Confirmation'?

>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 00:09:31 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Confirmation?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>I have looked at the Confirmation web site:

>www.confirmation.net

I was amazed to note a few days ago in the "links" section of their website that they listed Billy Meier as an "Expert!" Not to mention the lack of recognizable experts that should have been listed. Yikes!

When I emailed to call them on this, they responded that the site was still under construction and that the link would be changed within four weeks.

I wonder how much input Strieber has in this?

-Scott C. Carr

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 99 15:41:16 PST
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 21:14:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 22:40:08 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Rimmer <magonia@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 10:53:34 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Scott LeGrand <varelse@best.com>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 11:12:44 +0000
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>Maybe, but there's still a helluvalot more money in gullibility
>than scepticism. I just want to make it clear that the alleged
>great public hostility to UFO experients is largely a myth.

Ah, if only this were true. The enormous amount of attention UFOs and UFO-related subjects gets only enhances the climate of ridicule surrounding ufology, sadly. In a sense, no publicity would be preferable to the sort of publicity UFOs get here. With rare exception, positive treatments of UFOs get the tabloid treatment, trivializing the subject and providing yet more fodder for stand-up comics and self-righteous debunkers. With rare exception, elite media -- which set the agenda for "responsible" opinion on UFOs and other matters -- treat ufology with contempt as a fringe pursuit. It all ends up sounding like something out of the CSICOP hymn book.

As a historian of this subject, I am frankly amazed that more than five decades into the public phase of this phenomenon, science and elite opinion continue to resist the simple notion that there may be something interesting here, something that deserves more attention and a better explanation than it has receive heretofore. If anything, UFOs are subjected to more ridicule than ever. The silliness and excess of some UFO enthusiasts haven't helped, but I doubt that it is the main cause. If they choose, intelligent people can tell the difference between such trivial concerns and the more serious questions raised by the persistence of puzzling UFO sightings. In any case, ufologists as such simply lack the influence to influence opinion, even in a negative direction, all that much.

There was a time when a well-regarded, much-read, mainstream magazine such as Life could not only deal seriously with UFOs but argue seriously for the possibility of ET visitation. No magazine could do that today. In fact, it's hard to imagine that any comparable publication would treat UFOs as deserving any more than a passing sneer. True, the Sturrock panel's very cautious conclusions did get some respectful attention; they also got their share of rhetorical abuse; for details, go to jse.com.

UFOs, sad to say, are a subject for a future generation to take up and do justice by. Till then, ridicule calls the tune.

Jerry Clark

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From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 13:33:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 21:30:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 19:56:55 -0800
>From: Steve Jones <svjones@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction Phenomena

>Greetings-

Greetings, Steve Jones:

Are you the same Steve Jones that is so much in love with himself that has difficulty writing a sentence without the word "I" in it? Are you the same Steve Jones that plotted with Richard Boylan to invade my privacy and to go through my trash cans? Are you the same Steve Jones that lied to Joe Ball and got him from your then BBS to threaten myself and family causing me to file a petition in court for a restraining order, the results of which were a signed confession by Joe Ball that you were the instigator of the whole affair? Are you the same Steve Jones that was ostricised from the Sacramento UFO Group (SUFOG), kicked out for life from the FIDONET UFO discussion group by the then owner and moderator and from John Powell's BAMA UFO discussion groups? Are you the Steve Jones that has lost most of his friends in the UFO field, including posters to this list such as Clark Hathaway, because of your insidious lies and fabrications? I believe you are!

>I have had about 10 years of experience with informal
>observation of numerous individuals who have allegedly
>experienced an abduction involving what they described as a none
>human entity. I come at this, not from the standpoint of a
>clinical professional (although I have a degree in Psychology,
>where I specialized in perception and information processing),
>but rather as a Folklorist (also am degreed in Anthropology and
>have done graduate work in fringe religions and cults).

Steve Jones, throughout the 90s and before, has been an automobile service order writer writing up repair service orders when people bring in their cars for checkups. That is how he makes a living and how he comes to the UFO field.

>I have
>been doing this type of work for over 30 years now, starting
>with the lore that is very prevalent in the Mount Shasta area of
>California back in 1968.

I first met Steve Jones during the time that Richard T. Miller (author of Star Wards published by the Solar Cross Foundation and known hoaxer from the 1950s) was promulgating another hoax: An underground alien site in the Plumas National Forest in Northern California back in 1992. Steve Jones has a reputation around the Sacramento area: "I never heard a UFO story I didn't like". Steve Jones was a supporter of Richard T. Miller.

>Although I have seen instances of what could be described as a
>"Stockholm syndrome" (falling in love with your abductor)type
>of reaction, for the most part, these people have experienced
>some very deeply seated trauma.

Why don't you be a little bit more honest. You without any kind

of medical training have convinced alleged abductees to be placed under hypnosis and under control by you and inflicted trauma on them yourself. I still have the video tapes given to me by Chris Stratten that visually show the type of "investigator" you are.

>I have three very close friends who

I don't know of anyone that at one time was a "close friend" of Steve Jones in Sacramento that still is. The only exception may be Richard Boylan.

>have been in this situation and I can tell you that they really
>do not like to open up about it. This includes one who has been
>a combat veteran and has done special ops work for the U.S.
>Army. One of my cases also involved an ex-Navy Seal who
>disappeared in Travis Walton style for over 8 days. He was so
>traumatized that upon recovering, he reported directly to his
>ex-commanding officer, who just so happens to be very high up in
>the chain of command.

Blah, blah, blah! Tell your acquaintance Michael Christol, who posts to this list, about it. You know, the guy that travelled all the way to California from Kentucky to see the UFOs you alleged to be observing everyday with your alcoholic friend. Only to find out on arrival that the alleged UFOs were shy and didn't want to be noticed by far away strangers.

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>people would like to make out of it in defense of their
>particular world view, is something that needs very serious
>scientific inquiry. This is precisely what motivated John Mack
>to do what he has done, regardless of the consequences.

Why don't you tell the list about your support for Richard Boylan and your real feelings?

>Continuously over the past decade I have heard the rants of
>those who demand that proof be personally delivered to their
>doorstep and this continues to this day. To be frank, I have
>long ago grown bored of this, however nothing would give me
>greater pleasure than to take some skeptics right up to the
>side of a large craft and let them touch it themselves. Who
>knows, sometime in the future, this might happen.

Before it happens, people on this list and especially abductees and experiencers, need to know what you Steve Jones is all about. You are without a doubt about the worst thing that can happen to an abductee/experiencer. Caveat Emptor.

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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.  
-----oo00-( )-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----
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Anchorage phenomena of 1/8/99

From: Geri & Alfred Webre <Ecotoday@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 16:51:43 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:07:58 -0500
Subject: Anchorage phenomena of 1/8/99

Hi!

We are trying to locate an URL or report describing the large lights or electromagnetic pulse events that reportedly took place over Anchorage, Alaska on or about 1/8/99. We missed any posts that may have described these phenomena.

Can anyone e-mail us a reference?

Many thanks,

Geri & Alfred Webre
Vancouver, BC

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Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

From: "Tim D. Brigham" <devilsad@ksinc.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 17:36:12 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:09:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 19:56:55 -0800
>From: Steve Jones <svjones@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction Phenomena

<snip>

>The point here is the abduction scenario, regardless of what
>people would like to make out of it in defense of their
>particular world view, is something that needs very serious
>scientific inquiry.

Agreed.

>This is precisely what motivated John Mack
>to do what he has done, regardless of the consequences.

Assuming you feel Dr. Mack is engaged in "scientific inquiry"
and not merely promoting his own "particular world view."

I'm all in agreement that the UFO and abduction phenomena should
be studied in a scientific and objective manner, but I suppose
agreeing what is "scientific and objective", and not "the
promotion of one's own world view" masked as science is where
the debate remains.

>Continuously over the past decade I have heard the rants of
>those who demand that proof be personally delivered to their
>doorstep and this continues to this day. To be frank, I have
>long ago grown bored of this, however nothing would give me
>greater pleasure than to take some skeptics right up to the side
>of a large craft and let them touch it themselves. Who knows,
>sometime in the future, this might happen.

Ignoring the part about anyone asking for "proof to be personally
delivered to their doorstep," because I just don't get what you mean
by this in the first place, I believe what you are getting at is the
evidence issue, and I have to assume you are speaking of the
scientific community's ignorance of the nature of the phenomenon and
not those few vocal people who are opposed to the possibility that
the phenomenon may deserve more study. So you are promoting the
scientific study of the abduction phenomenon, yet (for reasons you
don't make clear) you feel that trying to validate the very existence
of the phenomenon and trying to study its nature, and components, and
directly studying the phenomenon itself in any other way, in the same
scientific, and of course, critical, manner should be avoided?

Often, I've heard experiencers use the line that "I've seen this
and I know it's real, I don't have to prove it to anyone," (and
of course they certainly don't, but it's not science, by
definition, until it is analyzed by objective and impartial
persons in a methodical, critical, yet open minded manner) yet
the very next sentence is often, "now let's look at this
scientifically and stop defending our own personal world views."
I simply don't see this as productive, for obvious reasons, and
I think by looking at the (lack of) results these sorts of

methods have obtained, most would agree with me that _something_
is wrong here.

Tim Brigham

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Re: Confirmation?

From: Mike Farrell <mikefarr@midcoast.com.au>
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:37:34 +1100
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:14:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Confirmation?

>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 00:09:31 -0500
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: CONFIRMATION?
>Sender: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

Hello Updates List,

>In particular, it advertises the Aug. 6, 1997 Mexico City
>video.... which I demonstrated, at the studio which produced
>the NBC show, is a likely hoax (background imagery smeared by
>hand motion; UFO image never smeared by hand motion).

To Bruce and others concerned with the validity of this Mexican
Video;

It's hard to argue with the analysis that qualified
professionals like Bruce Maccabee and Jeff Sanio (MUFON) have
provided to the global UFO research community. Those of us who
sit on the sidelines can only be grateful for their dedication,
time and efforts to help clarify the Truth.

But at the same time, we see the videotaped interviews with
eye-witnesses to this questionable event on Aug. 6, 1997, and we
have to ask; How do we reconcile the witness testimony with the
computer analysis?

Consider this excerpt from my year-end UFO video report from
Australia:

One eye-witness to the Aug. 6th Mexico saucer was 13 year old
Cassandra who said: "I was scared! At first it was still, then
it was wobbling, and then after it balanced, it shot out to the
corner of the building and disappeared!"

Cassandra did not see the TV program by Jamie Maussan that aired
this video on Mexican TV on Sunday, Sept. 28th. She described
the saucer to investigators before seeing the video, which she
then said was exactly what she saw that day in the street.

Another important witness was about a mile north of the building
where the saucer was filmed. The young woman in her late 20's,
Annie Lask, said she had been on the roof of her house on Aug.
6th, when the saucer hovered directly over her. She said, "It
was about 20 meters overhead, the outer rim was spinning real
fast and made hissing sounds. When I realized there was this
weird thing above me, I wanted to take a picture, but when I got
the camera up and turned back, it was gone!"

After the saucer left her in a purple static-like haze, Annie
does not remember getting down from the roof. (missing time?)
She said, "After that day, I've had constant headaches
everyday, strong headaches, my eyes burn so bad and they still
do!"

In the recent lecture by Jamie Maussan at Leed's UFO Conference
in Sept. 1998, three more eye-witness interviews were presented.

Re: Confirmation?

(see Graham Birdsall's UFO Magazine for details on ordering tapes from this British UFO Conference)

A restaurant manager in his mid 30's was looking up at the rainy sky outside when he caught a glimpse of the saucer as it moved behind the buildings. A man in his mid 40's, Alfred Rodriguez, was in the street with a client, when he too noticed something that appeared like a round spinning object move between the buildings. And young David Lask described the same object as he was outside riding his bike. He thought it was some strange kind of plane, until he went home and found out his mother, Annie Lask, had seen the same thing and was quite upset about it.

Jamie Maussan claims he found 12 eye-witnesses to this saucer. I've seen film with 5 witnesses. Where are the video interviews of the other 7 eye-witnesses? When will we get the opportunity to see and hear all the evidence for this dramatic sighting?

Getting to the Bottom Line to the Aug. 6th "wobbling saucer":

Most experts agree that this video is a clever and expensive "computer-generated hoax". But what about the eye-witnesses? At least 12 people were out in the street on that cloudy rainy day and saw something that was extraordinary, yet so brief, that no one had a chance to call attention to it or to take a picture, except, of course, the guy with the camcorder.

You listen to these witnesses and watch their eyes, and then tell me they don't know what they saw or even lied about it just to impress the UFO investigators. There's much more to this case than we are being told about, yet we are willing to dismiss it so easily, just because it's too good to be true!

So, what are we to do with this eye-witness testimony? Throw it out because it doesn't fit the "computer hoax theory"? How can we all see and substantiate the videotaped interviews with these seemingly honest and sincere ordinary people who happened to look up and see something extraordinary? How many witnesses would it take to cast serious doubt on the "computer hoax theory"?

There are many mysterious and unanswered questions about this case, including the inability to get into those buildings where the video was taken and find out if anyone saw this "saucer" from inside those buildings.

Why are we always left in limbo with these "big and dramatic" UFO cases? What does the ordinary researcher have to do? Go to Mexico and do the investigative work himself?

Until we can zero in on an event like this Aug. 6th saucer and pool our resources and abilities to get to the bottom line, where the Truth must lie waiting for us, we will remain suspended in UFO "limbo land".

And we wonder why ufology has such a "gullible reputation"!

Think Globally-Act Locally!
Mike Farrell

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"And since seldom do instruments record flying saucers, it's the people who report seeing them that are the most significant way of getting at the Truth!" (J. Allen Hynek)

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Doc Barry August 18, 1927 - January 13, 1999

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:38:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:38:14 -0500
Subject: Doc Barry August 18, 1927 - January 13, 1999

From: SIGHTINGS

URL: <http://www.sightings.com/ufo2/docb.htm>

Doc Barry Of 'What's Up Doc' Passes On 1-13-99 1-17-99

Doc Barry, well-known internet commentator and pundit has passed on. He was a unique man who didn't mince words in his sometimes ascerbic and biting essays. But Doc's wonderful sense of humor and irony were always lurking...waiting to pounce on the reader. He always seemed to laugh at the right things and viewed life through the eyes of someone who sees far more than the average soul. In tribute, we are reposting one of his most recent commentaries.

Rest well, Doc. You've earned it.

Doc Barry's Early
Predictions For 1999
By Doc Barry <docbarry@webtv.net>
What's Up Doc?
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Stargate/5518>
C.=A91998 by Doc Barry

The Sun will rise in the East every day. There will be floods, tornados, hurricanes, lightning strikes, forest fires, mudslides, avalanches, earthquakes, volcano eruptions, plane crashes, train wrecks, ship sinkings, assassinations, wars, human rights abuses, destruction of rain forests, and politician sex scandals.

Another pharmaceutical company will not release its new drug study because it concluded the placebo worked almost as well as the drug and without side effects.

Rumors will circulate on the internet about the NSA's plan for handling massive landings of extraterrestrial spacecraft. The plan shows how the ET's will be given grants of reserved barren lands for setting up separated ET communities. Missionaries will be assigned to offset the infidel religious beliefs of the ET's, and CIA staff training experts will assist the ET communities on operating gambling casinos.

BUT ALSO IN 1999 -----

A boy and girl will walk hand-in-hand from the school bus after their first kiss. A new mother will look down with happy tears at first glance of a live new infant on her chest.

A father will tell his six-year-old daugther to stand on top of his shoes, as he teaches her how to dance. A young boy will yell to his family, "I made the team".

A young girl will be jumping up and down happily, waving her new

driver's license. A woman at bedside in the nursing home will say, "No, I'll stay and feed her, she's my Mother".

A young father, will command his wife, "Hey, do what I tell you, stay here with the kids, I'll go in first, it could be dangerous".

A female lover will ask, "But why marriage now?", and he replies, "Because I want to keep you all for myself".

A mother will wipe tears from her daughter's eyes, as she explains that new teeth will come in, and she will be pretty when she grows up.

A grown daughter at her father's hospital bedside, will say, "I want to thank you after all these years, for never telling Mother, just like you promised, you Dad, are the greatest".

An elderly former teacher will wipe away a tear, as she watches the candidate on TV celebrating his election, as she holds his thank-you note for keeping him after class, and making him study.

I predict life will go on in 1999, cats will rub against you, dogs will wag their tails when they see you, birds will sing, babies will cry, children will be running and laughing, and humans will love and need each other.

Life, will be enjoyed in 1999, it's great, enjoy it. Happy New Year!!!

--Doc Barry

From: <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Stargate/5518/>

Doc Barry and I were friends for 33 years, and neighbors for the past seven; Wednesday, January 13th he was admitted to the hospital with congestive heart failure... he didn't survive.

I'll miss him a great deal, but I won't grieve anymore; not in the accepted sense of the word, I did that yesterday; from now on, I'll celebrate his life--

I'll celebrate his life daily with remembrances of our daily laughter, and with the line: "It's great to be alive in Phoenix, Arizona" which was followed up immediately with George Burns' line: "At my age it's great to be alive ANYWHERE!"

I'll celebrate his life daily with the solace I'll find in the additional laughter evoked by the many, many memories we created and shared...

But most of all, I'll celebrate his life daily with the memory of the man; a warm, sensitive human being whose kindness and generosity knew no bounds... I'll remember Doc Barry as a man who defined the word "FRIEND"... I'll miss him!

Bud Kolb
01/15/99
In Celebration Of My Friend's Life
Doc Barry
August 18, 1927 - January 13, 1999

"Swamp gas, mogul balloons, dummies wearing parachutes identified as ET's, flares with maximum burn time of six minutes, number of Communists in the state department, single bullet and lone gunman, Vietnam War was just retribution for the Gulf of Tonkin incident, rescue of medical students on Grenada, 2,000 Panamanian deaths justified by Noriega's capture, CIA officers were not in the drug business, and "the truth shall set you free"

... Doc Barry - 18 Sep 1998

Goodbye John, you made me <G> - a lot.

Errol

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The Order Of the Solar Temple

From: **Tim D. Brigham** <devilsad@ksinc.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 17:46:51 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:40:23 -0500
Subject: The Order Of the Solar Temple

List,

Some time ago I requested further information regarding The Order Of the Solar Temple, their UFO/extra-terrestrial beliefs, and the rumor that leaders of the group used holographic equipment in some of their ceremonies to fool members into believing they had contacted non-human intelligences.

I have since come across the following and I thought some members of the list may be interested in what I found. This was snipped from a chapter of an upcoming book Dr Massimo Introvigne of CESNUR (= center for study on new religions) sent me regarding the order of the solar temple

"...dating back to 1990, rumors were circulating that the most secret and sacred experience of the OTS--visible manifestations of the Masters of the Temple [note: aliens living on a planet circling the star Sirius] --were, in fact, holographic and electronic tricks stage-managed on behalf of Di Mambro by Tony Dutoit (1958-1994). These rumors led Di Mambro's son, Elie, to quit the OTS. Dutoit and his wife eventually confirmed the rumors In the 1990s, while some members--through a cognitive dissonance phenomenon not unusual in the magical tradition--explained away the stage-managed apparitions of the Masters as an unfortunate but necessary way to keep weaker souls within the fold, others left the OTS. "

The question remains: how/from who did they get equipment sophisticated enough to pull this off? Does anyone on the List have any insight into what specific sort of equipment may have been used, how it would be obtained, what it would cost, etc?

Best wishes,

Tim Brigham

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Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 19:13:05 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:42:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Dave Vetterick <veterick@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 18:53:01 -0600
>Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 14:28:45 -0500
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:50:20 +0000
>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Previously, Dave offered:

<snip>

>Roger, no offense, but suggesting the government and military is
>going to inflict illegal bodily harm over this and could get
>away with it, as you said they likely did over the Contra
>dealings, is far fetched and bordering on paranoia in my
>opinion.

>
>Intimidation is a tool, but to suggest in this day and time that
>the military could threaten anything other than putting a person
>in Ft. Leavenworth much less illegal bodily harm to a person's
>family, and get away with it just isn't realistic.

<snip>

>If I were illegally threatened this way by the military, or any
>REAL government agency I'd be on CNN and MSNBC within the hour.

And just what, exactly, would you use to back up your claims,
Dave?

I can assure you, you'd find it virtually impossible to get on
any local news station, much less a network, without some kind
of proof. Based on my access to the news media, I can tell you
that people make these claims you are talking about on a regular
basis and are turned away, just as you would be.

As I stated before, the problem isn't what the government does
that we know about and can prove; it's what we don't know about
and can't prove that is the problem. Now, on balance, it would
seem a reasonable question that if we don't know about these
things then how can I support my position? Well, as I said, my
father had film and tapes confiscated MANY times over the course
of his 45 years in television news. Unless my father and the
other field engineers he worked with are lying, then I'd say
this is more than "far fetched and bordering on paranoia".

It's very real and it happens all the time which is why the
stations are not going to cooperate unless someone has iron clad
proof. A sure fire way for a station to go out of business is to
butt heads with the government without anything to back them up.
Don't forget, a station must have an FCC license and the
government is under no obligation to renew it in a timely
manner, if at all, if they do not want to. Being off the air for
only a month or two can be irreversibly devastating.

I respect you own beliefs, Dave. But I think they are based on your own strengths as an individual, and I mean that as a compliment. I have no doubt from the way you present your arguments that you, genuinely, do not fear the government.

But I think you should.

Besides, paranoia is simply a heightened state of awareness.<g>

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Re: Notice For All UFO Researchers

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 17:17:46 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:48:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Notice For All UFO Researchers

>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 18:53:46 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <el51@dial.pipex.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Notice For All UFO Researchers

>Dear colleagues,

>The UK based London Weeken Television company are currently
>looking for UFO's captured on film for a documentary they are
>working on. To this effect they have asked me to circulate the
>following:

>UFO SIGHTINGS

>Have you got footage of UFO's ? You could make =A3200.

Dear Philip:

200 quid? (roughly \$330 U) Is that all?

I have a 1962 Rambler Cross Country station wagon that doesn't
run any more that I will sell for that low price. Just come and
haul it away. I need the garage space! <bg>

Best regards

- Larry Hatch

PS: The engine is in good shape, needs a rebuilt carburetor. 2
tires are flat. Body has small dents all around. One owner.

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Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

From: Gary <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 19:44:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:13:39 -0500
Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 23:34:14 -0500

My remarks in this message will be in response to Mr. Sandow's message of January 9th. I have edited Mr. Sandow's comments for space.

A few preliminary remarks are in order. Here at last we get to something of actual interest from my critics, as lame as it is. First, we decline from "proof" to "real evidence," which I interpret as "evidence convincing to me," or in this case, to Mr. Sandow. The big hidden issue here revolves around the concept of "burden of proof." That is, Dr. Hynek acted as an intelligence agent while he was taking money from the Air Force (and possibly from other agencies, as I have pointed out earlier) for years. You would have to be blind not to be able to see this in the record. Now, why should I believe that he STOPPED doing this sometime around 1969 after the Condon group (now KNOWN to have been at least in part CIA-sponsored) gave the Air Force an out?

As we have seen, Dr. Hynek was effectively "blown" by the 1966 Michigan Swamp Gas incident, as was the Air Force itself, where UFO debunking was concerned. It could have become necessary to change the program, drastically, after those events, before continuing it in other ways. The burden of proof in this area is, at least in part, on the defenders of Dr. Hynek, I'm afraid. A very strong circumstantial case exists for an unfortunate interpretation, a case that my critics simply refuse to consider.

Below we examine Mr. Sandow's remarks, preceeded by a single arrow. My comments are immediately below.

>Evidence is evidence and proof is proof. Sometimes they are the
>same. Sometimes they are not. It all depends on the validity of
>the argument that supports the evidence and vice versa.

You know, this is the kind of thing that just stops one in his or her tracks. As my young niece once said to me, "Some dogs is boy dogs, some dogs is girl dogs, and some dogs is just dogs." In any event, it is a breakthrough of sorts to have Mr. Sandow admit that absolute "proof" is not going to be obtained in this area and something like "weight of evidence" is going to rule.

>Here's a list of things that might provide real evidence that
>Hynek was an intelligence agent:

>1. He told somebody that he was.

Well, this COULD be evidence for Mr. Sandow but I see a slight flaw. Suppose, for instance, that I said Dr. Hynek told ME that he was an intelligence agent! Case closed.

>2. Among his papers we find correspondence between him and
>intelligence officials, confirming his involvement.

Well, we have something very much like this, for 1952. Using his cover for status as an astronomer Dr. Hynek spoke with fellow astronomers who "were not aware anything more than a personal private talk between astronomers was going on". These conversations were filed by Dr. Hynek as "Special Report on Conferences with Astronomers on Unidentified Aerial Objects to Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson Air Force Base". [pp. 268-285 Project Blue Book edited by Brad Steiger Ballantine Books, NY 1976] This document was classified until the Blue Book documents were released. It is not a scientific report, scientists don't do their research or publish their work this way. It's an intelligence agent's report and was filed and treated as such. In the trade he was working as what is known as a "vacuum cleaner." As for the period after 1969, such a find would be a windfall beyond my imagination since I don't believe to Dr. Hynek to have been stupid, especially after having read Vallee's comments on the good doctor's files.

>3. A known intelligence agent whom we know to be honest says
>Hynek was involved.

Now we enter the world of science fantasy; this is EVIDENCE for Mr. Sandow?! I want the list of known intelligence agents that we know to be honest -- and everyone else here does, too! Those who wish to know why this is true, how intelligence organizations function, agents are trained and operate owe it to themselves to read "Portrait of A Cold Warrior - Second Thoughts of a Top CIA Agent" by Joseph B. Smith, G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1976.

>4. Somebody we trust overheard Hynek in conversation with known
>intelligence agents.

This would be good, for some people. But intelligence agents always have cover, for just this purpose. Hynek could have been talking about the weather, and probably would be, unless he was incredibly stupid, which he was not. Then, of course, he had long and continuing contacts with Mr. Larsen, a former CIC guy, but that doesn't cut any ice around here!

>5. In the files of some intelligence agency, we find documents
>saying Hynek was an agent.

Gee, we have this, for the year 1952, unless you're blind!

>6. Among Hynek's papers we find cancelled checks from an
>intelligence agency. (Unlikely, I'm sure. They'd find less
>traceable ways of giving him money.)

Check out Thornton Page's statement vis-a-vis a CIA paycheck! To even suggest such nonsense is, well, classical debunkerism. Thornton Page's correspondence can be viewed on the CUFON web site: <http://www.cufon.org>

It's included in the other verified documents section.

>Everything on this list is tangible. Everything points
>directly to Hynek's involvement. I could also imagine less
>tangible kinds of evidence. For instance, what if people in
>the UFO community sometimes saw Hynek deep in conversation
>with unknown people?

You know, the whole trick was that for years and years no one saw Dr. Hynek in conversation with his "Air Force" superiors because those conversations were (and are) secret, which is just about the whole point!

>What if he never told anyone what those conversations were
>about? What if he brushed off all questions? What if he
>sometimes disappeared for hours at a time, and never told anyone
>where he went?

You know, for years and years Hynek flew to Wright Field, and told Vallee that all he did was attend boring parties with the Air Force officers there. Convinced now? And Hynek had a years-long history of doing things a lot more interesting than Mr. Sandow's sophomoric catalog above, that's for sure! What does that say? I'm sure that Mr. Sandow has no idea.

>Of course, that would only prove he had things in his life he

>didn't want known. They wouldn't prove his unknown life
>involved intelligence work. Gary, of course, doesn't even
>have anything this specific. All he has is speculation.

It is NOT speculation for the 1950s, not at all. And we find some very interesting items in Vallee's Forbidden Science, for those who will take the time to look them up. And there are many other items that I am saving for later because the boy scouts on this list don't deserve them! What a joke!

Long description of a 1968 Chicago incident snipped, a description of an incident at a purported CIA office in that city. The office supposedly had cover involving the title "gear locker." There are several interesting aspects of Mr. Sandow's description but they are not relevant to this discussion.

>Gary, did anyone ever see Hynek enter this federal building,
>and take the elevator to the floor where that "gear locker"
>was?

>Greg Sandow

Gee, Mr. Sandow, I don't know! What a shock! Obviously my life's work is crushed by this massive attack on my position! What can I possibly do to recover! Holy Cats, I'm ruined!

Or maybe, just maybe, and I know it's a long shot, but perhaps Dr. Hynek made his connection at Wright Field, or on the phone, or through the mail, or in the house of one of his academic colleagues, like Dr. Menzel, now known to have been an NSA wonk for years. Now, I know, it's all I have left, but I take whatever comfort I can after being destroyed by the level of argument exhibited by Mr. Sandow.

Gary Alevy

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Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

From: Ed Fouche <fouche@connecti.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 22:03:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:40:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 10:29:20 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>There are certainly hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of
>people who have served in the military or worked for the Federal
>Government and have taken security oaths or worked under
>security restrictions. For the most part, these restrictions
>have certainly worked.

>In today's New York Times an article relates how a book
>manuscript by former UN arms inspector Scott Ritter has been
>requested for censorship by the Pentagon, supposedly because of
>criticism Ritter has made about U.S. policy.

>Have there ever been any documented instances of such attempted
>prior censorship involving any UFO sources? If followers of
>this list could provide instances of such events, it would help
>us move from hypothetical and theoretic discussions to fact.

>Any known instances, ladies and gentlemen?

Censorship of alleged secrets is not new.

From the Prelude to 'The Puzzle Palace' by James Bamford, he writes of the War Department trying to suppress the book 'The American Black Chamber' in 1930.

From Chapter, 'Targets'
He also writes of ITT, Western Union, and RCA agreeing to provide intercepted communications for Project Shamrock.. ASA (Armed Forces Security Agency) headed Project Shamrock. ASA later was absorbed into the NSA (National Security Agency.)

In a meeting on 16 December 1947, with approval of the US Attorney General, Secretary of Defense Forrestal met with the heads of these companies to assure them that the US Attorney, Attorney General Tom Clark -Justice Department, Under authority of President Truman, would provide legal protection to these companies. Their fears were valid. Project Shamrock broke numerous laws, the Constitution, and these Companies would be subject to lawsuits if the Justice Department, And Defense Department didn't cover for them.

Section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 Prohibited interception of communications.

A little more than 9 months later, Forrestal resigned. A week later he was admitted to the Bethesda Naval Hospital. Diagnosed as suffering from anxiety, severe depression, and acute paranoia and talked of 'unidentified people trying to get me,' and 'conspiracies.'

Was his involvement with the MJ-12 committee the conspiracy he was so afraid of? He was treated for 'involuntional melancholia psychosis.'

In the early morning hours of Sunday, 22 May, Forrestal sat alone in His hospital room, copying onto sheets of paper the brooding lines from Sophocles, 'Ajax,' - "No quiet murmer like the tremulous wail," he wrote "of the lone bird, the querulous night-" The word nightingale was left unfinished.

(Allegedly) Forrestal walked across the hallway into a small kitchen, tied one end of his dressing gown sash to a radiator just beneath a window, and knotted the other end around his neck and jumped from his 16 th floor window.

Was the 'murmer' - the voices he heard from a recovered live alien? Was the 'tremulous wail' - the his memory of this event? Was the 'lone bird' - the crashed UFO? Was the 'querulous night' - the night he was informed of the crash at Roswell?

Stanton Freedman, Timothy Good, Edgar Fouche (myself) and others have written and pondered about what really happened to Secretary Forrestal.

I speculate in 'Alien Rapture' with Brad Steiger, my co-author (of Project Blue Book) that Forrestal was murdered because he 'couldn't handle the truth.'

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Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 22:49:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:45:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 13:33:50 -0800
>From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction Phenomena

>Blah, blah, blah! Tell your acquaintance Michael Christol, who
>posts to this list, about it. You know, the guy that travelled
>all the way to California from Kentucky to see the UFOs you
>alleged to be observing everyday with your alcoholic friend.
>Only to find out on arrival that the alleged UFOs were shy and
>didn't want to be noticed by far away strangers.

>Before it happens, people on this list and especially abductees
>and experiencers, need to know what you Steve Jones is all
>about. You are without a doubt about the worst thing that can
>happen to an abductee/experiencer. Caveat Emptor.
>
>Ed Stewart

Hi Ed...

You are correct. I did travel to Sacramento back in Sept. 1993. Steve, I and two others spent the weekend in the foothills and Mountains of the Sierrea Navadas.

You are correct, I did not see anything which I could not identify. The "old Faithful" turned out to be planes taking off from a military airfield far in the distance...I recognized this movement from spending a lot of time around airports in Evansville, Indiana, Nashville, Tenn. Owensboro, Lousiville, and others. I have been fooled before by the way these lights appear to stand still and then suddenly go out... I realized, they were simply approaching us until the reached an altitude where they would turn to assume their scheduled flight path. While traveling from Indianapolis to Owensboro, at night, I would observe these light appear and seem to hover...yet, after about five minutes, they would appear to move again and shortly thereafter, pass directly over me or just to my left, allowing me a great view.<G>

As far as Steve, having friends, I do consider him a friend. You also, although I try to stay from between the two of you. I wish you wouldn't make replies like this on the list...it doesn't help any of us...You know that others have skewered you most viciously, in the past and I didn't like that either...

I know that you and Steve will never be friends. I don't expect it. But, everything he says and does is not a lie. You know that. I understand your feelings toward him and Joe Ball. I understand why you feel the way you do about Rich Boylan also...but, I don't think airing those feelings helps the UFO field at all. We need unity here...We are on the verge of total discreditation.

In the 50 years since the words Flying Saucers and UFOs have been in existence in the general public, we seem to be further from disclosure all the time. UFO Investigator/Researchers, have been replaced by cynics and skeptibunkers...Yes, they claim

to be researchers. Yet just looking at the "attitude" which "flows" like vinegar, demonstrates otherwise.

These peoples born since 1965 have never lived without technology. They don't know what it is to be semi-primitive as a society. They are "spoiled" by an overabundance of "instant service." They don't know what it was like to wait a month to get a reply from a fellow researcher, due to distance and the slow mail service. Long distance phone calls were infrequent, not an everyday occurrence, as we have today via the internet and cell phones. It was very different. You know that.

These modern peoples, have the advantage of having all of the work done by our generation and the one before us to use as reference books, and even then they debate whether "Kenneth Arnold had an airplane." They are so friggin' scared of the possibilities you and I have faced and continue to face, that they deliberately rip the very fiber of UFOlogy to shreds and turn history into mythology...

Yes, Ed. we need to put the past, as far as personal vendettas go, behind us and pull together...we are the roots of ufology...if we allow them, either by our own numbness and coldness, or by their own intellectualism to pull us from the ground, ufology will simply die as a serious investigative phenomenon, and become purely folklore.

I don't want that. Do you Ed? I don't think so.

REgards, Mike

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Re: Project 1947 on Jeff Rense's Sightings

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 04:27:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:53:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Project 1947 on Jeff Rense's Sightings

>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 15:40:36 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Project 1947 on Jeff Rense's Sightings

>I have been invited to appear on Jeff Rense's show, Monday,
>January 18, from 8-10 pm Pacific Time.

>The proposed topic are:

- > 1. The newly rediscovered APRO microfilm,
- >
- > 2. Newly reveal US Strategic Air Forces, Europe,
> 1945 Top Secret Document which mentions "Foo-fighters."
- >
- > 3. US government Ghost Rocket documents (mostly
> formerly Top Secret) as discussed in the latest edition
> of the CUFOS International UFO Reporter,
- >

>http://www.cufos.org/IUR_index.html

- >
- > 4. Proper handling of Top Secret material.

>--
>Jan Aldrich
>Project 1947
><http://www.iufog.org/project1947/>

Break a leg Jan! I have told John Stepkowski several times
(privately) that I always thought that the work that Project 47
does should get much more public exposure than it does. You guys
have tracked down more 'gubbamint' paper than any other group
that I'm aware of.

More people ought to know!

Do your thing Jan!

John Velez, Webmaster IF-AIC

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 02:40:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:02:35 -0500
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

ArtBell@aol.com wrote:

>If I put Stephens back on the air after all we know.....
>Well.....fool me once and so forth. If Richard Sauder is on
>the same page as Mr. Stephens, then thats another
> place I won't go.

>Art Bell

Dear Art,

You can't have it both ways. You are an entertainer. Before being UFO man, you were militia reporter man. Before that, you were political reporter boy. Look, its good for ratings. Its good for all. Now, since you, the head of the great UFO Entertainment triad of Bell-Hoagland-CAUS & Co. have come so far in ferreting out fraud with me, it only seems to be fitting to ferret out all fraud. My mails are screaming for this to be. They want to know what Hoagy has done. Simple.

You, if you think, would be having a little better night for ratings than you've had for the last couple weeks. The public is clear in this. They have spoken, Art, and you know this.

And since I myself have stated I'm some form of fraud, Hoagy should take me in the debate in less than 30 seconds. Then, I'm a lying defeated Fraud.

Art--its ratings. Its also a matter of truth---and this is that what you are really really after from the Kingdom of Nye? Of course it is.

The first question proved to be a lie to Hoagy. Hoagy lied. Uh Oh. Everything I claimed, stated, posted, quoted, referenced, told, reported, and divulged has proven to be true to the letter by independent researchers in this online culture . My service to this country will never be a public record--ever!!!! If that constitutes fraud, so be it.

Now, get your little high school educated genius back on air, don't hit the clicker, and lets tidy up the little issue of all those questions that remain.

Oh, for I forget, got another 8 guys, all real professional, who have come forward and they too have had dealings with Hoagland and being ruined or lied to or stolen from by this clown. I no longer feel Hoagland is a nice person and a liar as a researcher. I think he is a true felon in purest form. If any of these 23 people wanted to, they would put him in jail. These men, also, have offered their data. So, the first 23 questions pertain to what Hoagland has done and said in this field of study to others in great harm in all ways.

They also have gotten a lot madder than Dr. Sauder. They want to come on air in real time in case I'm perceived as confusing or the like. If you wish, or Richard and Peter Gersten, I would be happy to send the 200 questions to you for Hoagland for review

in proper debate format so he is not blind to the questions.

You know, to be fair.

Thank you for the prompt reply.

(Oh, lastly, you could always 'click' Hoagy off air, turn on him with malice like you did me, then, get a new freak show every week or so for the ratings. This culture is filled with a selection of Hoaglands. It'd be slick.)

It's ratings, Art, at the least.

But then you know that, don't you.

Sincerely,

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Re: Abductions: Return to the Herd

From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 03:53:49 PST
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:07:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Abductions: Return to the Herd

>Date: Thu, 24 Dec 1998 14:09:11 -0600
>To: <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Abductions: Return to the Herd

>>At 09:33 AM 12/23/98 -0500, you wrote:
>>From: "Leanne Martin" <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: Abductions: Return to the Herd
>>Date: Tue, 22 Dec 1998 14:32:36 PST

>>>If we can accept the idea that
>>>Humanity may have indeed been engineered by "space faring
>>>scientists," many million years ago, then it would seem logical
>>>
>>A very long bow to draw . . . and not a skeric of proof (funny about
>>that).

Bilge actually . . . <g> (yes I'm back from holidays!!!)

>
>Just out of curiosity, how do you explain the beginnings of
>human beings?

>
>Try reading the "origin of the species" . . .

>>>If the doctors, neurosurgeons, etc., can't explain what has
>>>happened to this man, how then can I?

>>>
>>"It is 'unexplainable' therefore aliens did it"?

>
>It is what this man says happened to him...does it make it
>so? No...is he saying it to be important? I can't answer
>that. He is a millionaire, so I don't think he is doing
>if for money...in fact, I know that he is not...

>He has not published a book...he is not on a lecture tour,
>he simply talks to those whom he comes in contact with,
>and tells his story.

>He did not lose all memory of the happening. Yet, he did
>not remember all of it either. He tells me that bits and
>pieces of new material materialize in his Consciousness
>from time to time and he is frustrated, knowing there is
>so much more that he cannot remember.

>He has the normal "scoup" marks on his calfs, to go along
>with his total lack of sensory feeling...
>His is an interesting case, to me. Very interesting...

Even the very rich suffer delusions . . . (if they're poor
they're insane but if they're rich then they're eccentric!)

>>>For them yes...I would agree...to me as an observer, I don't
>>>know...even though I do accept the hypothesis that these events
>>>do take place...

>>Did you accept only on verbal evidence?

>If you had been reading the material I was posting to you,
>you would have seen that I did not...remember??? <g>

>>>I can show you the man, in this instance, if you care to travel

>>>here to see and test him for yourself....He has entertained
>>>other investigators, hypnotists, & Medical Students which I have
>>>brought to him...

>>"A man with odd symptoms equals proof of alien abduction"?

>Nor does it disprove alien abduction...

It also doesn't disprove that he was the subject of a wierd
military experiment, or had a witch/warlock cast a nasty spell
on him, or even (heaven forbid) is experiencing a valid if
extremely peculiar medical condition . . .

>This is an ify situation...are you being steadfast simply to
>support your ideology regarding abductions, or because you cannot
>accept the idea that this person may have had such an experience???

I still expect researchers to show verifiable proof of such
claims of 'alien causality'.

>>>>"I know in my heart and soul that the earth is flat and that if
>>>>I sail too far in any one direction I will eventually fall into
>>>>space. I know this is true and you better belief me or you are a
>>>>sad, bad person!"

>>>Ha, ha, ha...very good...but, unfortunately, I have "flown over
>>>the horizon," to such places as Hawaii and France...I did not
>>>fly off into space, nor fall into an abyss. <g> Just call me a
>>>mean old person...<g>

>>No I shan't, just awee bit short on the science.

>So, I am a bit short on science, if I don't accept the idea that
>the earth is flat??? Hmmmm...interesting statment.
>Especially since I have verifiable date, taken from satellite
>information as well as Shuttle Astronaut research accquired while
>orbiting this "flat earth" which disproves equivocally the "flat
>earth" idea...it proves emphatically that the earth is a "sphere."
>Not perfectly round, mind you, but flat at the poles and bulging
>at the equator... Ha, ha, ha...I like your wit...Leanne...

No, but you obviously have a problem understanding what an
analogy is.

>>>>quasi-religious??? By what standards and judgements do you
>>>>determine a thing to be quasi-anything??? You sound so much like
>>>>a Fruedian, while I prefer Carl Jung. <g> You may be a dedicated
>>>>religious person, for all I know.

I am dedicatedly sacreligious <g>

>>>A belief in something as fact without a shred of hard evidence
>>>qualifies in my book!

>Such a short answer to such a complex paragraph...In esesence,
>you just did not answer my questions...
>What is the name of the "book" you wrote? Maybe I should read it.<G>

>>>There have been many people tested by psychologists and medical

<snip>

>>>forty years or so.

>>>Just because a specialist works on something it doesn't mean that
>>>any claimed outcomes are scintifically accurate. All results must
>>>be 'verifiable by peer review'. (When I get back from my holiday I
>>>shall endeavour to track down those of whom you speak and see their
>>>work.)

Could you please supply me some web links?

>>>You know, of course, that you can have a chip inserted into
>>>your dog, should you have one, but does that make one an alien
>>>abductor for doing so?

>If a specialist's work is not vindication of a science, then there
>is no vendification...by using this point of presumption, then there
>is no way to "verify" anything...
>Yes, I do know that there are chips for "tracking" pets...how much
>of a Jump is it to inject the same chip into a human?

A very short jump but it does not prove that aliens put a chip in anyone . . . (Was there a true chip implanted in anyone?)

>From these two Accademic Researchers, you will find links to others,
>with whom they have shared their research efforts and from whom they
>have received information as well.
>Hopefully, your efforts to "track down those of whom you speak"
>will add insight to your search for verifiable proof/facts in regards
>to the entire phenomena....<smile> But, there are no absolutes! <g>

>>>You are assuming much here...

>>You bet, but it was obviously an illustrative example. Religious
>>indoctrination works the same way.

>I don't disagree. But why do you equate all of this with
>Religion? <snip>

Because too many people are taking up this theme with a religious fervor that would do any of the old inquisitors proud. To wit, the amount of damning aimed at me for requesting, rightly, that all of the 'abductee' researchers need to find hard evidence (i.e. not the word-of-mouth kind) and place it on the table for credible peer review.

>>I agree, but it only points out the obvious - Tesla's facts were
>>mostly verifiable else he would not have proved his worth for the
>>patents he chieved in securing. His other theories on faster than
>>light transmission are yet to be proven but should they be proven
>>then he will get the recognition for that as well.

>I hope your faith in this system is warrented. I do not feel Tesla
>will ever be recognized Publicly by the establised sciences. He
>made them look so foolish so many times back then...to recant and
>uphold him today would be an admission that they were wrong back
>then...I don't see them making such an admission...it would cast
>doubt on many of their other pronouncements and laws...<G>

>>It is, however, not a good analogy for the proof of alien abductions
>>only of human ineptitude, pride and greed.

>No, maybe not, but it shows how our system handles any information
>which is not good for them...
>Yet, Tesla claimed that he received information for "The boys from
>Topside," which according to historians in UFOlogy and the Tesla
>Society, indicates he believed there was "life" on Mars and several
>of the other planets in this solar system, and he alleged receiving
>telepathic information about some of his patents and inventions
>from this source.
>He never wrote his inventions down on papter, he created them all in
>his head and transferred them to physical creations. He was to
>science what Mozart was to music...

>><snip>

>>>attacks by Iraq...even though the Isrealy (sp) troops wore
>>>theirs... Thus, there were large numbers of American Soldiers
>>>who died and possibly continue to die today as a result of this.
>>>This is not my belief, it is documented. I have the radio talk
>>>show from New York, from one of the doctors who told the story
>>>and they also talked to the Dr. in Texas who made the discovery.

>>Still, this no proof for alien abductions, only of poor troop
>>management practices . . .

>Yes, and it also shows that the American Government used it's
>troops for experimentation...they were expecting larege numbers
>of casualties, and there were very few...most of them caused
>by "friendly fire." Should I make the jump here and say that
>they "produced the numbers?" or should we say this is just
>"poor troop management practices...?"
>Had there been large numbers of casualties, they could have
>studied the effects of the "germ or biological" warefare on
>the troops in secret, without anyone every being any wiser,
>but since there were few troops dying, they came home and became
>ill over a period of time. Then the Government turned it's
>back on them and said it was "PTSS." Forgive me for talking
>about this, but it says something about those who are elected
>to protect the American People...Aren't these the same people
>who are saying "there are no UFOs?" and "there are no alien

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>abductions?" Hmmmmm.....

Well, when you've got troops that are excess to requirements . . .

Regards,
Leanne];-)

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Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:17:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:17:03 -0500
Subject: 'UFOs Here in Alice Springs'

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@fan.net.au>
To: UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>,
Subject: 'UFOs Here in Alice Springs'
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 20:14:31 +1000

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UFOs HERE in Alice Springs

Well folks it looks like Keith Douglass is getting quite a bit of support from the town folks of Alice Springs Even the local car dealer is cashing in on the resent UFO Flap. Keith said the advertisement was Peter's own idea, Keith said good media for the UFO Cause:>) The UFO's stories contained in the publication page 4 are ones? Keith had already reported which I have sent out to you all. However there is one which I have not yet heard off, so I will following it up.

(The Territory ARE THE DEVILS MARBLES A UFO LANDING SITE).

A person who wishes to remain anonymous was traveling through the Northern Territory on a touring holiday from Victoria in early January 1995, when they saw a flash then a circular object trying to Land while he was observing the Devils Marbles. (U/I).

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Some members off The Australian UFO Research Network will be visiting Alice Springs in the next five weeks, on a 15 day Skywatching, camping Trip starting on the 27th 2. 1999. We will be talking to the Locals along the way hoping to bring back some really good stories & sightings reports.

And not forgetting Cameras lights and action :>) we hope!!

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Source: Keith Douglass UFO Independent Researcher
Alice Springs P.O Box 3208 NT 0871
Thanking Keith Douglass for posting this to me.
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UFOs Here, Alice Springs News.  
Vol. 6 Special issue January 6th 1999  
E-mail [asnews@ozemail.com.au](mailto:asnews@ozemail.com.au)

The Dealer Principle of the Peter Kittle Motor Company, Peter Kittle said the recent UFO sightings in the Territory prompted him to "find out if there's really a UFO out there." He's offering the top of the range Toyota Camry, a Venta Grand (pictured) to The first person who sends him a "real UFO that's

not made by humans". This dramatic offer by Peter Kittle will stay open until the end of March this year. Peter Kittle said: "I reckon there's got to be something out there and my offer is Substantial." We'll trade a brand new vehicle for something that's done a lot of Kilometers, I'm sure. Peter Kittle said: that he's seen some strange things in the sky recently and I'm sure other people have too but they're not saying anything. "Peter went on to say that he "recently saw a stationary bright light in the sky late one night and then it moved at a phenomenal rate and disappeared over the horizon. "Things like that make you wonder, and like everyone else, I want to find something that really proves we're not alone in the Universe.

The material offered to Peter Kittle must be alien made with previously unidentified material or technology. This Means the UFO must be a genuine alien spacecraft and not man made.

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#### Sighting Report Alice Springs

Source: Keith Douglass Alice Springs

Date 21st 12 1998  
Day: Monday  
Time Reported: 8.30pm  
Source: Rajenora Kumur  
Location: West of Alice Springs

Report: I saw a bright orange oval shaped object, 10klm to the west of Kulgera NT. It was moving around slowly, it had red, yellow and orange lights on it, the object seemed to be getting brighter and then dimmer a little at a time we watched it for around an hour. Then I think it landed as it slowly went behind the hills some distance away.

Regards Diane Harrison

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## Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

From: Neil Morris <[Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 13:36:30 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:21:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

>From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 22:25:28 +0100 (MET)  
>Subject: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>[List only]

Stig,

Thanks for posting this sorry little article, I had it with me to OCR in today. I regret it seems to do nothing more than cloud the issues even further. I agree completely the Tent Footage has remained extremely fishy since it was first "leaked". (and in a number of "versions"!) But this explanation of it's "parentage" seems to carry more than a wiff of our watery friends with it.

A couple of the "odd" points in this tale to think about:

If, as Ray has said in the past ALL his source material was on 16mm FILM, why would he approach a VIDEO production company with a TAPE for enhancement??. Wouldn't he be far better served taking the FILM to a FILM facility and work with the original source material not even a first generation TAPE copy?

How were the hoaxers hoping their plan would hold water using TAPE only, there seems to be no mention of what they were planning when people started to ask "Where is the FILM", there weren't many camcorders back in 1947!? Before anyone jumps down MY throat with "Well Ray Santilli has never produced any!", he DID produce "some" damaged film which WAS tested and found consistent with the film type allegedly used and only in production by Kodak until the mid 1950's. There are also problems IF the wouldbe hoaxers thought they could transfer the VIDEO TAPE to film LATER, not only trying to find contemporary unexposed film that was still unfogged and usable (highly unlikely), but both TV scan artifacts and/or pixelation artifacts would undoubtedly be present from the transfer process, film emulsions can still hold FAR greater detail than a video image, even a 16mm film frame.

Nope, if this was set up as a serious project it just wasn't thought through.

A poor joke?, a prank?.

Or is this story's appearance just an agenda from a "media insider" to "repay" Ray Santilli for past (dis)services rendered?.

As James Easton mentioned some enhanced images from the footage are on my site listed below. As a closing comment, the section of tape I grabbed the images from was not "very grainy" as alleged in the article nor did the camera use any "strange camera angles" as again mentioned in the article, the camera was rigidly locked off and stable in one position and didn't "jogg" about "to give the impression it was being held", strange

comments indeed from the very people who produce the tape and should know it frame by frame?.

In all probability the Tent Footage is a hoax AND it may well have been put together by the people behind the Mail's article BUT, the story THEY ARE TELLING seems to have serious problems too.

Just my own opinion.

Neil.

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## Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

From: **Kevin Randle** <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 09:22:08 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:22:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 10:29:20 EST  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>There are certainly hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of  
>people who have served in the military or worked for the Federal  
>Government and have taken security oaths or worked under  
>security restrictions. For the most part, these restrictions  
>have certainly worked.

>In today's New York Times an article relates how a book  
>manuscript by former UN arms inspector Scott Ritter has been  
>requested for censorship by the Pentagon, supposedly because of  
>criticism Ritter has made about U.S. policy.

>Have there ever been any documented instances of such attempted  
>prior censorship involving any UFO sources? If followers of  
>this list could provide instances of such events, it would help  
>us move from hypothetical and theoretic discussions to fact.

>Any known instances, ladies and gentlemen?

Ed Ruppelt talked about his book being submitted to the Pentagon  
for review prior to publication.

KRandle

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## Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:36:50 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:42:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 10:29:20 EST  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

A clarification to my 1/17/99 posting:

According to an article in today's New York Times, former UN arms inspector Scott Ritter, a retired Marine Intelligence officer, was a contractor for the Defense Department and was required to submit things for review to ensure he was not publishing classified info. The article noted that some have constitutional questions about such contract clauses. The Government has withdrawn the request about Ritter's forthcoming book, saying the letter was sent by mistake.

So, to get back to my original on-subject question, do members of this list know of any documented instances where censorship has been attempted involving alleged UFO information?

Bob Young

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## Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:02:28 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:49:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>From: Jose Escamilla <[rods@rmi.net](mailto:rods@rmi.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 13:15:46 +0300  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:57:23 -0500  
>Subject: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

Previously, Jose had written:

>So, in our quest to further this investigation, Jim Peters, Ken  
>Swartz (a new associate and team member), set out to see "if in  
>fact" Rods or fast objects traveling distances from the camera  
>would create a "blur" because of the electronics involved in CCD  
>photography - or videography.

>We videotaped an 16 1/2" arrow (bolt) using Jim's crossbow that  
>shoots these bolts at approximately 136 mph.

>We used the Sony VX-1000 digital  
>camcorder that most of the current Rod shots have been captured  
>on in New Jersey, South Dakota and The cave in Mexico.

>We we found was that using the optical lens setting at 1/10,000  
>shutter setting, the bolt - or arrow, appears as it really is:  
>16 1/2" arrow. And it appears in two to three frame of video  
>shot at 30fps.

>This revealed to us that using the Sony VX-1000 camcorder as has  
>been used in all the cave footage, what you see is what you get.

Hi Jose,

To start with, I'm not at all up to date on the ROD issue, but I do know a thing or two about video. I can appreciate the test you were trying to create but there are a couple of things you really should consider:

1) 1/10,000 of a second shutter is staggeringly fast. Therefore little, if any, blur should be expected of any object at that speed.

2) 1/10,000 of a second is too fast to use in a cave or other indoor areas unless a LOT of light is present; at least as much as is present in the broad outdoor daylight. You CAN manually set the shutter speed to 1/10,000 of a second, but I'm positive you'd get nothing but blackness on the final video image under indoor conditions. More than likely, if you got an image at all, the shutter speed in the cave would have been around only 1/60 of a second. At that speed, anything moving even moderately fast will create a blur.

3) Using only the same camera isn't really an accurate test of the phenomenon. For instance, my mother has old 35mm camera that has light leaks in it. Every picture shot with it has orange streaks, like comets, appearing in the upper right hand corner. If I thought the streaks were ET in nature, I'd need to shoot additional pictures with both my mother's camera and a camera of another make. If I got streaks using both cameras, then I might have something. Otherwise, it's obvious the results are only

unique to my mother's camera.

4) Regarding the presentation of your test results, you should bone up on your terminology if you want people to take you seriously. The term "1/10,000 of a second" is not an "optical setting". In fact, it has nothing to do with optics at all. You can take the optics off the camera completely and still set the shutter to 1/10,000 of a second. They are completely separate functions. I'm not trying to bust your chops, but it would seem you have an uphill battle on your hands and making inaccurate technical statements is not going to speed the plow on your behalf.

5) All video cameras shoot at 30 FPS (actually 29.97, I think). Unlike film cameras, it is not necessary to specify the frame rate when speaking about home video type cameras.

6) If the arrow was traveling at 136 mph, I'm surprised it would show up at all on the video beyond one frame. If, on the other hand, you were looking at "fields" instead of "frames", then I might buy that. While there are 30 frames per second, there are actually 60 fields per second (2 fields per frame is the easiest way to remember it for future reference). Some VCRs allow for single field viewing; some single frame viewing; some both. You need to check your machine for the specifics.

Try taking these things into consideration and run another test with more accurate field data. I'm curious about the results.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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## Re: The State of Ufology Today

From: Gary Alevy <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:56:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 13:01:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: The State of Ufology Today

>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 01:37:06 -0800  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The State of Ufology Today

>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 20:15:06 -0500  
>>From: Gary Alevy <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDate <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: The State of Ufology Today

<snip>

>These are selected snips from your post that I think illustrate  
>your caustic and hostile attitude toward Jerry Clark, Richard  
>Hall and MUFON investigators (like myself). I had to look at  
>your displays of hostility even when other researchers were  
>being civil to you and only asking you to prove what you were  
>saying in your posts. Bruce Evans received the same treatment. I  
>respect the work of the above people and despise seeing you  
>resort to character assassination. I don't know what drives your  
>cynicism and hatred. Perhaps a qualified therapist would be able  
>to help you understand yourself and your obvious self hatred.

>Perhaps then you will drop your hateful attitude and actually  
>begin to finally contribute something to this field. Judging by  
>the work of Jerome Clark and Richard Hall you may after years be  
>worthy of licking their boots.

>Gary, don't vent on me. I've seen more than enough of your  
>ugliness in far too many posts. I will not stoop to respond to  
>you.

>Josh Goldstein  
>(lowly MUFON investigator dumb as dirt)

Josh,

Tsk, tsk, tsk.

You object to the style of message that I used; however, isn't it true that if I tried to make these points in the "academic" style so fashionable today no one would have paid it any attention. I have been observing this list for more than two years and I see "researchers" you favor insult, degrade and debase posters to this list, you are silent. Jerry Clark posts no original research or work to this list. He posts to attack and debunk other's postings using the method of character assassination that so upsets you. Does the archives document your criticism of him for being out of bounds?

It seems that the use of sarcasm and humor brings out the worst in people like yourself who immediately use this as an excuse to ignore the substance of what I was saying.

It is sad when native speakers of English (ok, we speak American) misconstrue debating technique as hostility. I have taken the time to point out some of the amusing aspects of today's ufology; what ever "hostility" has been in evidence

began on the side of my critics, as the record of this debate will show. As for other researchers being civil to me, the record in the archives shows the opposite.

Where were you, defender of civility on this list, when I was called names and insulted by said "researchers". As for Roger Evans and his post (I note you referred to him as Bruce Evans) where did you point out the impropriety of his four-fold invocation? Et tu, hypocrite?

As to the issue of "proof". This is the holy grail of ufology and is the usual hue and cry of those can't or won't understand that all you will ever have is evidence supporting hypotheses. Even the "hardest" sciences only have theories supported by hypotheses built on evidence and proof in these fields changes with time and advances. Edward Ruppelt, nearly fifty years ago, pointed out the hypocrisy of those who clamored for proof in his book - The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects. If you have something original to contribute vis-s-vis "proof" then I am all ears.

Generally speaking on this list those clamoring the loudest for proof use this as a smokescreen for ignoring discussion of evidence and hypotheses. An example of this is your response to my post clamoring for "proof" while you fail to engage in any discussion, civil or otherwise, of any and all points I raised.

So for those people like yourself who confuse the substance of the matter with the manner of presentation, here is the straight version the "academic" approach. Since I note from your closing remarks that you have already foreclosed any civil discussion (you "won't stoop to respond"), this is for the benefit of other "neutral" readers of the list, they will make of you what they will.

Here we go.

As regards to UFO field investigations, yes, it is upsetting to hear from someone, me, that much of what one works very hard at is of little value. However, it is a point of view that is not mine alone and it is also the viewpoint of the person who is perhaps the MOST experienced field investigator in this country, Raymond Fowler. It is a point of view that needs to be heard.

You owe it to yourself to find out why he left those organizations as he has documented the infiltration of both of those organizations by some of the most unsavory elements of the intelligence community and the way in which they corrupted the purpose and function of those organizations.

Let me point out what he had to say on this matter in one of his early books:

Raymond Fowler, 'Casebook Of A UFO Investigator', pp. 228-9, 1981. this is in the chapter is called "Where Do We Go From Here?"

"In my opinion, civilian UFO research is at a dead end. I must confess that after years and years, investigating and documenting the same types of unexplained events has become routine and frustrating. It is disheartening to realize that the detailed, concise, typewritten reports I mail to MUFON and CUFOS will be filed and lost in a mountain of other reports."

"For the most part, UFO research work is voluntary and part time. Photographs, soil samples, and other alleged UFO evidence necessarily take a back seat to the routine work of earning a living. Such second-rate methodology does not impress members of the scientific community."

As for what was done to these organizations read the following chapters which are well documented and footnoted:

Chapter 14: Pressure From the Pentagon Chapter 15: Government Surveillance Chapter 16: The Government's Own Investigations

This was written nearly 20 years ago, in 1981!

Will another 10,000 or 100,000 sighting reports MUFON collects since the time he wrote these statement change the situation in the field of ufology or the public understanding of the UFO

situation?

I think not.

You don't seem concerned with my criticism of Mr. Filer's portions of the article, does that mean that:

1. Portions of what he wrote also struck you as inane?
2. You feel he displayed naivete for someone for someone so long in the field?
3. You accept the misinformation he provided on the security of classified information?
4. You accept his concept of verification of UFO reports which has been ignored by the scientific community for nearly fifty years?

So are you prepared to deal with these issues now?

See, stooping isn't that hard if each person bends a bit.

Gary Alevy

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## Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Gary <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:13:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 13:04:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question  
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:26:00 -0500  
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers":;

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 18:09:13 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

<snip>

>And here are my logical, well formulated responses to the above:

>1) I think you are full of crap.

>2) I think the above proves you are full of crap.

>3) I will continue to consider you full of crap as long as you  
>don't practice what you preach regarding "verification" of  
>facts.

>4) Did I mention I think you are full of crap?

Whenever people can't follow an argument, or can't understand an argument, their IQ begins to drop. Within days of their first lapse noticeable declines in intelligence can be noted. In the case of Mr. Evans, the drop has been most precipitous. A few more of my messages will have reduced him to absolute jabbering.

It's a sad thing to watch.

Gary

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## Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:57:51 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 17:05:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>From: Gary <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 19:44:06 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:13:39 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>>From: Greg Sandow <[gsandow@prodigy.net](mailto:gsandow@prodigy.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation  
>>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 23:34:14 -0500

>  
>My remarks in this message will be in response to Mr. Sandow's  
>message of January 9th. I have edited Mr. Sandow's comments  
>for space.

>  
>A few preliminary remarks are in order. Here at last we get to  
>something of actual interest from my critics, as lame as it is.  
>First, we decline from "proof" to "real evidence," which I  
>interpret as "evidence convincing to me," or in this case, to  
>Mr. Sandow.

>Below we examine Mr. Sandow's remarks, preceded by a single  
>arrow. My comments are immediately below.

>>Evidence is evidence and proof is proof. Sometimes they are the  
>>same. Sometimes they are not. It all depends on the validity of  
>>the argument that supports the evidence and vice versa.

>  
>You know, this is the kind of thing that just stops one in his  
>or her tracks. As my young niece once said to me, "Some dogs is  
>boy dogs, some dogs is girl dogs, and some dogs is just dogs."  
>In any event, it is a breakthrough of sorts to have Mr. Sandow  
>admit that absolute "proof" is not going to be obtained in this  
>area and something like "weight of evidence" is going to rule.

Gary, Gary, Gary...

Above, you credit the following statement to Greg Sandow:

>Evidence is evidence and proof is proof. Sometimes they are the  
>same. Sometimes they are not. It all depends on the validity of  
>the argument that supports the evidence and vice versa.

Greg didn't write that statement. I did. But then again,  
research was never your strong point, was it, Gary?

It was part of a post which challenged your interpretation of  
"evidence". I can't help but notice that you didn't respond.  
More to the point, you are taking the statement out of context  
and preventing access of the reader to the supporting  
information that surrounds it. So here is the same post, in  
complete form:

>Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 20:23:07 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 14:28:35 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>>From: Gary Alevy <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 1999 18:32:44 -0500  
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jan 1999 17:02:01 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>Previously, gary offered this heap:

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>>>month over Dr. Hynek? This real issues revolve around the fact  
>>>that there is AMPLE evidence, evidence tantamount to proof, FOR  
>>>ME, that Dr. Hynek was working both sides of the street in his  
>>>later career as Godfather of ufology. What is proof? It is the  
>>>evidence that convinces YOU. That is, there is no absolute  
>>>proof available in this area, short of the individual at issue  
>>>owning up in public

><snip>

>Gary,

>I really don't know where to begin. My head is still swimming  
>from such a convoluted self justification for your position  
>regarding Hynek.

>"Evidence tantamount to proof" is not proof.

>Evidence is evidence and proof is proof. Sometimes they are the  
>same. Sometimes they are not. It all depends on the validity of  
>the argument that supports the evidence and vice versa.

>For instance, if a gun is found at a murder scene with my  
>fingerprints on it and the victim was killed by that gun, then  
>an argument could be made that I killed the victim. However, as  
>logical as this argument would be, and as damning as the  
>evidence would seem, it is not PROOF that I fired the gun at the  
>victim; only that the gun that was used has my finger prints on  
>it.

>In fact, the only proof that exists in this increminating  
>scenario is that I, at one time, held the gun in my hand. It  
>doesn't even prove that I fired it, even once.

>Therefore the argument, though logical, is not valid even though  
>the evidence is clear and uncontested. By extension, the  
>evidence could not be considered proof.

>Using your logic, if the jury is convinced by the argument, then  
>the evidence is therefore proof. Not so (though I might go to  
>jail anyway). As we have seen by the lastest Stephens saga, some  
>people were convinced by his arguments, others were not. Does  
>that mean that the unconvinced are ignoring obvious proof? Of  
>course not. The acceptance of an argument does not validate  
>"evidence" and elevate it to "proof". Nor does it give validity  
>to other arguments that might come up as a result of this  
>acceptance.

>I will agree with you on one statement:

>>>That is, there is no absolute  
>>>proof available in this area, short of the individual at issue  
>>>owning up in public

>Finally, Gary gets it right...

>Later,

>Roger Evans

If you are going to argue something, Gary, at least know to whom  
you should be speaking. As far as I'm concerned, your entire  
argument regarding Hynek and Larsen is bogus, not because I'm a  
big Hynek and Larsen advocate, not because I knew them (I  
didn't), and not because of any "importance" that I feel they  
play in the UFO arena.

Your argument is bogus of your OWN reasoning:

You maintain that Hynek and Larsen NEVER told anyone, not even  
their closest friends, about the "true" nature of their work  
concerning the subject of UFOs. Since they never told anyone,  
not even you, especially YOU, then any conclusion you form is



JUST PLAIN GUESSING!

Get it through your head, Gary: "They never told anyone"

What part of this don't you understand? After all, it's your own information, your own assertion. Considering you refuse to address this issue, I can only conclude that you argue only for the sake of argument; to see your own words. You offer no proof, your logic is laughable, and you can't even keep track of who said what within the simple confines of this list which casts doubt on anything you might offer as "research".

Your position is a joke.

Later,

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## Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

From: **Jose Escamilla** <[rods@rmi.net](mailto:rods@rmi.net)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:25:38 +0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 00:54:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:02:28 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

Roger,

Thank you for responding. Actually most of the cave shots were not taken from down in the cave. They were shot at the rim of the cave with sunlight illuminations all that's flying withn. I agree that I should have stated the "electronic shutter setting of 1/10,000 instead of what I wrote. And the arrow did appear in one frame or field depedning on the distances we shot at.

We hope to get the funding so that we can eliminate all the doumentation with 30 fps camcoders and shot these things using Kodak's motion analysis camera systems in stereo at from 250 to 500 "real" fps.

It's been tough since we are the only ones doing this and it's very hard getting someone to see the potential of capturing one of these using high speed cameras. The costs are \$ 7,200.00 per month per camera system and we just don't have this budget as yet. But we will continue and do more tests until we can get to cave and conduct the study using the high end cameras.

Thanks again for responding.

Regards,

Jose Escamilla

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## Re: The State of Ufology Today

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 13:59:38 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 01:00:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: The State of Ufology Today

>From: Gary Alevy <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:56:32 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 13:01:15 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The State of Ufology Today

>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 01:37:06 -0800  
>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The State of Ufology Today

Previously, Josh had written:

>>These are selected snips from your post that I think illustrate  
>>your caustic and hostile attitude toward Jerry Clark, Richard  
>>Hall and MUFON investigators (like myself). I had to look at  
>>your displays of hostility even when other researchers were  
>>being civil to you and only asking you to prove what you were  
>>saying in your posts. [Roger] Evans received the same treatment.

<snip>

Gary replied:

>Where were you, defender of civility on this list, when I was  
>called names and insulted by said "researchers". As for Roger  
>Evans and his post where did you point out the impropriety of his  
>four-fold invocation?

More importantly, Gary, where were YOU to prevent it?

You've had dozens of chances to respond to specific questions regarding your positions. Instead, you choose to change the subject, belittle those who oppose you and leave the tough questions unanswered. Anyone that approaches debate with such a cowardly attitude is, in my opinion, full of crap as I stated before. If anyone else reading this list disagrees, I'd sure like to know why.

Moving on, Gary opined:

>As to the issue of "proof". This is the holy grail of ufology  
>and is the usual hue and cry of those can't or won't understand  
>that all you will ever have is evidence supporting hypotheses.

Is that why you tried to convince everyone that "evidence" and "proof" are the same thing in the following statement?:

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>>later career as Godfather of ufology. What is proof? It is the  
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>>proof available in this area, short of the individual at issue  
>>owning up in public

When I read this, it strikes me that you are finally admitting that you have no real proof regarding Hynek and Larsen. Instead,

you resort to "re-defining" what constitutes "proof".

How convenient.

That's like my mother redefining the term "skinny" to include anything short of 150 pounds (sorry, mom). Maybe we should all redefine "rich" to include anything short of \$200 in our bank accounts. Of course, we could cut this nonsense short and simple redefine any unqualified statement as a "fact" and let Gary win his argument.

And you wonder why I use the term "crap"?

Later,

Roger Evans

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## Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 14:27:09 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 01:06:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>From: Gary <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:13:52 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 13:04:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question  
>>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:26:00 -0500  
>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers":;

Previously, I had written:

>>And here are my logical, well formulated responses to the above:

>>1) I think you are full of crap.

>>2) I think the above proves you are full of crap.

>>3) I will continue to consider you full of crap as long as you  
>>don't practice what you preach regarding "verification" of  
>>facts.

>>4) Did I mention I think you are full of crap?

Gary responded:

>Whenever people can't follow an argument, or can't understand an  
>argument, their IQ begins to drop.

My response:

And whenever someone refuses to participate in his own  
argument, or can't make people understand his argument, his IQ  
is already suspect; especially when he tries to redefine  
"evidence" as "proof" in order to win. Sadly, you have neither  
on your side. My IQ, at least, has room to drop.

Moving on, Gary predicted:

>A few  
>more of my messages will have reduced him to absolute jabbering.

>It's a sad thing to watch.

Boy, Gary, you're too smart for me. But then again, sad or not,  
you apparently do read my posts, after all. Therefore, you  
have no excuse for not answering a single question that I've put  
to you. Besides, smart guy, how hard could it be for you to  
answer questions from someone with a such a limited IQ such as  
myself?

They are in the archives. I'll be awaiting your reply.

Later,

Roger "Dumb as a Sock Drawer" Evans

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## Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 99 12:48:19 PST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 01:09:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 19:44:06 -0500  
>From: Gary <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDate <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation

>>From: Greg Sandow <[gsandow@prodigy.net](mailto:gsandow@prodigy.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation  
>>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 23:34:14 -0500

>My remarks in this message will be in response to Mr. Sandow's  
>message of January 9th. I have edited Mr. Sandow's comments  
>for space.

>As we have seen, Dr. Hynek was effectively "blown" by the 1966  
>Michigan Swamp Gas incident, as was the Air Force itself, where  
>UFO debunking was concerned. It could have become necessary to  
>change the program, drastically, after those events, before  
>continuing it in other ways. The burden of proof in this area  
>is, at least in part, on the defenders of Dr. Hynek, I'm afraid.  
>A very strong circumstantial case exists for an unfortunate  
>interpretation, a case that my critics simply refuse to  
>consider.

The always amusing Mr. Alevy just can't let it alone, can he? He has never let the absence of a shred of evidence discourage him from making ever wilder claims and accusations. But you've got to give the guy credit for honesty. After repeatedly failing to produce anything that would remotely persuade any reasonable observer that Hynek and Larsen (not to mention the other ufologists [such as Dick Hall, Jan Aldrich, and me], about whom Gary has hinted darkly) were sinister agents, he now concedes as much. How else to interpret his statement that it's up to his critics to prove their case, when Gary has yet to make one of his own?

If we were to pursue Gary logic, I could pronounce the earth flat and announce to the rest of you that the burden of proof is on you to show otherwise. Like Gary, I could sneer at your responses, dismiss them as uninteresting or irrelevant, assert that I have devastating evidence which I can't go into now because I'm saving it for an explosive book to appear at an unspecified time from an unidentified publisher. I could further intimate that my critics are in the employ of the Round Earth Agency, of which Allen Hynek was a suspected member.

Yup, folks, I've just exposed the conspiracy and proved the case. And to think that -- with the possible exception of Gary -- all of you out there spent your lives thinking the earth isn't flat as a pancake. The truth at last.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 17:31:47 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 07:26:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers";  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax  
>Date: Mon, Jan 18, 1999, 5:21 PM

>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 13:36:30 +0000  
>From: Neil Morris <[Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

>>From: Stig Agermose <[Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)>  
>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 22:25:28 +0100 (MET)  
>>Subject: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

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Bob Shell

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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:17:10 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 07:29:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 12:45:04 -0800  
>From: judithdale <[judithdale@earthlink.net](mailto:judithdale@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 18:53:01 -0600  
>>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 09:13:13 EST  
>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 17:50:20 +0000  
>>>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
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>>>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 16:46:28 -0600  
>>>>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>>>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 23:32:40 -0800  
>>>>>From: Judith Dale <[judithdale@earthlink.net](mailto:judithdale@earthlink.net)>  
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates-Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>Perhaps I should have written my reply differently. I apologize.  
>>However, the snip to Judith's message coming where it did has  
>>caused some confusion which I'll attempt to clarify while at the  
>>same time responding to Kevin and Roger's posts also noted  
>>above.

>>Yes, I've noticed the confusion. Actually, its been interesting  
>>to watch information get skewed simply because its taken out of  
>>context.

<snip>

>>My question was and still is...What is the basis for the fear  
>>that if he talked it would put him, AND HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY, in  
>>"terrible danger", and "it is not SAFE for him to speak".

>>This implies bodily harm would come about if he spoke about 30  
>>year old UFO related military secrets.

<snip>

>>Judith said this gentleman now "vehemently hates the military".  
>>So the obvious conclusion she makes herself is that its not the  
>>oath keeping him silent, but the fear of bodily harm.

>>What was the nature of the threat, and who made it?

>>Ofcourse, we don't know the nature of the threat, or who made  
>>it. The sense of family members is not so much that the danger

>is from "bodily harm" by agents of the military, as it is some  
>bigger threat.

<snip>

>FYI, I don't feel that my integrity has been challenged. Quite  
>frankly, I'm clueless about the details of the threat, because  
>Bill isn't telling us anymore than he has already. I just know  
>that he was a Lt. Colonel in Air force Intelligence, responsible  
>for a good deal of the Pacific Northwest.

>The threat may not have been one of "bodily harm". For all we  
>know, the danger may be in some threat to the human  
>socio/cultural/political paradigm.

>I don't think it serves any of us to make assumptions about  
>what the threats involve.

I suggested physical harm. You suggest a threat to humanity.

All I've asked is for someone to explain what the threat is.  
This shouldn't violate any oath.

I'm sure you realize this claim of some dire consequences if I  
talk bit has been made ad nauseam. Yet I've never seen ANYONE  
say what the threat is.

If the threat is real and defined there are ways to deal with it  
and eliminate it if its unjust and illegal.

I submit your guy likely doesn't know anything any more  
devastating than what Col Corso claimed to know and published in  
his book. Yet humanity survives.

No sarcasm intended, perhaps if he read Corso's book he feel  
better about talking. I just hate to see potential valuable  
information go to the grave.

Dave Vetterick

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From: **judithdale** <[judithdale@earthlink.net](mailto:judithdale@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:16:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 07:37:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Anchorage phenomena of 1/8/99

>From: Geri & Alfred Webre <[Ecotoday@aol.com](mailto:Ecotoday@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 16:51:43 EST  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Anchorage phenomena of 1/8/99

>Hi!

>We are trying to locate an URL or report describing the large  
>lights or electromagnetic pulse events that reportedly took  
>place over Anchorage, Alaska on or about 1/8/99. We missed any  
>posts that may have described these phenomena.

>Can anyone e-mail us a reference?

I believe you are referring to the apparent meteor that hit near Anchorage, in early January.

There is an article about it on the 'Earth Changes-TV' website.

URL: <http://www.earthchangestv.com/breaking/index.htm>

Hope this helps.

Judith Dale

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## Angel Hair, Illness And Weather Modification

From: "Tim D. Brigham" <[devilsad@ksinc.net](mailto:devilsad@ksinc.net)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 15:32:34 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 07:53:36 -0500  
Subject: Angel Hair, Illness And Weather Modification

Contrails Mystify, Sicken Americans  
By William Thomas

<http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jan99/1999L-01-08-05.html>

Mystery Contrails May Be Modifying Weather  
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<http://www.ens.lycos.com/ens/jan99/1999L-01-12-01.html>

If anyone has any further info on these or other angel hair cases, please contact me at [devilsad@ksinc.net](mailto:devilsad@ksinc.net), as a friend of mine (Brian Boldman) is very interested in the angel hair phenomenon and has been investigating it for a number of years.

thanks,  
Tim Brigham

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From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 99 14:14:33 PST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 07:58:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: The State of Ufology Today

>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:56:32 -0500  
>From: Gary Alevy <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDate <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The State of Ufology Today

>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 01:37:06 -0800  
>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The State of Ufology Today

>>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 20:15:06 -0500  
>>>From: Gary Alevy <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
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Gary and patient and gentle listfolk:

>You object to the style of message that I used; however, isn't  
>it true that if I tried to make these points in the "academic"  
>style so fashionable today no one would have paid it any  
>attention. I have been observing this list for more than two  
>years and I see "researchers" you favor insult, degrade and  
>debase posters to this list, you are silent. Jerry Clark posts  
>no original research or work to this list. He posts to attack  
>and debunk other's postings using the method of character  
>assassination that so upsets you. Does the archives document your  
>criticism of him for being out of bounds?

Of course I don't employ "character assassination," nor do you  
list any "original research or work to this list." (Creative  
imagination, Gary, is neither research nor work.) I oppose  
character assassination in principle. (I have been on the  
receiving end of it on occasion.) In any case it isn't  
necessary when one is responding to arguments as thinly based in  
reason, evidence, and documentation as Mr. Alevy's.

On the subject of character assassination, however, I find it --  
to put it mildly -- odd that Gary is objecting to it only when  
it allegedly is employed by others. On the other hand, his  
character assassination of honorable men such as Allen Hynek and  
Sherman Larsen is okay by Gary. Here's a psychic test for the  
rest of you: I am thinking of a word to characterize Gary's  
approach here. A hint: it starts with "h."

>Generally speaking on this list those clamoring the loudest for  
>proof use this as a smokescreen for ignoring discussion of  
>evidence and hypotheses. An example of this is your response to  
>my post clamoring for "proof" while you fail to engage in any  
>discussion, civil or otherwise, of any and all points I raised.

Let me offer this one bit of advice, Gary: If you are going to  
assassinate the characters of your betters -- by leveling the  
most serious charges one ufologist can make against other  
ufologists -- you had better produce evidence, damned good  
evidence, and you had better have a more relevant, compelling  
response to your critics than the self-righteous posturing and  
subject-changing we've seen so far. Otherwise, an approach like  
yours represents ufology at its worst.

Never having met you personally and knowing nothing about you beyond what I see on this list, I have no personal quarrel with you. For all I know, when you're not bloviating on subjects you know little or nothing about (a hardly unique human failing), you're a nice guy. But the sorts of baseless slanders\* you have directed against some of ufology's true pioneers do no one -- least of all you -- any good.

Jerry Clark

\*Last time I used this word, you objected to it. Look it up in the dictionary.

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## U.K. News: Series On UFOs In The Northwest

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Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 23:33:47 +0100 (MET)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:06:07 -0500  
Subject: U.K. News: Series On UFOs In The Northwest

Forwarded from the newsgroup "uk.rec.ufo".

Stig

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From: [mhubbard@notmyaddress.seeheaders.gov](mailto:mhubbard@notmyaddress.seeheaders.gov) (Mike Hubbard)  
Newsgroups: uk.rec.ufo  
Subject: New UFO programme on Granada  
Organization: Hulme Community Computing Ltd - Reply to me at hulmecc u-net com.  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 20:40:28 GMT

Tomorrow (Wednesday) at 7:30pm (not completely sure about the time) there is the first of a new series about UFOs in the North West.

The first one deals with crashed aircraft in the Peak District, according to the Sun TV Guide.

<\*> Mike Hubbard. Hulme Community Computing,  
Manchester U.K. 0161-226 5088

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## Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

From: "Stan Friedman" <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 20:07:28 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:12:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>From: Ed Fouche <[fouche@connecti.com](mailto:fouche@connecti.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 22:03:56 -0600

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 10:29:20 EST  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>>There are certainly hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of  
>>people who have served in the military or worked for the Federal  
>>Government and have taken security oaths or worked under  
>>security restrictions. For the most part, these restrictions  
>>have certainly worked.

>>In today's New York Times an article relates how a book  
>>manuscript by former UN arms inspector Scott Ritter has been  
>>requested for censorship by the Pentagon, supposedly because of  
>>criticism Ritter has made about U.S. policy.

>>Have there ever been any documented instances of such attempted  
>>prior censorship involving any UFO sources? If followers of  
>>this list could provide instances of such events, it would help  
>>us move from hypothetical and theoretic discussions to fact.

>>Any known instances, ladies and gentlemen?

>Censorship of alleged secrets is not new.

>From the Prelude to 'The Puzzle Palace' by James Bamford, he  
>writes of the War Department trying to suppress the book 'The  
>American Black Chamber' in 1930.

>From Chapter, 'Targets'  
>He also writes of ITT, Western Union, and RCA agreeing to  
>Provide intercepted communications for Project Shamrock.. ASA  
>(Armed Forces Security Agency) headed Project Shamrock. ASA  
>later was absorbed into the NSA (National Security Agency.)

>In a meeting on 16 December 1947, with approval of the US  
>Attorney General, Secretary of Defense Forrestal met with the  
>heads of these companies to assure them that the US Attorney,  
>Attorney General Tom Clark -Justice Department, Under authority  
>of President Truman, would provide legal protection to these  
>companies. Their fears were valid. Project Shamrock broke  
>numerous laws, the Constitution, and these Companies would be  
>subject to lawsuits if the Justice Department, And Defense  
>Department didn't cover for them.

>Section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 Prohibited  
>interception of communications.

>A little more than 9 months later, Forrestal resigned. A week  
>later he was admitted to the Bethesda Naval Hospital. Diagnosed  
>as suffering from anxiety, severe depression, and acute paranoia  
>and talked of 'unidentified people trying to get me,' and  
>'conspiracies.'

>Was his involvement with the MJ-12 committee the conspiracy he  
>was so afraid of? He was treated for 'involuntional melancholia  
>psychosis.'

>In the early morning hours of Sunday, 22 May, Forrestal sat  
>alone in His hospital room, copying onto sheets of paper the  
>brooding lines from Sophocles, 'Ajax,' - "No quiet murmer like  
>the tremulous wail," he wrote "of the lone bird, the querulous  
>night-" The word nightingale was left unfinished.

>(Allegedly) Forrestal walked across the hallway into a small  
>kitchen, tied one end of his dressing gown sash to a radiator  
>just beneath a window, and knotted the other end around his neck  
>and jumped from his 16 th floor window.

>Was the 'murmer' - the voices he heard from a recovered live  
>alien? Was the 'tremulous wail' - the his memory of this event?  
>Was the 'lone bird' - the crashed UFO? Was the 'querulous night'  
>- the night he was informed of the crash at Roswell?

>Stanton Freedman, Timothy Good, Edgar Fouche (myself) and others  
>have written and pondered about what really happened to  
>Secretary Forrestal.

>I speculate in 'Alien Rapture' with Brad Steiger, my co-author  
>(of Project Blue Book) that Forrestal was murdered because he  
>'couldn't handle the truth.'

The Forrestal situation is far more complicated than as  
portrayed above.

He had been a workaholic who for his reward as a great Secretary  
of the Navy was given the terrible job of Secretary of Defense  
being attacked by the Army, Navy, and Air Force all seeking more  
money than the country and congress wanted to spend.

His wife had problems. He was on the wrong side with regard to  
Truman's recognition of Israel, he was shocked when after the  
very surprising Truman Victory. His resignation had been  
accepted. His friends were very seriously concerned about him.

Documents at the Truman Library strongly suggest he really was  
paranoid. I consider him a casualty of war. Far more concerned  
about the Russians than about aliens.

Stan Friedman

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Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:19:04 -0500  
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[by way of John Hayes <[john@bofrok.freemove.co.uk](mailto:john@bofrok.freemove.co.uk)>]

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Editor: Joseph Trainor

### GREEN FIREBALL EXPLODES OVER SOUTHERN ALASKA

On Friday, January 8, 1999, at 10:25 p.m., a fireball of "an eerie blue or green color" flashed through the sky of southern Alaska and exploded with "an earthshaking boom."

According to the Anchorage Daily News, "Dozens of people phoned authorities last Friday to report the event, which happened at 10:25 p.m. Most eyewitnesses described a brilliant and colorful flash, followed several minutes later by a boom. The boom was so loud it shook homes in Palmer and Wasilla and was heard from South Anchorage to Sutton and beyond."

Palmer (population 2,866) is on Highway 1 about 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of Anchorage. Wasilla (population 4,028) is eight miles (12 kilometers) west of Palmer. Sutton (population 210) is 13 miles (21 kilometers) northeast of Palmer.

"'I wish I could describe it,' said Gina Gilmore, who watched the fireball from a hot tub near Palmer. 'It was an eerie blue or green color.. It lit up the whole area. Then we heard an explosion and it stilled our conversation.'"

"Gilmore said that at first she thought the object was a shooting star, but its intensity" had her wondering if it could have been "a missile, an explosion or something from The X-Files."

"'It was greenish, and it was loud,' said Rachael Wagner, 16, another observer from Wasilla. She was inside her house and watched it flash through her window."

Donald Masters, an astronomy professor at the University of Alaska at Anchorage told the newspaper that he "believes the flash came from a meteor or a comet fragment, probably the size of a pumpkin, that exploded about 50 miles above the Earth's surface."

Scientists thought the meteor to be a latecomer from the Quarantid meteor shower, which began on December 28, 1998.

"'Imagine a cold rock coming in and getting very hot,' said Greg Durocher, a scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey. 'It's under tremendous stress.'"

"Durocher and other observers of the fireball said they heard the boom about three to four minutes after they saw the flash. Based on this information, Masters estimated that the object was about 50 miles (80 kilometers) away at the time of the explosion."

"There were rumors Friday of the object striking (the ground



near) Parks Highway at Mile (Marker) 141, and reports by pilots of debris falling, but meteorites are extremely hard to find, Masters said." (See the Anchorage Daily News for January 10, 1999, "Great ball of fire--Flash in sky is likely exploding meteor" by Elizabeth Manning. Muchas gracias, Lucy, para esa noticia.)

#### GREEN FIREBALL STREAKS OVER NEW HAMPSHIRE

On Sunday, January 10, 1999, at 7:05 p.m., "Bill Slatton was driving home when he saw what looked to be a green fireball streak across the night sky" in Pittsfield, New Hampshire (N.H.)

Pittsfield (population 1,717) is on Route 28 about 37 miles (59 kilometers) northeast of Manchester, New Hampshire's largest city.

"'My God, this thing is as clear as day,' he remembers thinking to himself. 'It was huge. It was right along side of us.'"

"His fiancee, Kathy Bickford, saw it, too. Police departments in Bow (population 600) and Northfield reported sightings, with callers describing 'a green flash' in the sky."

"Slatton said he and his fiancee saw the fireball for a few seconds as they drove south on Route 20 in Pittsfield...He said it was like the fireball that crashes into the Earth in a recent Dunkin Donuts commercial."

"'It was descending almost like a plane descending. It's hard to describe,' Slatton said."

"The object was about the size of a nickel or quarter in the sky, and perhaps a few thousand feet away and a few thousand feet up, although it was hard to tell, Slatton said."

"It was to the left of them as they drove south, perhaps landing or crashing in Pittsfield, Epsom or Chichester, said Slatton, a property maintenance contractor from Chichester," a town located six miles (9 kilometers) southwest of Pittsfield. (See the Manchester, N.H. Union-Leader for January 11, 1999, "'Green flash' streaks through central NH sky" by Derek Ross. Many thanks to Greg St. Pierre for forwarding the newspaper article.)

#### MYSTERY BOOM HEARD NORTH OF CINCINNATI, OHIO

On Sunday, January 10, 1999, dozens of people in Fairfield, Ohio (population 39, 729), a small city on Route 127 approximately 18 miles (28 kilometers) north of Cincinnati, heard a stunning and mysterious explosive sound.

The story was reported by newscaster Laura Randall on Channel 9, WCPO-TV in Cincinnati, that evening.

"Ms. Jenny Morgan of Fairfield 'reported that she had heard something similar to a shotgun sound.'"

"A second resident told of suspecting someone had thrown 'snowballs' at her house, while a third person described what they thought was a supersonic crash."

"At least 13 callers (to Channel 9) reported suspicious and frightening noises."

The sound was "attributed to 'ice heaving' or 'frost cracking'" by representatives of the National Weather Service at Wilmington, Ohio.

"Prof. Kenneth Hinkle, a geologist at the University of Cincinnati, refuted the 'frost-cracking' theory and said "such explanations are not workable in this instance."

"'In the high Arctic, frost-cracking resembles a sharp snap similar to a rifle report, which can be felt,' Hinkle told the newscast."

A WCPO reporter summed it up: "We are left with an unsolved mystery." (Many thanks to Kenneth Young of Cincinnati UFO Research for this news story.)

#### TRIANGULAR UFO HOVERS NEAR FRENCH AIR BASE

On December 1, 1998, a motorist driving through Evreux, a city in the department Eure approximately 150 kilometers (90 miles) east of Paris, spotted a triangular UFO hovering nearby at 5:50 p.m.

The witness described the UFO as "having a length estimated at 40 meters (132 feet). The object's speed was about the same as a conventional French military aircraft." He first saw it hovering "at an altitude of perhaps 20 to 30 meters," and the object "had a series of eight white luminous windows along its edge and also a rotating reddish light underneath."

Stopping his car, the witness watched as the UFO passed silently overhead. The object was moving toward BA-105 of the Evreux-Fauville air base operated by the Armee de l'Air (French Air Force--J.T.)

As the UFO passed over, the car's electrical system suddenly went dead. The car engine, the radio and the headlights all shut off. When the witness tried to turn the ignition key, all he heard was the dead thump of the solenoid. The "blackout" lasted only 30 seconds. When he tried again half a minute later, the engine roared back to life.

"Right afterward I went to a phone and called the base at Evreux-Fauville," he reported, "They gave me a polite dismissal, as always." A local newspaper ran an article on the incident, but no other witnesses came forward. (Merci beaucoup at Thierry Garnier du Cercle Ufologique de Haute-Normandie pour ces nouvelles.)

#### UFO MOTHERSHIP SPOTTED IN NORTHERN ITALY

On Saturday, December 26, 1998, at 12:15 a.m., a very large UFO, described as "a mothership" and "a flying cigar," was seen passing over Merlengo, a small town near Bolzano in the Trentino Alps, about 550 kilometers (330 miles) north of Rome.

"The object appeared stationary and at an altitude of 2,500 meters," reported Fabrizio Monaco of Comitato Internazionale per lo Studio delle Intelligenze Extraterrestri (CISSETI). "It was traveling at about 600 kilometers per hour but appeared to vanish at about 20 degrees above the horizon. The phenomenon lasted about one and a half minutes. The weather at the time was cloudy."

When the cigar-shaped UFO departed, "the object was illuminated by a luminous flash," Monaco added, "The object appeared to be fairly large, according to the principal witnesses." (Grazie a Fabrizio Monaco di CISSETI per questo rapporto.)

A week earlier, on Sunday, December 21, 1998, at 11:30 p.m., a glowing disc was seen at Stra, a village in Veneto province near Padova, located about 375 kilometers (225 miles) north of Rome.

Giuseppe Isanelli was in his home when he saw a bright flash outdoors. Leaving the house, he reported, "I saw in a field on the Via Agnoletto, an area with few houses about, and an object of circular form about six meters (20 feet) in diameter."

"I left my house and looked at the field, at a distance of 300 meters away, and it was illuminated as bright as daylight by an object hovering in the sky. It had the appearance of a missile. It was of a circular form and had its own lights," Isanelli said. "The object moved slowly at first and quickly gained velocity, heading for the city of Padova. As I stood there, I was stunned by the sight."

The case is being investigated by ufologist Francesco Rosati of Centro Ufologico Nazionale (CUN) in Firenze. (See the Italian newspaper Il Gazzettino di Padova for December 21, 1998. Grazie a Francesco Rosati e Alfredo Lissoni di CUN per questo rapporto.)

#### BELCONNEN--A SECRET NATO BASE IN AUSTRALIA?

A rumored secret underground base at Belconnen, in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) near Canberra, has joined Area 51 in the USA and the underground base at Corsham, Wiltshire, UK on the ufologists' roster of UFO-related sites.

The base is known as "the Sheep Paddock" and is said to be located beneath an actual pasture in the Great Dividing Range near Canberra. Within the field are several antennae arrays and a small cinderblock security building that houses the elevator to the underground command post.

"There are at least three stories underground," one source said. "On the third level, staff members man computer terminals."

Some Belconnen watchers believe that the supposed base will serve as a national command post during civil unrest in Australia caused by Y2K. Others maintain that the base is merely an out-station of the Royal Australian Navy communications center at Lawton.

Interestingly, that portion of the Great Dividing Range is rumored to be undercut by humungous limestone caverns.

In his book, MYSTERIOUS AUSTRALIA, Rex Gilroy writes that in 1848 settlers in the area "discovered a great natural limestone archway through one of the bluffs. Exploring south of here one day, two young men came across a hole in one of the limestone cliffs. Realizing it went deep into the cliffside, they went back to their farmhouse for rags and oil with which to make torches. Lighting these upon their return, they entered a hole which they found sloped down into a large chamber from which another larger hole led off into another chamber, then another and another...They made a large fire on the cave floor. The flames mounted gradually to reveal the full extent of the cavern--some 200 feet across, rising well over that in height, with a great many formations dripping from the sloping walls." (See MYSTERIOUS AUSTRALIA by Rex Gilroy, NEXUS Publishing, Mapleton, Qnld. 1995, page 58.)

Meanwhile, the Corsham Computer Centre (CCC) underground base in Wiltshire continues to generate a lot of debate.

Matthew Williams of Truthseekers Review magazine stated, "We had discovered the base and its Black Budget funding, also known as Maggie's Bunker, in editions of the UK UFO magazine Alien Encounters and also in our magazine, also we exposed more than just the base's presence. We took TV crew to the facility and even got inside, if you can believe that!"

Williams added that his group tried to interest ITV in doing a show about Corsham, but the network reportedly wasn't interested. The recent UK broadcast "did show the outside of the base," Williams added, "but for some strange reason did not show the inside of the base...why? Big question."

During the week, Gerry Lovell of Far Shores contacted UFO Roundup to comment on our Corsham story in last week's issue. He writes, "I don't recall actually making a link between Corsham and the village of Hawthorn, at least in respect of any tunnel which may or may not link the two. There is indeed at least one tunnel under Rudloe Manor, and I am sure" there is one "in the area of the Corsham Nuclear Command Centre, but I did not state there was a link specifically between the two." (Many thanks to Matthew Williams, Gerry Lovell and the "Belconnen Commandos" for these items.)

#### ORANGE FIREBALLS APPEAR NIGHTLY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

On Thursday, January 6, 1999, Margaret W. and her family watched as a squadron of five orange fireballs flew over their home in South Cessnock, New South Wales, Australia, a town located 180 kilometers (108 miles) north of Sydney. Amazingly, the UFO flyover repeated itself the following night, and the night after that.

By Monday, January 11, 1999, the flights, with anywhere from two to five "orange fireballs" had passed over South Cessnock. "We have been seeing these orange fireballs in flight going over our house for the past six days."

Margaret "said she had got her son a telescope for Christmas, and they had observed the lights through it. Red, fiery orange spheres with flames coming out of the back of the objects. They had four lights in front. Lights were cloudy and white in colour. The objects were disc-shaped."

She added that "they came from the east," i.e. the Pacific Ocean, "and went west. She stated that her neighbour came out and had a look and went back inside to call RAAF Williamstown, to see if they had any planes in the area. They said no."

Each object "was about the size of a 20-cent piece held at arm's length." (Many thanks to Diane Harrison of UFO Australian Research Network for this report.)

#### BLIMP OR UFO? MELBOURNE CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

Another witness has come forward to report sighting a UFO over Melbourne, the capital of Australia's Victoria state, on Christmas Eve, but researcher Alex McMurray thinks the witnesses were seeing a blimp.

"I was driving home from a friend's place at 2 a.m. on Christmas Eve (December 24, 1998)," the new witness reported, "Travelling west toward Port Philip Bay, Melbourne. In the sky was what appeared to be a disc/sphere that was approximately five times the size of the moon but a pale orange/amber colour, what looked like a fairly thin black cloud was in front of the sphere."

"My initial reaction was that someone had moved the moon a lot closer to the earth. Various other things went through my mind, including UFOs. However, unfortunately as I was somewhat 'under the weather,' I immediately went to bed upon arriving home." (Many thanks to Jeroen Wierda of Picard UFO Research International for this report.)

Alex McMurray, however, believes that "the orange UFO" seen by Darren B., his sister and her friend, and the new witness was actually the Whitman Chocolates Lightship.

"The description of the UFO given by Darren B. fits that of the Whitman Chocolates Lightship," McMurray wrote, "a large, yellow-orange dirigible that is used in Melbourne as a camera platform for sporting games and for joy rides at night. The dirigible has lights installed inside the balloon and at night has the appearance of a large orange ball, and it is very quiet when it is travelling, even close up." (Many thanks to Alex McMurray for his commentary.)

#### ATTACK OF THE GIANT TURTLES

"The legendary Hoan Kiem turtle is the real thing, swear scientists who have studied the creature for years."

"'People are treating it like the Loch Ness monster but this is not a myth,' says Peter Pritchard, a world-reknowned biologist."

"For generations, Vietnamese parents have been telling their children about Le Loi, the warrior king who beat back (Chinese) invaders in the 1400s with his heaven-sent sword." (A kind of Vietnamese Excalibur--J.T.)

"As the victorious soldier crossed a lake, the weapon jumped from its scabbard and into the mouth of a turtle, which dove to the bottom."

"The lake has been known as Ho Hoan Kiem (Vietnamese for Lake of the Returned Sword--J.T.) ever since."

"But it gets even more shocking. Shell-shocked scientists are sure the 6-foot-long (2-meter), 400-pound turtle recently spotted for the first time is the same one from the legend."

"'Yes, that's right. The same turtle,' says Dr. Ha Dinh Duc, a biology professor at Hanoi's National University who has studied the creature for years. 'That would make him about 550 years old.'"

"Experts believe there could be up to five stupendous slowpokes plodding around the bottom of the lake."

"'People here believe the turtle is sacred,' says Duc, 'They think only crazy people would want to catch one.'" (See the National Examiner for January 12, 1999, "Loch Ness turtle terrorizes Vietnam," page 6.)

(Editor's Comment: A giant turtle matching the description of

the Hoan Kiem turtle appeared during the Jurassic Period 200 million years ago and became extinct during the Pliocene Period three million years ago. Known as Stupendemys (order Chelonia, suborder Proganochelydia, family Pelomedusidae), this giant turtle measured two meters (6 feet, 6 inches) long and "was the largest freshwater turtle that ever existed." Fossilized remains of Stupendemys have been found in Venezuela. Wouldn't it be something if a few of these turtles survived the Ice Age and found a home in the jungles of Vietnam?)

NEW INSCRIPTION OF KING DAVID FOUND IN EGYPT

"An inscription found in Egypt could be the third rediscovered ancient text pointing to the presence of the biblical King David, according to Biblical Archaeology Review."

Prof. Kenneth Kitchen, an Egyptologist now retired from the University of Liverpool in England has written that the phrase 'Heights of David' seems to appear in a list of place names from southern Judah found in the Temple of Amun in Karnak, Upper Egypt. The list dates from the Tenth Century B.C., just after King David's time."

"Kitchen isn't certain, however, because one letter in the inscription is ambiguous."

"Some modern scholars have speculated that King David was a mythological character, but others believe a text found in Israel in 1993 by archeologist Avraham Biran clearly refers to the royal 'House of David,' and French paleographer Andre Lemaire says a damaged inscription from ancient Moab also appears to name King David." (See the newspaper Providence, R.I. Journal for January 16, 1999, "Evidence of David?" page D-5.)

from the UFO Files...

1919: ORANGE SPHERE UFOs OVER SALISBURY PLAIN

Eighty years ago, a strange UFO incident took place north of Stonehenge in the UK. Here it is in the words of one of the actual participants, British soldier Gordon Wilkins:

"Early in January 1919, about 8 p.m., I and another man of my corps were returning to our camp. We had been on a ramble to Figeldean to look at an old church. On a sudden, I was startled to see in the night sky on the western edge toward Netheravon three weird coloured globes--red and orange--at a height of about 3,000 feet. They looked like lanterns illuminated with a very strong glow."

"As I watched, they floated downwards, and then suddenly and inexplicably vanished. The famous prehistoric monument of Stonehenge was some miles south. There were airdromes and British Royal Artillery camps and ranges some miles away. But at this time, there was no firing at night. The man who was with me had apparently seen these globes before."

"Said he to me, noticing my astonishment, 'They must come from the Royal Air Force drome at Boscombe Down.'"

"I think that very unlikely. At that point, thirty-six years ago (Note: Wilkins wrote this in 1955--J.T.), airplanes had no apparatus capable of firing off such globes. Nor would there have been any object in doing so. Moreover, the cockpits were then open, not closed in as now."

"At that time, it was three months after the Armistice (World War One ended on November 11, 1918--J.T.), most of the camps and dromes and firing ranges had demobilized their airmen and artillerists. Certainly, when I saw these globes, no plane was to be heard or seen, and on that eerie plain of prehistoric monuments and Neolithic barrows and other memorials of the long unknown dead, the air was as still as death. In the silence and darkness, the effect of these apparitions in the starry sky was most startling and unnerving."

"I wish to draw attention to the fact that my companion had seen these phenomena at least four times: in 1917 and 1918. Hence his lack of surprise; for he evidently--and I think wrongly--assumed they were devices of the RAF, or perhaps the Army." (See FLYING SAUCERS UNCENSORED by Harold T. Wilkins, Citadel Press,

New York, N.Y., 1955, pages 222 and 223.)

FUN UFO WEBSITES:

Matthew Williams says photos of the underground base at Corsham are available at the website. You can look them over at <http://www.truthseekers.freeseve.co.uk/index.htm>

Don't miss our parent site, UFOINFO, with its very large gallery of UFO photos, plus news items, feature stories, links and much, much more. Log in at <http://ufoinfo.com>

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:29:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

Peter,

"He that is first in his own CAUSE seemeth just;  
but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him."

-----Proverbs 18:17, KJV

Isn't that the point. Everything I stated pertinent to this field has been proven by others to be true. You, Bell and Hoagland, have enmeshed yourselves in great controversy and suspicion. Why do you insist in this. The industry took my data as stated and made me into 'scientist for NASA. I was never a scientist nor have I ever worked for NASA. Over and over again I states this. I'm a contractor for them. If you called the cape you'd know this by now.

Why don't you call here again, and do another little interview. I'd like to know what in the world you three are so damn afraid of. I seem to be afraid of nothing in this venue.

You are odd to me. You insisted that I stay in and report daily on Fence of everyone. That you could overlook the discrepancy of Mr. Kaluska regarding who at the paper called me on the UFO report here in Montana. Yet, you edited this information out of our phone conversation the night of your interview with me. Why believe one thing but not another.

Now, all has been verified by others. If we get statements from the State Department or the Department of the Navy, for which I am totally against, then what do you do then. Do you still hang onto a lie that is true and embrace a lie that is a lie.

This is illogical. And polls show that you are outnumbered in your conviction by a factor of 38 to 1. How do you explain this, regardless of the human factors involved.

If you write me or call me, please be rational Peter. It doesn't make sense.

You three, Bell-Hoagland-CAUS & Co. are obviously quite 'confused', when all of humanity around you seems to be quite clear. It is akin you are afraid of something. Deeply afraid.

I fully intend to search the underbelly of this thing and find out why and what is the aversion you have to truth.

For instance, went to the Enterprise Mission site for the first time in 2 weeks. There, lo, is the stolen pictures from the NASA archives of the solid rocket motor exhausts, the craft air brushed out with PS, and claimed as 'Fireballs' over Turd Peak and one over Florida. This is a lie. Yet, this is perfectly acceptable to you.

Paul Dore got sucked into this thing. He has all but proven Hoagland was the Pegasi hoaxer hands down, and he isn't even a UFO guy any more than I am. Still you three ignore this fact.

Bell has some hard-on hate for David John Oates. For what

remote purpose, as if somehow David is controlling the data in his favor, and since by the nature of his technology this is basically impossible. His metaphor disctionary is something he has compiled into a proven tome, not some amalgamated nonsense to embellish his data. In fact, he test his own data to failure all the time. Thus, This is simply illogical the attack on this person.

And the most heinous fact of all is that you three are doing just what the very platform is of your title of intent toward 'guvmint' and its minions to 'come clean'. It is incredible. However, the lay public, Everyman, is catching on. Oh, but they are.

Odd, you accept one lie inexplicably, yet cling to another lie that was proven to be, in fact, the truth. You are a lawyer. How do you reconcile this in your mind.

I came to this place searching. I intend to continue, since I'm no longer the issue.

For me, I plan on carrying this little query of the damned right up the chain of command within the underwriters of this industry until the force of truth forces some fundamental answers. If it can't be achieved by normal accepted means, it can be done through the ides of those that control the finances of the engines of this strange regime'-----and that is just what this cabal of attention getters is, in the truest form. So, applied technology of reason beckons us all.

You'll see shortly, Peter.

sincerely,

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## Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

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Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 19:52:07 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:32:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:13:52 -0500  
>From: Gary <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDate <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question  
>>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 19:26:00 -0500  
>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers":;

>>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1999 18:09:13 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold - Question

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>>And here are my logical, well formulated responses to the above:

>>1) I think you are full of crap.

>>2) I think the above proves you are full of crap.

>>3) I will continue to consider you full of crap as long as you  
>>don't practice what you preach regarding "verification" of  
>>facts.

>>4) Did I mention I think you are full of crap?

>Whenever people can't follow an argument, or can't understand an  
>argument, their IQ begins to drop. Within days of their first  
>lapse noticeable declines in intelligence can be noted. In the  
>case of Mr. Evans, the drop has been most precipitous. A few  
>more of my messages will have reduced him to absolute jabbering.

>It's a sad thing to watch.

Such clever obfuscation, misdirection and self-praise, Gary.  
Still, you are ignoring one powerful possibility. We all  
understand your arguments perfectly clearly and Roger's  
intelligence is neither weak nor dropping.

Bye... Ted..

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## Re: Santilli's 'Tent Footage': New Revelations

From: John W. Ratcliff <[jratcliff@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jratcliff@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 22:14:03 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:39:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Santilli's 'Tent Footage': New Revelations

>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 16:45:52 -0500  
>From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Santilli's 'Tent Footage': New Revelations  
>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

James wrote, yet another, mind boggling in it's documentary detail, message:

<snip, detailed message about Alien Autopsy hoaxing data>

James,

I'm trying to follow all of this in a way. Am I mistaken or does this recent tale suggest that Ray did not directly commission the tent footage? That's yet another spin. Was there any answer to the question why the tent hoaxer's kept their mouths shut so long in all of this?

Didn't you find it interesting that the newspaper article tried so very hard to confuse the tent footage with the alien autopsy footage the world actually saw?

For what it's worth, and it still ain't worth nothing, my best hypothesis, now years old, seems to be holding up strong. My original hypothesis was that the alien autopsy (real or fake, either way), was a carefully orchestrated dissinformation effort (with or without) Ray Santilli's complicity. I will not go into a long dissertation about the nature of dissinformation at this time. I have a detailed argument why the hoax for profit makes no rational sense in this affair. The completely valid reasons to reject Santilli's version of events are well documented by yourself and others.

As far as \*why\* the dissinformation effort in the first place, I have a theory there as well. I don't mind sticking my neck out on occasion, go ahead and chop it off, that's fine with me. My theory remains as before, that if it were a dissinformation program it's goal was to desensitize the world population to the images and ideas of dead aliens getting chopped up. Since this seems to be the only measurable effect of the entire affair I think it holds up fine.

Or did I just imagine that Roswell Digorno pizza commercial last night....

John

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## Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 22:04:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:36:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 13:36:30 +0000  
>From: Neil Morris <[Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

Neil wrote:

>A couple of the "odd" points in this tale to think about:

>If, as Ray has said in the past ALL his source material was on 16mm  
>FILM, why would he approach a VIDEO production company with a TAPE  
>for enhancement??. Wouldn't he be far better served taking the FILM  
>to a FILM facility and work with the original source material not  
>even a first generation TAPE copy?

Neil,

This is an intriguing twist in the tale.

It has been now confirmed that Ray first approached Keith Bateman's video production company to ask if they could enhance video tape footage of a supposed 'alien'.

So, at this point:

1. Ray did have some footage on video which he claimed was of an 'alien'. Whether he believed it was genuine we don't know.
2. Significantly, the images were of such poor quality that nothing could apparently be enhanced.

Therefore, there was presumably some problem with the original source of the images.

One conceivable explanation is that the original source was old film, from which the images couldn't be recovered.

It seems unlikely that the video tape at this point in 1994 contained hoaxed 'alien' footage, otherwise there should be no problem with the image quality.

What's missing to support this hypothesis is evidence that Ray had in the first instance taken the claimed 16mm film to a 'facilities house', who had then transferred the images from 16mm film to video.

Whilst the evidence may be absent and Ray has never publicly stated that was the sequence of events, he did tell me this was in fact "the true story", stating in July of last year that after the "first footage" was transferred at a facility in London, "There was practically no image which is why I took it to the video studio".

This was after Philip Mantle had published details of how he had been contacted by someone who knew the 'tent footage' was a hoax and Ray's comments were in response to some questions I asked him about the hoax claim.

It makes sense and as Ray confided the name of the company who had transferred the 16mm film, it may be possible to confirm the providence of this particular claim, although it's proving to be difficult as the company may no longer exist. Assuming of course that it ever did.

A further little twist, not mentioned in the article, is that Keith Bateman confirmed the video Ray provided was in the American NTSC format.

I would deduce this means that either he had acquired this video from the US, or, was intending to return it to the US.

Ray's most recent public response to the 'tent footage' expose was:

"The Tent Footage was the first film material I collected from the cameraman, it was in the form of 16mm film and in very poor condition. I brought it back to England and asked a studio facility in Milton Keynes to retrieve whatever image they could from it. Approximately a week (maybe longer) after delivery the Studio in Milton Keynes presented me with the film which has become known as the "Tent Footage" I was told that this was all that could be retrieved from the film.

I had informed the cameraman by telephone that we were able to retrieve some image and indeed showed the film to Philip Mantel and other interested parties. I returned to the States later to collect the main film and showed the "Tent Footage" on VHS to the cameraman".

Now this is a significantly different story from Keith Bateman's, who maintains that Ray knew the 'tent footage' was a hoax.

Leaving this aside for the moment, if Ray did intend to show the 'cameraman' what had been retrieved from the 16mm film, he would surely have had the results copied onto an NTSC formatted video tape. Yes, he does say it was on VHS, however Ray isn't someone who is precise with details, even when he's retelling a story known to be true, and I would take this to mean that he claims to have shown the 'tent footage' on video, i.e. "VHS" to the 'cameraman'.

If he ever did so, it would surely be an NTSC formatted video, rather than the UK standard VHS.

Could it be that he did have some old 16mm film transferred to NTSC formatted video and that the resulting images were so poor, he asked some friends in the video industry if they could improve the quality?

There are indications this may, conceivably, be true.

Even accepting the problems with Ray's 'tent footage' promotion and that he may have known all along it was a hoax, it's like the central 'alien autopsy' scenario in many respects.

Before dismissing all of Ray's claims and out of hand, there's way too many unanswered questions.

>How were the hoaxers hoping their plan would hold water using TAPE  
>only, there seems to be no mention of what they were planning when  
>people started to ask "Where is the FILM".

I doubt Keith Bateman and Andy Price-Watts were thinking that far ahead!

If they had been promoting the 'tent footage' as in effect a 'Roswell alien autopsy', which, as I suggested long time ago it was actually supposed to be, it could be claimed the original film was held by a 'collector', the 'cameraman', had been eaten by the family's dog, etc.

No major problem in not providing any original 16mm film, as Ray Santilli will tell you.

>Before anyone jumps down MY throat with "Well Ray Santilli has never  
>produced any!", he DID produce "some" damaged film which WAS tested  
>and found consistant with the film type alledgedly used and only in  
>production by Kodak until the mid 1950's.

The possible dating of those samples, which were not original  
film, remains debatable.

What isn't, is that the 'samples' did not contain any images  
from the 'alien autopsy'.

>In all probibility the Tent Footage is a hoax AND it may well have  
>been put together by the people behind the Mail's article BUT, the  
>story THEY ARE TELLING seems to have serious problems too.

No question they produced the 'tent footage' and have explained  
how part of it came to be on the 'Penetrating the web 2' video.  
Even Ray admits they manufactured the footage.

I heard from Ray earlier today and he wasn't too thrilled about  
the 'Mail on Sunday' article, maintaining that his account of  
the 'tent footage' was true.

He noted that the article was picked up by the 'Daily Star'  
newspaper today and I see that they published a still from the  
'alien autopsy', claiming it was now proven that this was filmed  
in a Bedfordshire barn.

He wasn't too pleased about that either and made the point:

"Heres one for you...if the AA film was a hoax imagine how angry  
the makers would be seeing someone else trying to steal the  
limelight....".

A fair point, although as I explained to him, it might be argued  
that the presumed 'alien autopsy' hoaxers couldn't come forward  
to claim the glory without considerable repercussions, not least  
the long term financial benefits to Ray and associates and they  
may all have reached an agreement where this simply won't  
happen.

A truly bizarre affair.

James.  
E-mail: [pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)

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## Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 23:15:24 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:42:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>From: [moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 19:13:05 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:42:39 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Roger Evans offered this opinion in today's post:

<snip>

>[TV] stations are not going to cooperate unless someone has  
>iron clad proof. A sure fire way for a station to go out of business  
>is to butt heads with the government without anything to back  
>them up. Don't forget, a station must have an FCC license and  
>the government is under no obligation to renew it in a timely  
>manner, if at all, if they do not want to. Being off the air for  
>only a month or two can be irreversibly devastating.

Roger, can you cite any example of a Television station in  
America having its license yanked or suspended in this manner  
because it broadcast something it couldn't prove?

Please be specific with examples.

Bob Young

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Peter A. Gersten <[UFOLAWYER1@aol.com](mailto:UFOLAWYER1@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 23:05:00 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:45:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

An Open Letter To Robert A.M. Stephens

Robert,

Since you have decided to address an e-mail to me with a distribution list of about a dozen, I thought I would send you an open letter. Interesting who you seek attention from.

I have no quarrel with you and am not sure why you continually refer to me, Hoagland and Bell in the same context. Are you trying to make a point? Is there something on the CAUS website you find intentionally false? Is there something that I have said about you not true? On the other hand, I would love to cross-examine you about everything you have stated in the past...on any radio show of at least one hour. Maybe we should find out if anyone still wants to listen to you 'debate' anyone about ten questions, let alone 200, afterwards.

My main concern in calling you that night was to ask about NORAD/Fence...something that you had repeatedly stated that you had access to through your NASA affiliation. You refused to discuss the subject and told me that you no longer would provide any further information.

I see that you have now resurfaced, after promising me that night that you no longer would having any involvement with anyone associated with the UFO phenomenon. I guess your word is as good as your ability to tell truth.

You and I both know what we talked about for over 60 minutes that night. You admitted that you lied about several things. Though you never admitted it, I now believe you lied about your access to classified NORAD/Fence records. I also believe you fabricated the information pertaining to NORAD's identification of both the Montana and Phoenix UFOs.

Though I have seen Michael Theroux's website concerning a radar system possibly similar to what you were describing, I have little doubt that you knew about that website before Michael posted it, and probably modeled your answers to CAUS based upon it. IMHO you have no access to any military security system, let alone classified information.

The information you supplied CAUS was obtained from information in the public domain and not beCAUS of any 'inside' information. It appears that you are not presently employed and spend most of the day surfing military related websites for information that you then tell everyone was learned from your contacts.

And what is the reason you have resurfaced? To assist the UFO field in learning the truth? Or maybe to provide CAUS with a weekly report of the 100-220 intruders a day that you have stated are entering our airspace. Or maybe help explain why we are experiencing a sudden increase in meteor/fireball activity throughout the planet. Or maybe to help CAUS determine what these triangular UFOs are? For some reason...I don't think so!

You have resurfaced to show us the negative side of ourselves...the attacking, profane and disrespectful side. The

shadow side that seeks attention by defaming others rather than anything constructive of our own. The part that believes it needs to lie about itself in a vain attempt to acquire some false self-esteem and importance.

You have been shown to be a liar. You have admitted to being a fraud. Your 'confession' was also self-serving since I informed you that I would be posting the contents of our interview in that night's CAUSupdate. To lessen the effect, you gratuitously posted your 'confession' in an attempt to ridicule it. You no longer have any credibility.

If you have a personal problem with Richard Hoagland or his work, take it up with Richard. He has a fax number. If he ignores your correspondence, that is his choice. I, and hopefully most other People, are fully capable of judging Richard on the merits of his past and present work and statements. When were you elected 'prosecutor?' I suggest you find a more productive way of getting attention.

Peter A. Gersten

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## And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 03:18:43 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 09:00:37 -0500  
Subject: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

Dear Errol, Skeptics, Believers and Faith Healers...

Allow me, alas a mere mortal, an opportunity to evaluate your performance, as a group. Of course, I refer ONLY to those few of you who are the culpably ignorant. You know who you are.

You are the folks who understand the phenomenon of alien abduction better than those of us who have actually had the experience. You are the ones who gravely pontificate about what you know the phenomenon to be, or not to be. There is no question. For when you have the answers to all the questions, there are no longer any questions, eh?

You are the ones who tell us what we've experienced. You are the ones who are the experts (remember my personal definition of an ex-spurt.... which is to say a has-been drip). You have spent years, decades, researching the question. You have decidedly heaved in an orgasmic lurch, to the conclusions to which you have arrived, by simple logic and reason. Not one dot of emotion in the decision. Not at all like us, the abductees. We are the emotional critters. God, you can dress us up but you just can't take us anywhere, can you?

And when you speak, like that bull in the commercial, everyone stops what they are doing and turn to listen... listen to the wisdom. And look out for the spoor.

But I must tell you that the result you seek is not the result you garner. No. When I read some of the drivel I at first become angry at such stupidity, such pigheaded non sense. After a while I tell myself, hey, the guy is trying. Very trying, indeed. Later, as I think further on the opinions you vector vomit (from a distance) I realize that there is no respect for you. There is only disrespect. There is no admiration. There is only the image of a fool.

Here I sit, knowing what I and others like me have experienced and known to be so in our reality, listening to you and laughing in anger, to know something to be so and have someone tell me it is not so.

Let me give you an example of sorts. I was asked to appear as a witness in a trial. I said to myself, there is nothing to worry about. I have nothing to hide, nothing to be ashamed of, nothing in my past which would even out a dent in my credibility... all I must do is tell the truth. Now, what can anyone do to malign the truth, or cause it to be a falsehood? What is, is. What is not, is not.

I am the naive fool.

For a total of fifteen hours I was beaten about head and face, body and soul, heart and intellect, finding myself the defendant, not them. The lawyers, God bless their black hearts (some of them) did their level best to impugn my credibility. They must have spent tens of thousands of dollars researching everything they could find in my life. I found myself defending not only the truth, but the person behind it, me. I found out

that truth can be reduced by doubt and innuendo. I defended myself and in the end, the case was won. It was my testimony that did it. But I had suffered so much that I seriously doubt I would ever volunteer again, to do my duty. I was drained. My body and my very soul had been abused... by bad people. You have to be bad to attempt to do to another what these attorneys attempted to do to me. They lied and cheated and ill-used truth.

Is there an analogy in this? You bet there is. For me at least. The same is true when I hear innuendo and doubt cast about as if it were truth... someone else's truth, about the abduction experience. What is, is. What is not, is not.

Unless you are on the witness stand, being interrogated by people who would defend their truth not because it is truth, but because it serves them to claim it is the real truth.

The moral?

You, you who speak truth, I worship you. You, who speak your truth, I admonish with this caveat. Your truth may be a lie. And you must live with that.

My truth is truth. I can live with that.

Jim

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## UFO Communication?

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 00:57:41 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 09:08:31 -0500  
Subject: UFO Communication?

Fellow UpDates subscribers,

All the past discussion of SETI and alien communication has brought me to pose a question. How do UFOs communicate?

With the long history of UFO reports, from discs to triangles, how do you suppose they communicate ship to ship or ship to base? Abductees report personal telepathic messages. Is it assumed that UFO occupants also communicate telepathically between ships? If they communicate using the electromagnetic spectrum why can't that be detected and perhaps interpreted? What other forms of communication may they use? What do you postulate?

If the flying triangles are terrestrial in origin I assume we would be able to detect many scrambled radio messages. Why don't we?

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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:57:52 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 09:24:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:19:11 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 07:32:44 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>From: [moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)  
>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 19:13:05 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Previously, Dave had written:

>>>If I were illegally threatened this way by the military, or any  
>>>REAL government agency I'd be on CNN and MSNBC within the hour.

My previous response:

>>And just what, exactly, would you use to back up your claims,  
>>Dave?

Dave writes:

>Rest assured I'm aware of this, and agree. Since we're dealing  
>hypothetically just assume I'd find a way to present proof.

>... if the confiscation were  
>made illegally without a court order or making the film to start  
>with wasn't violating some legal restriction, it wouldn't have  
>happened the second time without my taking legal action.

Against whom, Dave? You think these guys are going to politely  
give you their names and admit later what they do? We're not  
dealing with the hypothetical, here; that's the whole point.

>If I am conducting myself in a just and legal fashion there is  
>NO WAY I will tolerate illegal actions taken against me by any  
>group or individual.

>You are quite right, I do not fear the Government. If one  
>doesn't violate the laws of the land there is no reason to.  
>Anything else in my opinion is not rational.

Well, for starters, my father and his co-workers did nothing to  
violate any laws, so your assertion simply isn't true.

Secondly, no offense, but you seem to be confusing two concepts:

- 1) Your own personal courage.
- 2) The honesty of the government.

Just because you, personally, do not fear the government does  
not mean there's nothing to be feared by others. More to the  
point, the government does NOT walk the straight and narrow out  
of fear of Dave Vetterick, or anyone else, I can assure you.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 01:20:11 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 09:18:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 14:57:46 +0000  
>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>To: UFO Updates Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Release-For Post

>Please post far and wide.

>One Last Little Item From The 'Fraud' Robert A.M. Stephens

>Hello everyone. Since it has been universally disclosed and  
>concluded that I am a fake and a charlatan and a liar---in  
>essence, a Fraud, it should be fitting to close the last  
>final chapter on this debacle in true, revealing fashion in  
>the same venue as my undoing was set in motion.

>So, with that fact stated, that last little item is still  
>those vexing 199 remaining questions I was invited to debate  
>with Richard C. Hoagland, esteemed plank owner of The  
>Enterprise Mission, but was deprived from asking.

Mr. Robert A.M. Stepehens:

What is your real motivation for your proposed debate with Mr. Hoagland? Anyone who studies ufology and can think for himself already is well aware of Mr. "Mars face" Hoagland's self delusions. Any regular listeners of Art Bell who still believe anything Hoagland says have their own sets of problems. I don't think anyone can illuminate their dimness. Are you trying to prop up your wounded ego vs. Art Bell?

In a recent post announcing your resurrection you claimed that many people have posted you with links, etc. that support the truth of your claims. What I would rather see you do is to post on this list the truth behind your UFO related claims and the sources of that truth so they may be verified in a forum of bonafide researchers. I don't want to sound crude but perhaps you are familiar with the phrase 'put-up or shut-up'? So how about putting-up so you can gain some credibility? That would serve your credibility more than a debate with people like Hoagland.

Josh

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## Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 06:56:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 09:26:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax

>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 17:31:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: The Truth About The 'Tent Footage' Hoax  
>From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

<snip>

>I was particularly interested in his comments about kicking the  
>tripod now and then to introduce shake. I looked again at the  
>several versions of the tent footage I have and there is nary a  
>shake in the lot of 'em.

>Also, the still used to illustrate the article is from a  
>different viwepoint than the tent footage and, to me at least,  
>the body looks different.

>Far from answering questions, this article has just raised a  
>bunch of new ones.

I was surprised by that comment as well, but it could be that those sections of the "video" never made it to the final cut.

When this matter first broke last year I seem to recall that it was alleged that Santilli requested an autopsy sequence from the same production company and when they were unable to meet the deadline, he reportedly took that request to another production group (in Gemany, if memory serves). This doesn't seem to match the comments being made in the article, which seems to support Ray Santilli's claim that he was duped by them when they were unable to obtain images from the "film" they had been given.

On the other hand, I've heard that color images from the original video may be available, and that would certainly help to confirm it's being a hoax. Otherwise, we're still dealing with anecdotal evidence.

Steve

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## UpDates Server Brain-Cramp

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 09:49:23 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 09:49:23 -0500  
Subject: UpDates Server Brain-Cramp

If mail intended for the List bounced back to you please re-send.

Thanks,

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:17:09 -0600  
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<snipped strident proclamations contributing to the evolving  
featureless murk of the could-not-be's and the  
might-have-been's>

>For me, I plan on carrying this little query of the damned  
>right up the chain of command within the underwriters of this  
>industry until the force of truth forces some fundamental  
>answers. If it can't be achieved by normal accepted means, it  
>can be done through the ideoes of those that control the finances  
>of the engines of this strange regime'-----and that is just  
>what this cabal of attention getters is, in the truest form.  
>So, applied technology of reason beckons us all.

>You'll see shortly, Peter.

>sincerely,

>Robert A.M. Stephens

Perhaps (?) -- but I would find your arguments more compellingly  
convincing if you would refrain from your encopric and  
unsettling digressions, for a moment, and answer those questions  
a few of us had regarding STS-48. <g>.

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

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<Updated 18 January>

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(cut out the lawyers, they got their's) at:  
304 Melbourne Drive, Enterprise AL, 36330. Strict records kept.

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accepted <g>." ~~~ \$225.00 pledged -- \$125.00 collected ~~~

"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: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

From: Steve Jones <[svjones@jps.net](mailto:svjones@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 06:56:47 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 12:57:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 13:33:50 -0800  
>From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction Phenomena

>>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 1999 19:56:55 -0800  
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction Phenomena

Greetings to all,

Ed Stewart has made some comments as to my character that I would like to address.

1. First of all, Ed is correct as to my avocation. I have been an automobile service professional for over 20 years. This gives me the opportunity to talk to people from all walks of life, which is something that I enjoy. I seriously doubt that anyone here is a professional UFOlogist. Occasionally I run into someone who provides a piece to the puzzle. You would be surprised.

2. The comments that Ed has made about my plotting with Richard Boylan to invade his privacy are patently false and he knows it. I have known Richard Boylan for many years and although we markedly disagree with each other on many of the aspects of an alleged alien presence, I still respect him for his perseverance. Contrary to Ed's statements, I have never and I repeat never gone through anyone's trash. Ed on the other hand has a real problem with Richard Boylan. At Rich's trial, Ed was in the front row.

3. Joe Ball was a user on the BBS that I ran here in Sacramento for about 2 1/2 years. We started to meet for coffee and discuss UFOlogy and several incidents that involved a couple of Joe's friends. Joe told me that he was an ex-US Air Force security guard. He lived and to my knowledge still lives within 100 feet of the NW boundary of the base property surrounding McClellan AFB. As such he was able to observe much of the daily going's on at the base, which has historically played a key part in the development of advanced aircraft. It is a matter of public record that the base has the only hanger that is capable of x-raying a complete airplane. They also have a very specialized fabrication facility that as an example, completely redesigned and modified the F-111. In addition to being an ex-security guard, Joe is allegedly 1/2 Cherokee indian. As I unfortunately learned, he doesn't take to harassment kindly. He knew that I really didn't like Ed, as he has not been the easiest of people to coexist with over the years. If my stating to him that I didn't like Ed could be construed as inciting Joe to do what he did, so be it. As for my actually inciting Joe, I could care less what the man signed. He is a family man, who was in the process of completing a workman's comp case. He was also retired military and I'm sure that this played a part in this case. What he stated is simply not true, regardless of what Ed would like to believe. He was over a barrel and he knew it. The event that really brought things to a head occurred on a Friday in early February of (as I recall) 1994, when several NASA

planes started to arrive at McClellan, along with about 8 Marine Harriers. They all parked on the tarmac close by a hanger that is situated near the boundary at the SE end of the runway. This hanger is very broad and was open to the north to were through a pair of field glasses, Joe said that there was a very unusual plane inside. He stated that previously the hanger had held two KC-135's side by side and that this craft almost filled the hanger by itself.

Later that evening Joe called me and told me that they had pulled the plane out (it took two tugs to do it) and that the craft had at shortly after 10 PM on that Friday night blown straight up (as in an anti-gravity style takeoff) through a thin 1500 foot cloud layer, punching a hole in it. Within a day or two from this event, Joe told me that he had gotten a crank call at 4:00AM from a person that he thought was Ed. As I have stated, Joe doesn't take well to threats, and while driving him home from one of our coffee meetings, he simply asked me where Ed lived and while driving south on Watt avenue I pointed out his house and a matter of fact manner. I never, and I repeat never insinuated that Joe should do anything negative towards Ed. Joe did this of his own volition. Later on during the week when I was away from the house at work (at about 10:45AM), Joe dialed into my BBS and posted a very negative and threatening message on the system, which went out with the mail that was picked up before I got home. The result of this was that both Joe Ball, myself and my BBS were banned from FIDO-UFO. I was not banned for life from BAMA. John Powell did become pretty disgusted with the tone of the dialog on echo that he had inherited from Scott Ecker (no relation to Don). To say that I got screwed was a mild understatement. For the record, it really didn't bother me for that long, as the BBS was a pain and I only put it up as an alternative to Ed's.

4. Regarding Ed's comments on my supposedly being ostracized from the Sacramento UFO Group, which was an informal discussion group that met once a month on a Sunday at a pizza parlor, that too is patently untrue. I resigned as co-moderator because I had just accepted a very lucrative service advisor position (yes, that is one of the positions that I have held over the years in the automobile business), and it required that I worked on the weekends (for a \$45,000 a year position that required working just 4 days a week, what would you do). When this occurred, I handed the job over, of my own volition to another of the originating people in the group. An interesting event then came to pass. Ed, who had become increasingly belligerent with me, made a totally out of character sincere request to me to make a public statement to the group regarding my choice of replacement. His motivation for this was there was another person who was vying for leadership of the group, and Ed wanted to cut this off. His name was John Maylone and he was part of the 50's Van Tassel group from Southern California. At the time the discussion group attendance would range from about 10 to as many as 25. Once we had a picnic that was attended by almost 75 people. Shortly thereafter, Ed took over the moderatorship of the group and it is my understanding that large numbers of the group went elsewhere to talk. Many went with Maylone.

5. Regarding the comments on Richard Miller, Ed is correct. He and I did meet at the time that I was looking into the validity of Miller's claims about a landmark (USGS marker peak) in the northern Sierra Nevada mountains called Pilot Peak. Richard had claimed that there was an alien presence there. I made several trips to the place after the initial one with Ed, and have publically stated on numerous occasions that I have never found anything to confirm the allegations. Since there is always the possibility of a transient paranormal aspect of this phenomenon, I have never closed the book on this particular case however.

As for Richard Miller, I personally like the man. He is a very personable person, just like Richard Boylan. From my background in the social sciences and my over 20 years in customer relations, I have learned to be pretty tolerant of people's views. I do have an aversion to belligerence and that is were Ed and I ultimately parted ways.

6. Regarding Ed's comments on my allegedly advocating hypnotic regression to anyone, this too is patently false. In fact, I am not really a big fan of this methodology, as I agree with the skeptics assertion that the patient can be led. I have a similar position on channeling. As for video tapes from Chris Stratton,

the only ones that I am aware of are the ones that he digitally enhanced from the couple down in Calaveras. There are no videos of me attempting to direct anyone. I have taken people on "sightseeing tours" much like the one's that I took Mike Christol on up to Bowman Lake (where Sean Michael Morton has experienced sightings just prior to his attending the 1991 Las Vegas Conference) and down to Calaveras, which has a history of sightings (some of which have been shown on local television news shows). Your comments on the "shyness" of the UFO's is laughable. I have never said any such thing. I simply told people of the history of the area and if they wanted to go, I either told them how to get there, or took them myself. I have always enjoyed "outtings" and we had lots of fun doing these, as Mike will attest to. Simply good times with good friends. Nothing more and nothing less.

7. As for the close friends issue, you are really way off the mark here. My close circle of friends is still intact. In fact, I have made numerous new ones. Regarding my allegedly alcoholic friend, who regardless of this is a good person, yes I still hang out with him. It seems that his knowledge of certain historical events in UFOlogy have not gone unnoticed by at least some folks, including Jacques Vallee, who bought him dinner and discussed several issues. He has also spent time on the phone with some major scientific people. He was, as a matter of record, one of Marcel Vogel's lab technicians when the Meir metal was tested.

In closing, the good people of this List do not deserve this kind of dialog. This is what ultimately denigrated the FIDO echos. I respect what Errol is doing here and will not discuss this thread any further. For several years now, as Michael Christol will attest to, I have stayed away from computer discussion groups. I simply get more things done by doing this. I continue to this day to go at this endeavor from a folkloric point of view, fully aware that most of what is said is lore, rather than fact. There is, however, a germ of truth in all of this, regardless of comments to the contrary. Far beyond good people like Corso, Michael Wolf, and others who have had the guts to come out and discuss this, there are hundreds of others who talk privately about it. Occasionally one comes across one of these special people. Even though they often only speak of it in guarded terms, the occasionally provide key pieces to this most illusive puzzle. It is a simple method, and it works. The puzzle has, over the years, become much more clear.

Steve Jones

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## Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 09:36:42 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 12:51:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 23:15:24 EST  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:42:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees and Secrecy

>>From: [moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)  
>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 19:13:05 +0000  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:42:39 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Previously, I had written:

>>[TV] stations are not going to cooperate unless someone has  
>>iron clad proof. A sure fire way for a station to go out of  
>>business  
>>is to butt heads with the government without anything to back  
>>them up. Don't forget, a station must have an FCC license and  
>>the government is under no obligation to renew it in a timely  
>>manner, if at all, if they do not want to. Being off the air for  
>>only a month or two can be irreversibly devastating.

Bob responds:

>Roger, can you cite any example of a Television station in  
>America having its license yanked or suspended in this manner  
>because it broadcast something it couldn't prove?

>Please be specific with examples.

Hi Bob,

I know of no station that had its license yanked or suspended.  
Of course, that's not what I said, anyway. Yanking or suspending  
a license would be far too obvious a retaliation in the public  
eye. The most subtle way for the government to enforce anything  
in the broadcast arena is to delay or deny renewal of a licence  
by way of "lost paper work".

If you look back to the late 60's and early 70's, there was some  
concern by the government regarding violence on television.  
During that time period the government did, indeed, threaten  
networks with non-renewal or delayed renewal of their  
affiliates' licenses unless they got their act together. It  
worked like a charm. Ever notice the number of times that  
"Mannix" got hit over the back of the head instead of engaging  
in a protracted fight? <G>

As I've stated before, the problem isn't what we can prove via  
public records, it's what the government does that can't be  
traced that is the real threat.

Take care,

Roger Evans



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## Doc Barry

From: **Brian Douglas** <[bdouglas@spiderwebgroup.com](mailto:bdouglas@spiderwebgroup.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:09:00 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:02:06 -0500  
Subject: Doc Barry

One of the reasons I left the UFO field via the medium of the Internet, more specifically, e-mail lists, was due to my extreme distrust, disbelief, and general dislike of many of the people involved in it. "Doc" was not one of those people. He was one of the few that I trusted, believed in, and held some faith in. He believed in what he did, he believed in what he said, and he was one of the most dedicated people you will ever have the chance to communicate with.

The loss of "Doc" comes as a huge blow to all of us, and to this field of study. His main purpose was not to become popular, not to get his name on the books, and not to be looked up to by anyone. He was always eye-level with everyone he spoke with. To him, his work in this field was simply "what he did." He expressed that to me many times over the past few years when I would ask him why he did it. You simply will not find another soul more dedicated to anything than "Doc" Barry was to all of us and the the field of UFO study.

Wherever you are now, "Doc", we wish you all the happiness, freedom, joys, and hopefully all the answers to those things you tried so hard to get answers to here. Good luck Doc. We love you, and we will miss you. I hope you finally found the truth you have been so desperately seeking.

Brian

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## Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 10:30:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:05:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:02:28 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>>From: Jose Escamilla <[rods@rmi.net](mailto:rods@rmi.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 13:15:46 +0300  
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:57:23 -0500  
>>Subject: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>Previously, Jose had written:

>>So, in our quest to further this investigation, Jim Peters, Ken  
>>Swartz (a new associate and team member), set out to see "if in  
>>fact" Rods or fast objects traveling distances from the camera  
>>would create a "blur" because of the electronics involved in CCD  
>>photography - or videography.

>>We videotaped an 16 1/2" arrow (bolt) using Jim's crossbow that  
>>shoots these bolts at approximately 136 mph.

>>We used the Sony VX-1000 digital  
>>camcorder that most of the current Rod shots have been captured  
>>on in New Jersey, South Dakota and The cave in Mexico.

>>>We we found was that using the optical lens setting at 1/10,000  
>>shutter setting, the bolt - or arrow, appears as it really is: a  
>>16 1/2" arrow. And it appears in two to three frame of video  
>>shot at 30fps.>

>>This revealed to us that using the Sony VX-1000 camcorder as has  
>>been used in all the cave footage, what you see is what you get.>

>Hi Jose,

>To start with, I'm not at all up to date on the ROD issue, but I  
>do know a thing or two about video. I can appreciate the test  
>you were trying to create but there are a couple of things you  
>really should consider:

>1) 1/10,000 of a second shutter is staggeringly fast. Therefore  
>little, if any, blur should be expected of any object at that  
>speed.

>6) If the arrow was traveling at 136 mph, I'm surprised it would  
>show up at all on the video beyond one frame. If, on the other  
>hand, you were looking at "fields" instead of "frames", then I  
>might buy that. While there are 30 frames per second, there are  
>actually 60 fields per second (2 fields per frame is the easiest  
>way to remember it for future reference). Some VCRs allow for  
>single field viewing; some single frame viewing; some both. You  
>need to check your machine for the specifics.>

>Try taking these things into consideration and run another test

(CALCULATION BY BSM: Sounds like a good experiment.)

At 136 mph = 200 ft/sec in 1/30 sec it will go  $200 \times 1/30 = 6.67$  ft. At 10 ft the angular shift in position (perpendicular to the line of sight is assumed)  $2 \tan^{-1}[(6.67/2)/10] = 36$  degrees. If the camera field of view were 40 degrees there could be 1 or two frames. (Note: I don't know what the field of view left-to-right was.) During the shutter time it would move  $200 \times 1/10000 = 2/100 = 0.02$  ft = 0.24 inches. This is 0.015 of its 16.5" length... that is, a 1% smear of the length...hardly noticeable. Not surprising it looks like what it is...a "bolt". Even at 1/1000 the smear wouldn't be horrible (10% of the length). He said he had poles 24 feet apart. Obviously at a 10 ft distance the poles wouldn't show in the field of view if the camera were halfway between the poles and 10 ft from the ribbon. At 100 ft, the angular spacing between poles is  $\tan^{-1}(.24) = 13$  degrees, which could have been within the field of view. At any rate, between frames the bolt would go 6.67 ft which is an angle of  $\tan^{-1}(6.67/100) = 3.8$  degrees at 100 ft distance. Hence in any reasonable (non-zoomed) field of view the bolt would appear in several frames. For example, it could easily appear in 5 successive frames (19 degrees of angular distance) of the field of view were 30 degrees. Again, the smear of the bolt image would be about 1% of its length at 1/10000 sec shutter speed.

Jose says his big test was to use the electronic zoom to zoom in on the central section of a 6 ft long section of the ribbon (marked by black lines?) from a distance of 100 ft. The angle between the 6 ft marker was  $\tan^{-1}(.06) = 3.4$  degrees. His zoom may have restricted the field of view even more. At any rate, he would get the bolt in only 1 frame. His test showed overall blur...perhaps not surprising. It should be compared with the blur of the ribbon image. However, in any case, the motion smear of the bolt was only about 1% of its length so any noticeable blur was due to the camera/optical system and not the motion.

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## Re: Confirmation?

From: bruce maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 10:31:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:11:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Confirmation?

>>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 10:37:34 +1100  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>From: Mike Farrell <[mikefarr@midcoast.com.au](mailto:mikefarr@midcoast.com.au)>  
>>Subject: Re: Confirmation?>

>>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 00:09:31 -0500  
>>>From: bruce maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>>Subject: CONFIRMATION?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>Hello Updates List,

>>In particular, it advertises the Aug. 6, 1997 Mexico City  
>>video.... which I demonstrated, at the studio which produced  
>>the NBC show, is a likely hoax (background imagery smeared by  
>>hand motion; UFO image never smeared by hand motion). .

>To Bruce and others concerned with the validity of this Mexican  
>Video;

>It's hard to argue with the analysis that qualified  
>professionals like Bruce Maccabee and Jeff Sanio (MUFON) have  
>>sit on the sidelines can only be grateful for their dedication,  
ti>me and efforts to help clarify the Truth.>

>But at the same time, we see the videotaped interviews with  
>eye-witnesses to this questionable event on Aug. 6, 1997, and we  
>have to ask; How do we reconcile the witness testimony with the  
>computer analysis?

Thank you for your comments on the Mexico City Aug 6 , 1997  
video and he claim by me and Sainio and others that the video is  
a hoax. As I pointed out in my MUFON paper a year ago, there  
are also witnesses. The big question is, did the witnesses  
actually see what is in the video? A major problem is that the  
videographer is unknown, so far as I know. If said person came  
forward, maybe he could say something that would contradict  
the evidence of several kinds which indicate a hoax (in  
particular, the lack of image smear of the UFO image at times  
when the building images are smeared by camera motion).

It seems barely possible that the videographer might have seen a  
real UFO that was seen by th others, but did not videotape it.  
But then decided to make an "illustration" of what he saw.

It has always been a mystery as to why something as bizarre as a  
30 foot saucer could fly over a large area of the city at such a  
low altitued and not be reported by anyone until after the  
video was received (over a month later) by Maussan.

Until we get better evidence regarding the video .... one must  
assume the video, at least, is a hoax and go on to other things.

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## Re: The Order Of the Solar Temple

From: Rob Irving <[RobIrving@aol.com](mailto:RobIrving@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 11:19:14 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:14:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Order Of the Solar Temple

>From: Tim D. Brigham <[devilsad@ksinc.net](mailto:devilsad@ksinc.net)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: The Order Of the Solar Temple  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 17:46:51 -0600

>...phenomenon not unusual in the magical  
>tradition--explained away the stage-managed apparitions...

<snip>

>The question remains: how/from who did they get equipment  
>sophisticated enuff to pull this off? Does anyone on the List  
>have any insight into what specific sort of equipment may have  
>been used, how it would be obtained, what it would cost, etc.

Tim,

In theory, a projector and a large sheet of glass are enough to create 'ghosts' (or, I suppose, Masters). Shine the light on the chosen figure, the unseen glass will angle the reflection giving an impression of 'apparition'. According to my book on magic, anyway. Apparently it went down a treat a hundred years ago.

Rob

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--[For The Record]-- Mantell - Redux

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:24:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:24:26 -0500  
Subject: --[For The Record]-- Mantell - Redux

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## NEW INFORMATION IN THE 1948 MANTELL CASE

Last week's "Sightings" had an interview with former Army sergeant Quinton A. Blackwell, who was in the tower at Godman Field, Fort Knox, Kentucky the afternoon of January 7, 1948, when Captain Thomas F. Mantell had his fatal encounter with a UFO.

During his meeting with Capt. Mantell's two sons and sister, Blackwell made a startling statement. He said that once Capt. Mantell had the large metallic saucer in sight, the pilot remarked, "We're going to need hot guns."

"Hot guns" is Air Force slang for aircraft weaponry loaded with live ammunition. The five F-51 Mustang fighter planes were on a routine ferry flight from Georgia to Godman Field that day and were not armed with .50 caliber machine guns.

Right after Capt. Mantell said it, Lt. Clements flew his Mustang, NG800, back to the field. Here it was loaded with machine guns, hardball and tracer ammo and took off again at 3:30 p.m., hoping to rendezvous with Capt. Mantell and the UFO. However, by the time Lt. Clements reached the town of Franklin, Capt. Mantell's Mustang, NG869, had crashed.

There is no mention of "hot guns" in Sgt. Blackwell's original January 7, 1948 report, which was included in Project Blue Book and declassified in 1975.

Also Blackwell told Mantell's relatives that an unnamed brigadier general was present in the tower during the pursuit of the UFO. Possibly this was the commanding general (CG) at Fort Knox.

For readers unfamiliar with the case, here is a chronology of the events that day.

1:45 p.m. - The Kentucky State Police barracks at Elizabethtown phones the M.P.s at Fort Knox, reporting the presence of the UFO.

1:50 p.m. - Sgt. Blackwell and PFC Stanley Oliver spot the UFO on the tower's radar set. Taking a pair of binoculars, Sgt. Blackwell looks out the tower's south window. He sees a silvery saucer with a small dome on top flying slowly past the airfield.

2:00 p.m. - Lt. Orner arrives at the tower, looks through the binoculars, confirms the visual sightings of Blackwell and Oliver, and gets on the hot phone.



2:20 p.m. - Capt. Gary W. Carter, operations officer, and Colonel Guy F. Hix, commanding officer at Godman Field, arrive at the tower and confirm the sighting.

2:30 p.m. - Unaware of what's going on at the field, Tommy Mantell and his flight arrive over Fort Knox. Mantell asks for permission to land. Col. Hix tells Sgt. Blackwell to send the five-man flight after the UFO.

2:35 p.m. - Mantell begins his powered climb, heading southwest. One man in the squadron complains, "Where are we off to now?" Mantell replies, "New mission, gentlemen. Observation and report. This won't take too long."

2:40 p.m. - Mantell reports visual sighting of the UFO. He engages in a running dialogue with Blackwell back at the tower.

2:45 p.m. - Mantell reports, "It's ahead and above me...still climbing."

(About this time "hot guns" were mentioned, and Lt. Clements turned back to Godman Field.)

3:00 p.m. - The flight reaches 15,000 feet. Lacking oxygen equipment, Lt. Hendricks in NG336 and Lt. Hammond in NG737 break off pursuit. Describing the UFO, Mantell says, "It appears metallic and of tremendous size."

3:15 p.m. - Mantell says, "It's still climbing...object is above and ahead about my speed (345 mph) or faster...I'm trying to close in for a better look."

3:20 p.m. - The two planes reach 20,000 feet. Mantell's wingman breaks off the pursuit. The UFO is heading for the Tennessee state line. Still in hot pursuit, Mantell radios the tower..."it appears like the reflection of sunlight on a canopy."

3:30 p.m. - Godman Field tower loses radio contact with NG869.

3:35 p.m. - While waiting for her school bus, Barbara Mayes, age 9, a student at Franklin Grade School, sees a "bright explosion" in the sky.

3:45 p.m. - Mrs. Philips hears the crash at her home on the farm of Joseph Philips in Franklin. Mantell's plane crashed in a field 200 yards from the house.

3:50 p.m. - Eyewitness Addie Wilson saw the UFO leaving the area. "It seemed to be at a high altitude and having an aluminum-like surface. It didn't look like any balloon I've ever seen."

Now that Sgt. Blackwell has come forward, let's use the Freedom of Information Act to declassify Colonel Guy F. Hix's report to the commanding general at Fort Knox and the general's report to the Air Defense Command at Mitchell Field, Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y. We want full disclosure in the Mantell case.

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: The State of Ufology Today

>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 1999 20:15:06 -0500  
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>>>From: George Filer <[Majorstar@AOL.COM](mailto:Majorstar@AOL.COM)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 1999 19:08:34 EST  
>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jan 1999 22:32:20 -0500  
>>>Subject: Filer's Files 99-#1 MUFON Skywatch Investigations

>>>Filer's Files #1-1999, MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
>>>George A. Filer, MUFON Eastern Director, Happy New Year  
>>>January 8, 1998, [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com) (609) 654-0020

>These are selected snips from your post that I think illustrate  
>your caustic and hostile attitude toward Jerry Clark, Richard  
>Hall and MUFON investigators (like myself). I had to look at  
>your displays of hostility even when other researchers were  
>being civil to you and only asking you to prove what you were  
>saying in your posts. Bruce Evans received the same treatment. I  
>respect the work of the above people and despise seeing you  
>resort to character assassination. I don't know what drives your  
>cynicism and hatred. Perhaps a qualified therapist would be able  
>to help you understand yourself and your obvious self hatred.

>Perhaps then you will drop your hateful attitude and actually  
>begin to finally contribute something to this field. Judging by  
>the work of Jerome Clark and Richard Hall you may after years be  
>worthy of licking their boots.

>Gary, don't vent on me. I've seen more than enough of your  
>ugliness in far too many posts. I will not stoop to respond to  
>you.

Well said, Josh! It's about time someone stands up to him, and I probably speak on behalf of many subscribers! Anyhow, doing an investigator's job on a voluntary basis is quite a feat by itself; I would like to know what Gary has done for society, if anything, besides 'pestering' other people's lives!

Cheers to you all,

R.V. Arsenault  
[www.trytel.com/~rvarsen](http://www.trytel.com/~rvarsen)

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>>Have there ever been any documented instances of such attempted  
>>prior censorship involving any UFO sources? If followers of  
>>this list could provide instances of such events, it would help  
>>us move from hypothetical and theoretic discussions to fact.

>>Any known instances, ladies and gentlemen?

>Ed Ruppelt talked about his book being submitted to the Pentagon  
>for review prior to publication.

>KRandle

Kevin: Thanks.

It also occurs to me that someplace I have seen that a copy of a manuscript by Donald Menzel turned up in the Blue Book microfilm files. I believe Menzel did work as a consultant to the project from 1962 to 1970, and earlier, in 1952, briefed officers at the Pentagon and with the project while on active duty with the Naval Reserve (see his public comments about this in UFO's A Scientific Debate, Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, eds, W.W. Norton: New York, 1972, pp. 131, 137).

So, we have two examples of people associated with Blue Book who voluntarily (as far as we know) submitted manuscripts for review, one who was on active duty and the second a consultant.

Which raises another interesting point. Does anyone know if Allen Hynes, Robert Friend (Lt. Col. USAF, Ret.) or Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker submitted any of their manuscripts for review?

While answers to all of the above may be interesting, to get back to my original question, are there any documented examples of official censorship, attempted prior censorship or documented acts of retribution against revealers of alleged official UFO secrets?

Bob Young

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## Re: The Order Of the Solar Temple

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Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 19:56:25 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 19:04:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Order Of the Solar Temple

>From: Tim D. Brigham <[devilsad@ksinc.net](mailto:devilsad@ksinc.net)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: The Order Of the Solar Temple  
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 17:46:51 -0600

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>The question remains: how/from who did they get equipment  
>sophisticated enough to pull this off? Does anyone on the List  
>have any insight into what specific sort of equipment may have  
>been used, how it would be obtained, what it would cost, etc?

I have forwarded your message to Jean-Fran=E7ois Mayer, the Swiss  
sects expert who worked with the police for the investigation on  
this case. He responded that absolutely no such devices were  
found. He think that simple tricks were used.

Regards  
Bruno

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## RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 11:54:20 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 19:14:17 -0500  
Subject: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

Robert Collins wrote:

>Yep; Stephens is no fraud in my mind  
>but likes to tease and brag about how  
>Art Bell et al are so right about him:  
>Sort- a- pulling their chains and he enjoys  
>it...so let the show begin ...??

>Rmc

>Jeroen Wierda wrote:

>>Hehehe... I really start to have some respect for R.A.M.S. by  
>>now. He puts Art Bell, Hoagland and others in shorts. And they  
>>don't like being exposed as entertainers, where they know that  
>>95% of the "ufo-world" think that they are reliable sources of  
>>information. I HOPE this Stephens character makes people  
>>waking up to the scams, and see the theories and stories that  
>>are sent out by the entertainers for what they really are:  
>>That is entertainment.

>>Jeroen Wierda

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To you, Jeroen, RMC and the rest,

You all get it. This is enlightening. The point was even if one claimed he was a fraud others took it to task and found out it was different and all was true. Thus, it makes sense if someone like Bell asked a guest, "how many times did you have sex with the alien," it then makes sense also to research this claim and exchange out a little.

When Peter Gersten will 'quote me' in an interview, its wise to get it all, and not take a claim of activation, or nebulous number association, or any other claim, and then look a little closer at it. This is fair. When Bell edits a guest without recourse, it is best to find out what exactly went on for fact.

If Hoagland has stolen NASA pictures on his web site, and he does, and claims they are 'Fireballs' over Turd Peak, when in fact they are solid rocket motor trails complete with exhaust plumes and the vehicles removed crudely from the original photo, it stands to reason other photos on his site are Frauds too. And then too, the claims associated are also Frauds.

Asked questions. If not, this 'field' of study will continue be the 'giggle' factor for Everyman everywhere. I honestly do not think any of you and the rest involved wish that. So, police oneself.

Case in point: NASA and other 'guvmint' folks I've known for over 25 years think I'm nuts for even getting involved with this culture. I have been in it now for 100 days or so, other than a few mails over the years when I would drop in to see what in the world was happening, and have found many very serious and genuinely warm people, which is contrary to my initial

assessment that I have written about just 2 months ago. I now feel that many of these folks need a more serious voice and support. In this, I find myself now defending elements of this culture that I laughed at internally a short time ago. If someone like me can be sucked into this field in seriousness, and must defend himself to 'officials' about the lies and delusions of people like Hoagland and others, then I think others must feel the same.

Then speak out. It doesn't hurt.

They've done it to me, and I don't believe for one minute I've offered anything to this field of study out of harm or malice. I do not think correcting Gersten and his followers on SR-71 was a bad thing, even when he still will not accept fact over his selective pride. I don't think the shuttle, Norad, Norad/Fence, the implants, the intruder assessment, the Montana UFO, and many many others items I have offered to this culture was or has been, to do harm to it. Why the attack on my person for this by Bell-Hoagland-CAUS & Co. Bara and some others on the outer fringe of reality for these things escapes me.

Another words, its okay for Hoagland to have lies and stolen photos and claims that are simply false on his page, in public writings, and on air exclusive to Art Bell's radio show. This is totally acceptable. But if someone comes along and claims there is 1.4 million implants worldwide since 1937 and give book reference origins to the very first case reported in China, then gee, lets attack this person until he is a 'Fraud'.

This is simply outside the pale of rationality and the big Triad of UFO Entertainment can discredit me and others all they wish, but it does not hide the fact they are ensconced in veritable lies, trafficking such without a check or balance, hiding behind the nebulous world of digital exchange on the internet. And offering virtually nothing and this has been proven and is claimed by me and now multitudes like the above letters and the 400 to 600 I'm getting again daily state or claim the same. They are all very pissed and sometimes can't articulate it well, but the point is there. If you're gonna do in a Stephens out of hand, and his data turns out to be fact, then we better look inward at the other, more questionable elements of our industry.

Good.

It is unacceptable for Art Bell, of all people, to openly make fun in some veiled dark manner, someone like Dr. Richard Sauder, which is approaching the absurd, is laughable, is the ilk of the demented in true form. There is other 'Freak Shows' for Bell to marry and court on the payroll of his show for entertainment. But to then go so far as to suggest anything untoward the professionalism of someone like Sauder is virtually insane. Being, of course, absolutely objective.

And not one of these people referred above are 'professionals' in anything. However, Jeff Rense, Dr. Bruce Cornet, Dr. Richard Sauder, Dr. Joe Gill, Michael Theroux of Borderlands, Joe Firmage, Hal Puthoff, David John Oates, and even Paul Dore who isn't even in this culture, and still many others are professionals in their fields. And they have spoken or offered true, insightful, and granular, usable information for all of us on various topics. Even Paul Dore, just in clearing his name, has shown many true, fair, in depth background revelations on those responsible for using his name that we could all implement in our own quests for searching out all sorts of information.

I nor many many others beyond those already mentioned have done any malice to anyone in this field. That should be remembered. It wasn't I who attacked anyone's intimate service to the United States. It wasn't I who cut off anyone after being invited to a 'debate' on a radio show.

But I can state, being absolutely objective, with absolute fact, that there are those in this UFO culture who intentionally are out to do great harm and issue great shards of disinformation that is, and has, and will, only hurt this field of study further. Why, I'm not certain.

And keep in mind, the people in question are the ones who are true liars in every way. They have stolen and falsified photos on their web sites, they will harbor and hide from the public a



man who told a professional researcher that our nation's capital was going to thermonuclearize itself. They will hide a man who has lied to NASA to where he longer is welcome on any NASA site in the world. And the list goes on and on.

You are forwarned. And the very people who really count in this industry, have done nothing untoward to anyone, and these are the ones these charalantans of dark purpose will attack with true dark malice, for absolutely no reason.

Think people. What in the world is the purpose of this disinformation campaign by Bell-Hoagland-Gersten-Bara and that whole ilk of the macabre'.

Wait till you see the 200 questions and just what Art Bell didn't want you all to hear. Then, you, the public, can really see just what disinformation and lies are all about. I have received over 1230 mails as of this morning that DEMAND the questions to be posted online publicly. Therefore, since Art Bell weaseled out, protecting his little freak show from anyone asking the 'Real Fraud' why he is a pathological liar of the darkest form, I will then post those questions and answers by me after a radio show wishes to field the questions to me and I will asked and answer them each. Or, a radio host can asked them and I'll answer them for Hoagland in absentia. Then they can be posted for further study.

All things on balanace, that's fair.

Perhaps cleaning a little in these dark corners of the industry is in order.

Just a thought.

Rational, good letters above. Thank you.

sincerely,

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Dear List,

I was very pleased to have had the opportunity to publish my recent article "The Rise and Fall of Pine Bush" in the November edition of "The MUFON Journal." And I can honestly say they I was surprised when the only negative response to the article was to come from Ellen Crystall, author of "Silent Invasion." Her lengthy response to my article was forwarded to me by MUFON's new editor Dwight Connelly, offering me the chance to have my reply to Crystall's issues appear beside hers in the "Reader's Forum" of the January edition.

Unfortunately, after I had turned in my detailed and considerate response to Crystall's claims regarding my article, Mr. Connelly informed me that:

"As I went through all this material it became apparent that it was going to evolve into a he said/she said commentary which had prospects of dragging on for months without actually adding very much to ufology-at least she would not add much. You had some good ideas and thoughts concerning the need to know the background of researchers, etc., but I didn't feel I could use that without receiving some sort of reply from her. I apologize for getting you involved in doing a lot of writing and then not using it." (Dwight Connelly)

This would certainly be a reasonable and understandable position for the editor to take, had he actually stuck by it. But unfortunately he did not.

In the Reader's Forum of the January issue of The MUFON Journal Ellen Crystall's letter (while still abridged) takes up an entire half of the page. While my response is a RE-WORDED mere two sentences- and more importantly is NOT WHAT I HAD WRITTEN AT ALL!!!

This, in my opinion, is simply unacceptable and unethical behavior on MUFON's part. As such, I have taken it upon myself to reprint the ENTIRE correspondence between myself, Ellen Crystall, and Dwight Connelly in Issue 14 of "The Flying Saucer Gazette" ([www.erols.com/sardonica/FSGFOURTEEN](http://www.erols.com/sardonica/FSGFOURTEEN)) as well as the article in question, "The Rise and Fall of Pine Bush" at ([www.erols.com/sardonica/Rise/](http://www.erols.com/sardonica/Rise/)).

It is my sincere hope that the UFO community will not stand for this sort of favoritism, editorial behavior, or altering of the truth on the part of MUFON or any other UFO organization, investigator, or witness. I am sorry to say, that in this case, MUFON has done a great injustice to myself, to Dr. Ellen Crystall, and to the UFO community. I hope that anyone who reads the MUFON Journal, will also read the latest edition of FSG, so they can know the truth, and the full story behind "The Rise and Fall of Pine Bush."

Sincerely,

-Scott C. Carr

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>Scientific Debate, Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, eds, W.W.  
>Norton: New York, 1972, pp. 131, 137).

Bob,

In a private memo Ed Ruppelt wrote an amusing account of  
Menzel's May 1952 Pentagon briefing, which Ruppelt attended  
along with high-ranking officers in Air Force Intelligence and  
AF scientist Stefan Possony. See The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed.,  
pp. 635-36, or The UFO Book, pp. 390-92, for the full story.

Jerry Clark

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## RAMS - Gersten To Stephens

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>

Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 12:57:22 +0000

Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:12:49 -0500

Subject: RAMS - Gersten To Stephens

>Robert,

>Since you have decided to address an e-mail to me with a  
>distribution list of about a dozen, I thought I would send you  
>an open letter. Interesting who you seek attention from.

>I have no quarrel with you and am not sure why you continually  
>refer to me, Hoagland and Bell in the same context. Are you  
>trying to make a point? Is there something on the CAUS website  
>you find intentionally false? Is there something that I have  
>said about you not true? On the other hand, I would love to  
>cross-examine you about everything you have stated in the  
>past...on any radio show of at least one hour. Maybe we should  
>find out if anyone still wants to listen to you 'debate' anyone  
>about ten questions, let alone 200, afterwards.

>My main concern in calling you that night was to ask about  
>NORAD/Fence...something that you had repeatedly stated that you  
>had access to through your NASA affiliation. You refused to  
>discuss the subject and told me that you no longer would provide  
>any further information.

>I see that you have now resurfaced, after promising me that  
>night that you no longer would having any involvement with  
>anyone associated with the UFO phenomenon. I guess your word is  
>as good as your ability to tell truth.

>You and I both know what we talked about for over 60 minutes  
>that night. You admitted that you lied about several things.  
>Though you never admitted it, I now believe you lied about your  
>access to classified NORAD/Fence records. I also believe you  
>fabricated the information pertaining to NORAD's identification  
>of both the Montana and Phoenix UFOs.

>Though I have seen Michael Theroux's website concerning a radar  
>system possibly similar to what you were describing, I have  
>little doubt that you knew about that website before Michael  
>posted it, and probably modeled your answers to CAUS based upon  
>it. IMHO you have no access to any military security system,  
>let alone classified information.

>The information you supplied CAUS was obtained from information  
>in the public domain and not beCAUS of any 'inside' information.

>It appears that you are not presently employed and spend most of  
>the day surfing military related websites for information that  
>you then tell everyone was learned from your contacts.

>And what is the reason you have resurfaced? To assist the UFO  
>field in learning the truth? Or maybe to provide CAUS with a  
>weekly report of the 100-220 intruders a day that you have  
>stated are entering our airspace. Or maybe help explain why we  
>are experiencing a sudden increase in meteor/fireball activity  
>throughout the planet. Or maybe to help CAUS determine what  
>these triangular UFOs are? For some reason...I don't think so!

>You have resurfaced to show us the negative side of  
>ourselves...the attacking, profane and disrespectful side. The  
>shadow side that seeks attention by defaming others rather than

>anything constructive of our own. The part that believes it  
>needs to lie about itself in a vain attempt to acquire some  
>>false self-esteem and importance.

>You have been shown to be a liar. You have admitted to being a  
>fraud. Your 'confession' was also self-serving since I informed  
>you that I would be posting the contents of our interview in  
>that night's CAUSupdate. To lessen the effect, you gratuitously  
>posted your 'confession' in an attempt to ridicule it. You no  
>longer have any credibility.

>If you have a personal problem with Richard Hoagland or his  
>work, take it up with Richard. He has a fax number. If he  
>ignores your correspondence, that is his choice. I, and  
>hopefully most other People, are fully capable of judging  
>Richard on the merits of his past and present work and  
>statements. When were you elected 'prosecutor?' I suggest you  
>find a more productive way of getting attention.

>Peter A. Gersten

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Dear Peter,

Do to the rest as you have done with me. That is fair. And that  
is the point.

Please click on the link below. I had my work in the Smithsonian  
at age 30. I do not need further 'attention' or I sure as heck  
wouldn't be living in St. Ignatius Montana, pop:439, in the  
middle of America's last buffalo commons, on the Salish-Kootenai  
Indian Reservation, in a place the size of New Jersey and  
Maryland combined with a population of 7700 people.

Do to the rest as you have done with me. That is fair.

sincerely,

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## Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

From: Donnie W. Shevlin <[dshevlin@primary.net](mailto:dshevlin@primary.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:43:35 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:00:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 03:18:43 EST  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>Dear Errol, Skeptics, Believers and Faith Healers...

>Allow me, alas a mere mortal, an opportunity to evaluate your  
>performance, as a group. Of course, I refer ONLY to those few  
>of you who are the culpably ignorant. You know who you are.

<snip>

>The moral?

>You, you who speak truth, I worship you. You, who speak your  
>truth, I admonish with this caveat. Your truth may be a lie.  
>And you must live with that.

>My truth is truth. I can live with that.

I applaud you Jim. I sit here day after day and try and sort the truth. It is a trying matter in itself. A need for profit outweighs the truth in much respect. At least that is what I see. They're going for that golden ring that will establish a name in Ufology.

Of course, about profit, how could one make a living if not on the profession they choose. Starving artist are just that, starving. So Ufologist have to make a living at what they do, it's just that they should take pride in the truth of the work that they have done. Not to create tainted truth to turn a dollar. Or all their real work, true or untrue, will disassemble before their eyes.

My grandfather would say, 'A hundred ah rights is all lost in the one oh shit.'

Donnie

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## Re: UK UFO Conference - Southport

From: Mike Wootten <[ej77@dial.pipex.com](mailto:ej77@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 1998 20:03:23 GMT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:15:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: UK UFO Conference - Southport

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Andy will also be talking about new developments with the Independent UFO Network. The IUN is to play an important part in this ground-breaking event and will undoubtedly become THE force in British Ufology as we countdown to the Millennium!

Each lecture is to be supported by big screen overhead, video and slide projection. A wide range of snacks and refreshments will be available at low prices in the purpose built hall hired for the occasion. Central location, plenty of parking nearby, just a short walk from the station.

This is a joint LUFOS/IUN event to be held on Saturday 27th February 1999 starting at 11am, finishing around 8pm. Tickets for this event cost just =A37 (=A35 members) and are available NOW from; (Cheques/postal orders to 'Lancashire UFO Society' please)

Lancashire UFO Society, P.O.Box 15, Southport PR8 1GR.

Venue; Holy Trinity Hall, Hoghton Street, Southport.

Tel; (01995) 600186 (Brenda) and (01704) 501765 (Lynda).

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## 'Mail On Sunday'

From: Philip Mantle <[e151@dial.pipex.com](mailto:e151@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:48:39 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:21:49 -0500  
Subject: 'Mail On Sunday'

Dear all,

Does anyone have a spare copy of the 'tent footage' expose in last weeks Mail On Sunday. Unfortunately my copy was mistakenly dumped in the rubbish bin.

If anyone does have a copy that they don't want I'd appreciate it if they could send it to me at:

Philip Mantle,  
1 Woodhall Drive,  
Batley,  
West Yorkshire,  
WF17 7SW.

Many thanks,

Philip.

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 17:32:35 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:25:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:17:09 -0600  
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

<snip>

>Perhaps (?) -- but I would find your arguments more compellingly  
>convincing if you would refrain from your encopric and  
>unsettling digressions, for a moment, and answer those questions  
>a few of us had regarding STS-48. <g>.

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I did.

On four radio shows and in 9 email posts-detailed dissertations.  
STS-48, STS-80, = frozen ejecta from on orbit vehicles.

sincerely,

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## Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 15:52:32 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:29:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 10:30:55 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:05:08 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:02:28 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>>>From: Jose Escamilla <[rods@rmi.net](mailto:rods@rmi.net)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 13:15:46 +0300  
>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:57:23 -0500  
>>>Subject: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

Previously, Bruce wrote:

<snip of incredible, mind-numbing data>

>Jose says his big test was to use the electronic zoom to zoom in  
>on the central section of a 6 ft long section of the ribbon  
>(marked by black lines?) from a distance of 100 ft. The angle  
>between the 6 ft marker was  $\tan^{-1}(.06) = 3.4$  degrees. His zoom  
>may have restricted the field of view even more. At any rate, he  
>would get the bolt in only 1 frame.

Hey! I guessed right!<g>

>His test showed overall  
>blur...perhaps not surprising. It should be compared with the  
>blur of the ribbon image. However, in any case, the motion smear  
>of the bolt was only about 1% of its length so any noticeable  
>blur was due to the camera/optical system and not the motion.

Hi Bruce,

I could be wrong, but I think Jose implied that he was using the  
digital (as opposed to optical) zoom for maximum magnification.  
Would such "false" enhancement of the image size affect your  
calculations?

Just curious....

Take care,

Roger Evans

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 17:42:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:39:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 01:20:11 -0800  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>What is your real motivation for your proposed debate with  
>Mr. Hoagland? Anyone who studies Ufology and can think for  
>himself already is well aware of Mr. "Mars face" Hoagland's self  
>delusions. Any regular listeners of Art Bell who still believe  
>anything Hoagland says have their own sets of problems. I don't  
>think anyone can illuminate their dimness. Are you trying to  
>prop up your wounded ego vs. Art Bell?

No. I don't care about ego and Bell and me. Many are now thinking as you do, and thus, it probably isn't needed to debate anything. The point is there is a few, Hoagland, being one, that is or is not crazy but the he does write the Whitehouse, NSA, DoD, NASA, etc, and make claims that we killing 30,000 children on Long Island, that NASA is a pack of liars, etc. I take issue with this. NASA can't attack back. I can. The loudest voice of 'strange' must then be silenced with truth.

If not, you, I and everyone in this field is lumped into the same basket and thus, non-disclosure will continue. This must be stopped. I have found in the 100 day voyage in this culture, there is a lot of very serious and sincere people. My only fault of them is that they are little too quiet when wronged or snowballed.. You, obviously, are not. Good.

>In a recent post announcing your resurrection you claimed that  
>many people have posted you with links, etc. that support the  
>truth of your claims. What I would rather see you do is to post  
>on this list the truth behind your UFO related claims and the  
>sources of that truth so they may be verified in a forum of  
>bonafide researchers. I don't want to sound crude but perhaps  
>you are familiar with the phrase 'put-up or shut-up'? So how  
>about putting-up so you can gain some credibility? That would  
>serve your credibility more than a debate with people like  
>Hoagland.

Please be more specific. I do not understand this last paragraph. I believe I have, in great measure, put up. More than most herein.

sincerely,

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## Guilt By Association?

From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:13:58 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:41:39 -0500  
Subject: Guilt By Association?

Hi Errol, Hi All, esp Bob Shell <G>

With the "Tent Footage" fully debunked by Tim and Phil, the Alien Autopsy must also be fake/hoaxed/bogus purely because it came from the same mill does it not?

NO!

This is guilt by association. Many people on this list have criticised Gary Alevy specifically for this "crime".

As far as I know, ( I will stand corrected if someone can show me the evidence) the actual Alien Autopsy film has stood up to all the scrutiny but due to the extremely dubious way it was made public was immediately frowned upon by many big names in Ufology (capital U?). So straight away the smoking gun was cast into shadow.

I often wonder how many people consider the AA to be genuine but are afraid to say so for fear of ridicule? After all it is easy to mock than support is it not?

Is it not possible that the AA is a genuine artefact but it was deliberately released in such a manor as to cause conflict within the ranks? I was once told by a certain person a few years back that the people who orchestrated the release hold critical information that used properly could prove or disprove the AA as genuine.

I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who believe the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who think its fake hold your hands up.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.  
Sean Jones

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## Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 12:26:35 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:47:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 06:56:47 -0800  
>From: Steve Jones <[svjones@jps.net](mailto:svjones@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Truth Detracting Elements of the Abduction Phenomena

>Ed Stewart has made some comments as to my character that I  
>would like to address.

Your address of my comments is being forwarded to Joe Ball. I am sure he will love to read your comments. After all, at one time he was one of your best friends and a support of all the crap and all the chips on your shoulders that you carry with you in your "investigations" of UFOs.

>2. The comments that Ed has made about my plotting with Richard  
>Boylan to invade his privacy are patently false and he knows it.

Unfortunately for you, not only were you and Boylan overheard by a then Boylan abductee (this was held at one of Boylan's get togethers at his own home) from who I first heard about their trash hunting endeavors, but the third individual in the "plot", Clark Hathaway (who posts to this list and who has disassociated himself from both Boylan and Jones) has since confirmed it. And you yourself admitted it to me in front of witnesses at Robert Mitchum's gettogether in Concord, Ca. Did you forget about that? Apparently so!

>At Rich's trial, Ed was in the front row.

You got that right. I was there with Clark Hathaway during the closing argument session. We both wanted to insure that what transgressed in the courtroom was reported later accurately, which we both did much to the chagrin of Boylan supporters!

As for McClellan AFB, it is surrounded on all four sides by residential housing. It is completely bounded with no room to grow or add any flying assignments (i.e. a larger or parallel runway). As a matter of fact, it is being closed do to its lack of future utility.

>as the BBS was a pain and I only put it up as an alternative to  
>Ed's.

Why? There already was an alternative in place. You know, the one you got your feed from. (GRIN) This is so hilarious. The reason I accepted the BBS was that the previous owner did not want Steve Jones to get it. Clark Hathaway, Jones close ex-buddy for twenty years or so, has a lot to say on this. I ended up providing Clark a link to his own BBS since Steve Jones shut him out as he did everybody else and it became a private BBS only for the benefit of Steve Jones alone.

>Shortly thereafter, Ed took over the moderatorship of  
>the group and it is my understanding that large numbers of the  
>group went elsewhere to talk. Many went with Maylone.

First of all SUFOG never had moderators, or group leaders.  
Second of all Maylone never left. You were the only one that

wasn't welcomed, not because of any official part of SUFOG, but because everybody that went to SUFOG and ate pizza (the real reason for the gettogethers) knew you for what you were: a lying, sniffing, back-stabber, egotistical piece of crap! When the local MUFON group, which we all supported except you, picked up steam and became vibrant, SUFOG no longer had a purpose.

>As for Richard Miller, I personally like the man. He is a very >personable person, just like Richard Boylan. From my background >in the social sciences and my over 20 years in customer >relations, I have learned to be pretty tolerant of people's >views. I do have an aversion to belligerence and that is were Ed >and I ultimately parted ways.

We parted our ways because you are at best, a disease, and at worst, a predator.

>6. Regarding Ed's comments on my allegedly advocating hypnotic >regression to anyone, this too is patently false.

I have a copy of every video you gave Chris for processing - every last one of them including the one you leading a large, somewhat obsese, subject.

>As for video tapes from Chris Stratton, >the only ones that I am aware of are the ones that he digitally >enhanced from the couple down in Calaveras. There are no videos >of me attempting to direct anyone. I have taken people on >"sightseeing tours" much like the one's that I took Mike >Christol on up to Bowman Lake (where Sean Michael Morton has >experienced sightings just prior to his attending the 1991 Las >Vegas Conference) and down to Calaveras, which has a history of >sightings (some of which have been shown on local television >news shows). You comments on the "shyness" of the UFO's is >laughable. I have never said any such thing. I simply told >people of the history of the area and if they wanted to go, I >either told them how to get there, or took them myself. I have >always enjoyed "outtings" and we had lots of fun doing these, >as Mike will atest to. Simply good times with good friends.

Interesting, all I know from the "outing" is what Michael Christol told me at the North Carolina MUFON conferance. Work out your interpretation with him.

>7. As for the close friends issue, you are really way off the >mark here. My close circle of friends is still intact.

I see, Chris, Mike, Joe, myself, all the SUFOG regulars and the co-founder (you know, the guy that handed me the BBS instead of giving it to you) and let's not forget Clark Hathaway who you called a brother for over twenty years, all of them won't have anything to do with you. Why? Because you are a disease at best and a predator at worst.

>In fact, >I have made numerous new ones.

I am sure you have. But around here, people will know what to expect from Steve Jones and it isn't the luminary "psychlogist and folklorist" with over thirty years experience that you tried to project yourself as in your original post. Here, I will make sure your reputation will precede you.

>In closing, the good people of this List do not desearve this >kind of dialog.

That is right. They don't deserve to be taken in by Steve Jones and his ilk, a disease and a predator!

>This is what ultimately denigrated the FIDO echos.

If Don Allen is still around, he won't let that go unanswered.

>Far beyond good >people like Corso, Michael Wolf, and others who have had the >guts to come out and discuss this, there are hundreds of others >who talk privately about it.

Let see, we now have Boylan, Sean Morton, Richard Miller, Vogel, Corso and Michael Wolf among your identified heroes. I thing that identifies more than anything else where the real Steve

Jones is coming from.

>Occasionally one comes across one  
>of these special people. Even though they often only speak of  
>it in guarded terms, the occasionally provide key pieces to  
>this most illusive puzzle. It is a simple method, and it works.  
>The puzzle has, over the years, become much more clear.

There you go, Steve Jones is closer to the truth than most. It works for him. Caveot emptor!

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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.  
-----oo00-( )-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----
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## Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:44:35 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:04:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 03:18:43 EST  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

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>  
>Dear Errol, Skeptics, Believers and Faith Healers...

>Allow me, alas a mere mortal,  
>My truth is truth. I can live with that.

Jim, I mean no disrespect whatsoever but.

In human terms the truth is often a matter of perspective and interpretation, of this I have no doubt.

I can cite one example that all should be able to relate to:  
There is a car accident involving two cars, one car driver is driving fast, the other pulls out of the junction in front of the first car. Who is at fault? The fast car driver or the driver who pulled out in front of him? The truth is both, but will either see it that way? They both have their own perspective on the "truth".

I believe in God and Jesus but I am not in the slightest religious, in fact I abhor religion for all the strife it has caused and still causes, so this to me is the truth beyond human truth's.

I really do wish we knew the answers to the question that people like you raise with your experiences, I really do, but with your experience you can see only your truth.

Said with no insult, slur or whatever against you or any abductee Jim.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>  
UFO page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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## Re: UFO Communication?

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:37:11 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:10:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 00:57:41 -0800  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: UFO Communication?

>Fellow UpDates subscribers,

>All the past discussion of SETI and alien communication has  
>brought me to pose a question. How do UFOs communicate?

Dear Josh:

That is a highly interesting question, one I have pondered for  
a long time.

Long before we used electricity to power trolley cars and light  
our homes, it was used for telegraphy .. as far back as the  
Civil War I believe. Radio was used for the same purpose  
long before it found applications in radar, medicine, welding etc.

Here come UFOs, with unknown power sources and means  
of propulsion far in advance of our present science and technology.  
Suppose they are indeed able to manipulate gravity .. perhaps  
creating artificial gravity waves. What a neat way to send  
messages! That's only one possibility.

I might assume that the same and similar technologies would be  
used for clear efficient and ( in our case ) completely inaccessible  
communications channels, between craft, bases and "repeaters"  
should they be needed.

This does not preclude the use of "older" technology ( radio,  
microwave, lasers .. ) if and when they are more appropriate;  
but I suggest that they would not rely on these media .. if only  
to prevent us from listening in.

"Telepathy", at least in the ESP sense does not appeal to me  
for these purposes. The human brain simply doesn't have the  
power ( watts ) the frequency nor the proper antennas.

>With the long history of UFO reports, from discs to triangles,  
>how do you suppose they communicate ship to ship or ship to  
>base? Abductees report personal telepathic messages. Is it  
>assumed that UFO occupants also communicate telepathically  
>between ships? If they communicate using the electromagnetic  
>spectrum why can't that be detected and perhaps interpreted?  
>What other forms of communication may they use? What do you  
>postulate?

>If the flying triangles are terrestrial in origin I assume we  
>would be able to detect many scrambled radio messages.

>Why don't we? [ Josh ]

That's another interesting line of inquiry. If the FTs are some  
advanced military technology, they should at least send out

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conventional signals which should be detectable, if not readable.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## RAMS - Stephens To Gersten

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 21:39:36 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:51:05 -0500  
Subject: RAMS - Stephens To Gersten

[UFOLAWYER1@aol.com](mailto:UFOLAWYER1@aol.com) wrote:

>In a message dated 1/19/99 12:52:09 PM Mountain Standard Time,  
>[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com) writes:

>>I do not need further 'attention' or I sure as heck wouldn't  
>>be living in St. Ignatius Montana, pop:439, in the middle of  
>>America's last buffalo commons, on the Salish-Kootenai Indian  
>>Reservation, in a place the size of New Jersey and Maryland  
>>combined with a population of 7700 people.

>>Robert,

>Your reality is your cyberworld and that is where you seek  
>attention. It doesn't matter where you live. But since you  
>mentioned it, I believe you live in a small town beCAUS it  
>affords you the safety of not dealing on a personal level with  
>People. Why not come out into the daylight so we can see who  
>you really are?

>'Do to the rest as you have done with me. That is fair.' I  
>agree, but unlike you I do not do it over the Internet. I  
>discuss my comments, questions, and recommendations with the  
>person privately. As I have stated before, I have no quarrel  
>with you or anyone else...unless I am attacked first. Everyone  
>has a right to say and do, within certain restrictions, what  
>they want. You and everyone else have the same rights.

>Strangely you believe your rights include ridicule, lying and  
>defamation. Thus I treat you accordingly. When you act  
>respectful, I will treat you with respect. And lastly, I have  
>done nothing to or with you. You are a product of your own  
>thoughts, words and deeds.

>Peter A. Gersten

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Dear Peter,

I don't know how to answer this above. I live where I do by  
choice. I've had an awful of public life already. Since  
loosing Jennifer, I like being here in my home place of Montana  
for awhile. I love the cape and the center of things, but I'm  
a rural boy in my upbringing and it is where I am most  
comfortable. I do love people though. Always have. I don't  
believe I have defamed anyone.

I believe my claims are true to the letter. I have never been  
disrespectful of you until the day you wrote me you were going  
to sue me for bad mouthing Hoagland and his data. I still will  
badmouth Hoagland and his data. Now, there is a plethora of  
folks who want his hide for real red raw anger. I don't. I  
just want the same venue to attack his falsehoods as he attacks  
by chosen discipline which happens to be aerospace and NASA.  
That's fair.

For you. You need to do with the lot as you have done with me.

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sincerely,

Robert A.M. Stephens  
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## Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 22:52:26 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:02:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 11:54:20 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 19:14:17 -0500  
>Subject: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

Previously, Stephens wrote:

<snip>

>This is simply outside the pale of rationality and the big Triad  
>of UFO Entertainment can discredit me and others all they wish,  
>but it does not hide the fact they are ensconced in veritable  
>lies, trafficking such without a check or balance, hiding behind  
>the nebulous world of digital exchange on the internet. And  
>offering virtually nothing and this has been proven and is  
>claimed by me and now multitudes like the above letters and the  
>400 to 600 I'm getting again daily state or claim the same.

Mr. Stephens,

Don't you think this charade has gone on long enough?

Your lack of familiarity with celestial mechanics was bad enough, but simple math dictates that 600 messages a day would add up to 4,200 messages a week. Even if you limited yourself to only one minute per message, it would require 70 hours a week to read them all.

Don't you have a job? Or can you really afford to spend 10 hours a day, 7 days a week, reading your "fan mail"?

This is about the most stupid thing I've heard to date.

What is your problem, man? Can't you stop yourself from lying or is it simply beyond your control? Get some professional help, dude...

Later,

Roger Evans

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## UFO Ballot Initiative Petition

From: **Mike Jamieson** <[MDJ50@webtv.net](mailto:MDJ50@webtv.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 15:11:20 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:18:24 -0500  
Subject: UFO Ballot Initiative Petition

A petition encouraging Congressional hearings on the UFO question can be signed at [www.e-thepeople.com](http://www.e-thepeople.com)

The petition is a draft proposal for state ballot initiatives. (This type of initiative is allowed in 20 or so states.)

The petition can be found at either the elections or other category.

Larry Bryant explains the purpose and history of this petition in the comments section.

Thankyou for signing.

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[Included by ebk - The site is a cookie-monster]

<http://www.e-thepeople.com/etp/affiliates/national/fullview.cfm?ETPID=0&PETID=95153&ETPDIR=affiliates/national>

Petition Recipients: Betsy Bayless - Secretary Of State

Region of Applicability: United States

Signatures: 6

Petition Author: Larry W. Bryant of Alexandria, VA

Recent Signatures:

Henry Lampert, Jr. of Baytown, TX  
Katharina Wilson of Portland, OR  
Fox Mulder of Washington, DC  
Matt Cameron of Vancouver, WA  
John White of Cheshire, CT  
Mike Jamieson of Napa, CA

Proposed Ufo Ballot Initiative:

We, the voting citizens of the state of Arizona [and, eventually, of other similarly empowered states], do hereby direct this state's legislature to issue, forthwith in its customary manner, an OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION, the wording of which shall be: "It is hereby proclaimed that the year 2000 be observed as the Year of UFO Awareness. Because of the federal government's failure to be officially forthcoming about Unidentified Flying Objects, the public remains ill-informed and confused on a matter of potentially great consequence. We therefore urge the U.S. Congress to expeditiously convene open, comprehensive hearings in which government personnel (military, civilian-contract, and agency employees -- active and retired) are permitted to present sworn testimony regarding their personal knowledge of any UFO-related evidence, to be given under immunity by waiver of any applicable security oath or

agreement of nondisclosure. This proclamation acknowledges the following facts: (1) The weight of the cumulative evidence -- e.g., eyewitness, electronic-detection, photographic, documentary -- overwhelmingly supports the conclusion of a majority of Americans that some of the reported UFOs represent somebody else's spacecraft; (2) the federal government's handling of the UFO issue has contributed to the public cynicism toward, and general mistrust of, government -- a development injurious to our republic; (3) This initial year of the third millennium affords us a renewed opportunity to explore, assess, and convey every facet of UFO reality." For more information please look at CAUS - Citizens Against UFO Secrecy - home page

Please give us your name and address, to give the officials you are petitioning a chance to respond. (None of the information you enter below will be released to anyone but your petition's recipients.)

Name:

Email:

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

How important is this issue to the way you will vote in the next election?

Your Age\*

Your Gender\*

Are you a registered voter?\*

yes      no      unspecified

\*Demographic information is optional and asked only because many officials have told us that it can help them serve you better. E- The People will not release this information to anyone but the final recipients of your petition. For more information, please read our privacy policies.

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## Re: UFO Communication?

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:09:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:27:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 00:57:41 -0800  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: UFO Communication?

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>spectrum why can't that be detected and perhaps interpreted?

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>would be able to detect many scrambled radio messages. Why don't  
>we?

Josh -

Of course, all of the following represents nothing more than the  
rankest speculation, but I think these are some of the  
alternatives:

- 1) UFOs do not communicate with each other or with any bases.  
Either there is a strict rule to preclude such communication or  
there is no need for them to communicate (perhaps because they  
are strictly independent).
- 2) UFOs use small UFOs (such as BOL (Balls of Light)) to  
communicate, much like carrier pigeons.
- 3) UFOs use analog radio of low strength, transmit infrequently,  
and rely on specific frequency schedules and burst transmissions  
to avoid detection.
- 4) UFOs use digital radio of low strength and transmit digital  
packets. Such packets are unlikely to be easily detected, and  
since they are emitted from a very high speed airborne source,  
they are typically eliminated by ELINT (Electronic Intelligence)  
systems as spurious, especially since to an unknowing observer,  
their content makes them appear to be noise. Such packets could  
contain encrypted linguistic content, video content of unknown  
aspect ratio, or some other more exotic form of communication.
- 5) UFOs use lasers for point to point communications and do not  
broadcast at all. Interception would require the interposition  
of a receiver in the signal path, and the chances of this are  
small.
- 6) UFOs use an exotic communications medium such as gravity or  
quantum particles, or exploit some unknown principle of quantum  
simultaneity to transmit information.

We know that UFOs emit radio signals, and that these signals are  
sometimes noisy and sometimes actually have a form which is  
similar to that of earthly transmissions. I refer you to the  
article in Clark's UFO Encyclopedia, written by Sparks, on the  
RB47 case for an example of this. For most detection of radio  
frequency signals from UFOs, observers report that detection as  
interference with existing radio equipment or as static. This  
would suggest such radio emissions are broad in their frequency  
profile. However, such observations also usually suggest a



limited range. Some researchers tend to interpret the interference / noise output as emissions which are a side-effect of the generation of luminosity by the UFO - a phenomenon which suggests such mechanisms as X-ray or UV excitation of the atmosphere, or the injection of electrons into the near surface area of the UFO. Obviously, such mechanisms would tend to suppress many frequencies of radio transmission and would tend to devalue the use of radio frequencies for communication.

We also know that UFOs emit light rays, and sometimes these connect one object to another. We also know that UFOs sometimes use their external lighting for communication with witnesses, and may appear to be using it for communication with another object.

Some of the methods suggested above would remain undetectable by current technologies, some would require a concerted effort by an ELINT organization such as the NSA, and some have already been reported. What to make out of all of this is uncertain.

If you are interested in cases of radio interference / signals, I refer you to the on-line Project 1947 EM Effects catalog:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/47emecat.htm>

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>

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## Green Fireball Streaks Over New Hampshire

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:43:11 +0100 (MET)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:36:30 -0500  
Subject: Green Fireball Streaks Over New Hampshire

Forwarded from "alt.ufo.reports".

Stig

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From: [ufoalarcon@webtv.net](mailto:ufoalarcon@webtv.net) (Guillermo Alarcon)  
Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports  
Subject: GREEN FIREBALL STREAKS OVER NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 17:41:16 -0600 (CST)

Green Fireball Streaks Over New Hampshire

By Guillermo Alarcon

On Sunday, January 10, 1999, at 7:05 p.m., "Bill Slatton was driving home when he saw what looked to be a green fireball streak across the night sky" in Pittsfield, New Hampshire (N.H.).

Pittsfield (population 1,717) is on Route 28 about 37 miles (59 kilometers) northeast of Manchester, New Hampshire's largest city.

"My God, this thing is as clear as day," he remembers thinking to himself. "It was huge. It was right along side of us."

"His fiancee, Kathy Bickford, saw it, too. Police departments in Bow (population 600) and Northfield reported sightings, with callers describing 'a green flash' in the sky."

"Slatton said he and his fiancee saw the fireball for a few seconds as they drove south on Route 20 in Pittsfield...He said it was like the fireball that crashes into the Earth in a recent Dunkin Donuts commercial."

"It was descending almost like a plane descending. It's hard to describe," Slatton said."

"The object was about the size of a nickel or quarter in the sky, and perhaps a few thousand feet away and a few thousand feet up, although it was hard to tell, Slatton said."

"It was to the left of them as they drove south, perhaps landing or crashing in Pittsfield, Epsom or Chichester, said Slatton, a property maintenance contractor from Chichester," a town located six miles (9 kilometers) southwest of Pittsfield.

(See the Manchester, N.H. Union-Leader for January 11, 1999, 'Green Flash Streaks Through Central NH Sky' by Derek Ross. Many thanks to Greg St. Pierre for forwarding the newspaper article.)

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Nebula/3703/ramses.html>

<http://www.anw.com/dreamlandfx/images/Triad32a-m.JPG>>

<http://members.tripod.com/~webtv17/alienface.gif>

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## Re: Electrical Explosion Mistaken For UFO Crash

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:05:46 +0100 (MET)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:44:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Electrical Explosion Mistaken For UFO Crash

[List only]

Source: MSNBC Local News,

<http://www.msnbc.com/local/KETK/16230.asp>

Stig

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Electrical fireworks off Loop 323

TYLER -- An electrical explosion had some people thinking that a UFO had landed Sunday night.

Frightened customers from Denny's restaurant and Dunkin' Donuts were left in the dark, literally. The sound of power lines buzzing and popping could be heard. Live wires sparked, and then, a blinding explosion. The night sky filled with a bright bluish light.

The fire department, Tyler police, and TU electric worked to fix the sudden disaster. The Denny's restaurant and Dunkin' Donuts were evacuated. Luckily, there were no injuries.

Kim Sharp, an eyewitness said, "The sky just lit up. I mean it was almost like daylight, then the lights in Dunkin' Donuts went out. Everybody was screaming and running to the front door and then they said, =91no, go back, go back, go back, and it was like I said, 'I thought it was a UFO.'"

NBC 56 News learned on Tuesday all electrical wires and poles were fixed. The trouble began when an 18-wheeler ran over a guy-wire. The released tension of the guy-wire caused the end pole to literally split in half. Power lines began to fall and there were electrical shortages for miles.

TU electricians said despite what people thought, it was not a faulty transformer that blew up. It was the negligence of a truckdriver.

"We had all our customers on with the exception of La Quinta Motor Inn, probably about three o'clock this morning and we since made all repairs and everything's back to normal," said Steve White of TU electric.

Eyewitnesses said they did see the truckdriver, but he fled the scene almost immediately.

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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:14:13 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:49:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:57:52 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 12:19:11 -0600  
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 07:32:44 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>>From: [moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)  
>>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 19:13:05 +0000  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Previously I wrote:

>>... if the confiscation were  
>>made illegally without a court order or making the film to start  
>>with wasn't violating some legal restriction, it wouldn't have  
>>happened the second time without my taking legal action.

Roger responded:

>Against whom, Dave? You think these guys are going to politely  
>give you their names and admit later what they do? We're not  
>dealing with the hypothetical, here; that's the whole point.

My reference to confiscation was in reply to your first  
message of Jan 15 in which you said:

"My father worked for a local TV station on the remote crew for  
the better part of 45 years. He told me often how police  
officers or government officials had confiscated field tapes  
from his unit minutes after taping had been completed on some  
story. These guys would arrive out of nowhere in the field and  
descend on my dad's news truck. Sometimes a reason was given,  
sometimes not. In every instance, my father was warned not to  
resist."

POLICE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

Now you imply they don't identify themselves, confiscate, and  
basically do whatever they please without recourse.

Any law enforcement official has to identify himself or risk  
the consequences of an individual exercising self defense, and  
resisting until the cows come home.

>>If I am conducting myself in a just and legal fashion there is  
>>NO WAY I will tolerate illegal actions taken against me by any  
>>group or individual.

>>You are quite right, I do not fear the Government. If one  
>>doesn't violate the laws of the land there is no reason to.  
>>Anything else in my opinion is not rational.

>Well, for starters, my father and his co-workers did nothing to  
>violate any laws, so your assertion simply isn't true.

You are reading things between the lines that are not there. I was NOT asserting or implying anything re your father. You certainly didn't provide enough details to make any judgment about your father's activities. His reasons for how he reacted to this confiscation are his own.

I was simply saying what I would do given the limited scenario you gave.

In your Jan 17 reply to me you said:

"I have no doubt from the way you present your arguments that you, genuinely, do not fear the government. But I think you should."

My opinion is as stated above. If you're not doing something illegal you have no reason to fear the govmt and don't have to tolerate illegal conduct by any govmt employee, local, state, or federal.

>Secondly, no offense, but you seem to be confusing two concepts:

>1) Your own personal courage.

>2) The honesty of the government.

>Just because you, personally, do not fear the government does >not mean there's nothing to be feared by others. More to the >point, the government does NOT walk the straight and narrow out >of fear of Dave Vetterick, or anyone else, I can assure you.

We'll have to agree to disagree. The govmt is honest, although I may feel some policies are misguided and wrong.

Some employees on the other hand may not be honest. If they do something illegal they SHOULD be fearful just like any other individual operating illegally..

You can have the last word and post to the list on this subject. Since it's just you and I discussing it for the most part, I'll reply further as necessary privately.

Dave Vetterick

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## Re: UFO Communication?

From: Ed Fouche <[fouche@connecti.com](mailto:fouche@connecti.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 21:21:16 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 05:07:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 00:57:41 -0800  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: UFO Communication?

>All the past discussion of SETI and alien communication has  
>brought me to pose a question. How do UFOs communicate?

>If they communicate using the electromagnetic  
>spectrum why can't that be detected and perhaps interpreted?

>If the flying triangles are terrestrial in origin I assume we  
>would be able to detect many scrambled radio messages. Why don't  
>we?

In many cases we can. But, detection does not mean we can  
understand the message.

Many forms of radiation are available for communications from  
ELF (Extremely low frequency or extremely long wave) to gamma  
ray bursts of 10<sup>12</sup>th frequency.

You can pick up digital data which not everyone can  
decrypt-decode from VLF (Very Low Frequency) to Microwave  
transmissions. My scanner goes from VLF to 2 Giga Hertz (2  
billion cycles per second).

Very few people/organizations can intercept all frequencies, the  
NSA comes to mind as an organization that can. Even the NSA  
can't decrypt-decode all coded transmissions. Classified  
frequencies, method of shifting/transmitting data/communications  
changes all the time.

So even if you could pickup or receive these communications, you  
wouldn't have a clue what the 'message' was.

Then comes the infrared to ultraviolet (and above)  
communications that can have a narrow transmission beam, like  
laser or other particle transmission (non photonic) which only  
the receiver in the direct line of the transmission  
(communication) can pick it up.

A point to point communication is near impossible to intercept.

A sentient species far ahead of us might use neutrons as a form  
of communications or even quantum particle pairs like Einstein  
Podolsky Rosen (EPR) pairs.

So it's all conjecture as we just don't know. However it is  
very possible with today's technology to have secure  
transmission of communications. Knowing that, how can anyone on  
the 'outside' tell if the communications are theirs or ours.

Edgar Fouche - author of Alien Rapture - <http://fouchemedia.com>



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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 21:46:44 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 05:16:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 11:20:16 -0800  
>From: Susan Watson <[susanwatson@earthlink.net](mailto:susanwatson@earthlink.net)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>[Non Subscriber Post]

>I have been following the postings on this thread with great  
>interest as I am the daughter of the referred-to officer.

<snip>

>I can see from the postings here that there needs to be some  
>clarification. My father is no coward.

<snip>

Nothing said in any of these posts intended or implied cowardice or any disrespect of any kind toward your father, or to his sticking to his oath. My father served as honorably as any. He will be 81 in May. But that doesn't mean his positions are always correct. He, like your father I suspect and many of that generation, have old fashion notions. Nothing wrong with that.

>Last night I had a long talk with Dad. The issues raised on this  
>List woke my curiosity once again. As I got deeper into trying  
>to pick his brain for answers I felt a sense of shame. The  
>conclusion that I have arrived at is this:

Shame? Not necessary at all in my opinion.

>Never once has my father swayed from his loyalty and commitment  
>to this country. There is honor in this man's heart. He holds to  
>his pledge in spite of the fact that he is grievously  
>disappointed in the direction of our nation. It would be  
>disrespectful for me to attempt any further extraction's of  
>information, I am closing the book. I can at least honor the  
>man....if not the country that created him.

>Thank you all for your responses.  
>Susan Watson

Loyalty, commitment, and honor are not the issues nor were they ever brought into question. Only if you were being deceitful in extracting information would you call it disrespectful.

Your father may be the exception. But many, including my own dad, stubbornly hang on to old ideas even when it's to their own detriment. Mainly because they don't know about or don't understand current ways. I'm sure you know what I mean.

I get my father to change by educating him, and at his own pace. I give him articles, books, etc. and he eventually comes around. Not always by any means, but often enough.

I suggested you do the same by getting the facts about how long oaths are expected to be kept. By letting him read some books by a fellow military man like Col Corso, or even exchange e-mail with retired military men like Col J. Bond Johnson and George

Filer. They know about Roswell & UFOs as your Dad evidently does.

If he doesn't want to even think along these lines then so be it. But out of respect for your dad, at least arm him with everything he needs to make his own rational and educated decision based on present day standards. Not based on fear from 30 years ago that may not be real today.

There is no disrespect or shame in this. If you believe humanity has the right, and would be better off knowing about ET, then the greater disservice is in letting him depart without making an informed decision about telling his story.

If you wish to discuss this further privately, I'd be happy to.

Dave Vetterick

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## Re: The Gift Of Gab!

From: Remy Chevalier <[remyc@prodigy.net](mailto:remyc@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 23:56:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 05:29:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Gift Of Gab!

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Rally To End Secrecy

October 24th 1999

Noon

Steps of the Capitol Building

Washington DC

<http://www.endsecrecy.com>

America is America because it's in a state of perpetual revolution. It has learned over the years to absorb every extreme into its mainstream culture. Individuality is praised while slogans like "dare to be different" are the kudos of its media campaigns. Our Constitution has allowed us such a luxury. But no massive paradigm shift takes place in this country until or unless its people assemble in sufficient numbers in Washington DC. That's liberty and true democracy in action. It was the case for the civil liberties movement, demanding an end to the Vietnam war, shutting down nukes, attention for AIDS, all these issues and causes mobilized millions of people on the Mall to tip the scales in favor of reason and common sense. But lately there hasn't been any great catalyst. The Million Man March and the Peacekeepers don't really count. They were more about style than substance.

We've all been too busy surfing the web and networking online to realize what we are doing is not working. It's just like being on the phone. So while we weren't paying close attention, the real world outside cyberspace just got worse. It's as if America has left the rest of the world behind in its cultural evolution, and now we're faced with an international order controlling our politicians and our corporations, wanting to bring America down because the secrets we keep scare them. And rightly so

Strange things are flying in our skies. Rumors of extraordinary technologies, louder than X-Files fiction, can no longer be brushed off as wishful thinking. It's come to our realization that what we were fighting for back in the 60's, 70's & 80's was just the tip of the iceberg, that military secrets run deeper and darker than we dared possible. We couldn't or wouldn't admit the truth to ourselves; our government had run away from us, and created its own parallel universe to the tune of billions of tax payer dollars, quietly funneled into black budgets, building underground cities all over the world.

It wouldn't be quite so dramatic if by doing so, the Powers That Be and the Status Quo weren't perpetuating an oil-based economy damaging the very air we breathe at the expense of all life on earth. Ever since Earth Day 1970 the environmental movement has been up against a foe, an enemy, an obstacle, call it what you will, which we've never been able to identify. A resistance running deep as an undercurrent against change, which to all should have simply been self-evident. But there was more to it than met the eye. Not only did the financial temptation of

keeping the old machinery oiled and running have the upper hand, but a quasi-religious attachment to post-industrial philosophy has prevented serious change at the root base of the problem. It is even visible in the lore of so-called "free energy" or "new energy" advocates who see in a turn-of-the-century hero like Nikola Tesla a future that never was instead of a possible one. They celebrate his forgotten inventions instead of following the money and paper trail that could lead to where they might be today.

Over 10,000 scientific documents are classified every day. It would come to no surprise for most of us to know that since all these technologies are kept under wraps for their destructiveness, along with them disappear their beneficial potential. It's not far fetched to wonder if a great part of our environmental, or medical problems, didn't already have their solutions built into those problems before they were so methodically suppressed. It is to that end that the entire National Security Act has come into scrutiny by some members of the House and Senate under the leadership of Senator Moynihan.

The Rally To End Secrecy was already in the works when his work came to light. The rally plans are an offshoot from the March For Peaceful Energy that was held last year on the steps of the Capitol Building on October 24th 1998. We want to bring national attention to the fact that secrecy has gotten out of hand and needs to be not only curtailed, but also completely reassessed. In the past, a timid attempt at a rally to end UFO secrecy held in DC was foiled by low turnout. The 50th anniversary celebration at Roswell degenerated into a carnival, thanks to spoilers from the intelligence community who wants to preserve the zany aspect of the UFO community intact. It is after all the perfect cover for testing experimental aircraft.

This is why we are asking you, in the alternative media community, who frequently address issues such as these, to promote, publicize and assist us in building momentum for this event, so that once and for all, those who have kept us in the dark can be made accountable for their motives.

Remy Chevalier

Rally To End Secrecy

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### Joe Burkes, MD says thanks to Doc

From: **Joseph Burkes MD** <[mdljb3@pol.net](mailto:mdljb3@pol.net)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 00:21:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 05:36:59 -0500  
Subject: Joe Burkes, MD says thanks to Doc

Dear fellow friends of Doc.

When I first met the Doc on the internet last year I thought he might be a fellow medical doctor. I found he was a kindred spirit who was far more open and supportive than most of my colleagues when it came to the question of "Are we alone in the universe?" He understood what I was trying to express and was very supportive of the views I put forward in the following position paper.

I wish there were more Docs like Doc. Joe Burkes, MD

The Role of a Power Structure Analysis in ufology

The civilian UFO community, often known as "ufology," exists as a multitude of individuals and groups with a common interest in unidentified flying objects. Since 1991 I have shared this passion with other so called "ufologists."

For several years, I was closely associated with Dr. Steven Greer's Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence. In the course of my activities with that group, I had a few limited interactive encounters with what appeared to be Extraterrestrial spacecraft.

For a number of reasons, personal as well as professional, I have curtailed many of my UFO oriented activities. At this point I would like to offer my observations concerning what I perceive is the fundamental problem in this field.

It is my assessment that ufology has failed to recognize the importance of how the Extraterrestrial presence profoundly threatens all terrestrial elites. This includes the international corporate, military, political and religious leaders of our planet. Without recognizing and thoroughly analyzing this challenge to terrestrial power, those interested in understanding the phenomenon of Extraterrestrial spacecraft visiting our planet, will be hopelessly confused. More importantly, UFO activists may have unrealistic expectations and maybe wasting important energy in projects that can not bear fruit given the depths of the power structure's opposition to acknowledging the ET presence.

Currently, a number of prominent UFO groups are advocating that Congress hold open hearings on the issue of government secrecy concerning Extraterrestrial spacecraft visiting our planet. Retired military and intelligence officers who have had direct personal experiences with Extraterrestrial intelligence during their official work have been identified. There is now an opportunity to inform the public, if these official witnesses are induced to testify.

As might be expected, the push for public hearings on the topic of the ET presence has encountered resistance. It has been the not too secret hope of many UFO activists that some kind of official disclosure might be underfoot. It is my assessment, however, that no disclosure will take place without tremendous pressure on the terrestrial power structure; more pressure than

can be applied to Congress at the current time.

Frustrated by years of official denial, how can UFO enthusiasts work to remedy this predicament? A broad based coalition, employing coordinated political action will be an essential part of the disclosure process. This will probably require dozens of organizations and thousands of activists. Such a campaign will likely take the form of the grassroots movements for social change. Models of such efforts include the union organizing drives of the 1930s and the peace and the civil rights movements of the 1960s. To develop such a coalition of individuals and groups, an analysis of the ET challenge to all terrestrial power is required.

Our planet's population is divided into more than 100 nation states. National political leaders are able to exercise their power on the basis of nationalism. As the prominent ufologist Stanton Friedman has said, "Nationalism is the name of the game." Once the people of the planet are permitted to acknowledge the ET presence, the masses will tend to see themselves as "terrestrial" or simply "human." Faced with what will likely be an incredible diversity of ET cultures, people on our planet may start to identify with the Earth as a whole rather than with their particular nation state. Thus, the power of national politicians would be threatened by the admission that some UFOs represent Extraterrestrial spacecraft built by non-humans from the stars.

>From the point of view of ordinary citizens, an end to nationalism and the realization of the slogan "One planet, one people", might not be tragic at all. Given the sad record of this century, with over 100 million killed in wars resulting from national rivalry, it might make good sense to place nationalism in the dust bin of history. Of course, national political leaders who derive their power from "the people", i.e., their nation's people, would understandably be threatened by an outside presence that undermines their ideological power bases.

The Extraterrestrial presence challenges military leaders of every nation. Advanced civilizations visiting our planet appear to be quite capable of producing craft that can fly circles around the military's high performance jets. Military leaders are thus unable to secure our planet's airspace from ET intrusion. This provides one rationale for the military-intelligence community's role in maintaining the secrecy about UFOs.

The Extraterrestrials appear to have access to incredibly powerful energy systems to propel their spacecraft. Speculation within ufology has suggested that their craft use non-polluting "free energy systems." If the authorities acknowledged the ET presence and over a period of time our culture was allowed to download such efficient energy technologies, many of our economic as well as environmental problems might be solved. From the point of view of the multinational oil corporations, this would not be a favorable development. The downloading of ET energy systems would likely threaten the worldwide monopoly that has been the source of much wealth and influence for important sectors of the corporate elite. Considering that the Gulf War and other military actions in the Middle East are driven by a hunger for cheap oil, we see the strategic importance of what has been called the "empire of oil." Thus the ET presence threatens important sectors of the economic elite of our planet.

An important pillar of our planet's belief systems is organized religion. The true history of our planet may reveal that the flying saucer phenomenon is really an ancient process rather than a modern one. A Renaissance religious painting depicting a flying saucer certainly suggests this possibility. The myths of ancient civilizations declaring that their knowledge and technology were obtained from "star people", provides additional support for ancient astronaut theories.

What if the holy men and prophets of biblical times were in reality contactees? Their religious experiences may have reflected encounters with non-human intelligence, some of which might have been Extraterrestrial in nature. If this theory proves true or even possible, acknowledging the ET presence would threaten all organized religion. Thus, the spiritual elite of our planet is threatened by the ET presence.

If this analysis accurately reflects the perceived self-interest of our planet's elites, then the Extraterrestrials visiting our planet must threaten all terrestrial power. The worldwide secrecy campaign concerning UFOs can now be seen as the logical consequence of ruling classes, which understandably, take action in self defense. This need not be seen as a conspiracy. Efforts to deny the ET presence, to resist public disclosure of their visitations is the natural response of any social system attempting to preserve the status quo.

In the course of human development, both evolutionary and revolutionary historical trends can be seen. The creation of Christianity out of Judaism can be viewed as the creation of a revolutionary force that spread monotheism across the planet. The Roman Empire, cognizant of the challenge, violently suppressed the new religion that placed an almighty God over the emperor.

The acceptance of an all powerful and ethical God by this planet's peoples has done much to promote the welfare of the Earth's population. Concepts, such as the rule of law and social justice, as well as the ending of human sacrifice and slavery, all have their roots in the wave of revolutionary monotheism which swept our planet during the first millennium of the common era.

Similarly, the rule of both kings and political despots have been replaced by the democratic revolutions of the 17th through 20th centuries. The old regime never gives up without a fight. Indeed the struggle for democracy continues to this day.

It is only natural that the Earth's ruling elites will combat what some might perceive as the ultimate threat. As long as the Extraterrestrial visitors spare us undeniable displays of their physical presence, indirect means can be employed to maintain the status quo. This includes the ridicule of witnesses and the suppression of credible reports of encounters. If Philip Corso, author of "The Day After Roswell", is to be believed, covert military actions against ET craft are taking place as well.

Corporate control of the mass media has been used to relegate reports of UFOs to tabloid formats which trivialize them. Security oaths, under national security regulations, are employed to silence credible military witnesses of UFO encounters. Ufology is, itself, a likely target for disinformation spread by sections of the intelligence services authorized to deal with the UFO subculture. Terrestrial power can be expected to defend itself. These efforts will surely continue in the future.

The creation of a citizen network to challenge the existing regimen of secrecy and denial, will by necessity be a difficult and prolonged struggle. There will be the need for accelerating the educational process to alert the public of the reality of Extraterrestrial spacecraft visiting our planet.

One of most important factors in this equation is the actions of the Extraterrestrials themselves. For reasons that are only known to them, they have chosen not to impose on our culture irrefutable displays of their physical presence. Although the tempo of sightings and other types of human-ET interactions appears to be accelerating, it seems likely that the proverbial "landing on the White house lawn" will not occur any time soon. It may never take place.

Rather than passively waiting for the power structure to acknowledge the reality of ET spacecraft visiting our planet, those who feel passionately about this issue should be prepared to take action. Non- governmental organizations have a long tradition of finding innovative solutions to important problems. As a former peace activist from the 1960s through the 1980s, I recall the slogan, "When the people lead, the leaders will follow."

If a broad based people's movement is to be created there will be the need for much organizing. A special role for building unity also exists because ufology is rife with sectarianism. The UFO community has in many ways been isolated from the mainstream culture. Breaking free from this isolation will require a balanced program of public education.



I would like to encourage ufology to consider this analysis. It is my sincere hope that by understanding the power relationships that are at work here we can do much to change the current situation. I invite comments on the points raised here and look forward to a productive dialogue.

Sincerely,

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## Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

From: Scott Krause <[SKrause272@aol.com](mailto:SKrause272@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 01:14:31 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 05:47:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 11:54:20 +0000  
>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>Robert Collins wrote:

<snip>

>>Jeroen Wierda wrote:

>>>Hehehe.... I really start to have some respect for R.A.M.S. by  
>>>now. He puts Art Bell, Hoagland and others in shorts. And they  
>>>don't like being exposed as entertainers, where they know that  
>>>95% of the "ufo-world" think that they are reliable sources of  
>>>information. I HOPE this Stephens character makes people  
>>>waking up to the scams, and see the theories and stories that  
>>>are sent out by the entertainers for what they really are:  
>>>That is entertainment.  
>

>>>Jeroen Wierda

How can anyone have respect for this type of circus? This is not  
entertaining, it's nonsense at the best!!

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>To you, Jeroen, RMC and the rest,

>You all get it. This is enlightening. The point was even if one  
>claimed he was a fraud others took it to task and found out it  
>was different and all was true. Thus, it makes sense if someone  
>like Bell asked a guest, "how many times did you have sex with  
>the alien," it then makes sense also to research this claim and  
>exchange out a little.

>When Peter Gersten will 'quote me' in an interview, its wise to  
>get it all, and not take a claim of activation, or nebulous  
>number association, or any other claim, and then look a little  
>closer at it. This is fair. When Bell edits a guest without  
>recourse, it is best to find out what exactly went on for fact.

Mr. Stephens, the way you acted that night on the Art Bell show  
was simply insane. The fact that you can not understand why Bell  
cut you off is beyond me. Go back and listen to tape of that  
night, it's nuts. Why wouldn't you have started with your list  
of questions instead of the babble that occurred between you and  
Richard Hoagland? You had your shot and blew it!! It would have  
been great to hear someone put RCH to the stone on some of the  
"data" on his site. Was it just your hate for Hoagland that got  
in the way of this? Or was it that you thought you were being  
funny or sarcastic and witty. I for one found you none of  
these.

>If Hoagland has stolen NASA pictures on his web site, and he  
>does, and claims they are 'Fireballs' over Turd Peak, when in  
>fact they are solid rocket motor trails complete with exhaust  
>plumes and the vehicles removed crudely from the original photo,  
>it stands to reason other photos on his site are Frauds too. And

>then too, the claims associated are also Frauds.

Guilt by association is a dangerous thing Mr. Stephens. Let's not throw the baby out with the bath water. If you have proof that the photos are doctored then post it to a web site and lets see it. Are you not doing the same thing you are so angry with Mr Hoagland?

>Asked questions. If not, this 'field' of study will continue be >the 'giggle' factor for Everyman everywhere. I honestly do not >think any of you and the rest involved wish that. So, police >oneself.

>Case in point: NASA and other 'guvmint' folks I've known for >over 25 years think I'm nuts for even getting involved with this >culture. I have been in it now for 100 days or so, other than a >few mails over the years when I would drop in to see what in the >world was happening, and have found many very serious and >genuinely warm people, which is contrary to my initial >assessment that I have written about just 2 months ago. I now >feel that many of these folks need a more serious voice and >support. In this, I find myself now defending elements of this >culture that I laughed at internally a short time ago. If >someone like me can be sucked into this field in seriousness, >and must defend himself to 'officials' about the lies and >delusions of people like Hoagland and others, then I think >others must feel the same.

I don't think you were sucked in by anyone Mr. Stephens, you came in like a swat team on a raid.....here I am now duck.

>Then speak out. It doesn't hurt.

<snip>

>I nor many many others beyond those already mentioned have done >any malice to anyone in this field. That should be remembered. >It wasn't I who attacked anyone's intimate service to the United >States. It wasn't I who cut off anyone after being invited to a >'debate' on a radio show.

Your actions Mr. Stephens, your actions. What are you thinking? Are you trying to help in some twisted way? What are you thinking? For a whole hour on the Bell show you said nothing that shed light on your claims that Hoagland was a fraud. All you did was attack Hoagland with malicious intent and repeated statements that you thought he was a liar.

>But I can state, being absolutely objective, with absolute fact, >that there are those in this UFO culture who intentionally are >out to do great harm and issue great shards of disinformation >that is, and has, and will, only hurt this field of study >further. Why, I'm not certain.

>And keep in mind, the people in question are the ones who are >>true liars in every way. They have stolen and falsified photos >on their web sites, they will harbor and hide from the public a >man who told a professional researcher that our nation's capital >was going to thermonuclearize itself. They will hide a man who >has lied to NASA to where he longer is welcome on any NASA site >in the world. And the list goes on and on.

>You are forwarned. And the very people who really count in this >industry, have done nothing untoward to anyone, and these are >the ones these charalatlans of dark purpose will attack with true >dark malice, for absolutely no reason.

>Think people. What in the world is the purpose of this >disinformation campaign by Bell-Hoagland-Gersten-Bara and that >whole ilk of the macabre'.

>Wait till you see the 200 questions and just what Art Bell >didn't want you all to hear. Then, you, the public, can really >see just what disinformation and lies are all about. I have >received over 1230 mails as of this morning that DEMAND the >questions to be posted online publicly. Therefore, since Art >Bell weaseled out, protecting his little freak show from anyone >asking the 'Real Fraud' why he is a pathological liar of the >darkest form, I will then post those questions and answers by me >after a radio show wishes to field the questions to me and I >will asked and answer them each. Or, a radio host can asked them

>and I'll answer them for Hoagland in absentia. Then they can be  
>posted for further study.

We were waiting for those questions that night on the Bell show  
Mr. Stephens. But, you dropped the ball. You in turn did exactly  
what you blame others for... you attacked a person and showed no  
proof of your claims. Hypocrisy is a bitter pill to swallow....  
you've got to be choking.

>All things on balance, that's fair.

>Perhaps cleaning a little in these dark corners of the industry  
>is in order.

>Just a thought.

>Rational, good letters above. Thank you.

I move that this thread should be renamed 'Cleanup The Act'. In  
subscribing to various lists I have read alot of wierd posts by  
some equally wierd posters, (not this one of course <g>) but Mr.  
Stephens takes the cake. I understand that there is alot of  
debate on how things should be done in this field, and maybe not  
one of us has the right answer right now. But, I think I know  
how it shouldn't be done and IMHO Mr. Stephens you are the  
poster child for the wrong way.

Thanks and good luck!

Scott Krause  
Seattle

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## Confirmation of Robert Stephens

From: Scot Bowlin <[wubi@iquest.net](mailto:wubi@iquest.net)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 00:50:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 05:58:51 -0500  
Subject: Confirmation of Robert Stephens

[Non-Subscriber Post]

To whom it may concern,

A lot of you have noticed my name on many emails that have come from Robert A.M. Stephens since he entered the UFO field back on 10-16-1998. I wanted to take this time to confirm a few things as true that Robert has been accused of falsifying. They need to be clarified now since the information he has offered to the UFO community has been shown to be true over the time he has been involved pertinent to the UFO subject. A few more minor items need to be verified as well. His reluctance to reveal details about his service to this nation are his prerogative. I'm countering his wishes a little here under the circumstances. His military record I am most confident will not be available in the public view.

#1. Larry Mauk, NASA-Kennedy Space Center, Florida, is a real person. I have met him, I have had dinner with him. Robert and Larry go back to 1982 as pretty close friends and associates with the agency. He was in large part responsible for getting me my job at NASA.

#2. Robert was in the Seals. I have seen the paperwork, I have seen the pictures of him with his team. I can not elaborate more, but I am sure of this.

#3. Robert does have access to what he says he does. One does not have the badges he has without a very thorough security check. While I worked at NASA I had the lowest clearance that there was, Robert was much nearer the top, if my memory serves me he was one of a few who had direct access to the shuttle and anywhere on any center he wished to go---even the most sensitive areas at the various top secret air facilities and test beds. He had also gone through pre astronaut training for the artist in space project..

#4. Robert is who he says he is. To my knowledge he does not, nor has he ever worked for NASA. He has always remained a contractor by choice though NASA has courted him at times to come onboard. He is a painter of world renown. I have seen his work, I have seen the press clippings. He was even covered in my local paper while he visited me. He also is and has done all sorts of work for the various vendors associated with STS and NASA. He continues to do this work by choice from his rural home out in Montana. At times he does travel on NASA assignments and other directives.

All of the above is true. I can and would verify anywhere, anytime. I have known Robert for more than 15 years. I have never known him to fabricate anything about himself because in truth he does not need to.

His disavowing of himself in that interview where he calls himself 'Fraud' was his own ruse, I believe, if anyone cared to think, to show that everyone in this peculiar discipline online should be watchful of sensationalized claims. Sometimes, we can overlook fact when we are assailed with fiction. Your UFO field online is a harbinger of some fiction.

sincerely,

Scot Bowlin <[wubi@iquest.net](mailto:wubi@iquest.net)>

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## Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:33:30 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 06:17:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:43:35 -0600  
>From: Donnie W. Shevlin <[dshevlin@primary.net](mailto:dshevlin@primary.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalseve.net](mailto:updates@globalseve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

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>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 03:18:43 EST  
>>To: [updates@globalseve.net](mailto:updates@globalseve.net)  
>>Subject: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>>Dear Errol, Skeptics, Believers and Faith Healers...

>>Allow me, alas a mere mortal, an opportunity to evaluate your  
>>performance, as a group. Of course, I refer ONLY to those few  
>>of you who are the culpably ignorant. You know who you are.

><snip>

>>The moral?

>>You, you who speak truth, I worship you. You, who speak your  
>>truth, I admonish with this caveat. Your truth may be a lie.  
>>And you must live with that.

>>My truth is truth. I can live with that.

>I applaud you Jim. I sit here day after day and try and sort the  
>truth. It is a trying matter in itself. A need for profit  
>outwieghs the truth in much respect. At least that is what I  
>see. They're going for that golden ring that will establish a  
>name in Ufology.

>Of course, about profit, how could one make a living if not on  
>the profession they choose. Starving artist are just that,  
>starving. So Ufologist have to make a living at what they do,  
>it's just that they should take pride in the truth of the work  
>that they have done. Not to create tainted truth to turn a  
>dollar. Or all their real work, true or untrue, will disassemble  
>before their eyes.

>My grandfather would say, 'A hundred ah rights is all lost in  
>the one oh shit.'.

>Donnie

Donnie,

Thank you for your words of support. However I must make sure  
that I am not misunderstood. In the post, I address not the  
true researcher, but the false researcher.

There is some redemption for the few who delude themselves into  
the mistaken belief that what they do is for the good of all.  
But those to whom I spoke in that post are the ones who lie to  
the rest of us, not merely to themselves. And money, in my very  
humble opinion, has little to do with it. It's more of an ego  
trip for them, I think.

Second, I must tell you that from my very limited exposure to some very few, very courageous, very dedicated people who may truly be called researchers.... believe me, there is not a one of them that can make a living at it. Not a bloody one! Trust me on this point!

Most, if not damned well nearly all of those whom I've met who are doing the real work in this field must earn their shekels at something else.

Most nearly all of us, the good guys and the bad, and everyone in between, know exactly who the players are. But some of us continue to elude, delude, and otherwise, cheat on the truth.

I think the motto of the guys in the white hats should be from a Bob Dylan song which reads, "I make shoes for everyone, even you, and I still go barefoot!"

In conclusion, drink Gripple and feel goood, again. Or is that the Pepto Bismol ditty?

Jim

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## Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:51:54 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 06:29:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:44:35 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 03:18:43 EST  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Subject: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>>Dear Errol, Skeptics, Believers and Faith Healers...

>>Allow me, alas a mere mortal,  
>>My truth is truth. I can live with that.

>Jim, I mean no disrespect whatsoever but.

>In human terms the truth is often a matter of perspective and  
>interpretation, of this I have no doubt.

>I can cite one example that all should be able to relate to:  
>There is a car accident involving two cars, one car driver is  
>driving fast, the other pulls out of the junction in front of  
>the first car. Who is at fault? The fast car driver or the  
>driver who pulled out in front of him? The truth is both, but  
>will either see it that way? They both have their own  
>perspective on the "truth".

>I believe in God and Jesus but I am not in the slightest  
>religious, in fact I abhor religion for all the strife it has  
>caused and still causes, so this to me is the truth beyond  
>human truth's.

>I really do wish we knew the answers to the question that people  
>like you raise with your experiences, I really do, but with your  
>experience you can see only your truth.

>Said with no insult, slur or whatever against you or any  
>abductee Jim.

Sean, List and those short, big headed dudes....

How did they say it on StarTrek? I grok? Well, I do. And at  
the risk of repeating myself like a garlic and shallot sandwich,  
it was Frank Herbert who wrote.... and I hope I got the quote  
right, the book is not with me here in the North country where I  
am tonight...

"Truth comes close to being the basis for all morality. Which is  
profound thinking, when you understand just how unstable the  
truth can be!"

However I understand that there are few answers. I understand  
that I speak from my memories, my truth. But I always make room  
for other possibilities, other realities. Hey, it is possible  
that those who call themselves abductees may have sampled the  
same mushroom... I doubt it but you never know. And in my case,  
it was never mushrooms.... a little Gripple maybe.....

I was not referring to THE TRUTH, which has certainly not been revealed to me. NO. I was speaking of those who claim to have truth and proclaim it as fact. Anyone who speaks ex-cathedra, as some do in this venue, is insane, on Gripple or just plain lying. And that is inexcusable.

Thank you and (Hic) good night.

Jim

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:27:49 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 06:34:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 17:32:35 +0000  
>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:17:09 -0600  
>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

><snip>

>>Perhaps (?) -- but I would find your arguments more compellingly  
>>convincing if you would refrain from your encopric and  
>>unsettling digressions, for a moment, and answer those questions  
>>a few of us had regarding STS-48. <g>.

>I did.

No sir -- you did not. You trotted out the old, and very  
competently discredited, NASA excuse.

>On four radio shows and in 9 email posts-detailed dissertations.  
>STS-48, STS-80, = frozen ejecta from on orbit vehicles.

. . . And Dr. Haines, Dr. Kasher, and (I believe) Stanton  
Friedman reduced your "frozen ejecta" to bull ejecta. Moreover,  
your "9 email posts-detailed dissertations" detailed bupkus. Who  
are you, really?

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

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<Updated 18 January>

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(cut out the lawyers, they got their's) at:  
304 Melbourne Drive, Enterprise AL, 36330. Strict records kept.

"Only thin, very light envelopes with a return address will be  
accepted <g>." ~~~ \$225.00 pledged -- \$125.00 collected ~~~

"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: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:46:16 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 10:31:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 22:52:26 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>Mr. Stephens,

>Don't you think this charade has gone on long enough?

No.

>Your lack of familiarity with celestial mechanics was bad  
>enough, but simple math dictates that 600 messages a day would  
>add up to 4,200 messages a week. Even if you limited yourself to  
>only one minute per message, it would require 70 hours a week to  
>read them all.

My staff and ISP and extra server seems to do just fine. I have a job. I mentioned nothing about celestial mechanics. However, I am correct in mails about orbital mechanics. Perhaps, like Bell, you've become confused. That is okay.

>Don't you have a job? Or can you really afford to spend 10 hours  
>a day, 7 days a week, reading your "fan mail"?

I have a job.

>This is about the most stupid thing I've heard to date.

I am sure it is.

>What is your problem, man? Can't you stop yourself from lying or  
>is it simply beyond your control? Get some professional help,  
>dude...

I am not aware of a problem at this time. I do not lie except to call my myself a fraud only to find that others have taken to task this and have found I am not a fraud.

I've never had professional help. However, with this culture online I feel this is a very strong possibility.

I fail to make the correlation that I am a 'dude'. I do not dress in formal attire, generally.

sincerely,

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From: Sharon Kardol <[sharon@hotmix.com.au](mailto:sharon@hotmix.com.au)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 18:09:37 +0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 10:33:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:44:35 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
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<snip>

>I believe in God and Jesus but I am not in the slightest  
>religious, in fact I abhor religion for all the strife it has  
>caused and still causes, so this to me is the truth beyond  
>human truth's.

<snip>

Mr Jones (Sean, if you will),

I was just curious how you could believe in God without being  
religious? I always thought they were synonymous with each  
other.

Wouldn't you say it's not religion that has caused strife, but  
the morons (oh, I mean people) who interpret it "in their  
belief" to defend their "God" anyway possible? Surely the image  
of religion has suffered (as everything in history does) at the  
destructive hands of selfish humans.

I don't want to get into a long drawn out unwinnable argument  
with anyone, just curious of your opinion.

Cheers  
Sharon K

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## Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

From: Jose Escamilla <[rods@rmi.net](mailto:rods@rmi.net)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:40:38 +0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:06:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

Rods - Sony VX-1000 Tests

Dear Bruce and Roger,

I have to explain myself here. First of all, I have been doing these tests and have observed all the data as a layman and in those terms. I wish I knew all the technical things that Bruce has and I really appreciate your input Bruce as I do Roger's. Jim Peters, Ken Swartz and I did these tests with the Sony VX-1000 and if we had the resources we would have done the same things with a variety of camcorders used in the past, just for argument's sake.

The bolt with the Sony tests, actually appears on, at the most, on three frames of video and this was at a point where I pulled out the zoom to it's maximum "wide shot" field of view.

I failed to mention in my first write up that I had set the camera's view to match what I was seeing with the naked eye.

When the camera was ten feet away from the ribbon, I didn't have it "full wide" shot. I looked through the viewfinder and kept my left eye open and matched what the camera was capturing with the way my naked eye was percieving the scene.

I always do this when videotaping for Rods because it's obvious that when the camera is set at wide angle, what it is capturing is actually not what you are seeing with the naked eye.

When taping for Rods at Midway with a single camcorder in 1994, I knew that we needed to do this in order to have some references as to far they might have passed by from the camcorder.

At the speed the bolt was traveling, using the matching the naked eye viewpoint, it only appears in one frame, sometimes in a frame and a field, depending on the distance the camera is from the ribbon.

The bolt blurs using digital zoom extended all the way into the scene from 100 feet away, which for all it's worth, I was worried about. I wanted to make sure that once optical zoom, as compared to the electronic digital zoom, would not fool us as to what was really there.

I am only saying all this in layman's terms, but the test proved positive as far as visuals are concerned from this aspect.

This tells us that if a Rod was captured at the cave, and Mark, (the cameraman), zoomed the camera into the scene at maximum digital zoom, from one hundred feet away, that if the Rod was 100 feet away from the camera, and it 16 1/2" in length, and captured in one frame of video, that it could have been traveling at 100 to 136 mph.

However if the Rod was captured in five frames of video at 100 feet away and at full digital zoom, then it was traveling slower.



In all, this test gave us an indicator that Rods are not traveling in the thousands of miles per hour as perceived by us and others at the beginning of our videotaping them in 1994.

At the least we have somewhat realistic possible velocities of these things. I am desperately trying to get the funding for the Kodak Motion Analyzer cameras so that we can take them to the cave in Mexico, shoot in stereo and at frame speeds from 250 to 10,000 "real fps" so that we can get the data that accurately tells us what's going here.

I know that setting up two cameras side by side is not that expensive, but I want to cover all aspects and leave no stone unturned.

Bruce, I finally got the maps and coordinates of the cave that you requested I send you a year ago. Jim is making copies of all the information, maps, etc., and I will send this to you as soon as possible, along with the time, date and other information taken by Mark Lichtle in 1996, with the Rod that enters the shadows of the cave and the rest of the shots taken at that time period.

Continuing with the effort...

Jose Escamilla

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## Re: Guilt By Association?

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:11:50 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:08:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:13:58 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Guilt By Association?

>With the "Tent Footage" fully debunked by Tim and Phil, the  
>Alien Autopsy must also be fake/hoaxed/bogus purely because it  
>came from the same mill does it not?

>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who  
>believe the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who  
>think its fake hold your hands up.

Dear Sean:

My hand is up. I think its fake.

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Mother Shipton and Natural Abductions

From: Lawrie Williams <[nemesis@fastinternet.net.au](mailto:nemesis@fastinternet.net.au)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 22:03:54 +1000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:12:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mother Shipton and Natural Abductions

Here is a Mystery.

Lets take the worst case scenario, that the Prophecies of Mother Shipton are a hoax. Even if so, how did someone know more about abduction technology than most educated people know at the dawn of the 21stC?

Lawrie

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And before the race is built anew  
A silver serpent comes to view  
And spew out men of like unknown  
To mingle with the earth now grown  
Cold from its heat and these men can  
Enlighten the minds of future man.

To intermingle and show them how  
To live and love and thus endow  
The children with the second sight.  
A natural thing so that they might  
Grow graceful, humble and when they do  
The Golden Age will start anew.

The dragons tail is but a sign  
For mankinds fall and man's decline.  
And before this prophecy is done  
I shall be burned at the stake, at one  
My body singed and my soul set free  
You think I utter blasphemy  
You're wrong. These things have come to me  
This prophecy will come to be.

Mother Shipton

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## Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

From: **Fabrizio Monaco** <[F.Monaco@stm.it](mailto:F.Monaco@stm.it)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:58:49 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:17:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 05:39:46 +0100 (MET)  
>Subject: Government Planning To Protect Earth From Space Creatures  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>[List Only]

Hello all,

The question is: how can we fight against unknown viruses? We are talking about extraterrestrial microbes and i think that nobody had never seen or analyzed an extraterrestrial microbe before isn't it?

So how can US government claim to plan to protect earth from extraterrestrial microbes? What kind of microbes they expect? Protect earth from what? I think that if the government is planning this kind of protection is because they know something we do not.

Regards,

Fabrizio Monaco  
CISETI International Coordinator  
[f.monaco@stm.it](mailto:f.monaco@stm.it)

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## Re: UFO Communication?

From: **Cheyne Conrad** <[chyren23@q-net.net.au](mailto:chyren23@q-net.net.au)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 19:59:12 +0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:22:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:37:11 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>Dear Josh:

><snipped discussion on possible UFO com methods>

>"Telepathy", at least in the ESP sense does not appeal to me  
>for these purposes. The human brain simply doesn't have the  
>power ( watts ) the frequency nor the proper antennas.

Hi Larry...

Presumably we're not talking about 'human brains', here. We don't know much about the guys who 'pilot' these UFOs, but we're pretty sure they aren't human. Telepathy might be a very efficient and highly evolved communication method in some lifeforms, so efficient that they might not have ever needed 'primitive' technological methods, such as radio or laser.

C D Conrad

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Paranoia is simply a heightened state of awareness  
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## Sightings from Taree to Port Macquarie, Oz

From: Diane Harrison <[tkbnetw@fan.net.au](mailto:tkbnetw@fan.net.au)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 22:38:10 +1000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:27:10 -0500  
Subject: Sightings from Taree to Port Macquarie, Oz

The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia  
[tkbnetw@fan.net.au](mailto:tkbnetw@fan.net.au)

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UFO Australian Research Network Hot Line Number  
1800 77 22 88 Free Call  
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1800 callin 00032 to 00033  
Mass UFO Sightings from Taree to Port Macquarie,

Taree, Old Bar, Beach 8.03pm & 9.33pm  
Names not known.  
A groups of young people called the 1800 77 22 88 Hot line

1st Message: Voice: "very excited". 8.03pm  
Hi where at Old Bar and where watching at a lot of white lights  
in the Sky moving around in all directions "can some one come  
and have a look" sorry can't give you a phone number where at a  
phone box. END of first message.

2nd Message: Voice: "very excited and scared". 9.33pm  
Hi me again where looking at the lights and now their forming an  
ark of white light its beautiful, but where really scared we  
have to go "where leaving the beach".

Inquiry by phone Taree Police Station 11.00pm: Diane Harrison.  
I called the Taree Police station and told them I had 3 calls  
from a group of young people on the beach at Old Bar, whom where  
very scared. I asked the policeman if there had been any reports  
of strange things happening in their area tonight.

He said: "yes we have had quite a few phone calls from has far  
has Port Macquarie about orange balls of lights in the sky in  
the last few hours. I said: "What do you think it could be,  
could it be the RAAF doing manoeuvres out to sea.

He said: "yes that it was the RAAF dropping flare's.

Inquire by phone 11.15pm:  
William Town RAAF Base

I asked the lady who answered the phone: "Can you tell me if  
your doing any night manoeuvres tonight off the coast of Taree  
to Port Macquarie" She said: " One moment mam I will check the  
log"! NO mam we are not! then "she stated" "I have had another  
caller asking the same question."

I then called the Taree Police Station again around 11.25pm  
Police mans Voice: "Not warm has before" I said: That I had just  
called William Town RAAF base and they had told me they where  
not conducting any manoeuvres in the area. Police mans Voice:  
"Surprised and cool" He said: "It's hard to get any information  
out of the RAAF at the best of times." I said: "They didn't have  
a problem telling me, she even went and checked the log". I  
said: If any more calls come in could you please pass them on to  
the free call UFO hot Line. He said: "Free call" I said: "Yes  
the caller doesn't have to pay to report what they see it's

free. He took the number down. End

Now what did go on last night off the coast Taree and Port  
Macquarie did the Taree Police "call William Town" to check?  
:>) can anyone else find out more?

Skywatchers keep a watch tonight - they may be back :>)!

Regards Diane Harrison

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## Re: Confirmation of Robert Stephens

From: Patricia Mason <[pmason@ee.net](mailto:pmason@ee.net)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 07:49:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:29:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Confirmation of Robert Stephens

All:

I've been in contact with Larry Mauk  
<[Larry.Mauk-1@pp.ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:Larry.Mauk-1@pp.ksc.nasa.gov)>. He is a real person for God's  
sake. Mr. Gersten, you can verify this by going to

<http://x500.ksc.nasa.gov/x500.html>

and doing a search on Larry Mauk. Write him yourself - notice  
also that Mr. Mauk does have a NASA email address. I'm sure he  
will be happy to respond.

Pat

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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 09:17:48 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:35:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:14:13 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:49:13 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:57:52 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Previously, I had written:

>"My father worked for a local TV station on the remote crew for  
>the better part of 45 years. He told me often how police  
>officers or government officials had confiscated field tapes  
>from his unit minutes after taping had been completed on some  
>story. These guys would arrive out of nowhere in the field and  
>descend on my dad's news truck. Sometimes a reason was given,  
>sometimes not. In every instance, my father was warned not to  
>resist."

Dave replies:

>Now you imply they don't identify themselves, confiscate, and  
>basically do whatever they please without recourse.

I think you misunderstand. When I ask if you think these guys  
are going to politely identify themselves, I don't mean what  
organization they work for; that's useless without actual names.

According to my father, these guys did not always identify  
themselves by name; sometimes only the organization they worked  
for. Sometimes my father had to make an assumption about the  
organization based only on the flash of a badge or the fact that  
the person was wearing a police officers uniform. The few times  
they did give a name, it apparently turned out to be false or  
the individual could not be found within the ranks of the  
organization in question. The men may have been frauds, their  
identities hidden, or their affiliations kept secret, but their  
threats were very real. And that's the real point here.

Moving on, Dave offers:

>If you're not doing something  
>illegal you have no reason to fear the govmt and don't have to  
>tolerate illegal conduct by any govmt employee, local, state,  
>or federal.

I'm sorry, Dave, but I find this impossible to accept.

Here in Houston, a Hispanic man was recently shot 44 times in  
the back by 5 police officers at point blank range. One officer  
emptied his weapon and actually reloaded. The slain man was  
asleep and unarmed. An inquiry found no wrong doing even though  
the officers had no warrant and had busted into the guy's  
apartment.

On a minimal level, of the 4 traffic tickets I've ever received  
in my life, only one was correct; the others bogus. I tried to

fight them and lost. Why? Lack of proof.

I recently was involved in a small claims lawsuit where the judge refused to recuse himself over a conflict of interest. He had the courtroom cleared before discussing the matter with my attorney. BTW, there are no court reporters in small claims. So, again, lack of proof.

Further, the final judgement was altered and back dated by the judge to favor opposing council (his lawyer buddy) long after the judge's jurisdiction had expired. We could prove the conflicting dates but not the judge's involvement. Why? Lack of proof.

I could on and on about myself and others I know that received unfair treatment by law enforcement and the legal system and how we were left with no evidence to back up our claims, but what's the point? If you, personally, believe the government is honest then these things don't count.

Finally, Dave offered:

>We'll have to agree to disagree. The govmt is honest, although I  
>may feel some policies are misguided and wrong.

>Some employees on the other hand may not be honest. If they do  
>something illegal they SHOULD be fearful just like any other  
>individual operating illegally..

I think you are correct.

We will simply have to agree to disagree.

I do not feel the government is honest at all. Most of the employees probably are, but the decision makers and law enforcement groups are highly suspect in my book.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 09:00:39 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:38:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:13:58 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Guilt By Association?

<snip>

>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who believe  
>the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who think its  
>fake hold your hands up.

I'm holding up both hands because I still don't know if it is  
real or fake. I don't think Ray Santilli knows if it is real or  
fake, either.

Bob Shell

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## Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 14:22:17 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:40:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:51:54 EST  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:44:35 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

Hi Jim

>Sean, List and those short, big headed dudes....

Phew at least I'm tall so at least I'm half out of this group  
<G>.

>How did they say it on StarTrek? I grok?

Actually, the term "Grok" comes from Bob Hienlien's book  
"Stranger in a Strange Land". An epic tome that whilst written  
in the sixties is still a very good read.

>Well, I do. And at  
>the risk of repeating myself like a garlic and shallot sandwich,  
>it was Frank Herbert who wrote.... and I hope I got the quote  
>right, the book is not with me here in the North country where I  
>am tonight...

<snip>

>"Truth comes close to being the basis for all morality. Which is  
>profound thinking, when you understand just how unstable the  
>truth can be!"

>I was not referring to THE TRUTH, which has certainly not been  
>revealed to me. No. I was speaking of those who claim to have  
>truth and proclaim it as fact. Anyone who speaks ex-cathedra, as  
>some do in this venue, is insane, on Gripple or just plain  
>lying. And that is inexcusable.

>Thank you and (Hic) good night.

I think I got your gist, and I'm sorry if I misunderstood your  
original post. my only excuse is that I read your post late last  
night and the candles were burning quite low :-).

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>

UFO page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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## Firmage's Manuscript - The Word Is 'Marketing'

From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen@catlas.mv.com](mailto:christensen@catlas.mv.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:21:23 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:01:09 -0500  
Subject: Firmage's Manuscript - The Word Is 'Marketing'

Hello, List...

Anyone who has slogged through the 240+ pages of the "short version" of Firmage's compendium now knows that "The Word" is 'Marketing'.

Firmage did not become a zillionaire by being a dummy. He knows what is required to cut through the noise in the marketplace (especially the overhyped internet marketplace) and how far one needs to go to get attention. Thus, his clever, if somewhat overwrought, "pre-launch" announcement of his e-commerce website, due to begin operations "sometime next year." Indeed, this attention-garnering pre-launch appears to be the entire purpose of his current enterprise.

Firmage cleverly weaves together in his text elements of traditional religion, folklore, new-age ideas of various pedigrees, ufology, dramatic sightings and encounters, aliens and angels, pop culture, philosophy, millenarian zealotry and history (real and otherwise). There is nothing new here, either in the form or the content. Firmage offers tantalizing hints about his own mysterious "paranormal experience," while refusing

to characterize it as aliens, angels, ghosts, ascended masters, whatever -- while leaving open the interpretation to his readers. This is an old marketing ploy - let your tales be appropriately dramatic yet sufficiently vague so as to accommodate the needs, wishes and beliefs (whatever those may be) of your target market.

Only very late in the manuscript, and then only in passing, as if an afterthought, does Firmage mention his upcoming website launch. This is a masterful use of understatement, of making the

biggest psychological impression by whispering the real news while bellowing the hype to the rooftops.

By calling out all these fascinating pop-culture elements, and by visibly and noisily quitting his lucrative CEO job, Firmage has garnered an enormous amount of free publicity. Before this, he was a rich guy; now he is a rich celebrity, and, better yet, one wearing the aura of one of 'the chosen', endowed with some sort of special connection to 'higher knowledge' or 'higher spirituality'. This, of course, is veritable catnip to the upscale, affluent, technologically savvy but spiritually-yearning online buyers he is hoping to hook.

Firmage thinks he has a new idea: providing a "one-stop shopping" online commerce site where buyers can direct profits from their purchases to their favorite charities. (i-give and others are doing this already.) Time will tell if the hype, publicity and personal aura he has assumed will bring him success in this new venture. The stock market, the pundits, the talk-show hosts, etc., now know who he is. He is a personality, a celebrity, an enigma (if only self-defined). How many people trying to launch e-commerce sites can claim anywhere near that status and level of visibility? Very clever. Well, done, Mr. Firmage.

I am not criticizing Firmage's approach; from a marketing

standpoint it is masterful. But it would be a mistake to take this whole "WordIsTruth" phenomenon for more than it is: a clever, unusually elaborate (he's rich; he can afford it!) pre-launch for a website. Just remember: "The Word is Marketing."

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## Area 51 - The Alien Interview

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:02:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:57:54 -0500  
Subject: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

To Errol & List,

I would like to know the date when the special 'Area 51 - The Alien Interview' was aired. A friend of mine who works in the mining industry was given a really good copy of it, and in turn, allowed me to make one for myself.

Thanks for your help.

Michel M. Deschamps  
UFO Researcher/Historian

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From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 13:52:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 13:52:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Area 51 - The Alien Interview  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:02:51 -0500

>To Errol & List,

>I would like to know the date when the special 'Area 51 - The  
>Alien Interview' was aired.

Michel,

A trip to The UpDates Archive (There are almost 16,000 posts to  
UpDates there - URL below) and use of the search engine produced  
the following - and anyone can do it <VBG>:

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Area 51 Film On 'Strange Universe' - 04-14-97

From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 1997 21:12:54 +0200  
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Apr 1997 15:58:00 -0400  
Subject: Area 51 Film On 'Strange Universe' - 04-14-97

'Strange Universe' Devotes Entire Show on Monday, April 14 to Exclusive  
Sneak Preview of Alien Interview Smuggled From Area 51

LOS ANGELES, April 10 /PRNewswire/ -- On Monday, April 14, "Strange  
Universe" will broadcast an exclusive sneak preview of allegedly  
smuggled footage from Area 51 of an alien interview. The footage is so  
extraordinary that, for the first time since the launch of "Strange  
Universe," an entire program will be devoted to a single topic.

Close encounter witnesses Whitley Strieber, Steve Neill, Jesse Long and  
Alice Leavy viewed the footage and are interviewed as part of this  
special program.

This "Strange Universe" exclusive will feature video from a six minute  
piece of footage smuggled out of Area 51 by a mysterious person known  
only as "Victor." Victor claims that he had "occasion to be there" and  
took this while the entire contents of a massive series of interviews  
with a number of alien creatures was being downloaded from video to  
analog.

This video purports to be of an alien creature being filmed through a  
one way mirror and being questioned by a U.S. General and a telepathic  
aide.

Renee Barnett, "Strange Universe" director of research, stated, "I had  
heard rumors about this video a few months ago but it was only this

week that we were able to obtain the right to broadcast a limited segment of this extraordinary alien interview."

Famed author Whitley Strieber who wrote about his close encounter experiences in the book, "Communion," (made into a motion picture starring Christopher Walken) stated, "There are things about this footage that are particularly striking. Some of the least known features reported by witnesses are presented here. If this tape is not authentic, then it must have been made by people with very special inside knowledge."

Area 51 is alleged to be a top secret military installation in Nevada. Until recently, the U.S. government denied that this underground base even existed. Some believe that Area 51 is the center of the U.S. government's clandestine UFO research.

"Strange Universe" is a syndicated half-hour daily newsmagazine produced by Chris-Craft/United Television and distributed by RYSHER Entertainment. SOURCE RYSHER Entertainment

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## Sagan On The Pyramids of Elysium, Mars

From: Kent Steadman <[Phikent@aol.com](mailto:Phikent@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 13:08:41 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 14:56:00 -0500  
Subject: Sagan On The Pyramids of Elysium, Mars

ORBIT: The Pyramids of Elysium, Mars  
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<http://members.aol.com/phikent/orbit/orbit.html>  
Kent Steadman, Editor

Behold the ancient Martian island, Elysium, perhaps the true Atlantis.

Carl Sagan, in his very popular (1980) TV series, 'Cosmos', showed pictures of "The pyramids of Elysium" taken by the Mariner 9 mapping of Mars in 1972. This picture is reproduced on page 129 of his book, Cosmos; and on page 130 he has the following footnote about these Elysium pyramids:

"The largest are 3 kilometers across at the base, and 1 kilometer high -- much larger than the pyramids of Sumer, Egypt or Mexico on Earth. They seem eroded and ancient, and are, perhaps, only small mountains, sandblasted for ages. But they warrant, I think, a careful look." [Sagan]

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## A Book Of 1999? 'UFO Revelation!'

From: **Tim Matthews** <[matthews@zetnet.co.uk](mailto:matthews@zetnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 21 Feb 1999 05:32:55 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:26:57 -0500  
Subject: A Book Of 1999? 'UFO Revelation!'

[He of the computer with the creeping clock/calendar --ebk]

!NEWSFLASH!!

On January 22nd 1999 the first copies of my book "UFO Revelation - The Secret Technology Exposed?" will be made available for review. The official publication date is February 18th 1999. US readers should be able to order their copies through their local bookstore, amazon.com or via Sterling in New York.

Despite the many attempts to attack both myself and my research this book is the first to approach the question of secret military aircraft from a ufological point of view. It pulls no punches and provides a credible, factual and detailed overview of the many secret aviation technologies whose roots can be traced back to the 1930s.

There is much fully-referenced and new information in "UFO Revelation " relating to flying disc programmes, current developments in Britain, Europe and the USA.

The book is over 240 pages in length and should be available in most good bookshops. It will also be available at the big Southport UFO Conference in February. Review copies should be requested from the publicity department at Blandford in London. Tel; Karen McCarthy at Blandford; UK (0171) 420 5594 for more information.

Although this research is not popular with either 'skeptics' or 'believers' we are now moving past this rather stale perspective and towards uncovering further truths about classified disipline projects undertaken by the US Navy and US Air Force from the earliest days of the postwar period. Approximately 1,000 pages of FOIA material should be available within the next few months although it will take time to examine these in detail.

This is an exciting time for ufology and I hope that you will consider getting hold of a copy of the book. It should prove invaluable in your quest for the truth about UFOs.....

Thanks,

Tim Matthews - Lancashire UFO Society/British UFO Studies Centre.

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## Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 14:44:54 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:40:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:46:16 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 10:31:02 -0500  
>Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 22:52:26 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

Previously, I had offered the following in regard to Stephens claim of receiving 600 messages a day in support of his position:

>>Your lack of familiarity with celestial mechanics was bad  
>>enough, but simple math dictates that 600 messages a day would  
>>add up to 4,200 messages a week. Even if you limited yourself to  
>>only one minute per message, it would require 70 hours a week to  
>>read them all.

Stephens response:

>My staff and ISP and extra server seems to do just fine. I have  
>a job. I mentioned nothing about celestial mechanics. However,  
>I am correct in mails about orbital mechanics. Perhaps, like  
>Bell, you've become confused. That is okay.

Are you telling us that you have a staff just to read your "fan mail"? How many people do you employ? Who are they? How long have they worked for you? Better yet, why don't you forward all 4,200 pieces of mail supporting your position to Updates? I'm sure we'd all like to read them.

(What do you say, ebk?)

[What do you mean we Kemo Sabe? Better just to your mail-box - I'll accept your word on the number --ebk]

Moving on, are you saying that your previous assertions regarding the moon's orbit is correct? Please explain specifically what you mean.

Roger Evans

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## Re: UFO Communication?

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 14:38:21 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:38:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:37:11 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:10:51 -0500  
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 00:57:41 -0800  
>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: UFO Communication?

>>Fellow UpDates subscribers,

>>All the past discussion of SETI and alien communication has  
>>brought me to pose a question. How do UFOs communicate?

>Dear Josh:

>That is a highly interesting question, one I have pondered for  
>a long time.

<snip>

>Suppose they are indeed able to manipulate gravity .. perhaps  
>creating artificial gravity waves. What a neat way to send  
>messages! That's only one possibility.

<snip>

>This does not preclude the use of "older" technology ( radio,  
>microwave, lasers .. ) if and when they are more appropriate;  
>but I suggest that they would not rely on these media .. if only  
>to prevent us from listening in.

>>If the flying triangles are terrestrial in origin I assume we  
>>would be able to detect many scrambled radio messages.

>>Why don't we? [Josh]

>That's another interesting line of inquiry. If the FTs are some  
>advanced military technology, they should at least send out  
>conventional signals which should be detectable, if not  
>readable.

Larry, Josh:

Nowadays, even common military radio communications requiring  
secrecy is digital and employs fast (many times a second)  
frequency-changing techniques which make interception very  
difficult, even though the messages may be "uncoded", in a  
traditional way. Add to this the fact that hypothetical ETs  
would be unlikely to use any Earth-based language and they would  
not be limited to certain "Internationally agreed-upon" military  
frequencies. Such a system, if cleverly designed, with fast  
computer logic might be able to remain unknown, and yet use  
things like radio.

Bob Young

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## Disinformation

From: John Rimmer <[magonia@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:magonia@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 19:26:36 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:40:00 -0500  
Subject: Disinformation

After reading recent postings about the Alien Autopsy and a few other topics, I offer the following definition for the Ufologists' Dictionary:

Disinformation: a hoax perpetrated on a ufologist who thinks he's so smart that it takes the resources of an entire government to fool him.

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John Rimmer Magonia Magazine, a division of the P.L.A. Driftwood International Cartel (Disinformation and Mayhem Division)  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

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### Re: Guilt By Association?

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 15:20:40 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:43:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:13:58 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:41:39 -0500  
>Subject: Guilt By Association?

Previously, Sean had written:

>As far as I know, ( I will stand corrected if someone can show  
>me the evidence) the actual Alien Autopsy film has stood up to  
>all the scrutiny but due to the extremely dubious way it was  
>made public was immediately frowned upon by many big names in  
>Ufology (capital U?). So straight away the smoking gun was cast  
>into shadow.

Hi Sean,

To my knowledge, there is no "smoking gun" in regard to the AA film. Why? Because the only smoking gun would be the original AA film, itself. Santilli flat refuses to release this for examination by Bob Shell and other qualified professionals that could bolster Santilli's claim. This makes no sense and accounts for "the extremely dubious way it was made public". Obviously, this information SHOULD be taken into account when deciding the validity of the AA footage and Santilli's claims, since Santilli offers nothing else to judge him by.

And let's be clear about this:

This isn't a case like the mysterious Dr Reed where the 'alien body' was stolen from his home. This isn't the flying saucer that got away before it could be photographed. This isn't a case of abduction where you only have the victim's faint memories to build a story.

Santilli has the actual film in his possession, so there's no excuse.

Regarding the footage itself; I think it's a joke. I've said so in many postings on this list and have outlined exactly why I believe it to be fake. Are my opinions "proof"? No, they're not. On the other hand, I'm not required to provide proof, Santilli is. The fact that he won't even take steps within his power to help himself is, in fact, "evidence" that chips away at the "scrutiny" you mention above.

Finally, Sean asked:

>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who believe  
>the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who think its  
>fake hold your hands up.

I do not believe the AA footage is fake simply because the tent footage is known to be fake. The AA footage should be considered fake until Santilli offers the proof that only he has in his possession.

Roger Evans

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 13:19:36 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:49:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:27:49 -0600  
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>No sir -- you did not. You trotted out the old, and very  
>competently discredited, NASA excuse.

>>On four radio shows and in 9 email posts-detailed dissertations.  
>>STS-48, STS-80, = frozen ejecta from on orbit vehicles.

>. . . And Dr. Haines, Dr. Kasher, and (I believe) Stanton  
>Friedman reduced your "frozen ejecta" to bull ejecta. Moreover,  
>your "9 email posts-detailed dissertations" detailed bupkus. Who  
>are you, really?

Had you paid any attention at any time, I stated catagorically I would bring the whole tape of STS-48 and 80 to the U and Omaha to any of these 'experts' an challenge their 10 dollar per book ripoff analysis, for free, and show them what they are seeing. They refused. At least with Kasher's school.

I'll challenge anyone with the color tape of the full sequence. I see this stuff everyday. If you want UFOs, fine---UFOS in the mission tapes everywhere. Great. What could that crazy NASA know.

You are as the rest. See whatever you like in the fuzzy B & W tape. Its hopeless anyway. Dr. Kasher and rest are welcome to distort reality all they wish. They are the problem then, not I or NASA. I have a right to make that claim as much as you 'want' to see UFOs in the mission tapes. I say you're in error. You call me names. Super. Get the color tapes from JSC and then you decide.

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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: "Bob Shell" <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 15:33:06 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:53:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 09:17:48 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>From: Dave Vetterick <[veterick@ix.netcom.com](mailto:veterick@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:14:13 -0600  
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:49:13 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:57:52 +0000  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Previously, I had written:

>  
>>"My father worked for a local TV station on the remote crew for  
>>the better part of 45 years. He told me often how police  
>>officers or government officials had confiscated field tapes  
>>from his unit minutes after taping had been completed on some  
>>story. These guys would arrive out of nowhere in the field and  
>>descend on my dad's news truck. Sometimes a reason was given,  
>>sometimes not. In every instance, my father was warned not to  
>>resist."

Roger,

My father was a TV newsman until he retired. He signed on the very first TV station in this area and was there nearly 40 years. Before that he was in Radio. He had the courage to cover the UFO flaps in Wytheville, Virginia, just down the road from here and went from skeptic to believer from interviewing ordinary people who had very extra-ordinary experiences.

He was the newsman who dug up and broke the Frances Gary Powers story when the Soviets shot him down in a U2 spy plane, and he covered many other sensitive stories over the years.

I asked him about this story of yours and he said "Bull\*\*\*t!"

Bob

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## Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 18:21:56 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:57:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>From: Sharon Kardol <[sharon@hotmix.com.au](mailto:sharon@hotmix.com.au)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 18:09:37 +0800

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:44:35 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

Hi Sharon

>Mr Jones (Sean, if you will),

Sean's ok :-)

>I was just curious how you could believe in God without being  
>religious? I always thought they were synonymous with each  
>other.

Er, no. It's a bit like bacon and eggs. One assumes that one goes with the other, visa versa, but the fact is belief in Christ is faith, religion is what the moron's (or is that mormons? <g>) have added to it.

>Wouldn't you say it's not religion that has caused strife, but  
>the morons (oh, I mean people) who interpret it "in their  
>belief" to defend their "God" anyway possible? Surely the image  
>of religion has suffered (as everything in history does) at the  
>destructive hands of selfish humans.

The image of strife is twofold. One the Crusades, that should speak volumes for human stupidity. Two, The Roman Catholic Church. How on earth (please excuse the pun) can the church have so much money yet many thousands of its patrons are literally starving. Massive injustice/imbalance there if you ask me.

Yes I see your point about it being the people involved, not actually the religion but if you ask me you get nutters in every walk of life, hey look at Ufology. But with the church, the religious nutters always seem to be welcomed with open arms.

>I don't want to get into a long drawn out unwinnable arguement  
>with anyone, just curious of your opinion.

Long drawn out replies r us :-) NOT!

Seriously, I would never force my opinion on beliefs in whatever down anyone's throat, but I do like to make it clear, occasionally, my position.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.  
Sean Jones

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Subject: Re: UFO Communication

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 19:59:12 +0800  
>From: Cheyne Conrad <[chyren23@q-net.net.au](mailto:chyren23@q-net.net.au)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>>Dear Josh:

>><snipped discussion on possible UFO com methods>

>>"Telepathy", at least in the ESP sense does not appeal to me  
>>for these purposes. The human brain simply doesn't have the  
>>power ( watts ) the frequency nor the proper antennas.

>Presumably we're not talking about 'human brains', here. We  
>don't know much about the guys who 'pilot' these UFOs, but  
>we're pretty sure they aren't human.

Yes.

>Telepathy might be a very  
>efficient and highly evolved communication method in some  
>lifeforms, so efficient that they might not have ever needed  
>'primitive' technological methods, such as radio or laser.

>C D Conrad

Dear CDC:

I could see an intelligent underwater species sending all sorts  
of "telepathic" signals over short distances via the water  
itself! For all we know, some Earth creatures do something  
analogous already.

I merely wanted to set aside the mystical or spiritualistic  
sorts of communication sometimes suggested by those so inclined.

None of this removes the possibility of a technology which might  
be able to send "thoughts" or words directly into the auditory  
or visual cortices of living beings .. bypassing the ears and  
eyes.

I once read of profoundly deaf people who could perceive sounds  
via high voltage probes attached to the foot and the head,  
modulated by a specialized audio amplifier. Apparently it  
excited what was left of the auditory nervous system.

Still, for distance communication (anything more than a few  
meters say) something analogous to, but different from radio,  
microwave or laser communication would seem to be the best bet  
to me at least.

Best regards

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Dave Ledger <[dledger@cableinet.co.uk](mailto:dledger@cableinet.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 22:36:07 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:05:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:27:49 -0600  
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 17:32:35 +0000  
>>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:17:09 -0600  
>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>><snip>

>>>Perhaps (?) -- but I would find your arguments more compellingly  
>>>convincing if you would refrain from your encopric and  
>>>unsettling digressions, for a moment, and answer those questions  
>>>a few of us had regarding STS-48. <g>.

>>I did.

>No sir -- you did not. You trotted out the old, and very  
>competently discredited, NASA excuse.

>>On four radio shows and in 9 email posts-detailed dissertations.  
>>STS-48, STS-80, = frozen ejecta from on orbit vehicles.

>. . . And Dr. Haines, Dr. Kasher, and (I believe) Stanton  
>Friedman reduced your "frozen ejecta" to bull ejecta. Moreover,  
>your "9 email posts-detailed dissertations" detailed bupkus. Who  
>are you, really?

>[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

Dear Errol, Alfred, R.A.M.S and listmembers,

I have to agree with Alfred Lehmborg in the fact that Mr Stephens did not and has not, answered all of the earlier relevant questions relating to the anomalies in the STS shuttle missions.

With Errols kind permission, I would like to repost some earlier questions posed to Mr Stephens in the hope that we may get a suitable detailed answer this time and not the usual predictable answers we have all heard before. It seems to me after reading Stephens's numerous posts to the List, that he seems pre-occupied with retaliating to the likes of Richard Hoagland and Art Bell etc. Why not address the serious issues worthy of further research instead and cut out this pointless cat and mouse game you seem to be playing with the List?

I would appreciate any response you may be able to provide Mr Stephens, seeing as you are the one who claims to have all of the inside knowledge etc. There are still too many questions left unanswered relating to the Shuttle missions but you expect us all to swallow your less than believable "frozen ejecta from

on orbit vehicles" explanation without any decent information to back up these facts.

My previous questions posed to you follow below and I would appreciate a little feedback this time if possible, or are you simply more concerned with playing childish games with the likes of Art Bell and Hoagland etc which will do nothing to further any serious interest in the subject.

>Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>wrote:

>6. STS-48 and STS-80: That the questions posed regarding these >two mission profiles is, in fact, ejecta from the orbiter >spacecraft-(space shuttle), not UFOs hovering in the vicinity.

Mr Stephens, After reading your response to the above questions regarding STS-48 and STS-80 missions. I find your explanation very hard to agree with and it seems to fall far short of a rational explanation. I am certainly no expert in this matter which must be said but I have a few problems with your casual dismissal of the Shuttle mission films which I will try to explain.

First and foremost, I fail to see how you can possibly put all of the anomalous objects, clearly seen in the STS-80 footage, down to waste ejections from the shuttle and such-like. This is absurd! One of the objects in the footage seems to be very large (main object) and does not behave in a manner consistent with space junk or Ice. This large object appears to be under some kind of intelligent control at least from what I can see. At one point it seems that there are two additional objects which seem to be on intercept/rendezvous type courses toward the large main anomaly. (Space Junk?) Also if it is indeed space junk and ejected waste etc, why do all the objects seem to move at different speeds? Are they all caught in different thruster blasts of different strengths? from different directions? Perhaps you can clarify this point for me.

>That, in full view, RCS motor firing for 1.2 seconds >(approximately) on the side of the orbiter is the apparent, >misinterpreted observation of something, a ray, being fired from >Earth's surface.

Ok, I take it this is the STS-48 mission we are talking about here. My problem with this is that the alleged RCS motor firing, (flash in bottom left corner of screen on clip) fires at a particular angle, (say towards 1 o'clock) if that is what is in the clip as you say. If this is indeed the case, then why does the anomalous object leave the shot at a totally different angle than that of the alleged thruster blast? (approximately 2-3 o'clock) Surely if it was the thrust moving the ice/junk whatever, the anomaly would have been blown in a similar path to the alleged jet blast from the shuttle. The direction that the anomaly leaves the shot from, suggests some kind of resistance to the alleged thruster blast direction. Can space junk and Ice do this?

Secondly, the anomalous object was also observed to change its track again a second time, further out from Earth, which seems to kick the RCS motor explanation into touch as far as I can determine anyway.

Thirdly, when you touched upon the Shuttle missions in your post, you did not even acknowledge the fact that there was more than one anomalous episode connected to the STS-48 shuttle mission. About 6 was it?

Also what was the anomalous object recorded on film, leaving Earth at a high velocity on the STS-80 mission? Too many relevant questions left unanswered I think. What I can tell you without being an expert in this field is that this particular incident was definitely NOT Ice or Ejecta', so what was it?

Well, that's it for now. I hope that you may respond so that we may possibly put the anomalous Shuttle mission footage to rest once and for all. I am sure that I am not alone when I say we would love to hear more about the anomalous NASA shuttle footage in question.

Thanks for your time Mr Stephens, That is if you care to respond this time!

All the best to the list,

Sincerely

Dave Ledger (UFO Scotland)

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If you see someone without a smile....give them one of yours :)  
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<http://wkweb5.cablenet.co.uk/dledger/index.htm>  
UFO Scotland.  
ICQ pager <http://wpp.mirabilis.com/4851425>  
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THE TRUTH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!.....BUT HOW FAR?  
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"The sands of time are trickling away from our dear mother Earth  
and yet we continue to fight amongst ourselves and destroy our  
natural environment, leaving all the mess for our children and  
their children's children to inherit when we're gone."

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## Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 19:07:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:09:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 15:52:32 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 10:30:55 -0500  
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 13:05:08 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: 'Rods' - On The Learning Channel

>>>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 1999 11:02:28 +0000  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>>>From: Jose Escamilla <[rods@rmi.net](mailto:rods@rmi.net)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 13:15:46 +0300  
>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jan 1999 15:57:23 >>annel>

Thanks for the message....

>Previously, Bruce wrote:

and, sorry for....

<snip>

>>Jose says his big test was to use the electronic zoom to zoom in  
>>on the central section of a 6 ft long section of the ribbon  
>>(marked by black lines?) from a distance of 100 ft. The angle  
>>between the 6 ft marker was  $\tan^{-1}(.06) = 3.4$  degrees. His zoom  
>>may have restricted the field of view even more. At any rate, he  
>>would get the bolt in only 1 frame.

>Hey! I guessed right!<g>

Yup

>>His test showed overall  
>>blur...perhaps not surprising. It should be compared with the  
>>blur of the ribbon image. However, in any case, the motion smear  
>>of the bolt was only about 1% of its length so any noticeable  
>>blur was due to the camera/optical system and not the motion.>

>Hi Bruce,

>I could be wrong, but I think Jose implied that he was using the  
>digital (as opposed to optical) zoom for maximum magnification.  
>Would such "false" enhancement of the image size affect your  
>calculations?

>Just curious....

Shouldn't make any difference in th calculations of how large  
the image should be due to motion smear (about 1% longer than  
its size when there was no motion). It was my impression that  
the test here really was of the digital zoom....would it work  
the way an optical zoom would?

Of course the digital zoom is "cursed" by the digitization which sets a "minimum resolvable size" (pixel) at the focal plane. This could explain why the zoomed image was (apparently) blurred all around. (Looked at carefully I expect the edges of the image actually would have looked "blockish" or "pixelized"..... made up of small square areas, each being an image pixel.

No doubt about it: optical zoom is superior (if the optics are good).

Note for the interested: use your paint program of any version and look at a .bmp or .gif or some other format picture. When the picture completely fits on the screen it looks "good." The pixels are too small to be (easily) resolved by the (typical) eyeball. No start blowing it up (use the "magnifying glass:" symbol or the zoom). With enough blowup you will eventually see that the picture is made up of square areas and within each area the color and brightness are constant. The color and brightness will change from one area to the next at the edges of objects. This zoom done on the computer is comparable to the electronic zoom in videocameras.

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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: **Ed Fouche** <[fouche@connecti.com](mailto:fouche@connecti.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 19:12:21 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:12:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 11:20:16 -0800  
>From: Susan Watson <[susanwatson@earthlink.net](mailto:susanwatson@earthlink.net)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>[Non Subscriber Post]

>I have been following the postings on this thread with great  
>interest as I am the daughter of the referred-to officer. My  
>brother and I did not know the specific details of our Dad's  
>duties when we were young, but as all children do we heard and  
>observed what transpired within our home. It was not until later  
>in our lives that we became fully aware of the depth of his  
>involvement.

My hat is off to you and your father.

Well stated Susan!

Edgar Fouche  
Web: <http://fouchemedia.com>

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## Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

From: Michael Christol <[mchristo@mindspring.com](mailto:mchristo@mindspring.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 19:34:09 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:15:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:46:16 +0000  
>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>I am not aware of a problem at this time. I do not lie except to  
>call my myself a fraud only to find that others have taken to  
>task this and have found I am not a fraud.

First of all, let me say, that I have stayed out of this thing since you made your first posts. I know that there are always those "vultures" who sit atop dead tree limbs, and "wait" for their victim to come along, so they can pounce on them for a free meal...

Well sir, If I can believe what I have been reading lately, you have turned the tables on the "vultures," and have actually devoured them...<G>

I am not trying to "suck up," but I would like to know more about you, if you are up to sharing it...and if you wish to do so, off the mail list, it will be fine.

I don't know if you have followed any of the threads I have posted on or not, but some of them were pretty weak, from my knowledge expression viewpoint...<g> In other words, some of the time I was ill prepared to make such a post and should have thought it out better. But, I contend that my basic premis's were correct. However, I will not argue the case with anyone. They are entitled to view reality in their own way...

>I've never had professional help. However, with this culture  
>online I feel this is a very strong possibility.

Ha, ha, ha...I like that...We are talking to the Politically Correct Intellectualistic yuppies in this mail list, for the most part. Don't get me wrong...There are some very good people in here, and they know who they are...but then there is the other group, mentioned above as well...I doubt they know who they are...ha, ha, ha..

>I fail to make the correlation that I am a 'dude'. I do not  
>dress in formal attire, generally.

You sound like an outdoorsman...also like Stephen Spielberg or in the same mold..theoretically speaking.... ;-)

REgards, Mike

<http://www.mindspring.net/~mchristo/>

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## Israeli UFO Explosion - It's The Real Thing

From: **Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:34:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:34:36 -0500  
Subject: Israeli UFO Explosion - It's The Real Thing

### SIGHTINGS

Israeli Mid-Air UFO Explosion Analyzed - It's The Real Thing  
by Barry Chamish  
<[chamish@netvision.net.il](mailto:chamish@netvision.net.il)>

1-20-99

Last month I reported that I had acquired a video copy of a mid-air UFO explosion over the Israeli city of Rosh Haayin. I wrote that my impression was the video captured a profoundly important moment: the first mid-air UFO collision ever recorded. I requested that experts analyze the film scientifically. Within a day, Dwight Connelly of MUFON committed himself to having the video analyzed. The video is a compilation of two UFO events recorded by Spasso Maximovitch in 1995 and 1996. I sent Dwight both clips and he passed them on to MUFON's video expert Jeff Sainio for computer analysis. The following is his report. I will not comment on his conclusions. Jeff has no need of my analysis of his analysis. Let's just sum matters up like this: It's The Real Thing. Added to Israel's list of UFO firsts, is the first mid-air explosion between two unexplained aerial craft ever captured on videotape or any other media. Several film and TV producers asked me to release the clip for their programs but I had to turn them down. I am prevented by a copyright problem from reproducing the film, though I am permitted to display my copy. I am seeking a conference to premiere this remarkable event. In the meantime, I will publish MUFON's full report on <http://members.tripod.com/~ufoisrael>.

### TEXT OF THE MUFON REPORT:

Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 23:39:44 -0800  
From: Jeff Sainio <[jsainio@execpc.com](mailto:jsainio@execpc.com)>  
Reply-To: [jsainio@qgraph.com](mailto:jsainio@qgraph.com)  
To: [chamish@netvision.net.il](mailto:chamish@netvision.net.il)  
Subject: my report

I left out the stills from the video, as you've already seen them. The paper copy has already been sent.

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Events as reported to me from Barry Chamish

([chamish@netvision.net.il](mailto:chamish@netvision.net.il)): `On 28/9/95, Spasso Maximovitch noticed an unexplainable object in the skies over Rosh Haayin in central Israel. He grabbed his video camera and captured a silvery, glowing object become, two, three and then four fiery orbs, in a near square formation, over a wide expanse of the northwestern sky. After this incident, Mr. Maximovitch became a constant skywatcher. His diligence was rewarded on 24/6/96 when a similar silvery orb appeared in the lower western sky. He trained his video camera on the orb... And then a glowing white oval-shaped object appeared some 20 degrees west of the object and streaked toward it at high speed. Within three seconds it struck the stationary orb, causing a huge explosion in the sky which must have destroyed both objects. Stunned, Maximovitch stopped filming immediately after capturing the explosion.`

The submitted video, which was in PAL format, was converted to NTSC format. It shows several events; a group of lights, one apparently dropped from another (the dropping is seen in the stills marked 28/9/1995 and 3:27:33); a stationary light which is apparently struck by a moving light, and a triangle of lights. The group of lights is interesting, but I could find no basis for investigating any form of anomalousness. The triangle of lights has no reference objects to indicate what or where it is.

The stationary light was much more interesting. Various lights, probably streetlights, in the video were used as reference objects, and showed that the light was stationary over some 30 seconds. An approaching airplane's landing lights will appear stationary, although motionlessness over this length of time seems unusual.

A vertical tower structure, apparently made of girders, is near the light. Some horizontal structure is atop the structure. It was not sufficiently defined for continuous measurements to be made from it.

Another bright object appears to the left and slightly below the stationary object. In 2.9 seconds, it moves toward the stationary object, apparently hitting and exploding. In 1/4 second, the explosion disappears with no trace of either object. The 5-frame sequence to the right illustrates the sequence.

The bright object can be seen to move between the girders of the vertical structure. This is useful in determining the relative size of the moving light. (The size of the light as seen on the video, is misleading; it is presumably much smaller than what is seen, due to extreme overexposure and glare.) The light disappears or reappears completely 6 times; in 3, the change is abrupt; completely bright-to-dark or vice versa. In the other 3, the change is gradual, with a frame showing partial brightness. What can be learned from this? One must remember that the video is a sequence of 1/50 second time exposures. Assume the light is small, and that the moving object has only one light. If by chance, the disappearance coincides with the period between exposures, an abrupt disappearance will be seen. A large light, or several lights horizontally separated, will never disappear abruptly while moving slowly. Since 6 occurrences form a useful population of samples, the moving light can reliably be said to be quite small. This probably eliminates the flame from a missile as a source.

Although the vertical structure was not a reliable reference object, the two lights' relative position could be measured. Over 500 measurements of the two lights' position were made. The graph at right shows the distance between the 2 lights. Breaks in the data line are due to unreliable data from camera motion or the moving light going behind the girders. Reference straight lines show constant speed. The slopes of the lines show that the moving light spent about a second at some speed, then sped up about 16% before the collision. The 16% is not due to a zoom change; the tower is sufficiently visible to verify that its size does not appreciably change. Although the graph shows noise and missing data, the acceleration certainly occurred in under a second. No reasonable object I know of is capable of a 16% acceleration in a second.

When the 2 objects apparently collide and explode, the apparent size of the light expands by a factor of roughly 2.5; this does not appear to be due to overexposure, but is the real size of the object. The last 2 frames of the video are NOT overexposed,

but diffuse; since overexposure is not involved, this indicates the actual size of the explosion is shown. The real increase in size of the bright area is certainly much larger than 2.5. In the video the explosion moves downward; this is probably due to camera motion of the startled videographer; the reference tower is too smeared to verify this conclusion.

The explosion is not due to any conventional method I am familiar with; conventional, large explosions require much more than 1/4 second to disappear, and usually generate flaming debris that falls from the explosion. Neither characteristic is seen here.

The acceleration, light size, and explosion are not explainable in any convention way that I know of, and this case remains unidentified.

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From: Patricia Mason <[pmason@ee.net](mailto:pmason@ee.net)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 20:35:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:39:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

>From: Fabrizio Monaco <[F.Monaco@stm.it](mailto:F.Monaco@stm.it)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:58:49 +0100  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:17:40 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

>So how can US government claim to plan to protect earth  
>from extraterrestrial microbes?

A good source of information is the Astrobiology Web

<http://www2.astrobiology.com/astro/protection.html>

NASA has been working on the problem for years as far as bringing back samples is concerned. What they are doing about possible alien implants being removed from people who are already here is anybody's guess. See also the links listed below and good luck finding anything about UFOs!

NASA's Exobiology Branch:

<http://www-space.arc.nasa.gov/ssx/ssx.html>

"The Exobiology Branch conducts research in Exobiology seeking to increase our knowledge of the origin, evolution, and distribution of life in the universe."

NASA Astrobiology Institute:

<http://weboflife.arc.nasa.gov:8080/nai/index.html>

"Astrobiology is the study of life in the universe. This cross-disciplinary field addresses many fundamental questions concerning the origin, distribution, and future of life in the universe. As we approach the new millennium, we find that many of these questions are within our reach, and important new insights are likely to result as space-age technology is applied to biological research. The Astrobiology Institute represents one of several NASA initiatives in astrobiology, with a special charter to develop new institutional relationships that will nurture and promote astrobiology research and training into the future."

The site has a forum and an Ask an Astrobiologist page. That could be fun, eh? I find it very interesting that on the links page is a link to The National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS)

<http://www.accessnv.com/nids>

No mention of UFOs but a link to NIDS. What does that mean?

Search NASA:

<http://www.nasa.gov/search/index.html>

"Search the NASA web from one place! This new service allows you

Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

to easily search through hundreds of thousands of documents  
published on NASA web sites."

Pat

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## 'Military Insider' Claims He Saw Humanoids And

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:42:08 -0500  
Subject: 'Military Insider' Claims He Saw Humanoids And

Source: The current issue of Flying Saucer Review  
(Vol 43 No.3),

<http://www.corpex.com/users/archmage/fsr/fsrart35.htm>

Stig

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A Major Secret: A Member Of The U.S. Armed Forces  
Tells Of "Chupacabras" And Humanoids Captured In  
1960.

By Jorge Mart=EDn,  
Editor of EVIDENCIA OVNI, and FSRConsultant.

Translation from Spanish by Gordon Creighton  
from EVIDENCIA OVNI No. 10, 1996.

Confidential Revelations From A Former Member Of A  
Top-Secret U.S. Army Unit Specialising In Recovery Of  
Ufo'S And Capture Of Alien Entities.

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[In a recent issue, FSR 43/1, I gave an article by Jorge Mart=EDn  
relating the top-secret revelations of an American Army Officer.  
(Operation Curtain: Joint Military Exercises with Aliens?) It is  
evident that Se=Flor Mart=EDn has very good contacts in these  
important military quarters, and here is another report, from a  
different U.S. Army Officer, that will also give you plenty to  
think about! -Editor of FSR.]

We were recently contacted confidentially by a source who at  
present still prefers to remain "anonymous" for reasons relating  
to his own security, and who gave us certain information  
apparently linking the mysterious "chupacabras", now plaguing  
Puerto Rico, with...Roswell! This person approached us after  
hearing one of our radio programmes on the Notiuno Channel at  
10.30 pm on Thursdays.

Employing the pseudonym of "Don Ernesto", this U.S. Officer,  
now aged 70, offered to tell us what he knew about the  
"chupacabras", which he says are linked with the UFO Phenomenon,  
but -so he claims- are not offensive towards humans!

Initially he was extremely cautious in his approach, emphasising  
that he had worked for U.S. Intelligence in very delicate and  
classified matters, and that, were his contact with us  
discovered, he would be "likely to face very difficult and  
dangerous moments."

Finally, however, after considerable indirect contact, we were  
able to meet with him in a public place in our capital, San  
Juan, where our respective credentials might be exchanged, and  
his revelations to us might begin.

Speaking with very great care, and carefully choosing his words,  
he was able to satisfy us as to his identity, and also as the

nature of his past services.

He began as follows: "I=92ve been listening to your programmes for quite some time, and I can see that you are a brave man, for there is a lot of danger in all this UFO business, and I see that you are the only who that dares to discuss things. But you have got to be very, very careful.

"There are certain areas of the Government that don=92t want these matters known. I know because I=92ve worked in Military Intelligence myself, with a very high security grading, and I=92ve been involved with some things that I now rather wish I hadn=92t, and that I can=92t discuss with you."

His features as he spoke were grave and pensive, and I can only say that if what he was telling me was faked, then he was a very good actor. He went on to say that the whole UFO business was now badly out-of-control and was creating a climate of hysteria; and that some sort of statement from the U.S. Government was long overdue in his opinion, and in the opinions of some of his colleagues.

And, in particular, he was worried about the general panic in Puerto Rico about the "chupacabras", which he said are of no danger to humans, whether adults or children.

We asked how he knew this, and he said he knew because he had seen them, that the creatures are extraterrestrials, and that the U.S. Government is fully aware of it.

He said his first knowledge of these matters went back to 1960, and his words were as follows:- "I was stationed at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, and I and other personnel boarded an aircraft there, and were taken to Roswell Base in New Mexico, touching down en route at Wichita Falls. And at Roswell we saw the creatures in sort of cages. I don=92t know exactly whether we were on the main Roswell Base or not, but anyway, it was close near there. ( About the alleged Roswell Crash in 1947 I know nothing -that was 13 years earlier. )

"One of the entities that I saw there was similar to what was later shown in the TV film about the Roswell Crash, though certain of its features were different."

When we asked him how the features differed, he replied that what he had seen in the cage at Roswell "was taller -about 6 ft. high, with very tiny ears. Like humans; it had a very fine, thin, velvety sort of down as hair. And it had a friendly, benevolent gaze, with sad-looking, dispirited eyes, as though lost, a stranger, and asking for something, or waiting to talk, but as though nobody could understand it.".....

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For the rest of this extraordinary story, see the current issue, vol. 43/3.

Here is a picture of Jorge and Marleen Martin outside their home in Puerto Rico.

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Gordon Creighton (Editor FSR)

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## Re: Government Planning To Protect Earth From

From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 21:03:13 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:43:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Government Planning To Protect Earth From

>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 05:39:46 +0100 (MET)  
>Subject: Government Planning To Protect Earth From Space Creatures  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>WASHINGTON - The government is making plans for the first time  
>in three decades to protect Earth from potentially dangerous  
>extraterrestrial life forms.

Awfully nice of them. I'd rather have them focus their efforts  
on protecting us from...oh, I dunno....ballistic missiles with  
freshly improved (thanks to us) guidance systems.

Maybe I'm just being narrow minded.

Greg

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## Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 21:33:12 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:52:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:58:49 +0100  
>From: Fabrizio Monaco <[F.Monaco@stm.it](mailto:F.Monaco@stm.it)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

>The question is: how can we fight against unknown viruses? We  
>are talking about extraterrestrial microbes and i think that  
>nobody had never seen or analyzed an extraterrestrial microbe  
>before isn't it?

Hi Fabrizio,

And good questions they are. If I may put them into perspective with an antidote....er, anecdote:

I was in a doctors office a few days ago. I chanced to notice a sign on the door while waiting the prerequisite half-hour between nurse and doctor appearances. The sign indicated that flu shots were now being dispensed, and would I care for one?

When the doctor entered (yup, half an hour exactly) I mentioned the sign, and asked how one inoculates against a virus that is not the same virus from one week to the next. He proceeded to explain that flu shots were pretty much placebos and nothing more. He further explained that they had no way of knowing if patients avoided the flu by luck or through the inoculation, and therefore any results could not be verified. "It's also a dandy way for the hospital to pick up a few extra bucks," I mused silently.

Anyway, my point is that they can't even get the most prolific virus in the world to fall in line, what makes anyone think they can fight a completely alien bug/germ/microbe/disease/nasty thing? Sounds like someone's looking for funding, and a nice cover story is being floated.

Greg

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## Re: 'Mail On Sunday'

From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 21:51:58 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:58:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Mail On Sunday'

Regarding...

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 04:48:39 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[el51@dial.pipex.com](mailto:el51@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Subject: 'Mail On Sunday'

Philip wrote:

>Does anyone have a spare copy of the 'tent footage' expose in  
>last weeks Mail On Sunday.

Philip,

There's an html'd version of the article with published photographs, including a 'tent footage' frame showing the 'security codes', on my web site at:

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/mail\\_os.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/mail_os.htm)

It's now obvious that the 'security codes' are ridiculous and apparently written in chalk. I understand the 'board' they are written on was the cover from part of a drum kit.

Keith Bateman claims that when they first showed the film to Ray, he said it should have a 'restricted notice' on it. They then superimposed these infamous 'security codes' and returned the film to him.

This would explain why there were two copies of the 'tent footage', only one of which had the 'security codes'.

Interesting that the bogus 'security codes', which Nick asked about at my request, were apparently simply made up by Elliot, the technician who played the part of a 'doctor'.

Yet the 'notice' says "Subject 1 of 2" and Ray then produced film of two 'autopsied aliens'. Similarly, the 'barn footage' had 'President Truman', albeit the local farmer in a scarecrow's coat, and the 'alien autopsy' story also featured claims of Truman being present.

The only evidence was of course the 'Truman reel' which allegedly couldn't be processed as the film was 'stuck together'.

If Ray did pay them to stop promoting the 'tent footage' as their own 'alien autopsy', then he must presumably have known the true origins of this film.

That aside, it would be helpful if you could comment on the following extract from an interview you with gave to Rebecca Schatte, I believe in January of 1996:

RS: Phil, have you seen in a film canister, the presumed celluloid copy of the tent footage, with your own eyes or were

you just told that he has it?

PM: No, I have seen it myself.

RS: O.K., have you held it up to the light, have you seen a body or frames that look real?

PM: No, I haven't seen the one that's got the autopsy on it, but I have seen the film that has the tent scene and also at the same time, I removed, figuratively, I didn't cut it off, and I noted the edge code, because Ray Santilli made a great deal about the edge codes, so I noted it on the film and I drew it myself and it was the proper edge code.

RS: It is my understanding that the tent footage does show a body, is that correct?

PM: It does indeed. Do you want me to describe what it shows?

RS: Yes, but please answer this first; when you looked at the celluloid film and you noted that it had the proper edge code did you hold any portion of it up to the light in order to determine that it had frames that contained the body on that film?

PM: No, no I did not.

[...]

RS: Would you say that on this film the faces of the people facing the camera are clear enough that they can be identified?

PM: Absolutely, if the original was released. Bear in mind that this was the first piece of film that Ray Santilli showed to me before the autopsy had been shown and so on. And it was on that evidence that I tried to persuade Ray Santilli to speak at our conference last August, which he eventually did. If I thought to myself, "fake or genuine", I had no idea and I still don't, but there is a slim chance that somebody, somewhere would be able to recognize the faces and on my copy, which I said is several generations old, the faces aren't all that clear, but on the original material Ray Santilli has you can clearly make out there faces and I'm sure if it was released, round the world, in whatever format, there is a remote possibility that could be identified. The man with his back to the camera, you don't ever see his face, so therefore there is no possibility of that, but the other two people most definitely.

RS: There was approximately two minutes or so of tent footage sold to broadcasters when they purchased the other rights to the film. It was never shown because it was in too poor of condition, but on a videotape, that is obviously is a bootleg that Stanton Friedman and Chuck Harder in the US are selling, there is footage like you describe; however, there appears to be black blobs that have been superimposed over the heads of the people. Your tape does not have these blobs?

PM: Not at all. You can see the faces of the people. As I pointed out, on the copy that Ray Santilli has it is... you can make them out even clearer, very clear indeed. It is very poor quality, I mean it looks like it is out of, uhm a gas lamp is illuminating it or a very low watt lamp of some kind that is perhaps generated by a gas generator outside or a petrol generator or whatever. It is poor illuminated. You have to remember this--it is not like the other material that has been released. But it is clear enough to make out their faces, no question about that.

RS: This clearer version that Ray Santilli showed you, was that what he showed you first or how did you come about seeing the clear footage?

PM: Yes, he showed it to me and I also saw it many, many months later when were at a meeting with Union Pictures in London. They made the Roswell Incident documentary here for Channel 4 and we met with them and the commissioning editors of Channel 4 with Ray Santilli and a colleague of his called Chris Cary. They showed the autopsy first and everybody watched it intently and then Ray showed them the tent footage and because it was not graphic in detail, everybody just ignored it, but I watched it yet again. To me it is more important than the autopsy because

Re: 'Mail On Sunday'

you can see the people's faces, but a lot of people seemed to have missed the point. [End]

As we now know, that point was significant and resulted in welcome clarification about the true origins of this film.

What about the "celluloid copy of the tent footage", you referred to.

As you noted not having actually seen any frames from the 'tent footage' on the reel you saw, were you simply told that this reel of film contained the 'tent footage'?

James.  
E-mail: [pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)

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## Re: Guilt By Association?

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Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:41:05 +0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:01:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:11:50 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Guilt By Association?

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:13:58 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: Sean Jones <[sean.j@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:sean.j@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Guilt By Association?

>>With the "Tent Footage" fully debunked by Tim and Phil, the  
>>Alien Autopsy must also be fake/hoaxed/bogus purely because it  
>>came from the same mill does it not?

>>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who  
>>believe the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who  
>>think its fake hold your hands up.

>Dear Sean:

>My hand is up. I think its fake.

Count me in Larry. My arms in a sling but it's in the air, in  
spirit.

Cheers  
SharonK

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## Re: UFO Communication?

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 23:07:58 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:15:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:09:34 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 00:57:41 -0800  
>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: UFO Communication?

>>All the past discussion of SETI and alien communication has  
>>brought me to pose a question. How do UFOs communicate?

>>If they communicate using the electromagnetic  
>>spectrum why can't that be detected and perhaps interpreted?

>>If the flying triangles are terrestrial in origin I assume we  
>>>would be able to detect many scrambled radio messages. Why don't

Mark, Josh, List, Entities lurking..... I would like to respond,  
point by point to your post, Mark....

>Of course, all of the following represents nothing more than  
>the >rankest speculation, but I think these are some of the  
>alternatives:

As do my comments... which are strictly opinions based on the  
moon's waxing gibbeous phase, only!

>1) UFOs do not communicate with each other or with any bases.  
>Either there is a strict rule to preclude such communication or  
>there is no need for them to communicate (perhaps because they  
>are strictly independent).

Doubtfull, as it is necessary to coordinate the various  
activities of the various craft such as, abduction, fly by  
shootings, attempts at psyching out the military, SR 765/F99/G2  
pursuit, salute and strategic aircraft chaser needling.... these  
guys like to kid around you know!

>2) UFOs use small UFOs (such as BOL (Balls of Light)) to  
>communicate, much like carrier pigeons.

Uh, how does a carrier pidgeon communicate. I for one, having  
had a number of experiences, never heard any pidgeon sounds...  
or even anything remotely resembling a "coo-ing" sound! I have  
heard beeping sounds, but not one coo...

>3) UFOs use analog radio of low strength, transmit infrequently,  
>and rely on specific frequency schedules and burst transmissions  
>to avoid detection.

Everyone knows that UFOs use digital transmission. It is more  
modern than analog. And EBE's are ultra modern guys. You don't  
gotta have a PhD to see that.

>4) UFOs use digital radio of low strength and transmit digital  
>packets. Such packets are unlikely to be easily detected, and  
>since they are emitted from a very high speed airborne source,

>they are typically eliminated by ELINT (Electronic Intelligence)  
>systems as spurious, especially since to an unknowing observer,  
>their content makes them appear to be noise. Such packets could  
>contain encrypted linguistic content, video content of unknown  
>aspect ratio, or some other more exotic form of communication.

Repeating... digital, but not necessarily radio... and packets  
are not likely being used. I have never seen one packet in any  
of my experiences... uh, needles, body fluid extracting  
gizmooids, metal like probes stuck up my nose, and sometimes,  
peepee tools designed to ... uh ... get it on, eh? But not one  
packet. Altho I did see something that looked like a squar-ish  
vest-like thing on one of them turkeys... almost like a bullet  
proof vest. But it had no pockets or packets.

I do agree with the exotic forms to which you referred in your  
last sentence, but the clothing worn by every single EBE had not  
even ONE piece of lint on it. These are VERY neat duds,  
dudes... whatever.

>5) UFOs use lasers for point to point communications and do not  
>broadcast at all. Interception would require the interposition  
>of a receiver in the signal path, and the chances of this are  
>small.

Lasers? Aimed at what and how are they aimed? Not likely in  
my opinion anyway. How does the one UFO know where to aim  
the laser with which to modulate the beam... and then what  
method of modulation is used? AM, FM, FSK, CW? See  
what I mean? This is getting freaky, eh?

>6) UFOs use an exotic communications medium such as gravity or  
>quantum particles, or exploit some unknown principle of quantum  
>simultaneity to transmit information.

Probably very likely. If not gravity or quantum particles,  
something just as exotic.

>We know that UFOs emit radio signals, and that these signals are  
>sometimes noisy and sometimes actually have a form which is  
>similar to that of earthly transmissions. I refer you to the  
>article in Clark's UFO Encyclopedia, written by Sparks, on the  
>RB47 case for an example of this. For most detection of radio  
>frequency signals from UFOs, observers report that detection as  
>interference with existing radio equipment or as static. This  
>would suggest such radio emissions are broad in their frequency  
>profile. However, such observations also usually suggest a  
>limited range. Some researchers tend to interpret the  
>interference / noise output as emissions which are a side-effect  
>of the generation of luminosity by the UFO - a phenomenon which  
>suggests such mechanisms as X-ray or UV excitation of the  
>atmosphere, or the injection of electrons into the near surface  
>area of the UFO. Obviously, such mechanisms would tend to  
>suppress many frequencies of radio transmission and would tend  
>to devalue the use of radio frequencies for communication.

I have been a ham for... uh, 41 years. I have often been quite  
bored while waiting to be probed on one of those flying saucers.  
I have thought to myself, "Gee, wouldn't it be nice to have a  
portable ham radio rig on this thing while I waited to be milked  
for my body's juices?"

Maybe that's what that QRM (interference/noise) is... just some  
ham who managed to smuggle a DX-40 and an ARC 5 on board during  
one of his abductions, eh?

>We also know that UFOs emit light rays, and sometimes these  
>connect one object to another. We also know that UFOs sometimes  
>use their external lighting for communication with witnesses,  
>and may appear to be using it for communication with another  
>object.

>Some of the methods suggested above would remain undetectable by  
>current technologies, some would require a concerted effort by  
>an ELINT organization such as the NSA, and some have already  
>been reported. What to make out of all of this is uncertain.

>If you are interested in cases of radio interference / signals,  
>I refer you to the on-line Project 1947 EM Effects catalog:

Actually, I have a better suggestion. Get yourself a ham radio

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rig and tune in on the 80 meter band, CW portion during the peak sunspot cycle. And try to sort out even ONE signal from the racket... packet, whatever... go ahead, just try!

And I do wish you would stop talking about lint all the time. I told you these guys are very neat!

Dr. Gesundt, UFO Ex-Spurt..

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## Oppenheimer & Einstien - 'New' MJ-12 Doc

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:04:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:16:02 -0500  
Subject: Oppenheimer & Einstien - 'New' MJ-12 Doc

Here is my analysis/comment on the "Celestial " document:

COMMENTS ON AND QUESTIONS ABOUT DOCUMENT #1  
in the Wood & Wood Collection  
by Bruce Maccabee

Document #1:  
Einstein/Oppenheimer: RELATIONSHIPS WITH INHABITANTS  
OF CELESTRIAL (sic) BODIES

Note: it will be easier to understand some of my comments in the following if you realize that there have been identified "UFO" documents which were partially based, word for word, on real documents. The real documents were modified by the addition of UFO-related terminology. Also various "caveats" (security markings) have been added (such as "majic") to make them look as if they were part of a highly classified study of UFOs, etc.

1) Did E have a TS clearance (we know he had a clearance from the Navy for torpedo explosive (?) work). He did not work on "the bomb." I am only aware of the following open literature association between E and UFOS: someone asked (1952, 53?) what he thought people were seeing when they reported flying saucers. He responded "they must be seeing something" or something like that.

2) Why Einstein? What did he know about international law of territorial occupation or colonization or relationships between us and "estraterrestrial men?" Same question for Oppenheimer.

3) Why June, 1947 as "draft" date? the implication is that by June 1947 it was well accepted by a some people (including E and O) that ETs were real, flying around, and might communicate. Where is there independent evidence that saucer reality was accepted on a high level BEFORE July, 1947?

4) Celestial? (sp)

5) The first paragraph seems self-contradictory: "Relationships with (ETs) presents (sic) no bascially(sic) new problem (for) international law...", yet, "confronting intelligent" non-human beings "would bring up problems whose solution is difficult to conceive." So which is it, a piece of (international law) cake, or "too hard to do?"

6) The third paragraph says that a first condition is that they should have human-like psychology. What if they don't meet that condition? We give up?

7) What guidlines in the Pentateuch? (guidelines for interactions between nation-states?) Guidelines for occupying territory?

8) Paragraph 5 clarified (I hope): "If these intelligent beings were in possession of a more or less (sic) culture, (sic) and a more or less perfect political organization, (then (1)) they would have an absolute right to be recognized as independent and

sovereign peoples, (2) we would have to come to an agreement with them to establish the legal regulations upon which future relationships should be based, (sic) and (3) it would be necessary to accept many of their principles."

You know what this sounds like? It sounds like a discussion of how to interact with the aborigines (native peoples) of a country. Imagine someone in the 1600's or 1700's writing about how to deal with the American Indian Nations. Or, more primitive yet, someone writing about how Columbus should deal with the natives he discovered. How about the first contacts with the South Sea Island aborigines in WWII (Tasaday, etc)?

Also, it sounds like someone trying to determine how a "United Nations" organization would interact with aborigines. Discussions leading up to the founding of the UN?

Alternatively, this might be a stab at creating an "interplanet" law that would be needed after colonies of humans are established on other planets or on space stations. This would be something that people interested in space exploration and colonization might write. (see below)

9) Paragraph 6: cross off "to the earth" and imagine the US government vs the American Indians: if they attacked we could defend. Alternatively, this might pertain to the possibility that a well established colony of humans on another planet or space platform might become a threat to the earth. (see below)

10) Paragraph 7: Considering the UFO context of this document, the suggestion is made that ETs are homo sapiens that "grew up" on another planet ("celestial body in our solar system") and evolved a different culture. Actually, this is more consistent with thinking of a future situation in which a human colony "grew up" on another planet or space station and evolved its own culture. "Obviously, this possibility depends upon many circumstances. whose condition cannot yet be foreseen. However, we can make a study of the basis on which such a thing might have occurred." Might have occurred?

I believe that already by 1947 astronomers had concluded that the conditions for human-like life exist only on the earth and not on any other "body in our solar system." Hence I believe that for E and O to suggest otherwise would be highly unlikely. Furthermore, this paragraph suggests that the writers didn't know whether it was true or not and are therefore ready to "make a study." This uncertainty seems strange when compared to the opening paragraph which seems to imply that the writers are not merely engaged in an academic exercise to answer the question "what are the legal ramifications of contact with ET? or something like that."

On the other hand, this might apply to far future space colonies that might try to break away from their parent earth nations and become nations on their own.

Paragraph 8: this paragraph seems to directly address the possibility of HUMAN colonization of planets, the opposite of other solar system planets being the source of ETs coming to earth. Amusing: in this paragraph it is suggested that water of hydration could be driven off by heating and split into H and O and that the O would be used for breathing and the H as fuel. Question: what is the H going to burn when used as fuel? O?

Paragraph 9: The original of this document could be about the possible problems for international law that could result if colonies of humans that have been established on other planets or bodies in the solar system for purposes of exploitation decide to become independent nations (analogous to the American colonies of Britain!!!). It could also be about the problems of colonies of previously uninhabited places on earth where there is a "continuous interchange" of men who work in these places but with no chance of the place becoming an independent country.

Para 10): Thought EBE was supposedly invented by Bronk after the Roswell crash!! This paragraph, ostensibly written in June, 1947, says we now want to determine what to do if EBEs want to settle here

Para 11: item 1 of "what to do"/..... suggests that we consider them an independent people if they have culture and are politically organized. This paragraph also says what THEY could do: they could consider "what degree of development would be required on earth for colonizing." Do these statements make any sense in the context of a technologically superior "race" coming to "colonize" earth? NO. To me it appear as nonsense.

ON THE OTHER HAND, if this refers to HUMANS who grew up in space colonies and who now want to return to earth after developing their own "culture", then it does make some sense.

Para 12: item 2 of "What to do".....This doesn't suggest anything for us to do. Instead it says that EBES have a "right" to colonize if THEY consider our culture "devoid of political unity." Does this make any sense at all? NO. More nonsense? It also is a little weird if one assumes this is a discussion of space colonies returning to earth.

Para 13: This suggests that the EBES should carry out a colonization in which they would be our guardians of teach us something ("tutelage") with the "tacit approval" of the United Nations. I ask, what would the UN have to say if a technologically superior race of EBES decided to colonize earth? Would the EBES care what the UN had to say? Probably not. On the other hand, aboriginal races that are discovered by UN member nations might well care what the UN had to say. If this refers to human space colonies returning to earth with superior knowledge gained from living in space, then it might marginally make some sense.

Para 14: labelled (a). The first sentence says the UN regulated international relations and not tutelage (as mentioned previously). This implies that the tutelage is going to occur within a nation's boundaries and hence is not subject to UN control. The next sentence makes no sense. It appears to be the concatenation of two ideas. "It would have the right to intervene only if the relationships of a member nation with a celestial (sic) body affected another member nation with an extraterrestrial people is beyond the domain of the United Nations." This sentence falls apart at the word "is." Leaving off all words after "is" we have a sentence that says the UN could only intervene if "th relationships of a member nation with a celestial body" were to affect "another member nation with an extraterrestrial people." The meaning of a "member nation with a celestial body" is not clear. Nor is the meaning of a "member nation with an extraterrestrial people." Aside from the lousy sentence construction, this sentence doesn't really mean anything (unless this refers to an earthbound country that has a relationship with a space-based colony on some platform or planet and said relationship affects some other member nation which also has an "extraterrestrial" colony).

Para. 15: labelled (b): "If the United Nations were a supra-national organization it would have competency to deal with all problems related to extraterrestrial peoples. Of course, even though it is merely an international organization, it would have this competence if its member states would be willing to recognize it." This paragraph would make sense if "extraterrestrial peoples" was replaced with something more earthy or with "space colonies." "Supra-national" means "above" the national. In other words, if the UN could tell member countries what to do, then the UN could deal with problems of (aboriginal or space-based) peoples. However, the UN is only an organization of member states, not a superior ruling body over the members. But, if the member states would recognize the UN as being "superior," then the UN could handle these problems.

Para. 16: except for "celestial" this is one of the few paragraphs that makes sense standing alone. However, with a change of a few words this could probably be made more "earthy."

Para. 17: Considering the previous paragraphs the first sentence here sounds somewhat redundant and somewhat senseless: "We cannot exclude the possibility that a race of extraterrestrial (sic) people more advanced technologically and economically may take upon itself the right to occupy another celestial body." Wait a minute, to this point the discussion has mostly been about EBES colonizing earth. What is this "other celestial body?" consider what this sentence would mean if

"extraterrestrial" were replaced by "people" (meaning humans) and "celestial body" were replaced by "country" or "area of the earth." "How, then, would this occupation come about?"

Another interpretation: this may refer to one space colony of humans trying to take over another space colony. Suppose, for example, the USA set up a colony on Mars and the Soviet Union (remember, this is ostensibly written about 50 years ago) were to set up a space colony on the moon. Now suppose the US colony decided to attack the moon colony. What could the UN do to intervene? If the space colonies were sufficiently self-reliant, not needing anything from the earthbound "mother" countries, ten probably the UN could do nothing short of launching a space war to deter aggression. But this would likely end up an earth war.

Para 18: labelled 1. This paragraph does not answer "how this occupation would come about." Instead, it says "The idea of exploitation by one celestial state" (by another?) "would be rejected" (by whom or what?), "they may think it would be advisable to grant it" (what, exploitation?) to all others" (other what? "celestial" states? races? humans? EBEs?) "capable of reaching another celestial body." The two main portions of this sentence don't fit together. The first half says the "idea" of exploitation would be rejected. The second half talks about granting "it" to all others that are capable of reaching "another celestial body." Does that mean that any group capable of space travel will be granted "it" by the UN? Is "it" the right of exploitation?

This makes little sense as written.

Para 19: labelled 2: presumably this is another description of "how this occupation would come about." This does not answer that question. But it does discuss what might happen with occupation: a "celestial" body could be divided into zones which would be distributed among "other celestial states." This raises the question of how many "Celestial states" are trying to take over the earth. According to this paragraph, division into zones would present a problem of "distribution" and, furthermore, "other celestial states would be deprived of the possibility of owning an area, or if they were granted one it would involve complicate operations." Now this makes me feel sorry for the other "celestial states" that would be deprived of the opportunity for owning an area. This makes no sense.....except perhaps in the context of the relationships between space colonies (of humans).

Para 20: labelled 3: This paragraph is another answer to how occupation would come about: "Indivisible co-sovereignty, giving each celestial state the right to make whatever use is most convenient to its interests, independently of the others." This is not a complete sentence, but if the first two words are assumed to answer the question of how occupation would come about, i.e., "by indivisible co-sovereignty," then the sentence makes sense. I presume occupation by "indivisible co-sovereignty" would work. Sounds like a real good deal for the occupiers since they get the "right to make whatever use is most convenient." However, there is a drawback to "indivisible co-sovereignty": "This would create a situation of anarchy, as the strongest on would win out in the end." In other words the "co-occupiers" would fight for control. There would be anarchy for a while, perhaps, but I presume that ultimately rule would be reestablished as a dictatorship. Overall, this paragraph makes little sense in the context of EBE taking over or occupying the earth. It might make some sense in terms of the relationships between space colonies of humans.

Para 21: labelled 4: Does this paragraph make sense in the context of occupation? Apparently it assumes that the EBEs would be moral and would allow themselves to be absorbed peacefully into our culture in such a way as to be invisible ("their presence not be revealed"). This sounds like "stealth occupation" by agreement with the occupied, if one assumes EBEs are the occupiers and humans are the occupied.

Para 22: "Actually we do not believe it necessary to go that far." Huh? Not necessary to have stealth occupation? "It would merely be a matter of internationalizing celestial peoples and creating an international treaty instrument preventing exploitation of all nations belonging to the United Nations." What is this supposed to mean? By "internationalizing celestial



peoples," the EBEs, who are about to take over or occupy the earth, we can create and "international treaty instrument" that will prevent "exploitation" by the EBEs of "all nations belonging to the United Nations." Don't we wish that were so!! In my opinion this paragraph makes little no sense.... UNLESS, it pertains to the relationships between space-based colonies of humans. IN that case, they essentially say that the United Nations (of earth) should be extended to space so that "space nations" would also be bound by basic laws of the UN (against the exploitation of one space nation or one space nation's possessions, by another space nation).

Para 23: This paragraph says that there has been a loss of interest "by states here on earth" in law related to the occupation of unoccupied or unpossessed territories (terra nullius or, in this document, "res nullius"; look it up on the web! a hot topic in Australia!!!) since there are no longer unoccupied territories on earth. However, there are potentially "territories" in space which could be occupied (moon, planets) and this possibility brings forth again the need for international laws related to territorial occupation.

Paragraphs 24, 25 and 26: Except for the misspelling of "celestial" in para. 26, these paragraphs are acceptable as written. These paragraphs effectively define occupation as "the means for acquiring sovereignty over territories...either inhabited or in an elementary state of civilization." In other words, send your army and/or civilians to simply "move in" on the present inhabitants, if any, and "take over" the land or area to be occupied. Then you can teach them your ways of "civilization" (see previous reference to tutelage). Paragraph 26 "predicts" a rise in "imperialist expansion" by states taking over extraterrestrial bodies in interplanetary space where "the celestial states present new problems."

This sounds very much like thinking related to an outer space treaty between space colonies or nations and has NOTHING to do with ET's coming to earth.

Para 27: Aside from poor sentence construction this paragraph makes sense. It says that extraterrestrial territories such as the moon belong to no one. (Hence it is available for occupation by colonization by terrestrial states. HOWEVER, terrestrial states might have to divide the moon into zones or else fight over control of the moon.) However, if a celestial body were found to have an indigenous race, then no single terrestrial nation could claim it. Instead it would be considered as communal property of all "celestial states." Of course, this has nothing to do with EBEs taking over the earth.

Para 28: change in subject: are "celestial astroplanes" flying around in our atmosphere because of atomic testing? The implication here is that there have been a number of flying saucer sightings already by the time of this document in June 1947, enough sightings to cause an alarm. Another implication is that there were none before the first bomb (Aug. 1945). This implication contradicts the implied or explicit claims in other documents that there was "hard evidence" such as crashed saucers before 1947 and even before 1945 (e.g., in 1943).

Para 29: This paragraph says that the military accepts the reality of "unidentified space craft flying in our atmosphere" and "possibly maintaining orbits about our planet." Ostensibly written in June, 1947, this is certainly premature from the conventional history point of view which is that, publically, the AF has never acknowledged "unidentified space craft." But, more to the point, there is little evidence of the acceptance of UFO reality by the AF top brass until early 1952. IN 1952 Stephen Possony wrote a document which includes the sentence, "The Air Force cannot simply assume that flying saucers are extraterrestrial." Possony, a top level civilian consultant to the Air Force was in a position to know what the top brass was thinking. Evidently the brass was thinking "ET." But this is 1952 after a lot of water had flowed, and a lot of saucers had flown, over the dam.

Para 30: The sentence structure of this paragraph (one sentence) seems more convoluted than any of the previous. Was it by the same writer(s)? It almost makes sense as written. IF the words "...and the exclusion of" which follow the word "disarm" are removed the sentence becomes understandable. This paragraph says

that efforts to reach agreements to disarm or discontinue testing of nuclear "weapons that are too destructive" have been unsuccessful despite the "lamentations of philosophers, the efforts of politicians and th conferences of diplomats." However, " by some miracle we cannot explain" there have been agreements on chemicals in warfare.

Para 31: This paragraph introduces the idea of an atomic bomb carried by a "space vehicle." This makes sense in the conventional way if we assume the writer was thinking of atomic bombs on ballistic missiles..rockets which would go far enough above the earth to be in outer space for at least part of the journey. We know that in early 1949 Lincoln La Paz (famous meteoricist - who studied meteors) was already warning the Air Force Office of Special Investigations that green fireballs might be Russian missiles which we could call "fractional orbital bombs" but without the bombs. (However, he predicted that bombs would be added later.) "The use of the atomic bomb combined with space vehicles poses a threat on a scale which makes it absolutely necessary to come to an agreement in this area." The writer(s) then refers to the appearance of "unidentified space vehicles (opinions are divided as to their origins) over the skies of Europe and the United states has sustained an ineradical (sic) fear, an anxiety about security, that is driving the great powers to make an effort to find a solution to the threat." Note: this sounds as if it COULD have been written in 1949, 1950 or so when the missile race was really on and after there had been enough saucer and green fireball sightings so that it would make sense to worry about distinguishing between a ballistic missile and a saucer. This sort of reason sounds really premature for a June 1947 document.

Para 32: This paragraph makes complete sense as it stands alone./ There is no reference to EBES or unidentified space craft. This is simply an analysis of the military situation that could be caused by the proliferation of "nukes" (nuclear tipped ballistic missiles) which are described as the "ultimate weapon of war" because they would strike very quickly and come from above so the "bombee" wouldn't necessarily know when to expect it or where "bomber" was located. Also, impossible to defend against.

Para 33. This paragraph points out that at the time of writing (1947?) only slow moving bombers were available for weapon transport. HOWEVER, looking ahead ten years (1957) "When artificial satellites and missiles find their place in space we must consider the potential threat that" (here is where the paragraph gets a little "wacky") " unidentified space craft pose. One must consider the fact that mis-identification of the space craft for a (sic) intercontinental missile in a re-entry phase of clight could lead to accidental nuclear war with horrible consequences." Wrong.

So what if they misidentified a "space craft" (an alien flying vehicle - flying saucer) as an intercontinental missile. If the object were a missile, it would be only minutes to seconds between the (radar) detection and the explosion. IN other words they would have very little time to wait to find out whether they had detected a missile or a space craft. IF after, say, 5 minutes there was no explosion, then they could safely say they detected (by radar) a "space craft." Now, admittedly from the time of first detection to the time of identification as either a space craft (no explosion) or a missile/bomb (big explosion) they would be wondering what to do about it. But only in a "launch on detect" scenario would we be likely to mount a retaliation - leading to "horrible consequences" - before waiting to see whether it was a missile or a "space craft." Also, of course, unless the space craft were following a ballistic trajectory from a reasonably likely source (e.g., from te direction of the Soviet Union), it would be rejected as an atomic threat. In other words the fear that an "space craft" would be mistaken for an intercontinental missile was unfounded in 1947 and in years later. Recall that in 1953 the CIA did suggest that saucer sightings could clog communication channels. And, in earlier years, there could well have been a fear that SOVIET BOMBERS might be misidentified as "space craft." But, of course, the solution to this problem was to scramble jets at the first contact and identify the radar targets. (This actually happened Dec. 6, 1950 at about 10 AM when unknown radar targets were detected coming from the north near Greenland. see "THE UFO/FBI CONNECTION/ the REAL X-files by B. Maccabee).

Para 34: the preceding 3 paragraphs were more concerned with nuclear and war affairs on the earth. Now we get back to the ET's....or do we? "Lastly, we should consider the possibility that our atmospheric tests of late could have influenced the arrival of celestial scrutiny. They could have been curious or even alarmed by such activity (and rightly so, for the Russians would make every effort to observe and record such tests)." What? The Russians? What do they have to do with "celestial scrutiny?" There is no doubt that the "Russians would make every effort to observe and record such tests." But that doesn't mean that the EBES would "observe and record such tests." They might not give a damn. Or they might. This sounds very much like the ORIGINAL writer of this paragraph was concerned with some PEOPLE (Soviets or friends of the Soviets?) observing tests.

Para 35: "In conclusion it is our professional opinion based on submitted data that this situation is extremely perilous and measures must be taken to rectify a very serious problem are very apparent." Huh? Leave off the last three words, please. OK, so this writing was ostensibly based on "submitted data." So E and O didn't have their own data to go on? They were handed what data they needed in order to write this? And they describe the situation as "extremely perilous?" What situation? The "stealth takeover" of the earth by EBES? The situation with the atomic bombs on ballistic missiles would be perilous in the future, but not at the time of writing when only bombers could carry bombs. So, what situation is "extremely perilous?"

DISCUSSION:

Having read every word of this document and having tried to make some sense of it I suggest

1) Ostensibly this is about relationships between humans and "extraterrestrial men" or non-humans (EBEs). However, the paper does not follow what I, at least, would consider to be a logical flow. The first part starts off with international law and how it might apply to relationships with "extraterrestrial men" (humans?) and EBES coming to earth. But then it inserts comments that could apply to humans occupying other "celestial" bodies. Finally, it switches to a military threat, not from the EBES but from the Russians.

2) there are numerous misspellings and several paragraphs have poor sentence construction

3) many of the statements seem to make no sense in the context in which one supposes they are to be taken

4) the stamp TOP SECRET seems to have been made on a small rectangle of paper attached to the top of the typed document.

5) I think E and O could have done a LOT better than this if they were really concerned about the impact of EBE colonization of the earth

6) I think this document could have been created by modifying a real document that discusses the problems of colonization by humans of over "bodies" in the solar system, including the problems that could arise if such colonies decided to become independent. There may also have been a real document discussing the problems created by atomic warfare.

Bottom line: I don't buy it.

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Hi Bruce,

Thanks for your detailed comments on this letter. I will read them over and comment on them hopefully soon. In the meantime, let me provide you with some additional discussion that we have prepared that may address some of your concerns.

Assessment of originals. Since typewriters are six lines per inch if the paper is not slipping, it is possible to enlarge or reduce copies to the exact size of the original. Then, on pages 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 one can measure the width of the original remnant of paper edge to be 8.0 inches. The paper size of 8 x 10.5 inches was used during the war.

Chronology. Both draft authors were at Princeton at the time, although some records for 1947 are missing from various files.

Type and handwriting. The top secret markings are done with paste-on labels, also consistent with the period. This would be consistent with having been typed before the classification was applied. The type shows p=92s, o=92s, m=92s and other letters with small spaces filled in, thereby indicating a carbon copy. If so, the classification would have had to be a paste-on label. The initials of Vannevar Bush are similar to exemplars of his initials.

Content and authorship. A comparison of the language of this draft with writings of J. Robert Oppenheimer shows clearly that he did not dictate it or write it, since his work is quite sophisticated and urbane. The misspelling of the word "celestial" as "celestrial" would be consistent with a circumstance of a secretary taking down dictation =97 and the secretary not being knowledgeable in astronomy. With Einstein dictating, with his German accent, several of the misspelled words become more reasonable. The misspelling of the word basically in the second sentence may suggest that the secretary was not working from dictation but directly from Einstein=92s words. This would also favor security, since the dictation pad would not exist to have to be classified. The content of this piece can be compared against what Einstein might have said if he were given a specific request. The five asterisks separating the sections appear to be separating hypothetical questions. They are consistent with the answers to the following seven questions:

What relations should we have with extraterrestrial men?  
Where might they be coming from?  
What should we do if they want to settle here?  
What does international law say about this problem?  
Do they have a right to move into unsettled territories?  
Do we have more rights to settle on the moon than they do?  
Has our testing of atomic weapons caused the presence of the visitors?

Reference 1 says that when Einstein executed his first contract for Dr. Vannevar Bush in late 1941, Bush required Einstein to submit his written report to Bush directly in Einstein=92s own handwriting so that no typist or other assistant would see it. This work pertained to uranium isotope separation, an early difficult problem. This historical piece of information would be consistent with the idea of there being no dictation pad. This is consistent with not correcting the typing errors.

Bush himself =97 consistent with the awkward beginning of the sentence =97 possibly typed the note at the end. The intent is less clear, except Bush did not want Oppenheimer talking to President Truman on this topic.

As far as the overall message of the draft is concern, it is unclear. Einstein says that that the "measures to be taken to rectify a very serious problem are apparent." It is certainly not apparent to us what he was recommending.

Some have noted the presence of phrases that seem to be of a more modern era, such as, "at any rate," "to the point where," "in any case," or "to a certain extent." A literary analysis of the piece, looking at sentence structure, sentence beginnings and endings, shows consistency with other examples of draft Einstein material of the era. A comprehensive set of comparisons is in preparation.

In summary, clues from the original, the chronology, the type, the handwriting, the authorship and the content all favor authenticity.

1. Sayen, J. (1985). Einstein in America. Crown Publishers, New York.  
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My comment on the response: aside from misspelling and some poor sentence construction, which MIGHT be explained as resulting from translation from German to English in a draft, the document seems to contain too much illogic and not enough continuity of subject matter to have been written by a couple of geniuses. The response is not sufficient to convince me.

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## Re: Guilt By Association?

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>Hi Errol, Hi All, esp Bob Shell <G>

>With the "Tent Footage" fully debunked by Tim and Phil, the  
>Alien Autopsy must also be fake/hoaxed/bogus purely because it  
>came from the same mill does it not?

Not necessarily, but in this case, the AA has not been shown to  
be what Santilli has claimed.

>NO!

>This is guilt by association. Many people on this list have  
>criticised Gary Alevy specifically for this "crime".

Leaving Gary out of this for the moment, shouldn't our  
suspicions be raised just a little, were it not for all the  
other problems with the AA?

>As far as I know, ( I will stand corrected if someone can show  
>me the evidence) the actual Alien Autopsy film has stood up to  
>all the scrutiny but due to the extremely dubious way it was  
>made public was immediately frowned upon by many big names in  
>Ufology (capital U?). So straight away the smoking gun was cast  
>into shadow.

First off, we should have been dubious from the beginning. Being  
dubious is not necessarily a bad thing.

>I often wonder how many people consider the AA to be genuine but  
>are afraid to say so for fear of ridicule? After all it is easy  
>to mock than support is it not?

I think that people who genuinely believe in the AA film (the  
Michael Hesemann's of the world) aren't afraid to be ridiculed  
for their opinions.

>Is it not possible that the AA is a genuine artefact but it  
>was deliberately released in such a manor as to cause conflict  
>within the ranks? I was once told by a certain person a few  
>years back that the people who orchestrated the release hold  
>critical information that used properly could prove or  
>disprove the AA as genuine.

Of course the people who released the AA hold all the cards.

>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who believe  
>the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who think its  
>fake hold your hands up.

I raise my hand up for FAKE and that is based on the dubiousness  
of its release, the cast of clowns who represent it, the  
conflicting stories which have been told, and because Theresa  
Carlson proved it to my satisfaction with her tireless research  
into the AA.

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>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 00:57:41 -0800  
>>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlt@pacbell.net](mailto:clearlt@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: UFO Communication?

>>All the past discussion of SETI and alien communication has  
>>brought me to pose a question. How do UFOs communicate?

>>If they communicate using the electromagnetic  
>>spectrum why can't that be detected and perhaps interpreted?

>>If the flying triangles are terrestrial in origin I assume we  
>>>would be able to detect many scrambled radio messages. Why don't  
>>we?

>Of course, all of the following represents nothing more than the  
>rankest speculation, but I think these are some of the  
>alternatives:

<snip>

Mark,

Another prospect that probably wasn't mentioned before...  
Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) is very much in used with some  
major powers worldwide (ie: U.S., U.K., Russia). This frequency  
range matches with the Earth natural Electro-Magnetic field,  
which enables naval headquarters to communicate with their  
submarines, whatever their depths.

My idea is as follows:

On some occasions, beams of light emanating from UFOs have been  
reported by observers/witnesses. My hypothesis...

These craft may be using 'hyper-magnetized/polarised'  
light-beams to communicate with others, through Earth's  
eletro-magnetic field. These fields may go far beyond our  
planet's atmosphere, and would easily be picked-up by any other  
'listeners' from our Earth and outer-Earth.

Note: Wasn't there some degree of radiation (or magnetic field)  
reported from the soil where they were reported?

Anyway, after working for nearly 20 years in the field of  
communications, many ideas have come to mind (IRW UFO Comms);  
this idea was the one that kept on coming up, and still sticks  
with me as one (if not the most) valid way of communications for  
such objects. Every planet, no matter their size, has  
electromagnetic-fields. Unless, anyone can disprove it!

Personal comment:



Re: UFO Communication?

As you may already have noticed, my name may not be familiar to you all. I sincerely do hope that I wasn't interfering with your discussions. If this was the case, just tell me so.

Best of luck to all UFO'ers.

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## What's The Point? - A Rant

From: John W. Ratcliff <[jratcliff@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jratcliff@worldnet.att.net)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 00:33:05 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:34:52 -0500  
Subject: What's The Point? - A Rant

I am ashamed to admit that I kind of, sort of, maybe, in a way, sometimes believe there might really be such a thing as UFOs. Of course, then all of the sudden, awash in existentialism, I begin to question my definitions of what reality is. Is 'it' something objective, 'out there', fixed and stable ruled by immutable laws of physics, only marred by my pathetic interface system, my random and half incoherent excuse for self-aware consciousness, and generally half psychotic bad attitude?

Or maybe it's all a dream, yeah, that's the ticket.

Regardless, whatever bits of intellect a rational person, or self-deluded person who arrogantly believes himself to be such, might invest in so called 'paranormal' research suddenly is laid waste about the time they encounter the likes of Richard Hoagland.

Don't get me wrong. I love a good yarn. The better the story, vampires, ghosts, UFOs, bigfoot, you name it, I love it. Transpersonal experiences without the aid of psychoactive compounds, or better yet, those with the aid of a good home-brew, basement garden, or any kind of do it yourself mind altering psycho-love-juices, are my favorite topic of conversation; whether at a party of just in the line at a grocery store.

However, that rambling said, I found the contents of this link <<http://www.enterprisemission.com/alaskan.htm>>, the latest public regurgitation of Richard Hoagland, to push the outer limits of my own rather well rounded ability to explore alternate belief systems. If it's all a joke, a put on, then I guess I can kind of appreciate this bit of performance art. Where I get a real nervous feeling is when I suspect poor Richard actually literally believes this stuff.

I guess I gotta admit, Richie is one guerilla ontologist who's writings actually make me want to rush out and mail a healthy cash contribution to CSICOP. Naahhhh, that's ridiculous, my original proposal for a formal intervention would be better...

Wait...I'm still rambling and entire paragraphs have passed! What's the point? Ohhh..I remember, what was the thrust of this message. The question is, what's the point if you actually allow yourself to entertain the idea that not everyone who has ever shared their UFO experience with you is a damnable liar, and when you actually question people who have been involved in the military regarding the subject and have been forthcoming in their personal testimony, and you have read research material by seemingly rational and sane human beings, and you have allowed yourself to occasionally entertain the bizarre notion that maybe UFOs might actually be kind of real in a way, even if you have to stretch your definition of what reality might really mean, and you suddenly gain a sense of complete and utter hopelessness at ever discovering any semblance of 'the truth', or even to create a more open climate for discussion of the subject in public forums, when the likes of Richard Hoagland are promoting the kind of insanity which was hyperlinked above?

While I love UFOs, and my run on sentences which are probably

designed to cause my high school English teacher the same kind of maddening feeling I get when I browse the Enterprise Mission web site, I must conclude that nothing anybody can publish, produce, or promote, can ever rise above the noise and madness of the likes of Art Bell, Richard Hoagland, god knows how many other internet yahoos, radio talk show hosts, mega bagzillionaire ex-CEO's, and their self-addled friends.

I give up. Love and kisses.

John W. Ratcliff  
Self Mutilating UFO Groupie

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## Re: The State of Ufology Today

From: Jim Bouck <[JGBOUCK@aol.com](mailto:JGBOUCK@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 02:14:55 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:42:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: The State of Ufology Today

>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:03:12 -0500  
>From: Gary <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDate <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: The State of UFOlogy Today

>Every once in a while something appears on this list that is so,  
>well, amazing (sic) that it cries out for commentary. Such an  
>item was the January, 1999, edition of \_Filer's Files\_, written  
>by the Eastern Director of MUFON, George A. Filer. That is,  
>this missive beggars description, though I am going to try.  
>Can it be that the coming end of the millenium has addled the  
>brains of otherwise steady people? Maybe. Or perhaps what we  
>see below is simply more of the same wheel-spinning that MUFON  
>is famous for.

<snip>

In response to Gary Alevy's attack on George Filer, I would just like to say that my ten year old can criticize more intelligently than you.

If you have a problem maybe you should go to the source--George Filer-- and personalize your complaint with him. Why stand on a soap-box and make a fool of yourself. George doesn't deserve your attack and you (unless you are under ten years old) don't need to try and make a name for yourself by attacking him or anybody else.

Grow up and be constructive and not so destructive.

Jim Bouck  
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<http://members.aol.com/jgbouck/index.html>

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## Re: Firmage's Manuscript - The Word Is 'Marketing'

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 02:26:28 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:46:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Firmage's Manuscript - The Word Is 'Marketing'

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 11:21:23 -0500  
>From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen@catlas.mv.com](mailto:christensen@catlas.mv.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Firmage's Manuscript - The Word Is 'Marketing'

>Anyone who has slogged through the 240+ pages of the "short  
>version" of Firmages's compendium now knows that "The Word" is  
>'Marketing'.

>Firmage did not become a zillionaire by being a dummy. He knows  
>what is required to cut through the noise in the marketplace  
>(especially the overhyped internet marketplace) and how far one  
>needs to go to get attention. Thus, his clever, if somewhat  
>overwrought, "pre-launch" announcement of his e-commerce  
>website, due to begin operations "sometime next year." Indeed,  
>this attention-garnering pre-launch appears to be the entire  
>purpose of his current enterprise.

<snip>

>I am not criticizing Firmage's approach; from a marketing  
>standpoint it is masterful. But it would be a mistake to take  
>this whole "WordIsTruth" phenomenon for more than it is: a  
>clever, unusually elaborate (he's rich; he can afford it!)  
>pre-launch for a website. Just remember: "The Word is  
>Marketing."

>Purrrrrrs...  
>Wendy Christensen

Dear Wendy, List and Others...

I am a retired marketing genius. Unfortunately, I was unable to amass the fortune that Mr. Fromage was able to garner and certainly not at such a young stage in my life.... as did Fromage! First off, I am not a young man. It's just my emotional and intellectual maturity which hides the brain of a thirteen year old. I was always good at that, hiding my early teenage-hood.

But I am inclined to agree with the possibilities your post implied. There is just one caveat, one admonition, this plan may be too good to be that good. Of course, the key word is "may."

Time will tell. It only took me thirty years to understand how to deviously market unneeded, unwanted "stuff" to anyone with a buck two-fifty. And when I finally figured it out, it was most abhorrent to my personal sensibilities, which by then had changed into something with a more righteous inclination.

But having been a sly, devious marketer, I would have the very same reaction as the one you just demonstrated.

Say, you do look familiar! Have we met before, maybe at a trade show or sumpin? As Dylan once said,

"Say, that's a cute hat, and a smile so hard to resist. But, what's a sweetheart like you, doin, in a dump like this?"

Dr. Gesundt  
I will sell no wine, until it's ready!

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## Re: Guilt By Association?

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 02:35:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:48:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:11:50 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Guilt By Association?

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:13:58 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Guilt By Association?

>>With the "Tent Footage" fully debunked by Tim and Phil, the  
>>Alien Autopsy must also be fake/hoaxed/bogus purely because it  
>>came from the same mill does it not?

>>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who  
>>believe the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who  
>>think its fake hold your hands up.

>Dear Sean:

>  
>My hand is up. I think its fake.

>- Larry Hatch

Hi Sean,

I'll have to add a ditto to Bob Shell. I throw up both hands because I'm just not certain. And, if a guy like Bob with his photographic expertise and who has dedicated far more man-hours investigating that piece of film than most of us combined doesn't know, who am I to argue! <G>

Peace,

John Velez

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## Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

From: **Sefer Murat Aksoy** <[murataksoy@lycosmail.com](mailto:murataksoy@lycosmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 02:51:16 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:53:25 -0500  
Subject: Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

[Non-subscriber Post]

Dear UFO Researchers,

I am working on a special project related to USOs, that is, Unidentified Swimming/Submarine/Submerged/Submersible/Aquatic Objects, or simply Underwater UFO Phenomenon. Please would you help me by informing me about some UFologist names who are already interested in USOs. If you do it for me, then I will be very glad too.

I am looking forward to see your mail as soon as it is possible.

Wish you success at your work.

Sefer Murat AKSOY  
[murataksoy@lycosmail.com](mailto:murataksoy@lycosmail.com)

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## Re: Guilt By Association?

From: Philip Mantle - UFO <[pmufo@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmufo@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 03:28:38 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 13:06:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:13:58 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Guilt By Association?

>>With the "Tent Footage" fully debunked by Tim and Phil, the  
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>>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who  
>>believe the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who  
>>think its fake hold your hands up.

>My hand is up. I think its fake.

Between us I think we've proven, beyond reasonable doubt, that  
the tent footage is indeed a fake, the same, however, cannot as  
yet be said about the rest of the Santilli film. Hopefully, in  
time, we will be able to offer enoughproof and not rely on  
opinions.

Philip

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## Press Releases

From: Philip Mantle - UFO <[pmufo@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmufo@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 03:49:23 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 13:08:03 -0500  
Subject: Press Releases

Dear colleagues,

As the research & commissioning editor for Quest Magazine I'd like to know if anyone knows of how and where I might be put on a press mailing list, or lists, of up and coming movies that deal with the topics we cover.

For those of you who don't know, Quest Magazine has been in circulation for 3 years now and is distributed to 30 countries around the world.

It covers such topics, in a serious manner, as: Ancient Civilisations, Ancient Technology, Astronomy, Astrology, UFOs, The Paranormal, Virus's, Remote Viewing, SETI, Future Technology, and much much more.

I'm also responsible for a 'What's On' page, attempting to provide details on conferences and lectures dealing with the above topics.

If you know of how I can be put on such mailing lists, or you would like more information on contributing to Quest Magazine, or indeed you have a conference or a lecture that you might like us to include in our 'What's On' section, then please contact me on:

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Many thanks,

Philip Mantle.

PS.

Please feel free to forward this onto any of your colleagues

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## Exotic Propulsion Technology Testing In Canada?

From: Dan Geib <[geibdan@qtm.net](mailto:geibdan@qtm.net)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 20:24:37 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 13:15:36 -0500  
Subject: Exotic Propulsion Technology Testing In Canada?

Hello,

I received a compelling first hand account of Possible Military use of New Technologies being tested in Northern Canada. It is apparently a triangle drone ? It contains government responses to inquiries and provides for very interesting reading.

If interested the article / website is called  
Is Exotic Propulsion Technology Being Tested In Canada's North?  
and can be located at:

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/a1999/jan/index.htm>

at UFO Folklore!

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/framemst.html>

For no matter what it is or is not, it always is good folklore!

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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:45:50 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 13:35:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: "Bob Shell" <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 15:33:06 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:53:42 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 09:17:48 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Previously, Bob had written:

>My father was a TV newsman until he retired. He signed on the  
>very first TV station in this area and was there nearly 40  
>years. Before that he was in Radio. He had the courage to cover  
>the UFO flaps in Wytheville, Virginia, just down the road from  
>here and went from skeptic to believer from interviewing  
>ordinary people who had very extra-ordinary experiences.

>He was the newsman who dug up and broke the Frances Gary Powers  
>story when the Soviets shot him down in a U2 spy plane, and he  
>covered many other sensitive stories over the years.

>I asked him about this story of yours and he said "Bull\*\*\*t!"

Bob, regarding your father:

Did you ask him if he ever worked in Houston? No.

Did he, in fact, work in Houston? No.

Did he work for the same station as my father? No.

Did he work on the same remote crew? No.

Did you ask him if he knew my father? No.

Did he know my father? No.

Did you ask him if he was aware of what happened to my father?  
No.

Do you even know my father's name? No.

In fact, there's nothing you could possibly ask your father  
that would confirm or deny what happened to my father, and you  
know that.

You simply inquired about your father's own experiences, which  
is fine. But just because something like this did not happen to  
your father does not mean it did not happen to mine, Bob, or  
that it can't happen to anyone else.

If such a discrepancy were an indicator of truth then I could  
simply maintain that your father's story is bullshit. Or I  
could take the position that he was warned not to reveal that  
such things happened to him. Or I could claim that you are just  
making things up to take a counter point with my own position.

But why should I?

I find it reasonable that nothing happened to your father, and I'm happy for him and can accept that.

On the other hand, you are calling my father a liar, which I do not take lightly. Or, possibly, you are calling me a liar. Neither is very flattering and quite uncalled for.

In fact, the few short months I've been involved with this List, I've noticed your obvious disdain for anyone that might offer information that relates to media such as photography, film or video. When referring to Neil Morris' work on the RPIT, you said you were waiting on CD ROMS of the material so you could put it in the hands of a "real" photo analyst. What a cheap shot.

Odd, considering your earlier position that commercial scans would be useless, anyway. It would appear the only real use of the CD ROM to you was an opportunity in discussion to diss Neil Morris about his efforts and the efforts of the RPIT.

Your comments in response to my own postings about AA were full of contradictions about how many rolls were pushed, about your access to the cameraman, about how the film was processed, about which lenses were used, etc, etc. Yet you maintain the attitude that only YOU are to be the one to say whether the AA footage is real or not. Woe to anyone that might have a technical opinion, otherwise, no matter how logical.

If you don't agree with my posts, that's okay. I don't always agree with yours. But then, I'm not required to, despite what you may think. More to the point, the world does not have to agree with Bob Shell or bow to his approval.

If you have specific evidence that proves my father is not telling the truth about what happened to him and his remote crew, then lets see it. If all you have is your own father's word that nothing like that ever happened to him, then leave it at that.

Do not try to score hits on me by casting doubts on the integrity of my father.

I won't stand for it.

Roger Evans

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:16:40 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 13:39:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 13:19:36 +0000  
>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:27:49 -0600  
>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>>No sir -- you did not. You trotted out the old, and very  
>>competently discredited, NASA excuse.

>>>On four radio shows and in 9 email posts-detailed dissertations.  
>>>STS-48, STS-80, = frozen ejecta from on orbit vehicles.

>>. . . And Dr. Haines, Dr. Kasher, and (I believe) Stanton  
>>Friedman reduced your "frozen ejecta" to bull ejecta. Moreover,  
>>your "9 email posts-detailed dissertations" detailed bupkus. Who  
>>are you, really?

>Had you paid any attention at any time, I stated catagorically I  
>>would bring the whole tape of STS-48 and 80 to the U and Omaha  
>to any of these 'experts' an challenge their 10 dollar per book  
>ripoff analysis, for free, and show them what they are seeing.  
>They refused. At least with Kasher's school.

What they are seeing, sir, are objects that stop dead in  
space, and then accelerate to alternate directions in a manner  
not consistant with the shuttle's attitude thrusters. They are  
seeing objects that should not be seen given the initial  
infinite focus of the space borne camera. They are seeing  
objects that are not accelerating in accordance with the speed  
of the gas issuing from the shuttle's attitude thrusters. They  
are seeing, sir, that which you merely *\*proclaim\** cannot be  
there. As to their refusal to hear your *\*evidence\**, well -- we  
only have your word for that, after all.

>I'll challenge anyone with the color tape of the full sequence.  
>I see this stuff everyday. If you want UFOs, fine---UFOS in the  
>mission tapes everywhere. Great. What could that crazy NASA  
>know.

You must mean the same crazy NASA that discontinued live video  
feeds right after STS-48? The same crazy NASA that is so  
effortlessly forthcoming, openly honest, and truthful? The same  
crazy NASA that bases their whole rationalization on the absence  
of intelligent extraterrestrial life to a supposition that our  
shallowly understood physics won't allow them the energy to  
travel from a point so far away? What would YOU know? Hail NASA?  
The hell with NASA!

>You are as the rest. See whatever you like in the fuzzy B & W  
>tape. Its hopeless anyway. Dr. Kasher and rest are welcome to  
>distort reality all they wish.

I submit, sir, that it is you who distorts reality; it is  
you that deepens our academic fog, and it is you that  
contributes to the general confusion describing the ufological



field, and its capacity to investigate, today. Dr. Kasher testified that he went into the research fully expecting to bear out your weak contention -- but he couldn't make it fit. The observable data did not support it. It seems he has the guts to ask the hard questions, and you don't. What say you to that?

>They are the problem then, not I  
>or NASA. I have a right to make that claim as much as you 'want'  
>to see UFOs in the mission tapes. I say you're in error. You  
>call me names.

Uh -- What names? Don't get me wrong, I'm not above it -- I just don't think I've called you any. I could be wrong.

>Super. Get the color tapes from JSC and then you  
>decide.

Your color tapes are a red herring, Mr. Stephens. The physics that Dr. Kasher investigates on the black and white tape would be identical to the physics on your very fishy color one. Marylyn's white dress blows up from the grate the exact same way, obeying the same physics, in color or black and white. Shame on your scurrilous misdirection; I remain unconvinced of your veracity; you remain unconvincing.

[Lehmberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmberg@snowhill.com)

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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: UFO Communication?

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 14:31:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 23:30:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>From: R=E9al Arsenault <[aviano291@hotmail.com](mailto:aviano291@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 20:58:47 PST

Hi, R=E9al!

>Another prospect that probably wasn't mentioned before...  
>Extremely Low Frequency (ELF)

I didn't mention it, because it basically falls into the radio category. But it certainly is a valid alternative. The drawback, however, as I understand it, is the very low bandwidth of ELF or as it is sometimes called, VLF.

As far as I know, the penetrance of VLF is based on the wavelength, not on any interaction with the earth's magnetic field.

As in the other examples I mentioned, VLF could, of course, be used to carry analog information or digital information.

>These craft may be using 'hyper-magnetized/polarised'  
>light-beams to communicate with others, through Earth's  
>electro-magnetic field. These fields may go far beyond our  
>planet's atmosphere, and would easily be picked-up by any other  
>'listeners' from our Earth and outer-Earth.

Not to pick on you, R=E9al, but I don't think there is any such thing as "magnetized" light.

>As you may already have noticed, my name may not be familiar to  
>you all. I sincerely do hope that I wasn't interfering with your  
>discussions. If this was the case, just tell me so.

You shouldn't be concerned about that. Anyone on this List should be able to speak their mind, though, equally, they must expect to meet vigorous (and hopefully, informed) debate, in the event they use terms loosely, contradict known evidence, or offer an otherwise controversial proposal.

That's how the field advances.

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

UFO cases, analysis, classification systems, and more...  
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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 15:07:34 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 23:35:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:45:50 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>You simply inquired about your father's own experiences, which  
>is fine. But just because something like this did not happen to  
>your father does not mean it did not happen to mine, Bob, or  
>that it can't happen to anyone else.

Fair enough. He said nothing like this ever happened to him,  
anyone he knew, or anyone he ever heard of, and he doubted that  
it ever happened to anyone. He was hassled by govt types over  
the Powers story, but he believed that the public had a right to  
know, so he ran it anyway. No one attempted to confiscate his  
photos or tapes (audio in those days) and film.

Did your father run the stories anyway?

>In fact, the few short months I've been involved with this List,  
>I've noticed your obvious disdain for anyone that might offer  
>information that relates to media such as photography, film or  
>video. When referring to Neil Morris' work on the RPIT, you said  
>you were waiting on CD ROMS of the material so you could put it  
>in the hands of a "real" photo analyst. What a cheap shot.

Neil Morris is not a professional photo analyst. I'm sure he  
will agree with that statement. I am not putting him down when I  
say he has neither the knowledge nor equipment to do this job  
properly.

Neil and I have been in touch, and he shows no signs of being  
offended by my comments or approach.

>Odd, considering your earlier position that commercial scans  
>would be useless, anyway. It would appear the only real use of  
>the CD ROM to you was an opportunity in discussion to diss Neil  
>Morris about his efforts and the efforts of the RPIT.

I have forwarded the CD Stan sent me to a professional photo  
analyst for a looksee. He doubted he could do anything with  
someone else's scans, but agreed to take a look when he has  
time. If he gets interested enough, he may try to arrange to  
scan the negatives himself.

>Your comments in response to my own postings about AA were full  
>of contradictions about how many rolls were pushed, about your  
>access to the cameraman, about how the film was processed, about  
>which lenses were used, etc, etc. Yet you maintain the attitude  
>that only YOU are to be the one to say whether the AA footage is  
>real or not. Woe to anyone that might have a technical opinion,  
>otherwise, no matter how logical.

Please approach on bended knee and address me properly as Sire  
when you say stuff like that!!

Technical opinions are only valid when backed by technical  
\_knowledge\_ to support them.

>If you don't agree with my posts, that's okay. I don't always  
>agree with yours. But then, I'm not required to, despite what  
>you may think. More to the point, the world does not have to  
>agree with Bob Shell or bow to his approval.

OK, guess I'll have to learn to live with that.

Bob

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## Ziff-Davis TV: Friday Chat With Firmage

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 22:48:05 +0100 (MET)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 23:42:46 -0500  
Subject: Ziff-Davis TV: Friday Chat With Firmage

Source: Ziff-Davis TV,

<http://www.zdnet.com/zdtv/newscobrand/features/story/0,3730,2189860,00.html>

Links are preceded by asterisks.

Stig

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Mulder Meets the Valley?

Come chat with Joe Firmage, the Silicon Valley pioneer who just quit USWeb to search for extraterrestrial life, Friday, January 22, from 7 to 8 PM ET.

By Iolande Bloxsom January 20, 1999

Joe Firmage, the former USWeb CEO, recently told ZDNN he believes the truth is out there.

In an interview with ZDNN's Michael Fitzgerald, Firmage, who is being called the Fox Mulder of Silicon Valley, says he doesn't have much in common with the TV character.

"Maybe the ability to generate advertising revenue for newspapers," sniffs Firmage, who was CEO of Web-services firm USWeb/CKS until late last week, when he resigned to promote a new book that includes discussions of his belief in extraterrestrials. Firmage said that comparing him to The X-Files' dogged conspiracy theorist "is an exaggeration that's not particularly fair."

Firmage did tell ZDNN, "I believe in extraterrestrial visitation; I believe in UFOs."

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To watch the unedited interview with Joe Firmage, just click the video icon to the right. \*ZDTV News

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Come \*chat live with Firmage this Friday, from 7 to 8 PM EST.

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## Re: The State of Ufology Today

From: Larry Clark <[lclark@ibm.net](mailto:lclark@ibm.net)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 17:18:20 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 23:56:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: The State of Ufology Today

>From: Jim Bouck <[JGBOUCK@aol.com](mailto:JGBOUCK@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 02:14:55 EST  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: The State of Ufology Today

>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 1999 22:03:12 -0500  
>>From: Gary <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDate <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: The State of UFOlogy Today

><snip>

>In response to Gary Alevy's attack on George Filer, I would just  
>like to say that my ten year old can criticize more  
>intelligently than you.

<snip>

Dear Mr Bouck:

Having been the object of your attacks, both publicly and  
privately, as well as to people from you who do not even know  
me, I find your criticism of G. Alevy perculiar and  
self-serving. It makes for good public posture.

Larry Clark  
[www.nymufon.org](http://www.nymufon.org)

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## Filer's Files #3-1999

From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 16:54:31 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:04:26 -0500  
Subject: Filer's Files #3-1999

Filer's Files #3-1999, MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
George A. Filer, MUFON Eastern Director,  
January 21, 1999, [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com) (609) 654-0020

### TWO HEROES OF UFOLOGY PASS AWAY

Today has become a day to mourn, as we all lost two friends of the UFO community. Betty Cash and Doc Barry and were important personalities in this field and will be deeply missed. My heart felt sympathy go out to their families. They both deserve to belong to the UFO Hall of Fame. Perhaps when the history of the world is written and the true importance of UFOs is recognized, they will receive their just rewards. Doc gave much of his time in an attempt to uncover the secrets of the UFOs. Betty suffered from ionizing radiation poisoning after coming too close to a UFO on December 29, 1980. She was always willing to help others suffering from UFO close encounters. John Schuessler did a thorough and excellent investigation of the case. May Doc and Betty rest in peace.

### NEW YORK SIGHTINGS

POUGHQUAG--Larry Clark reports on December 25, 1998, a couple saw an object while driving home on Rt. 684. The UFO had a red light on one side and a green light on the other side. It seemed to be in the shape of a jet, but it was hovering what I estimated to be a few hundred feet up. We are familiar with the patterns of aircraft in this area and never saw anything similar to it before. There was no sound.

HUDSON FALLS--On January 7, 1999, A woman reports: My partner and I were in our car driving to Glens Falls in Upstate New York, when something in the sky caught our attention. I first thought they were airplane lights, but the strange thing was, there were two sets of them, traveling side by side. They seemed to hover for a bit, and then one of them began to change direction. I followed this one until it settled to another spot in the sky. Here, it stayed, appearing to be a very bright star. The brightness was very intense, yet it seemed almost "white." If I hadn't seen it moving and change direction, I would have thought it was just a star. It stayed there for 20 minutes, and disappeared. I then looked for the other set of lights. Now, I could now see a whole line of lights. It was moving, but not like an airplane would move, it seemed as though it was "gliding." Then, it just wasn't there anymore.

SARATOGA COUNTY--A reporter from the Troy Record contacted me for an interview. He mentioned having gathered reports from the Corinth area in Saratoga County the previous summer. I mentioned the numerous reports from the Saratoga Springs area as well as the new video. From that interview came a local TV news segment on UFO activity in the Saratoga area that showed some of the footage taken of objects over Saratoga Lake. Subsequent to the news coverage, I have been contacted by ten people who have reported personal sightings in the Saratoga area. Thanks to Larry Clark [www.nymufon.org](http://www.nymufon.org)

### NEW JERSEY

This sighting occurred on January 21, 1997, in northwestern corner of New Jersey. It was 8:15 AM and my eye caught a jet flying in my direction. I would be lying if I gave an estimate of its altitude. It was flying high enough to leave a jet trail and low enough to be easily viewed. Just then a second jet flying at a slightly higher altitude but parallel and only slightly behind the first plane came into view. I know little about flight, but it didn't seem normal. At this point I glanced back at the first jet that was now closer to me. Directly in front of it and so close that at first they seemed to be tethered like an airplane and glider was a V-shaped object. It dwarfed the jet. I have never seen anything that big flying at such an altitude. It was at least ten times the size of the jet. I have read about the flying triangles and V-shaped objects and it was a V. It reflected the sunlight just like the jets did. There didn't seem to be any turbulence to upset the flight of the first jet. The second jet seemed to almost be pacing or guarding this odd couple. As they approached, I ran for my camera and binoculars. By the time I found them, the craft passed over my house. I stuck my head out of the small window. I saw the "V" over the back of my house, but no jet. It took me a few seconds to realize that it had sped up and was waiting for the jet. As the first jet came into view, it took up its close relationship again. At this point, the jet began to bank to the right and the second jet, still on its parallel path joined it. The "V" apparently kept going. The jets then made a U-turn and departed. Thanks CAUS and Charles Stuart for this report

## ALABAMA METEOR

TARRANT CITY--My husband called me on January 17, 1999, shortly after he drove into Birmingham traveling south on Highway 79. He sighted what he believes to be a meteor. He said, "It was the largest he had ever seen and it was in broad daylight between 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM CST. It was as large as his fist on his extended arm. The body of this fireball itself was a brilliant white color and it had a red and green tail. It was traveling from north to south and was about 45 degrees above the horizon falling slightly." Thanks to Charlie Plyler Elfrad Group.  
Footnote: The photos of meteors taken in both Georgia and Alaska appear very similar while earthquakes were reported in Tecumseh & New Madrid, AL at 18:38 the same day. Kent Steadman  
<http://members.aol.com/phikent/orbit/orbit.html>

## TEXAS

FORT WORTH--Steve Hudgeons reports that a photographer from the Fort Worth Star Telegram photographed an UFO on November 30, 1998, around 4:45 PM. The object grew from a small spot, slowly, into an extremely bright light one-fourth the size of the sun. The object fell at a fast rate of speed, hovered, then slowly moved off to the West. Seven photographs were taken at various distances. These photo's may be featured in the next MUFON Journal. Get your sneak peek in the "SIGHTING" section at: DFW Chapter website: MUFON\_DFW  
<http://home.swbell.net/comcody/mufon.html> comcody@swbell.net.  
Thanks to Steve Hudgeons, Jr. MUFON Field Investigator and Webmaster.

## CALIFORNIA

PALMDALE--January 17, 1999, Tonight we had a bit of activity in the Antelope Valley. A woman called a friend of ours from Lancaster just north of Palmdale. Starting at 7:00 PM she saw a very bright white light from her home near Avenue M and Sierra Highway. This light was coming from an object that started hovering near a cleaning business. It was saucer-shaped with a dome on top. It also had red and blue lights associated with it. A blue and gold vapor hung around the object as it hovered silently. I stationed myself near the end of the runway near Air Force Plant 42 and Lockheed. I scanned lights to the north but could not detect anything unusual. When I got back home I was put in touch with the woman who reported it. She said her neighbor saw the object initially. It hovered very low near the building about 800 feet from her. It apparently came back after disappearing from view for a while but disappeared again. We told her to call us if she sees it again. Thanks to: Bill Hamilton Executive Director Skywatch International, Inc. "

## NORTHERN IRELAND

BALLYWALTER COUNTY DOWN--On Sunday, January 17, 1999, a disc shaped object was video-taped for about 30 seconds over the Irish Sea at about 8:15 AM GMT. The UFO was heading in a Northeast direction at 1500 to 2000 feet. The weather was good with very little high clouds. The UFO was observed by three people and was reported to the newspaper who ran the front page story on the 18th and followed up on the next day with a report on page 9. The Irish Centre for UFO Studies have started a full investigation into the sighting and will try to find out what they saw. Anyone wanting to get further information can contact me here at [ic.ufos@virgin.net](mailto:ic.ufos@virgin.net). Thanks to Alan and [skypost@unix.ltlb.com](mailto:skypost@unix.ltlb.com).

#### ITALY UFO MOTHERSHIP

TRENTINO ALPS--On December 26, 1998, at 12:15 a.m., a very large UFO, described as "a mothership" and "a flying cigar," was seen passing over Merlengo. This is a small town near Bolzano 330 miles north of Rome. "The object appeared stationary and at an altitude of 2,500 meters," reported Fabrizio Monaco of Comitato Internazionale per lo Studio delle Intelligenze Extraterrestri (CISETI). "It was traveling at about 600 kilometers per hour but appeared to vanish. The phenomenon lasted about one and a half minutes. When the large cigar-shaped UFO departed, "the object was illuminated by a luminous flash," Thanks to Fabrizio Monaco.

PADOVA--On December 21, 1998, at 11:30 p.m., a glowing disc was seen at Stra near Padova, located about 375 kilometers north of Rome. Giuseppe Isanelli was in his home when he saw a bright flash outdoors. "I saw above a field an object of circular form about six meters (20 feet) in diameter." "The field was illuminated as bright as daylight by an object hovering in the sky 300 meters away. It was of a circular form and had its own lights," Isanelli said. "The object moved slowly at first and quickly gained velocity, heading for Padova." Centro Ufologico Nazionale (CUN) is investigating. (See the Italian newspaper Il Gazzettino di Padova 12/21/98) Thanks to Joe Trainor editor of UFO Roundup Vol. 4 #3, 1/15/99 and Francesco Rosati e Alfredo Lissoni.

#### FINLAND

Joseph Trainor reports: Ufologists in Finland are looking into a reported air battle between a Finnish jet fighter and a squadron of five UFOs. According to Lars Osterman, the dogfight took place on March 31, 1997, in northern Finland. Local researchers learned of it when the pilot, whose name has been kept under wraps, phoned a radio talk show and reportedly said he was "having trouble dealing with" the experience. The fighter was an F-18A Hornet of the Suomen Ilmavoimat (Finnish Air Force), which was posted to the Lapin Lennosto (Far North Air Department) air base at Rovaniemi, 400 kilometers (240 miles) north of Helsinki. The F-18 took off on "a routine 960-kilometer patrol of the border" with Russia. As the jet flew over the frozen tundra southeast of Lake Inarijarvi, the pilot spotted three discoid UFOs flying in a northeasterly direction. Going in for a closer look, the pilot saw that "there seemed to be five saucers, instead of just three." He then radioed Rovaniemi and advised them of the situation. Lapin Lennosto Flight Control ordered him to intercept the objects. The five UFOs, described by the pilot as "glowing orange objects," veered sharply to the Northwest. The F-18 pursued them to Ivalo, a city 200 kilometers (120 miles) north of Rovaniemi. >From there, the F-18 chased the saucers west to Inari, 40 kilometers (24 miles) to the Northwest. Then the saucers darted eastward, high above Lake Inarijarvi. The pilot told Flight Control that the UFOs were breaking formation and requested permission to fire at them. Flight Control responded, "Permission granted. Fire at will." The pilot got behind one glowing saucer and lined it up with the reticule on his windshield "heads up" display. But instead of picking up the "target acquisition tone" in his earphones, he heard the raucous honk of an alarm. All at once, the targeting computer went off-line. The "heads up" display disappeared. The F-18's firing system for the 20 mm cannon was also down. Instantly the pilot hit the "arming" switch for his air-to-air missiles. The red Malfunction light began blinking on the dashboard. The saucers regrouped and flew away to the East "at Mach 4 or 5. They had an orange glow around them." None of the F-18's flight control systems were affected, and the pilot returned safely to Rovaniemi. "They tested the computers for days but could find nothing wrong with them," The saucers were last seen heading for Talvikula, Russia. Thanks to UFO

RoundupVol.4, #1, 1/5/99.

#### NEW MEXICO IMAGES

TIM EDWARDS wrote: Santiago has informed me that the engineer that took the stills on Aug. 27, 1995, has calculated the craft by the mountains to be 10 to 12 kilometers away from the camera. The craft was a kilometer across which makes our eyewitness estimate in Salida] of a mile across pretty darn close. Overwhelming stills and video of these massive crafts continue to escalate. Almost nobody will attempt to archive, bring together, or even report the correlation and the evidence of the cigar crafts to present as a package of evidence. Most big name researchers are too busy on conspiracy theories and ancient history and ignore the reality and evidence that are in the skies right now. The footages, stills, and eyewitness testimonies beg for scientific analysis and scrutiny. I have tried for 3 years to bring this together. Is there any help out there? Thanks to Tim Edwards

#### MACHINE MADE OUT OF DNA

Denver Rocky Mountain News, January 14, 1999, by Rick Callahan. Scientists have made a moving part out of a few strands of DNA -- a step toward building incredible tiny "machines" that could someday perform intricate jobs such as building computer circuits and clearing clogged blood vessels in the brain.

The hinge-like part, which bends on cue, is just four-ten-thousandths of the width of a human hair. The new work isn't the first time scientists have turned chemical compounds into moving parts. But previous examples have been hampered by their floppy nature. The DNA device, however, is particularly rigid and executes motions 10 times bigger, lead researcher Nadrian C. Seeman at New York University. The findings were reported in today's issue of the journal NATURE. The team hopes to eventually build other moving parts using DNA, including "arms" and "fingers" that someday could be mounted on a micro-robot.

The work is the latest twist in the fledgling field of nanotechnology, or technology at an atomic scale. "This is a very beautiful demonstration of construction at that scale of a device that's actually functioning," said Daniel T. Colbert of Rice University's Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology. "We're kind of in the children's playtime toddler era of doing this. We've been thrown some blocks and Legos and Tinker Toys," he said. "We're just kind of picking them up and trying to assemble things out of them that can perform something useful." Thanks to: John F. Schuessler

#### MJ --12 DOCUMENTS CONTROVERSY

Kevin Randle writes that Dr. Richard Haines wrote about the new MJ-12 documents: > Of course the burden of proof lies with the debunkers, since the documents are >claimed to be authentic and not vice versa. No. No. No. That is not the way it works. Since there is no provenance for the documents, other than the mysterious Cantwheel and since I can't FOIA various government agencies to get copies of these documents, and since there is no direct link from the government to MJ-12, these are, in fact, questioned documents. The burden on proof is not on us to prove them fake, but upon those who believe them to be authentic to prove them authentic. How can a respected scientist like Dr. Haines twist this around? There is good evidence that the documents contain anachronisms and each of those suggest the documents are fraudulent. For example, in a document dated in 1951 or 1952, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg is referred to as the Vice Chief of Staff, though by the time the document was allegedly created, he was the Chief of Staff. This sort of mistake would not be made at this level. This is not the only such mistake. This twisting of scientific principles is one of the major problems with all of Ufology. We get it backwards and then wonder why science rejects what we say. Without a provenance, there is nothing but a group of papers that are somewhat interesting. Thanks to Kevin Randle. Editors Note: I feel that we can disagree and learn from each other.

#### PROTECT EARTH FROM SPACE ALIENS

WASHINGTON USA Today January 18, 1999, reports the government is

making plans for the first time in three decades to protect Earth from potentially dangerous extraterrestrial life forms. Contaminants, virulent microbes, infectious organisms -- all are possible as NASA retrieves samples from places like Mars during unprecedented space exploration in the new millennium. "If there is a living organism in a sample you bring back, you don't just want to let it out," said Margaret Race, a biologist at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute in Mountain View, Calif. Quietly and without announcing it, scientists will begin meeting next month to recommend ways to contain any space bugs. The Agriculture and Interior departments and the Environmental Protection Agency will look at protecting crops, livestock, air and water. The National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are involved because of possible human risks from disease. The National Science Foundation has experience with organisms that live in extreme environments like Antarctica. Not since the first of the manned Apollo moon missions in July 1969 has the government had such a worry. But over the next decade, unmanned craft will be launched to carry back soil, dust and particles from Mars, comets, asteroids and the sun. Scientists agree that risks are slim, but they're taking no chances. "That's the most cautious way to proceed," NASA's John Rummel said. Thanks to Stig Agermose.

#### CEO OF USWEB RESIGNS TO STUDY UFO'S

Joe Firmage a multi-millionaire was interviewed by CNN's Don Knapp on January 13, 1999, at 12:38 a.m. ET. Silicon Valley CEO Joe Firmage Pursues UFO Science after Encounter. DONNA KELLEY, CNN ANCHOR: Well, those of you who believe in UFO's have a wealthy new ally. LOU WATERS, CNN ANCHOR: Yes you do. His name is Joe Firmage. He was the CEO of a Silicon Valley company until he had what he calls a very unusual experience. Here's CNN's Don Knapp. (BEGIN VIDEOTAPE) DON KNAPP, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): Don't call him the UFO- CEO. Joe Firmage has had just about enough of that since going public last week with his views on UFO's, aliens and space travel. JOE FIRMAGE, USWEB FOUNDER: It is definitely painful to go through what I have in the past few days. KNAPP: The multi-millionaire founder of USWEB resigned as CEO, he says, to spare his company any bad press while he pursues his interest in what he calls new scientific theories, like how UFO's fly. FIRMAGE: The only objection that science has put forward to the UFO phenomenon is that we can't control gravity. Well, these new papers are suggesting that very soon we may be well be able to control gravity. KNAPP: These papers are detailed on his 600-page Web book at [thewordistruth.org](http://thewordistruth.org). Tuesday he tripled the Web site's capacity, but it still couldn't keep up with all the interest in such things as his encounter. FIRMAGE: I never referred to the words visitation or alien in that experience that I did in fact have about 15 months ago. It was a very unusual experience, but I would compare it more to a near-death experience. KNAPP: Firmage suggests that Silicon Valley and the high-tech industry benefited from a UFO crash at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947, suggesting that perhaps what was recovered from the crash was analyzed in government laboratories. It's this last part that tends to annoy some in Silicon Valley. MICHAEL MALIAN, SILICON VALLEY HISTORIAN: These were very hard-working people of the last 50 years, and they, you know, plunged on and they managed to create these great products. And now somebody comes along and says, no, it was just aliens whispering in your ear, giving you the ideas. KNAPP: To prove it may require rewriting the books of science. Firmage says he has the money and the time to try to do just that. Thanks to The ZDNet News, stig.agermose [[www.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/9901/13/tod.06.html](http://www.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/9901/13/tod.06.html)]

#### SUMMARY of UFO REPORTS IN 1998

During 1998, the number of UFO sighting reports in the Filer Files by state follows: Georgia=43, New Jersey =37, Florida =24, New York=21, Colorado =17, California =14, Pennsylvania=14, Michigan=13, Arizona =11, Ohio=11, Texas =10, New Mexico =7, North Carolina=7, Virginia=6, Oklahoma=5, Arkansas=5, Illinois=5, Indiana=5, Alabama 4=, Connecticut =4, New Hampshire =4, Oregon=4, Vermont =3, Missouri=2, South Carolina =2, Puerto Rico =2, West Virginia =2, Tennessee =2, Utah =2, Delaware =1, Mississippi=1, Washington, =1 and Wyoming=1. The total is 290 reports. During 1998, the number of UFO sightings reported by country to me follows: United Kingdom =26, Australia=15, Canada =12, Chile =6, China =4, Brazil =4, Norway=3, Belgium =2,

Austria =2, Germany =2, Spain, =2, Scotland =2, Bermuda =1, Finland =1, New Zealand =1, Somoa =1, Sri Lanka =1. Total 83. Not all reports are covered due to lack of time and space. These also represent the better reports.

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## Re: Guilt By Association?

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 14:22:09 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:08:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 03:28:38 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <[pmufo@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmufo@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>>>Subject: Guilt By Association?

>>>With the "Tent Footage" fully debunked by Tim and Phil, the  
>>>Alien Autopsy must also be fake/hoaxed/bogus purely because it  
>>>came from the same mill does it not?

>>>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who  
>>>believe the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who  
>>>think its fake hold your hands up.

>>My hand is up. I think its fake. [ -LH ]

>Between us I think we've proven, beyond reasonable doubt, that  
>the tent footage is indeed a fake, the same, however, cannot as  
>yet be said about the rest of the Santilli film. Hopefully, in  
>time, we will be able to offer enough proof and not rely on  
>opinions.

Philip: Sean asked for a vote of opinions, not proof, which  
nobody seems to have yet. I responded as requested.

As for the subject line "Guilt by Association", I don't think  
it quite fits.

If I conclude that B. is a thief because he is a close buddy of  
A., a known thief, that is "guilt by association" and  
inadmissible in court.

If C. publishes "D" something proven to be a hoax, and then C  
also publishes "E", ..well "E" is highly suspect and rightly so.

Even though I and many others would prefer otherwise, I still  
think the AA film is a fake.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Neil Morris <[neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 22:34:56 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:15:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:45:50 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>From: "Bob Shell" <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 15:33:06 +0000  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 10:53:42 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

<snip>

>In fact, the few short months I've been involved with this List,  
>I've noticed your obvious disdain for anyone that might offer  
>information that relates to media such as photography, film or  
>video. When referring to Neil Morris' work on the RPIT, you said  
>you were waiting on CD ROMS of the material so you could put it  
>in the hands of a "real" photo analyst. What a cheap shot.

>Odd, considering your earlier position that commercial scans  
>would be useless, anyway. It would appear the only real use of  
>the CD ROM to you was an opportunity in discussion to diss Neil  
>Morris about his efforts and the efforts of the RPIT.

>Your comments in response to my own postings about AA were full  
>of contradictions about how many rolls were pushed, about your  
>access to the cameraman, about how the film was processed, about  
>which lenses were used, etc, etc. Yet you maintain the attitude  
>that only YOU are to be the one to say whether the AA footage is  
>real or not. Woe to anyone that might have a technical opinion,  
>otherwise, no matter how logical.

Rodger,

Hey man don't drag ME into this!!

You're quite right, you've only been on this List a few months,  
and obviously don't know that Bob and I go back a "little  
longer". We first bumped into each other back in 1995 and have  
had many many excellent exchanges both on UPDATES and via  
private email.

I hold both Bob and his opinions "photographic" in very high  
regard.

Ok, we don't agree on everything but I have no problem with  
that AND I still hope to change Bobs mind in the future.<g>

Friends and colleagues are allowed to have their own opinions  
Rodger.

But they're sstill friends and colleagues.

(Bob MY CD's are "almost" on their way to you, I hope they may  
have you reconsider your stance)

Best Regards to All,

Neil. (Not nibbling at the bait)

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Neil [Morris@Home](mailto:Morris@Home).  
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## Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

From: John Rimmer <[magonia@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:magonia@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 22:33:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:23:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@virgin.net](mailto:roy.hale@virgin.net)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 17:11:38 -0000

>POINTS TO PONDER:

<snip>

19). Why is there only one Monopolies Commission?

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## Re: Astronomers Get Ready To Call E.T.

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 23:38:11 +0100 (MET)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:27:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomers Get Ready To Call E.T.

Forwarded from "alt.alien.visitors".

Stig

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From: [twitchb@worldnet.att.net](mailto:twitchb@worldnet.att.net)  
Newsgroups:  
sci.skeptic,alt.alien.research,alt.alien.visitors  
Subject: Astronomers Get Ready to Call E.T.  
Date: 21 Jan 1999 18:04:38 GMT

Thought this might be of interest to some on these newsgroups.

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Astronomers Get Ready to Call E.T.

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Physicists are announcing today that they have designed a message to be broadcast in the direction of nearby stars in order to search for extra-terrestrial intelligence.

This project is being presented by Dr. Yvan Dutil and Stephane Dumas from the Defence Research Establishment Valcartier, near Quebec City (Canada), to the American Astronomical Society meeting in Austin, TX. This is the first time in a quarter of a century that such a cosmic call will be attempted. This experiment is promoted by the Encounter 2001 project, an international spaceflight project which is planned for launch into interstellar space in the year 2001.

The complete message is about 400,000 bits long and will be transmitted three times over a 3-hour period in the direction of the four selected stars. Then, it will be followed by a series of greetings from people around the world. The transmission will start on March 15 1999. This message is much larger in size, duration and scope than the one sent by Frank Drake on November 16th, 1974 from the Arecibo observatory which consisted of only 1,679 bits sent over a 3 minute duration.

Finding a transmitter for this task was not easy; the project will use a 70 m (230 ft) Ukrainian antenna equipped with a 150 kW transmitter broadcasting at 5 GHz (6 cm). Using this antenna, any civilization within 100 light-years which has access to a radio-telescope with an area of one squared-kilometer will be able to read the message. The artificial nature of the message should be able to be detected by similar instruments at distances up to 10,000 light-years. A radio-telescope of this size will be built on Earth in the near future.

The message itself has been designed using some of the principles of interstellar communication proposed in the early works of Hans Freudenthal, Frank Drake and Carl Sagan. Mathematics and physics have been used to define the message, so that it will be clear and based on universal concepts. For example, the hydrogen atom can be used to describe quantities such as mass, electric charge and length. To these basic ideas

were added simple notions of astronomy, biology, geography and cosmology. Easier concepts and ideas are at the beginning while the more elaborate ones appear at the end of the message. Any true communication is not complete without an answer. Therefore, the last page of the message invites anyone who reads it to reply, sending information about themselves.

The message has been built to minimize the loss of information due to noise introduced into the signal during its interstellar flight. To minimize the risk of confusion, a set of characters was created which are fairly different from each other. Redundant information is included to allow cross-checking of the message. The addition of a frame around each page of the message, and the inclusion of page and section numbers will also help the translation process.

For many years, most research projects dedicated to the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) have scanned the sky trying to detect any signals sent by extra-terrestrial civilizations willing to communicate with us. So far, the sky has remained silent. All these searches have been passive: what is proposed now is to send a message in order to catch the attention of an extra-terrestrial civilization.

In order to maximize the probability of detection, the direction of the transmission has been carefully chosen to include stars similar to our Sun, and to limit the degradation of the signal as it travels through the vast reaches of interstellar space. Fortunately, there is a region between the spiral arms of our galaxy where the signal can be transmitted over long distances without too much degradation. This region is situated between 50 and 90 degrees of galactic longitude, which corresponds roughly to the region of the sky called the "Summer Triangle". Four stars, clones of our Sun, have been selected from the list made by the SETI institute. These target stars are located at distances between 50 and 70 light-years from the Sun.

Target List:

| Names    | l    | b  | a (J2000)    | d (J2000)     | Type |
|----------|------|----|--------------|---------------|------|
| HD190360 | 67   | 1  | 20h03m37.41s | +29d53m48.51s | G7V  |
| 51.8     | 5.73 |    |              |               |      |
| HD190406 | 57   | 8  | 20h04m06.23s | +17d04m12.64s | G1V  |
| 57.6     | 5.08 |    |              |               |      |
| HD186408 | 83   | 13 | 19h41m48.95s | +50d31m30.21s | G3V  |
| 70.5     | 5.99 |    |              |               |      |
| HD178428 | 50   | 4  | 19h07m57.32s | +16d51m12.24s | G6V  |
| 68.3     | 6.08 |    |              |               |      |

Table headings: l and |b| are the coordinates of the target star in galactic latitude and (absolute) longitude, while a and d give the Right Ascension and Declination of the star in the J2000 coordinate system. The star's spectral type is given next; for comparison, our Sun is a G2V. The next column gives the distances to each star in light years. The last column gives the Visual magnitude (brightness) of each star.

You can also visit the web site of the Encounter 2001 project:

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

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## Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 15:59:09 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:34:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 22:36:07 +0000  
>From: Dave Ledger <[dledger@cableinet.co.uk](mailto:dledger@cableinet.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>First and foremost, I fail to see how you can possibly put all  
>of the anomalous objects, clearly seen in the STS-80 footage,  
>down to waste ejections from the shuttle and such-like. This is  
>absurd! One of the objects in the footage seems to be very  
>large (main object) and does not behave in a manner consistent  
>with space junk or Ice. This large object appears to be under  
>some kind of intelligent control at least from what I can see. At  
>one point it seems that there are two additional objects which  
>seem to be on intercept/rendezvous type courses toward the large  
>main anomaly. (Space Junk?) Also if it is indeed space junk and  
>ejected waste etc, why do all the objects seem to move at  
>different speeds? Are they all caught in different thruster  
>blasts of different strengths? from different directions?  
>Perhaps you can clarify this point for me.

I have answered this in great depth in 9 different venues, in detail, over and over. Still, I am told I have not. This logic virtually escapes me. It is virtually hopeless. Here it is again, you need to get the color tapes of these missions from JSC-NASA. They are FREE. They are in color. They are complete in every detail. They have everything there that the lay person can derive at a fair and logical conclusion. If you want additional backup, then get ALL mission tapes from STS-1 to STS-80. This way you can see the 'UFOs' in every single mission to date. I know this answer is not what you and Kasher and others want to hear and for that I have no response. Please look at all the tapes and then see for yourself that EVERY mission is embroiled with thousands of UFOs, or, gee, there just might be something to what that crazy NASA is saying about the missions and ejecta from the spacecraft.

You figure it out. I give up.

And knock off the truculent nonsense. Asked a reasonable question without the innuendo of you being deceived before you even get an answer.

After you have seen the tapes, and reviewed them, you will know what everyone else knows, inside the agency and out. If you still 'know that NASA is lying', great. UFOs all over place in space around the shuttle. Sounds great to me.

>Ok, I take it this is the STS-48 mission we are talking about  
>here. My problem with this is that the alleged RCS motor  
>firing, (flash in bottom left corner of screen on clip) fires at  
>a particular angle, (say towards 1 o'clock) if that is what is in  
>the clip as you say. If this is indeed the case, then why does  
>the anomalous object leave the shot at a totally different angle  
>than that of the alleged thruster blast? (approximately 2-3  
>o'clock) Surely if it was the thrust moving the ice/junk  
>whatever, the anomaly would have been blown in a similar path to  
>the alleged jet blast from the shuttle. The direction that the  
>anomaly leaves the shot from, suggests some kind of resistance  
>to the alleged thruster blast direction. Can space junk and Ice

>do this?

What you describe suggest nothing without the full color tape and a shuttle operator's manual. The ship is in line 90 degrees to the plume blast. When the RCS fires, in the color tape, RCS number 17, which is firing, at 2.2 pounds thrust at 1000 feet per second, egresses from the motor nozzle with a plume fan of 140 degrees in all arcs. Its effect blast effects the area around it in a 179 degree arc. If anything was laying, floating, alongside the orbiter, it too would be effected and moved away from its original location. It would effect all ejecta in the vicinity in varying degrees.

>Secondly, the anomalous object was also observed to change its  
>track again a second time, further out from Earth, which seems  
>to kick the RCS motor explanation into touch as far as I can  
>determine anyway.

In the color tape of the whole event, even more ejecta appears into the light bowl and is kicked and shot around and out away from the orbiters right side. It is a maelstrom of activity. The tape of the mission, including what is in question, is in full color. It is replete with everything one could want to know and it looks entirely different than the blurry, scratchy, B & W images as seen on the net.

>Thirdly, when you touched upon the Shuttle missions in your  
>post, you did not even acknowledge the fact that there was more  
>than one anomalous episode connected to the STS-48 shuttle  
>mission. About 6 was it?

No, 2 distinct events and I covered every single facsimile of the mission. I state this. You state that I didn't. It is your call to do your own clicking on the net, which isn't too tough, and go to Sightings and others sites where my written and oral dissertation is archived. But as I told Roger Evans, I think it is virtually hopeless. You will not call JSC and get the tapes, you will not research your claims further, Kasher wouldn't even consider a little closer look at his BS claims after I offered the full color tape for review and lecture at the U of O. Its fruitless.

>Also what was the anomalous object recorded on film, leaving  
>Earth at a high velocity on the STS-80 mission? Too many  
>relevant questions left unanswered I think. What I can tell you  
>without being an expert in this field is that this particular  
>incident was definitely NOT Ice or Ejecta', so what was it?

You are correct. It is NOT ice or ejecta, although this material is there in the tape at times, but because it is a shroud-LCMR cover from the payload bay pallet array for the foil covering mounting of the satellite in the cargo bay before launching that you are referencing. In the full color tape of the whole mission sequence you can see it all. There are quite a few of items that have not, did not clear the cargo bay and the camera has registered them.

The snide remark about me having all the answers is flawed and wrong. I do not have very many answers on most things, period. In regard to some events regarding STS and NASA I have a limited number of items to offer. After that, my chest of data is finished. I'm not the end line on anything. I offer what I know and what I have been exposed to not by intent, over 20 years. That is all. When it is done and offered, I am no more than a reference. I am not a UFO person.

sincerely,

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## Re: Guilt By Association?

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 18:06:25 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:36:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 02:35:17 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:48:38 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:13:58 +0000  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>>>Subject: Guilt By Association?

Previously, Sean had asked:

>>>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who  
>>>believe the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who  
>>>think its fake hold your hands up.

John answered:

>I'll have to add a ditto to Bob Shell. I throw up both hands  
>because I'm just not certain. And, if a guy like Bob with his  
>photographic expertise and who has dedicated far more man-hours  
>investigating that piece of film than most of us combined  
>doesn't know, who am I to argue! <G>

Hi John,

Before I proceed, let me create a bit of an analogy:

In one room, you've got the world's greatest doctor. In another  
room, you've got the world's sickest patient. Running in  
between, you've got someone charging a profit to relay  
information between the two. But ultimately, the doctor never  
gets to see the patient and the patient never gets any better.

Seem familiar?

Bob Shell certainly has a great degree of photographic  
expertise; there's no argument about that. But neither he, nor  
anyone else (other than Santilli), has actually seen or handled  
the original film or talked directly with the cameraman.  
Therefore, it doesn't really matter what Bob's background is. He  
might as well be a mechanic or a dish washer or a home maker or  
a shoe salesman. His experience can't be applied if the patient  
is unavailable. And Santilli will always make sure the patient  
is unavailable.

So what's left? Only an opinion from looking at video.

So who are you to argue?

Within that limited arena, your opinion is just as valid as  
Bob's, regardless of your own background. Despite popular myth  
the AA film, itself, has not been investigated at all. The only  
thing that's been investigated is Santilli and Santilli's  
representation of it.

I do not intend to change your view about whether or not you  
think the AA film is real. On the other hand, don't temper your  
own beliefs by buying into the myth that AA has withood the

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scrutiny of professionals and countless man-hours of  
investigative work by people like Bob.

It hasn't.

AA isn't a mystery because Bob Shell's expertise was put to the  
test; on the contrary. Bob never got close enough to apply his  
experience. AA is a mystery simply because Santilli keeps it  
that way. In fact, the last thing that Santilli wants is for Bob  
to see the original film.

That's the only truth behind Alien Autopsy.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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## Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 16:07:05 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:39:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 19:34:09 -0600  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Michael Christol <[mchristo@mindspring.com](mailto:mchristo@mindspring.com)>  
>Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 02:46:16 +0000  
>>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: RAMS - Cleanup The Corners

>>I am not aware of a problem at this time. I do not lie except to  
>>call my myself a fraud only to find that others have taken to  
>>task this and have found I am not a fraud.

>First of all, let me say, that I have stayed out of this thing  
>since you made your first posts. I know that there are always  
>those "vultures" who sit atop dead tree limbs, and "wait" for  
>their victim to come along, so they can pounce on them for a  
>free meal...

>Well sir, If I can believe what I have been reading lately, you  
>have turned the tables on the "vultures," and have actually  
>devoured them...<G>

>I am not trying to "suck up," but I would like to know more  
>about you, if you are up to sharing it...and if you wish to do  
>so, off the mail list, it will be fine.

>I don't know if you have followed any of the threads I have  
>posted on or not, but some of them were pretty weak, from my  
>knowledge expression viewpoint...<g>In other words, some of the  
>time I was ill prepared to make such a post and should have  
>thought it out better. But, I contend that my basic premis's  
>were correct. However, I will not argue the case with anyone.  
>They are entitled to view reality in their own way...

>>I've never had professional help. However, with this culture  
>>online I feel this is a very strong possibility.

>Ha, ha, ha...I like that...We are talking to the Politically  
>Correct Intellectualistic yuppies in this mail list, for the  
>most part. Don't get me wrong...There are some very good people  
>in here, and they know who they are...but then there is the  
>other group, mentioned above as well...I doubt they know who  
>they are...ha, ha, ha..

>>I fail to make the correlation that I am a 'dude'. I do not  
>>dress in formal attire, generally.

>You sound like an outdoorsman...also like Stephen Spielberg or  
>in the same mold..theoretically speaking.... ;-)

Hello Mike,

Great mail. Thank you. I have no compunction in answering  
anything or anyone pertinent to what I know and have been  
exposed to over 20 years with NASA and aerospace. I will not

divulge things about my sweetheart's bra size and such as I think this is not inclusive to the subject of UFOs and such.

I am also wearing down on the STS-48 and STS-80 mission data. They all need to get the full color tapes of all missions from JSC. They are free for the asking plus postage. They then can see for themselves and make up in their fomented minds whatever they wish.

All other data I think is good to offer to folks who are interested, which should get them going in new directions of quest.

thanks a bunch for this mail.

sincerely,

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## Italian Hot Line

From: **Fabrizio Monaco** <[F.Monaco@stm.it](mailto:F.Monaco@stm.it)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:05:34 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:51:51 -0500  
Subject: Italian Hot Line

Hello all,

I would like to inform you that we have a hotline for Italian people who would like to contact CISETI and report UFO sightings.

Here is the number: +39-06-51965329 which is both voice and fax.

Thank you in advance for the support.

Fabrizio Monaco  
CISETI Coordinator

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## Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 18:46:11 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:54:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

>From: Greg St. Pierre <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 21:33:12 EST  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:52:59 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:58:49 +0100  
>>From: Fabrizio Monaco <[F.Monaco@stm.it](mailto:F.Monaco@stm.it)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Government To Protect Us From Space Creatures

Previously, Fabrizio had asked:

>>The question is: how can we fight against unknown viruses? We  
>>are talking about extraterrestrial microbes and i think that  
>>nobody had never seen or analyzed an extraterrestrial microbe  
>>before isn't it?

Greg answered:

<snip>

>Anyway, my point is that they can't even get the most prolific  
>virus in the world to fall in line, what makes anyone think they  
>can fight a completely alien bug/germ/microbe/disease/nasty  
>thing? Sounds like someone's looking for funding, and a nice  
>cover story is being floated.

Oh, come on, Greg! Don't be so suspicious!

Don't you know that the government cares deeply about each and every one of us? <G>

Why, they would never think of taking money from us without giving back something in return? Would they?

Gotta go. My BS booster is long overdue...

Take care,

Roger Evans

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## Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

From: Sharon Kardol <[sharon@hotmix.com.au](mailto:sharon@hotmix.com.au)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:53:15 +0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:56:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 18:21:56 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

>>From: Sharon Kardol <[sharon@hotmix.com.au](mailto:sharon@hotmix.com.au)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 18:09:37 +0800

>>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:44:35 +0000  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>>From: Sean Jones <[seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>>>Subject: Re: And The Truth Shall Set Its Fee...

<snip>

>Seriously, I would never force my opinion on beliefs in  
>whatever down anyone's throat, but I do like to make it clear,  
>occasionally, my position.

And the truth shall set you free.

Thanks Sean  
Sharon.K

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## Hoagland Responds To RAMS

From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 19:34:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 01:12:15 -0500  
Subject: Hoagland Responds To RAMS

>Subject: Re: Earth Changes TV  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 11:59:45 -0700  
>From: "Richard C. Hoagland" <[ENTERPRISE@sprintmail.com](mailto:ENTERPRISE@sprintmail.com)>  
>To: [earthcng@earthlink.net](mailto:earthcng@earthlink.net)

Re: For Richard C. Hoagland to come on air and discuss debate questions.

>(From Richard C. Hoagland)

>My first inclination is to "borrow" from that famous WWII  
>"Battle of the Bulge" General (McCauliff?) who, when completely  
>surrounded and outgunned, replied to the Nazi General's  
>supercilious demand for "total surrender" with that one, now  
>immortal word--

>"NUTS!"

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(From RAMS)

Under this brilliant statement, one can use the same analogy of quoting Colonel Shoup during the first '30 minutes' on the invasion of the island of Tarawa, 1942, when he was asked by remote shipboard command what he thought of the situation. He said, "the issue is in doubt".

Indeed.

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## Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 21:41:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 01:16:26 -0500  
Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

There seems to be further evidence which may substantiate Keith Bateman and Alan Price-Watts' claims that Ray Santilli knew the true origins of the 'tent footage'.

Researching the earliest claims and background to this film, I have discovered an important commentary which appeared in Colin Andrews' 'Winter 1995' issue of his 'Circles Phenomenon Research International Newsletter'.

As I see the newsletter mentioned in discussions during June 1995, it had presumably been published by then.

Colin wrote:

CIRCLES PHENOMENON RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

Vol .III No.III Winter 1995

Colin Andrews

[...]

ROSWELL FILM DISCOVERY

[...]

"During the first days of 1995, I received a telephone call in the U.S. office from my close friend, Reg Presley in the U.K. Many people know of Reg's interest in the crop circle phenomenon and UFO's. He is the lead singer of the popular 60's rock group 'The Troggs' ('Wild Thing', 'Love Is All Around', etc.). Reg told me that his manager had been talking with a business man in London, Raymond Santilli, managing director and owner of Merlin Productions, a mass media organization with close show biz connections. He and Reg had business dealings some years ago and were tying up loose ends. Santilli suggested to Reg's manager that Reg should come to London and see some material Ray thought he would be interested in. Ray claimed the material was the original U.S. army film of the crashed UFO at Roswell. He claimed the film had been offered to Stephen Spielberg (sic) for a movie a short time ago, but was turned down. Very excited, Reg set up a meeting at the Merlin Offices in London just after Christmas. A 15 minute segment of the film was transferred onto video from the 16mm original for Reg to view.

So where did this film come from and who is offering it? According to Santilli, he was offered the film in the presence of a Fox TV executive while procuring footage of Elvis Presley for a biography Santilli was then producing. The man he was purchasing footage from was an elderly ex-military intelligence photographer and camera man. Santilli was purchasing unpublished footage of Elvis as a soldier which has since been included in a video production on the life of Elvis.

The seller of the film apparently went on to offer Santilli 15 cans of undeveloped film, filmed by him while in the military, of the Roswell crash scene from the ground and air, and of the alien autopsies. He claims he was the military intelligence photographer recording events as they occurred. Because of the

highly unusual nature of events, apparently proper channels were not followed and when it came time for Washington to collect the film, only two cans were developed and retrieved, the rest were left with the camera man. For the next 46 years he had hidden the film, afraid of reprisals from the government should he show it. Now, as an elderly man, he was looking for a substantial sum of money to buy a house for his niece as a wedding present and decided to sell the film. The man dragged out the old cans and permitted a small piece of film to be cut from the leader on one film to be taken to London for analyses. According to Santilli, Kodac (sic) in London reported that the film was of about 1948 vintage. That was good enough for Santilli who purchased all the cans for \$100,000 (he has also mentioned \$150,000).

If this is all true, the American government should be nervous about loosing (sic) material which IF authentic would prove to the world that they have instigated one of the biggest lies and deceptions to the American people and the world at large.

My involvement in these events came about through Reg Presley. By the end of the first week in January, Reg had reviewed the 15 minute segment and included me in his research efforts. Reg and I asked for a meeting with Santilli which was arranged for Friday the 3rd of February. I flew from New York to meet with Reg and Santilli in his London office, taking Synthia, my wife, as witness to the proceedings. Santilli explained how he came to purchase the film and how easy it had been to fly it out of the States. He was, however, having some difficulty developing the aged film. Some of the reels were worse than others, the greys were merging with the blacks and images were nondescript. The prestigious Royal Society in London agreed to assist with their high-tech computer enhancement facility. Apparently results from computer enhancement were good and Santilli said they only had a few more films to complete. He said he had viewed all that had been developed and was confident of its authenticity. He stated that it showed the crash scene and the debris being inspected and removed. It also showed two autopsies with one of the autopsy films showing very clearly President Truman watching the procedures. Allegedly, Truman is standing with others behind a glass screen and his face can be seen so clearly that you can lip-read his words. All the film is in black and white and without a sound track. According to the photographer, the second autopsy was undertaken in a military hospital in Dallas. I asked Santilli what was the most impressive thing he had seen on the film. What had convinced him that it was authentic - "I had no doubts" he said, "when I saw President Truman". The first so-called autopsy was contained on it's (sic) 15 minute film and it was this that Reg and I viewed. It showed what appeared to be two medical personnel dressed in white coats working on the left-hand side of a body which was laying horizontally on a table of some kind. The "medical" personnel were not wearing hats, gloves or masks. The alleged E.T. was draped in a white blanket with it's head, feet and right hand showing. Because of the angle of the stationary camera, positioned to the right-hand side of the table and beyond the feet, it is difficult to estimate the size of the body. It could be as small as 4'1" or as large as 6'. My personal guess is 5'10". The feet appear slightly larger than human, as does the pear-shaped head which seems hairless. They eyes appear very large and black. It is just about possible to make out a small nose and perhaps a tiny mouth also. It is difficult to be sure how many fingers are on the right hand but I believe it has four finger and a thumb - the thumb can be clearly seen. I asked Santilli if he would permit me to take a copy of the film back to America, where I could obtain a medical opinion on the procedures being undertaken. Santilli agreed under the condition that no one else would be permitted to view it.

Bound by this agreement, I returned to the U.S. and showed it to Dr. Gale Ramsby, MD, professor of Radiology at the University of Connecticut Health Center. It is the opinion of Dr. Ramsby that the film may show a medical procedure rather than an autopsy. Santilli verified that the photographer does indeed claim that this was an emergency procedure carried out in a barn at the crash site after discovering that one of the two aliens was in fact still alive. In the film, two medical personnel appear to be removing a dressing from a wound on the left hand side of the torso or on the left arm. The exact spot is masked by the body, which is between the camera and the wound. >From

time to time large wads of something assumed to be dressing or tissue is inspected closely by both men and placed away from the table.

Through-out the film there is a square marker board in the bottom right hand side of the screen, on which is marked the following:

RESTRICTED ACCESS

AO1 CLASSIFICATION

SUBJECT 1 OF 2

JULY 30th 1947

There are three or four white flashes periodically during the film which consultants suggest may be caused by splicing. During these flashes, and with the film playing back frame by frame, it can be seen that the marker board remains on the screen, while all else is whited out. This indicates that the marker board was not present during the filming of the procedure but was superimposed afterwards, probably during development. [End]

The significant confirmation from Colin is of course:

"Santilli verified that the photographer does indeed claim that this was an emergency procedure carried out in a barn at the crash site after discovering that one of the two aliens was in fact still alive".

Wow...

So how could Ray Santilli have known the film setting was a barn? The default answer must be that he was fully aware of the film's true origins.

Whether that is true, you must judge.

An alternative explanation would have to be that the 'cameraman' did confirm he had shot the film in a barn and it documented an emergency medical procedure on one of the 'aliens'.

Given what we no know about the true background, that doesn't seem plausible.

The apparent certainty of the alleged 'cameraman' is in contrast to later claims that the 'he' was unsure about the footage and didn't recognise the filming style, etc.

Perhaps the overall conclusion is the one most evident; the 'barn footage'(which apparently it should always have been designated!) was always known to be fake and originally promoted as the 'medical procedure' on an 'alien', claiming the 'cameraman' confirmed details of its authenticity.

Subsequently, the 'tent footage' was dropped as it had become surplus to requirements, became something of a problem and most importantly, detracted from the far superior 'alien autopsy' footage.

Part of the 'tent footage' which Bob Kiviat acquired and which had faces digitally masked, might have been a result of maintaining its presence as 'Roswell' evidence, whilst ensuring none of the actors were identified.

Thus the 'cameraman' subsequently became 'uncertain' about this sequence of film...and so on.

As previously noted, Keith Bateman also claims that when they first showed the film to Ray, he said it should have a 'restricted notice' on it. They then superimposed the infamous 'security codes' and produced another version of the film.

This is the origin of the 'security coded' mentioned by Colin

Andrews and would explain why some reports of the 'tent footage' noted there was no such 'coding' - that editing presumably being missing from the earlier copy. There's further evidence to support the point, however, that shouldn't be necessary.

Bateman claims that they filmed the 'alien autopsy/medical procedure' in a barn and had the local farmer play the part of President Truman, as this was a story they had found in their own research into the Roswell case.

I can't recall where this was claimed in the Roswell literature - does anyone know what the probable source is?

I have no doubt that the published 'debris' footage, depicting those distinctive 'Roswell I-beams' with 'hieroglyphics', similarly owes its origins to Roswell lore.

What inspired the 'alien' in the 'autopsy footage', however, is a mystery, other than the obvious deduction that to be credible and practicable from a SFX viewpoint, any 'autopsied alien' had to be hairless and sexless, certainly devoid of any sexual 'appendages'.

Some further comments re Colin's newsletter:

"He claimed the film had been offered to Stephen Speilburg (sic) for a movie a short time ago, but was turned down".

There were first of all rumours that Spielberg was planning a 50th anniversary 'Roswell' film and later that he had acquired some 'Roswell footage' from an elderly ex-military cameraman. The story (apparently merely unfounded rumour and of no consequence) is briefly documented in 'The Manikin Who Fell to Earth' article on my web site, at:

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/aa\\_ga.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/aa_ga.htm)

"According to Santilli, he was offered the film in the presence of a Fox TV executive...".

No known substance to this at all and I suspect that Colin is in fact referring to Gary Shoefield who was in the US with Ray Santilli during the 'Elvis memorabilia' trip. Gary was at that time employed by a division of PolyGram.

"The prestigious Royal Society in London agreed to assist with their high-tech computer enhancement facility".

It can only be noted that Colin reports this and that Paul Fuller contacted the 'Royal Society', who confirmed they do not have any such facilities and had no knowledge of these claims.

"What had convinced him that it was authentic - 'I had no doubts' he said, 'when I saw President Truman'".

At the end of 1995, Ray explained, "I mentioned this to a researcher in the early days, before we had completed the processing of the reels. It was a mistake on my part. I repeated what the cameraman had told me and expected no problem with the development of the film. Unfortunately the film on this reel was too badly damaged to retrieve an image".

"The first so-called autopsy was contained on it's (sic) 15 minute film and it was this that Reg and I viewed".

No, it was the 'barn footage', the 'first autopsy' is a film which few people were shown and has never been released.

To reiterate, there's now an html'd version of the 'Mail on Sunday' article with a 'tent footage' frame showing those 'security codes', on my web site at URL:

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/mail\\_os.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/mail_os.htm)

Images from the 'tent footage' which doesn't have the bogus, superimposed 'notice', can be seen on Neil Morris's site, at URL:

<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/tentft.htm>

I anticipate there will be further developments, hopefully encompassing all of the 'alien autopsy' footage.

James.  
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## Re: What's the point? A rant

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Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 23:24:18 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 01:32:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: What's the point? A rant

>From: Sam Pepys [mailto:[pepys1@hotmail.com](mailto:pepys1@hotmail.com)]  
>Sent: Thursday, January 21, 1999 4:52 PM  
>To: [jratcliff@att.net](mailto:jratcliff@att.net)  
>Subject: Re: Flaming Pie Plates

Sam wrote the following comments to which I replied...:

>>There IS no Roswell.

Something crashed.

>There are no saucers in area 51.

Wouldn't know, never been there.

>The gov't probably has studied the phenomenon. I look at it  
>this way - if there was contact, if we did have artifacts, we'd  
>know about it.

We do.

>People can't keep secrets, it's not in our nature.

Plenty of people have spoken. Lot's of people speak on lots of subjects, and they are ignored. Whether it's biological weapons testing, radiation testing on babies, rapes in the military, etc. etc. Some people spoke for decades, and were ignored, as crackpots, lunatics, or folks without proof. None of these subjects became 'accepted' until The Perpetrators finally admitted it decades later. Every time I hear the statement 'people can't keep secrets', I wonder, am I the only person who watches 60 minutes? About once every couple of years they actually manage to uncover something which we find out was in fact a successful conspiracy of silence maintained for decades.

You state that people can't keep secrets, which sounds nice. People do blab, they are called security risks. We call those folks members of congress, hippies, free thinkers. Those with top level security clearance do not. Not if they want to protect their career, which is based upon that security clearance. For what rational reason would they speak? To what benefit? Secrets are power, people retain their power. For Christ's sake, I write computer video games for a living, hardly Roswell, and I don't go blabbing the secrets about how my games work. In business I sign non-disclosure agreements which have serious penalties if I reveal proprietary information. I honor those agreements.

People who are in the military or defense industry are charged with keeping secrets. They can, and do, keep them for decades. History has proven this to be fact over and over and over again.

My current boss used to be in the military industrial complex. He cannot, and will not, reveal any information of any kind whatsoever about his work. He has discussed with me about the nature of military classification. According to him when a military project is budgeted, a major portion of the budget is dedicated to security alone. According to him, even after

leaving his position to return to the private sector, he has spot security checks, follow ups, and random encounters by phone or in person from people who test him on issues surrounding his previous work. He has never spoken to me about any detail whatsoever of any kind regarding his specific work in this area. He is extremely nervous about the subject ever getting raised, and I try to respect this, my curiosity be damned.

When tens of billions of dollars are spent by intelligence agencies to maintain secrets you can rest assured that is exactly what happens. Have you ever seen what happens when someone goes through the kind of security checks required to get high level security clearance? It is a robust process to say the least, with issues of honor, duty, patriotism, and the ability to keep secrets of the utmost importance. When security oaths are given, when violation of that oath means, by definition, an act of treason with all the penalties that implies, let me assure you these are honored.

Ask your average Air Force grunt about UFOs. They don't keep their mouths shut. Do they tell you it's all bunk? Hardly, my own random sampling has produced story, after story, after story. Declassified military documents show not only a very high level of interest in the phenomenon, but a long record of encounters. Forget about asking the local hillbilly about UFOs, start asking military about them. The reactions I receive are as follows. (1) Don't know anything about them. (2) Yeah, here's this list of encounter experiences we had off the deck or our carrier.... (3) When I was sent to military intelligence training here is how we were briefed.. and (4) The higher you go up the food chain the less is said and the more serious the demeanor.

Why would this subject be kept such a secret? Why would those secrets be honored? Ever consider the fact that it's their job\_ and are acting in the best interest of the American public from an invasion of our air space by a subversive and dangerous intrusion?

In the end people keep secrets to protect their personal interest, and there is no benefit of any kind for someone to speak publicly on these matters. Some rare few do, nonetheless. We label them nuts, crackpots, lunatics. Which, perhaps, many of them are.

You mentioned in a previous message, Betty Cash Lundrum. Think the gummint treated her honestly, truthfully, and in a forthcoming fashion?

And then there is the whole issue of how you keep subjects like UFOs secret. The Art of dissinformation has a long and rich history, well worth researching in it's own right.

Sorry for the long rant, but to suggest secrets of great magnitude cannot be kept is not only an expression of naivet=E9 but also blind ignorance towards the facts of history.

John

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## CAUS 1/22/98 Press Release

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Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:35:54 EST  
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Subject: CAUS 1/22/98 Press Release

Paradigm Research Group

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 22, 1999

CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY (CAUS) TODAY FILES A NEW FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT LAWSUIT IN FEDERAL COURT -- THIS TIME AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ALIEN CRAFT IN OUR SKIES

Continuing its legal battle under the Freedom of Information Act against government secrecy, attorney Peter A. Gersten, Executive Director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, Inc (CAUS), a nonprofit Arizona activist organization dedicated to ending all secrecy surrounding this planet's contact with an extraterrestrial intelligence, announced today the filing of a new FOIA lawsuit.

A 1998 CAUS lawsuit, still pending in the Federal Court in Phoenix, is against the Department of Army for documents involving the allegations of Col. Philip Corso in his book *The Day After Roswell*. This new lawsuit is against the Department of Defense for information about the alien craft seen in our skies.

Gersten, who will be accompanied by a dozen eyewitnesses on the steps of the US District Court in Phoenix, has stated "its time someone in authority is held accountable and responsible for identifying these strange craft that are continually sighted in our skies and sometimes over populated areas. Its time we knew exactly what these objects are and more importantly, their purpose."

He describes these craft as "either delta, boomerang, triangular or v-shaped; ranging in size from a house to a football field; moving very slowly or apparently floating; little or no sound; and with many lights including, on occasion, a red trailing light." Some of these objects, according to the CAUS director, were seen in the Hudson Valley in 1984 through 1987; in Phoenix, Arizona on March 13, 1997; in Salisbury, North Carolina from April-June 1998 and Sedona, Arizona on July 15, 1998 as well as countless other places throughout the planet since the early 80s.

One eyewitness states that "I swear this craft just appeared over my head. I can say for certain I saw lights at each one of the three corners of the craft and at least one on each of the sides. I did see what appeared to be either a large light or a window directly in the center of the triangle. The eerie part was the silence for a craft hovering so close. It disappeared just as suddenly as it appeared and was gone again without any visible movement. It was pretty creepy."

"At a time when everyone is anxious about terrorist attacks, its alarming that no government or military agency appears concerned about these enigmatic and apparently technologically advanced craft that have unrestricted access to our skies," Gersten stated as he made preparations to file the CAUS papers.

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## A Little Virtue For A Maddening Situation (R.A.M.S)

From: Scott Krause <[SKrause272@aol.com](mailto:SKrause272@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:48:53 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 01:43:37 -0500  
Subject: A Little Virtue For A Maddening Situation (R.A.M.S)

(ebk- I know this is alittle of topic, but not far <g>)

After posting for the second time to this list, I have finally got some fan mail. In this mail I was called "stupid" and a "fool". (don't worry Mr. Stephens, I won't tell them it was you <g>) I guess it's true when they say it's good to feel loved <g>. So I thought a little virtue from the "Teachings of Buddha" was in order:

A fool who thinks that he is a fool is for that very reason a wise man. The fool who thinks that he is wise is called a fool indeed.

Though he should conquer a thousand men in the battlefield a thousand times, yet he, indeed, who would conquer himself is the noblest victor.

In the face of all that is so crazy in this field and all the hatred that seems to sprout up becuse of it, you don't have to look far to see why so much never gets done. If we as a people hope to ever get to the bottom of the fog, we have got to stop holding each other back.

Thanks and Good Luck,

Scott Krause  
Seattle

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## Re: Stunning Photo Of Craft Over Groom Lake

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 01:48:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 01:48:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Stunning Photo Of Craft Over Groom Lake

From: [stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 07:02:10 +0100 (MET)  
Subject: Stunning Photo Of Craft Over Groom Lake  
To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

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<http://eagle-net.org/groomwatch/1990UAV.htm>

Stig

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## Stunning Photo Of Craft Over Groom Lake

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 01:57:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 01:57:47 -0500  
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## Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

From: **Leanne Martin** <[leanne\\_martin@hotmail.com](mailto:leanne_martin@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:04:54 PST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 15:54:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

>From: John W. Ratcliff <[jratcliff@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jratcliff@worldnet.att.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: What's The Point? - A Rant  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 00:33:05 -0600

>I am ashamed to admit that I kind of, sort of, maybe, in a way,  
>sometimes believe there might really be such a thing as UFOs.  
>Of course, then all of the sudden, awash in existentialism, I  
>begin to question my definitions of what reality is. Is 'it'  
>something objective, 'out there', fixed and stable ruled by  
>immutable laws of physics, only marred by my pathetic interface  
>system, my random and half incoherent excuse for self-aware  
>consciousness, and generally half psychotic bad attitude?

<snip>

>While I love UFOs, and my run on sentences which are probably  
>designed to cause my high school English teacher the same kind  
>of maddening feeling I get when I browse the Enterprise Mission  
>web site, I must conclude that nothing anybody can publish,  
>produce, or promote, can ever rise above the noise and madness  
>of the likes of Art Bell, Richard Hoagland, god knows how many  
>other internet yahoos, radio talk show hosts, mega  
>bagzillionaire ex-CEO's, and their self-addled friends.

>I give up. Love and kisses.

>John W. Ratcliff  
>Self Mutilating UFO Groupie

Unlike John, I am not ashamed to admit that there might be UFOs,  
ghosts, goblins, Chuppa-chups, fairies at the bottom of the  
garden, bigfoots (bigfeet?) and alien abductions, etc. (\*\*Note  
the words might, please.) John, what a good rant, be careful  
though as it was fully coherent. Isn't that breaking the  
tradition? <g>

Like John I, too, love the topic of UFOs and scour the List,  
news agents, bookshelves and the web testing my credulity daily.  
Often I wonder, too, whether my 'interface' is awry because I  
want so much to believe in things for which the evidence is  
lacking. I really do want to believe.

When I express my opinions as to why I am not a 'confirmed  
believer' in a very exacting, coherent and logical way, and  
probing for a proof positive I am assailed as if I am the  
Anti-Christ herself! The assailants, for the most part, seem not  
to be able to step back and look at themselves and their  
'evidence' as would any unbiased and dispassionate researcher of  
any subject. (\*\*Note I said for the most part.) I attacked no  
individual, but I have no compunction whatsoever about  
attacking bad logic. I used religious references to point out  
their zeal and that reminds me: Which religion is the one true  
faith - each one knows that it is? Which alien abduction/s  
scenario/s is/are the truth? There are far too, too many to  
choose from in religions and alien abductions and each one is  
adamant that their's is the way and the truth and the light. If  
they are all true then there are tens of thousands of gods and  
perhaps a few hundred totally different alien species with

unique reasons to abduct you.

(I dare say, the most 'believable' abduction stories are the ones where it happens without rhyme, reason, or explanation. It reminds me so much of human nature - where someone with the absolute power to do something will do it - coldly, bluntly, brutally - simply because they can and see no reason to do otherwise.)

As stated above there might be all manner of curious things on our world, and around it, of the likes mentioned in this List. There actually might be! As there might be mentally unwell people who claim to be abductees there might equally be those who truly are abductees. (I feel terribly sorry for either experience as both appear equally horrible to go through.) I am fully entitled to not believe in them until the proof is in the pudding, just as others do already believe in them.

On my recent holidays in Tasmania I happened upon two separate crop circles. I did not ascribe any supernatural or 'out of this world' nature to them. I took them for what they are - anomalies that are awaiting an explanation. To my mind that is what UFOs, abduction experiences, etc., are - various anomalies (real or imagined) that are awaiting explanations.

Back to John's rant (sorry, mate, I didn't want to hijack your rant) - what's the point? When I grow up I'll buy a rant of my own . . . maybe a chicken rant, or a sheep rant, or a cattle rant, or a dude rant - I know, a Hoagland rant with lots of little Hoagies running around . . .

Regards (stirring the possum as ever),  
Leanne ];-)

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## BUFORA Watch - The Wall of Silence

From: Mike Wootten <[ej77@dial.pipex.com](mailto:ej77@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 1998 11:29:21 GMT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 16:00:53 -0500  
Subject: BUFORA Watch - The Wall of Silence

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BUFORA WATCH - The Wall of Silence  
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As BUFORA has now become a shadow of its former self with no direction or drive, some active members have been asking the BUFORA Council some simple questions relating to what is perceived to be a wholesale mismanagement of an Association that they have a legal share in.

For some time now these questions have been asked and asked again with little or no reply; highlighting the contempt the BUFORA Council have for its membership.

Active member, John Heptonstall is one who has been asking some serious questions. What follows is his reply to a long awaited set of answers from Council. Their answers are masterpiece of spin doctoring that a politician would be proud of.

Thank to John Heptonstall for giving us full permission to publish what follows.

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Hello Arnold

Thanks for your letter dated 14th January 1999 re. above. I note the initial statement -

"Quoting from the minutes 'Council are adamant that all requirements of the Company's Act, and BUFORA Articles have been met' also John Spencer informed the Council that 'John H. had not accepted his offer to discuss the accounts in detail'".

I am glad that Council is adamant that all requirements of the Company's Act and BUFORA Articles have been met - I am not sure that is completely true but it is important that there was no MENS REA.

As for John S., I made it clear that I expected, quite naturally, answers to the particular questions which I posed in a BUFORA members forum e-mail. I had no intention of travelling to London to discuss the accounts nor desire to 'discuss the accounts in detail' in private, my questions did not require secret or restricted answers and there were a number of other members who required the same information. I therefore declined John's offer on those specific grounds and used e-mail to seek answers. I have STILL not received clarification of those important points. I think that could be construed an offence under the Companies Act 1985, s238/239.

I will, for the benefit of those who awaited the outcome of my questionnaire, take your answers (A) by section and append my original question (Q) for those who do not have them to hand:-

Q. 1. What does 'administration costs' cover in accounts for years ending August 1996 and 1997?



2. Does Council think that 'administration costs', which were about 140% of income in year ending 1997, were excessive? If so what has Council done to reduce this tendency seen in years 1996 and 1997 for 1998 or were 'admin. costs' again excessive for year ending 1998?

4. Cost of 'events' in 1996 totalled =A323.539.00, how much of this was spent on National Events and how much on the 'London meetings'?

5. Cost of 'events' in 1997 was =A39,044.00, how much for National

and how much for 'London' meetings?

6. The actions of Council during 1997 led to BUFORA making a loss of =A378.00 compared to a healthy profit of =A316,374.00 the year before. Does this suggest that Council did not manage members' fees adequately, and if so what decisions led to the poor figures of 1997?

A. "1,2,4,5,6/ Would have been covered if you had accepted John Spencer's offer of a meeting."

Now I don't want to sound awkward, but that appears to be a major cop-out; it neither answers my questions nor provides reasonable information. This implies that my questions were either not asked of COUNCIL to whom they were addressed or that Council have failed, and are still failing, in their duty to answer them.

Under the Company's Act those questions are quite reasonable and are required to be answered.

Q. 3. Does Council support the view that the majority of members' fees should be spent on Research and Investigation of the UFO phenomenon within BUFORA?

A. " 3/ The Association provides a framework wherein individual researchers and investigators may pursue their interests and publish their findings ".

Does this answer mean that Council DOES NOT support the view that the majority of members' fees should be spent on R&I? - again I do not appear to have been answered directly, more avoidance?

Q. 7. Can I be supplied with a copy of the year ending August 1998 accounts now please?

A. "7/ Not before the accounts are released to the membership."

Now, at the time of writing that would have been a perfectly reasonable answer but it is now January 19th 1999 AND I STILL HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF THE ACCOUNTS contrary to the Company's Act (CA 1985 s239).

Q. 8. The accounting procedures for 1997 and beyond were affected by the transfer of responsibility for accounts to newly appointed persons and companies in 1998, Bob Digby was appointed BUFORA Treasurer, BUFORA Accountants were also changed. Were these changes subjected to the majority vote at the AGM in 1998?

A. "8/ The appointment of the treasurer and auditor was in accordance with our Articles of Association."

What does this say for the Articles?

Q. 11. Does Council intend to resolve to fulfil its legal requirements in the future with respect to the holding of an AGM by serving notice, in writing, to every member entitled to attend the AGM giving details of date, time, place, business covered, and that of proxy rights no later than the minimum time allowed by law, being 21 days before the AGM convenes subject to CA 1985 s 369? If so it should also ensure that every member receives a copy of the accounts to be discussed at that AGM at least 21 days in advance of the AGM along with the statutory notice.

A. "11/ This requirement has been, and always will be observed".

Arnold supplied me with photocopies of the UFO Times 44 ( Dec/Jan/Feb 1997 ) , and Bulletin Issue 1 January 1998, to support that statement. I note that the UFO Times item is announced under the large heading 'BUFORA NATIONAL LECTURES' and date is 5th April.

In Bulletin January 1998 there IS a detailed 'AGM Notice' account under the Editorial about the forthcoming AGM to be held on 4th April 1998.

The Council DID serve notice on the members through the Bulletin. It also requested 'members who wished to nominate persons for election to the Council of Management to give the secretary such nominations.... not less than 4 or more than 28 clear days before AGM'.

However, the Council made two questionable decisions between this notice and the AGM which sparked my original question:-

1. By TELEPHONE POLL (I am reliably informed) Council members ELECTED/APPOINTED themselves into key positions - Chairman etc. - a few weeks before the AGM and then used the AGM to secure these positions. The membership was not made aware of these position changes prior to the AGM. Notice of these key changes was NOT served on the members to give an opportunity for members to KNOW which posts would be vacated/contested to set up opposition, if desired, to those appointments leaving the usual handful of attendees at the AGM merely to ratify the 'foregone conclusion'. Is that just?

2. The members WERE NOT provided copies of the accounts for perusal prior to the AGM as per CA 1985 s238.

I note that members received an 'Annual report & Statement of Accounts 1994-1995' prior to the AGM IN 1996 with notice of AGM, Agenda for AGM, Minutes of 20th AGM, Chairman's report, Report of Council of management for 12 months ending 31st August 1995, Accounts for year ending 31st August 1995, Treasurer's report, D of Investigations report, D of Research Report, D of Publications Report, Publicity report and other news such that members were FULLY appraised of the situation PRIOR to the AGM at which said items would be open to discussion.

WHAT WENT WRONG IN LATER YEARS? WHO chose to do away with this very important & standard business practice?

Q. 12. Directors have a statutory 'duty of skill and care'. In view of the apparent breaches of the law undertaken by some of BUFORAs current Directors in 1998, what is Council going to do about those individuals who appear to have broken the law?

A. "12/ I consider that the Directors of BUFORA exercised their 'duty of skill and care' at all times ".

I'm sorry Arnold, and with all due respect, what do other Council members think? I asked this question of COUNCIL, how did they vote - or was it not subjected to the usual democratic vote?

I think, and bearing in mind the apparent breaches of the CA still outstanding, for example I seem to be denied a copy of the accounts I requested months ago, contrary to CA1985 s239, that Council should have to vote on this important issue of Directors' 'skill and care'.

Q. 13. Most private companies arrange a limitation on Directorship held by individuals in order to ensure that all members have the opportunity and right to vote for change in that regard. What does Council do to ensure this 'duty of care' is carried out by all Directors in BUFORA?

A. "13/ Elected directors of BUFORA retire by rotation after three years service, but may offer themselves for re-election. Appointed directors retire at the next AGM, but may also offer themselves for re-election."

This is Companies Act guidelines certainly. But:-

We seem to have a revolving door for current Directors, and especially a few key positions seem to be occupied by the few.

Why were the impending vacancies not subjected to the same process requested of members in the Notice served in the Bulletin January 1998? i.e. Certain Council members saw fit to re-ELECT/ELECT themselves and others BY TELEPHONE POLL prior to the AGM whilst EVERY OTHER MEMBER was told to serve nominations on the Secretary between 4 and 28 days prior to the AGM.

I am grateful to Arnold for providing me with a, perhaps more limited than I expected, voice at the recent Council meeting.

I am not satisfied with the replies as I feel Council has yet to deal with significant questions posed as to its ability to serve its members openly and within the spirit of the law.

I believe RE-ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS were made without proper recourse to the system as intended ( witness notice in Bulletin January 1998 ) to be used FOR ALL MEMBERS.

I also believe that members expect that their fees, and any funds acquired by BUFORA, should be largely spent on Research and Investigations and not 'administration' - a term which, in the case of BUFORAs accounts for 1996 and 1997, has still not been properly defined to us even now and yet which ATE UP a massive proportion of funds in 1996 and 1997. =A311,188.00 of =A346,178.00 turnover was eaten by 'admin.' in 1996 with 'events' taking =A325,539.00. =A324,236.00 was eaten by admin. against turnover of =A317,766.00 in 1997 and 'events' =A39,044.00.

Research and Investigations were funded =A34,252 from a turnover of =A346,178 in 1996 and =A3945 of =A317,766 in 1997. Is that in accordance with members wishes?

I also feel that 'London meetings' is not a suitable excuse for any large expenditure of said fees as they can only be utilised frequently by those situated near London. As I have been denied figures for the proportion of fees which served the London audiences, I cannot make more of that at the moment.

I am not really surprised by the answers given as I am well aware of the significant reservations other members have about the workings of Council, particularly certain members. The situation has led to mistrust of Council's motives in several respects. Trust can only be recovered by Council through a full and forthright response to questions posed by members, and by strict adherence not only to the law, but to the spirit of the law and articles of this Association.

Regards to all

John Heptonstall

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## Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 07:32:01 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 16:04:23 -0500  
Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 15:07:34 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 23:35:15 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 12:45:50 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Previously, I had written:

>>You simply inquired about your father's own experiences, which  
>>is fine. But just because something like this did not happen to  
>>your father does not mean it did not happen to mine, Bob, or  
>>that it can't happen to anyone else.

Bob replies:

>Fair enough. He said nothing like this ever happened to him,  
>anyone he knew, or anyone he ever heard of, and he doubted that  
>it ever happened to anyone. He was hassled by govt types over  
>the Powers story, but he believed that the public had a right to  
>know, so he ran it anyway. No one attempted to confiscate his  
>photos or tapes (audio in those days) and film.

>Did your father run the stories anyway?

Hi Bob,

No. Like his co-workers, my father was an engineer, non a reporter. He started in radio then, like most, moved on to TV. It wasn't his place to make decisions about what stories to run, even under normal conditions, and certainly not in the face of some goon from the government.

Interesting that your father was hassled by the government, so apparently something DID happen to him even if nothing was confiscated. I'm glad he didn't buckle under. On the other hand, as I was telling Dave Vetterick in another post, much of the final outcome depends on the individual's own willingness to take a perceived risk regarding his life or livelihood.

I spoke with my own father after your last post and he stands by his claims. Apparently, my father's remote crew was not the only one that suffered this problem. His conversations with other stations in the area showed that their remote crews were dealing with the same thing. During the hey-days of NASA, when the networks used pool coverage and everything was piped through Houston, he said it was the worst ever for some reason, even if the story had nothing to do with the space program! Go figure. Maybe it has something to do with Houston...

Later,

Roger Evans

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### Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 08:20:40 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 16:10:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 21:41:31 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 01:16:26 -0500  
>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Previously, James had offered:

>The seller of the film apparently went on to offer Santilli 15  
>cans of undeveloped film, filmed by him while in the military,  
>of the Roswell crash scene from the ground and air, and of the  
>alien autopsies.

<snip>

>The man dragged out the old cans  
>and permitted a small piece of film to be cut from the leader on  
>one film to be taken to London for analyses. According to  
>Santilli, Kodac (sic) in London reported that the film was of  
>about 1948 vintage.

<snip>

>At the end of 1995, Ray explained, "I mentioned this to a  
>researcher in the early days, before we had completed the  
>processing of the reels. It was a mistake on my part. I repeated  
>what the cameraman had told me and expected no problem with the  
>development of the film. Unfortunately the film on this reel was  
>too badly damaged to retrieve an image".

Hi James,

As Bob Shell pointed out in an earlier post, 16mm B&W motion picture film from 1947 would have to be processed totally different since it would require different chemicals at a lower temperature. Bob correctly pointed out that the emulsion of the old film would come right off using contemporary processing.

If the info about Santilli processing the film is true, then it should be fairly easy to find the lab that did the work.

Why? For starters, at least here in the states, B&W motion picture processing is harder to find since most labs limit themselves to color neg. Therefore, the number of labs equipped to handle B&W are going to be fewer in number. On top of that, the rolls would certainly require special handling for the technical reason mentioned earlier. Such an event would require the changing of the chemicals, experimentation of development times and temperatures; basically taking over the entire processing chain just for this one job. And, as Santilli supposedly mentioned, there were problems with the film, I suppose, because of age.

There would not be too many labs that could do this kind of work, to begin with, and certainly the lab involved would have a record of such an unusual project!

I hope this helps.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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## Keeping Secrets

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 06:05:07 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 16:32:23 -0500  
Subject: Keeping Secrets

This too may, be a little off subject, but it illustrates the nature of humanity. Years ago, I had a (now deceased) friend who had a radio-controlled model manufacturing Co. A more paranoid individual I have never known. At first, I thought he was in need of professional help - wrong. He was absolutely justified in his Paranoia. A brilliant engineer, his products were true works of art and at the same time, flew well. Sometimes the two don't go hand-in-hand.

I knew him for two years, dated his niece, and after he finally trusted me, I got to see "the lab" located in the wilds of W. Washington, he had everything but a Wackenhut "cammo dude" security wise, (although a large Doberman named "Herman" was sufficient.)

Why all the secrecy? well, the model plane business is one of the most cutthroat, pirate-ridden, nest of thieves I have ever seen!!! He was always getting broken into at home and the shop in town (somewhere in Wa.) Files stolen, plans taken, prototypes vanishing - then showing up in competitor's catalogues.

My point is: Secrecy is sometimes justified to keep the Bad Guys from destroying you. However, not all the time just for secrecy's sake because it can be a gnawing, out of control beast (like aforementioned doberman) and even when justified, controls you.

GT McCoy

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## Re: Confirmation of Robert Stephens

From: Roger R. Prokic <[rprokic@earthlink.net](mailto:rprokic@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 05:50:33 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 16:24:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Confirmation of Robert Stephens

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 00:50:02 -0600  
>Subject: Confirmation of Robert Stephens  
>From: Scot Bowlin <[wubi@iquest.net](mailto:wubi@iquest.net)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>To whom it may concern,

>

>Alot of you have noticed my name on many emails that have come  
>from Robert A.M. Stephens since he entered the UFO field back on  
>10-16-1998. I wanted to take this time to confirm a few things  
>as true that Robert has been accused of falsifying. They need to  
>be clarified now since the information he has offered to the UFO  
>communtiy has been shown to be true over the time he has been  
>involved pertinet to the UFO subject. A few more minor items  
>need to be verified as well. His reluctance to reveal details  
>about his service to this nation are his perogative. I'm  
>countering his wishes a little here under the circumstances. His  
>military record I am most confident will not be available in the  
>public view.

>#3. Robert does have access to what he says he does. One does  
>not have the badges he has without a very thorough security  
>check. While I worked at NASA I had the lowest clearance that  
>there was, Robert was much nearer the top, if my memory serves  
>me he was one of a few who had direct access to the shuttle and  
>anywhere on any center he wished to go---even the most snesitive  
>areas at the various top secret air facilities and test beds. He  
>had also gone through pre astronaut training for the artist in  
>space project..

I think you are a fraud just like Robert is!

First off, you say Robert was one of a few that had security clearances to access the space shuttle. Obviously, you don't work there or you don't know what you're saying. There are thousands of people that have direct access to the shuttle.

You say Robert has gone through pre-Astronaut training. This is pure rubbish! There is no such thing as pre-astronaut training! There is only astronaut training or there's not. Only a dozen or so astronauts are selected every year or so from a huge list of very qualified individuals. Robert does not fit those qualifications as a documentation guru, artist or Navy SEAL!

I can say that I worked for NASA at Kennedy Space Center, and I can state that I am one of a few on this list that has ever been in the shuttle on many occasions.

If you don't believe me, go ahead and prove I'm lying. <g>

Roger R. Prokic  
Telecom Design Lead  
Mars Surveyor Program  
Lockheed Martin Astronautics  
Denver, Colorado USA  
--[sent from a Palm III & HandMail v2.0.1 ]=-

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From: Bob Shell" <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:01:42 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 16:33:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

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>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers";  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy  
>Date: Fri, Jan 22, 1999, 5:15 AM  
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From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:10:13 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 17:11:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 21:41:31 -0500  
>From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?  
>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>"Santilli verified that the photographer does indeed claim that  
>this was an emergency procedure carried out in a barn at the  
>crash site after discovering that one of the two aliens was in  
>fact still alive".

>Wow...

>So how could Ray Santilli have known the film setting was a  
>barn? The default answer must be that he was fully aware of the  
>film's true origins.

Good catch James! I missed that. Ray has always said to me that  
the footage was shot in a tent, and it was always called the  
Tent Footage.

I can personally confirm that there are no barns close to the  
supposed crash site, either Michael Hesemann's site or mine.  
Barns, in fact, are not at all common in New Mexico.

Bob

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## Re: Guilt By Association?

From: Gildas Bourdais <[GBourdais@aol.com](mailto:GBourdais@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 12:14:07 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 17:24:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Guilt By Association?

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 03:11:50 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Guilt By Association?

>>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999 20:13:58 +0000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: Sean Jones <[sean.j@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:sean.j@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Guilt By Association?

>>With the "Tent Footage" fully debunked by Tim and Phil, the  
>>Alien Autopsy must also be fake/hoaxed/bogus purely because it  
>>came from the same mill does it not?

>>I wonder is it time to take a vote people? All those who  
>>believe the AA genuine hold your hands up, OK now all you who  
>>think its fake hold your hands up.

In my opinion, the only rational answer is: we have no proof  
yet, one way or another. It is highly suspect for many reasons,  
if only because Ray Santilli has not given one foot of the  
negative for analysis.

But this does not tell us what the film really is. That's plain  
fact and therefore I wonder why you raise the question that way.  
In this, I am glad to agree with Bob Shell.

The tent footage being of a different origin, the fact that it  
is a fake just creates another smoke screen hiding the real  
problem:

Who made the AA footage and for what purpose ?

Obviously not Santilli, who knew nothing about UFOs, as  
confirmed by James Easton.

That leaves a lot of room for other hypotheses, doesn't it? For  
my part, I stick to the idea that it is, very probably, an  
operation of secret/Intelligences services.

Gildas Bourdais

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## HG Wells 'War of the Worlds' - 100 Year Influence

From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 11:33:52 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 17:27:08 -0500  
Subject: HG Wells 'War of the Worlds' - 100 Year Influence

Two articles that may be of interest to List members are found in the current Mars Society web pages. The first one discusses the 100 year past influence by H.G. Wells work:

"Reflections on the 100-Year Anniversary of The War of the Worlds" - A frontier and literary history of Mars by Ryder Miller

<http://www.newmars.com/features/miller.asp>

and the second examines the question of innovation on the future:

"The Likely Influence of the Martian Frontier on Technological Development: Lessons from Earth" - by Vernard Foley.

<http://www.newmars.com/features/foley.asp>

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | So Man, who here seems principal alone,
There Is Something ,>'?'<, | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.
Going On! ( O O ) | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,
Salvador Freixedo ( O O ) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.
-----oo00-( )-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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## Re: UFO Communication?

From: **Brian Straight** <[brians@mdbs.com](mailto:brians@mdbs.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:40:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 17:17:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?  
>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 14:31:53 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>>From: R=E9al Arsenault <[aviano291@hotmail.com](mailto:aviano291@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 20:58:47 PST

>Not to pick on you, R=E9al, but I don't think there is any such  
>thing as "magnetized" light.

Laser light, can however, be bent by a magnetic field. It's the quantum effect that most magneto-optical storage systems depend upon.

Brian

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## Strange Goings-On At Roswell International Museum

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 18:11:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 18:11:33 -0500  
Subject: Strange Goings-On At Roswell International Museum

Source: The Roswell Continuum

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\*International UFO Museum and Research Center\*

Museum, Research Center, or Just Another Tourist Trap!?

PART 1

"Deception in the UFO Capitol of the World!"

January 22nd, 1999  
by Jim Chambers

It has come to my attention that the International UFO Museum and Research Center now has two, count them, two websites.

The original website, [www.iufomrc.com](http://www.iufomrc.com), that was created by the very talented Faeylyn Wylder, which has not been updated since November 5th, 1998, and a new website, [www.iufomrc.org](http://www.iufomrc.org), being authored by Mr. Bob Bush.

Just what is the reason for having two sites? Well, it seems that the IUFOMRC is undergoing major changes that need to be looked into.

Since the resignation of Deon Crosby, Aug. 20th, 1998, the Museum has been heading for a virtual crash. Why did Deon leave? This is one of many questions that need to be answered. In the wake of Deon's resignation, many things began to change in the Museum's personel structure. On the morning of Oct. 28, 1998, Laura Stephey, the Museum's Librarian, was fired for no reason. On that same afternoon, Dennis Balthaser was told by Glenn Dennis to sever all of his relationships with the Museum. Then came yet another blow. On or around Nov.1, 1998, Faeylyn Wylder, was stripped of her duties as webmaster, thus breaching a contract that required 30 days notice by either Faeylyn or the Museum to be terminated. Dennis Balthaser had written this agreement and Glenn Dennis had read and signed the document. Also the domain, which Faeylyn had paid for, and was in her name with Internic was hi-jacked from her. All references to her as the owner, registrant, and all access to the domain were erased. This was accomplished by a mutual effort between the IUFOMRC and the HostPros domain hosts.

Late last year, one of the board of directors from the Museum, Max Littell, informed me that Deon's position of Director would not be filled at that present time. Yet, they did hire an "office manager", Mrs. Glenda Shafer, and made her "interim director" who answers to the board of directors, Glen Dennis, Walter Haut, and Max Littell.

My sources have informed me of "gestapo" like tactics that have taken place at the Museum. Such as: personal U.S. mail to volunteers being opened and re-directed elsewhere. Volunteers being told not to discuss any of the internal business to anyone outside of the Museum. All of the hard drives on the computers at the Museum were combed through to see what Deon, Dennis, Laura, and any other personel had written. Any e-mail left on the hard drives have been read and privacy breached. Researchers have been thrown out of the Museum Library that was donated to the Museum by George Fawcett, the original owner of the collection. He had given certain "historical ufologists" permission to review his collection. I have been informed that they will most certainly not set foot in the IUFOMRC again.

So just what is behind this shake down at the IUFOMRC? Could it be that someone was getting too close to a "truth"? Or could it be that outside forces are now in control of the Museum?

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## Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 17:31:44 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 19:42:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

>From: Leanne Martin <[leanne\\_martin@hotmail.com](mailto:leanne_martin@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: Re: What's The Point? - A Rant  
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:04:54 PST

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>>Subject: What's The Point? - A Rant  
>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 00:33:05 -0600

>>I am ashamed to admit that I kind of, sort of, maybe, in a way,  
>>sometimes believe there might really be such a thing as UFOs.  
>>Of course, then all of the sudden, awash in existentialism, I  
>>begin to question my definitions of what reality is. Is 'it'  
>>something objective, 'out there', fixed and stable ruled by  
>>immutable laws of physics, only marred by my pathetic interface  
>>system, my random and half incoherent excuse for self-aware  
>>consciousness, and generally half psychotic bad attitude?

>  
><snip>

>>of the likes of Art Bell, Richard Hoagland, god knows how many  
>>other internet yahoos, radio talk show hosts, mega  
>>bagzillionaire ex-CEO's, and their self-addled friends.

>>I give up. Love and kisses.

>>John W. Ratcliff  
>>Self Mutilating UFO Groupie

Dear John, Leanne, Entities lurking and Abductee/Believer  
Wannabees, I shall endeavor to refrain from ranting and attempt  
to address an opinion-oid of my own on the various voids written  
herein....

>Unlike John, I am not ashamed to admit that there might be UFOs,  
>ghosts, goblins, Chuppa-chups, fairies at the bottom of the  
>garden, bigfoots (bigfeet?) and alien abductions, etc. (\*\*Note  
>the words might, please.) John, what a good rant, be careful  
>though as it was fully coherent. Isn'to that breaking the  
>tradition? <g>

We are so pleased and happy to hear this, we shall celebrate  
this very night with a freshly made bottle of Gripple!

>Like John I, too, love the topic of UFOs and scour the List,  
>news agents, bookshelves and the web testing my credulity daily.  
>Often I wonder, too, whether my 'interface' is awry because I  
>want so much to believe in things for which the evidence is  
>lacking. I really do want to believe.

Please, feel free to do so at any time. Not only is it de  
rigour, it also tickles...

>When I express my opinions as to why I am not a 'confirmed  
>believer' in a very exacting, coherent and logical way, and  
>probing for a proof positive I am assailed as if I am the  
>Anti-Christ herself!

Uh, perhaps the anti Virgin. And here is where I would like to throw up.... sorry, I mean throw in my two cents.

You may be logical and coherent, and you are certainly extracting, as well, your are a seeker of truth. However I for one, feel compelled to inform that in doing all of the above coher-ing and logic-ing, that to me at least, you extract something very personal in your posts.

Specifically, I am made to feel, in some of your posts, that for me to believe based on my experiences is what you denigrate. I do not wish to impose what I perceive (note the word, perceive), I do not wish to impose my perceptions on your belief systems. I perceive that I have been abducted on numerous occasions since early childhood.

It's OK for you to believe that this perception on my part may very well be a bit of undigested beef. But to me, it is very real. I don't like hearing that I am full of Tyrannosaurus Dung in believing my own experiences.

Further, your use and choice of words in decrying the belief systems of others relating to religion, the Virgin or other matters, is an insult to me, personally.

>The assailants, for the most part, seem not

Good choice of words... assailants eh? Makes me feel very warm and toasty when I read the word. So anyone who does not hold your opinion and tells you so, and further make the mistake of telling you they are insulted by your attitude, is an assailant!??

>to be able to step back and look at themselves and their  
>'evidence' as would any unbiased and dispassionate researcher of  
>any subject. (\*\*Note I said for the most part.) I attacked no  
>individual, but I have no compunction whatsoever about o  
>attacking bad logic. I used religious references to point out  
>their zeal and that reminds me: Which religion is the one true  
>faith - each one knows that it is? Which alien abduction/s  
>scenario/s is/are the truth? There are far too, too many to  
>choose from in religions and alien abductions and each one is  
>adamant that their's is the way and the truth and the light. If  
>they are all true then there are tens of thousands of gods and  
>perhaps a few hundred totally different alien species with  
>unique reasons to abduct you.

>  
>(I dare say, the most 'believable' abduction stories are the  
>ones where it happens without rhyme, reason, or explanation. It  
>reminds me so much of human nature - where someone with the  
>absolute power to do something will do it - coldly, bluntly,  
>brutally - simply because they can and see no reason to do  
>otherwise.)

'Scuse me.... por favor, but what the hell does that mean? The most believable abduction stories are the ones where it happens without rhyme or reason???. You are going to have to splain that one, Lucy. I can only conclude that an abduction where it happens with rhyme and reason is something that is believable.... Duh!?

>As stated above there might be all manner of curious things on  
>our world, and around it, of the likes mentioned in this List.  
>There actually might be! As there might be mentally unwell  
>people who claim to be abductees there might equally be those  
>who truly are abductees. (I feel terribly sorry for either  
>experience as both appear equally horrible to go through.) I am  
>fully entitled to not believe in them until the proof is in the  
>pudding, just as others do already believe in them.

I take no exception to that. But please, allow me to repeat your previous posts and you decide if I am too sensitive, or else I'm gettin soft. I know, I know... another Dylan quote out of context, sue me.

>I feel a bit sad  
>for anyone whose life is so empty that they will choose a religion  
>to fill it. In some ways it is sadder than the child who is raised  
>in a particular religion, indoctrinated from birth, without ever  
>being asked their permission.

>I consider myself a 'christian' (not Christian) in that I follow  
>JC's tenet of "do unto others...", but there is no way I would join  
>a church or organized religion and allow myself to be manipulated  
>by such a group for their own self serving ends

Say, am I too sensitive or what? Give at least some of us enough credit for using our own brains and intellect. By this inappropriate remark(s) you are accusing me and others like me that because I choose to practice a faith my life is empty? And the check is in the mail and don't worry sweetheart, I'm sterile!

And how about.....

>Yes, people who have mental problems misperceive reality and  
>that is why I added 'true-life experiencers' for all I know  
>there may well be some - it is just unfortunate for your/their  
>case that the evidence is lacking. Any 'true-life experiencers'  
>words carry little more weight than those of others if there is  
>no solid evidence to back them up - it's a fact of science life

Oh shoot, there I go again, being sensitive over someone telling me I have mental problems. God, I am such a dip!

And then there was the one about the.....

>This comment is sad, so sad . . . I don't have 'faith' that  
>these happen and that makes me a 'sad person' - what illogical  
>crap. Is this a religious List? When was EBK declared 'Il Papa  
>del OVNI' and the List a diocese?  
>Why should I be expected to believe something someone tells me  
>about an 'alien abduction' any more than some religious nut  
>ranting at me to have 'faith' in their belief that Mary was a  
>virgin in the medical sense and not in a socially specific sense.

Now for the piece of resistance..... You have made your opinions quite clear. And I do not take exception to the basic message you embrace.... "Give me the proof!" Got no problem with that. The problem I have is your choice of words, your attitude and the manner in which you demean.... mean it or not. That's the way it comes across to me.

Just lower the volume a bit and I won't be so damned sensitive at being referred to as a religious nut, misperceive reality and generally have the same type of problems I would ordinarily have on Gripple.

OK?

>On my recent holidays in Tasmania I happened upon two separate  
>crop circles. I did not ascribe any supernatural or 'out of this  
>world' nature to them. I took them for what they are - anomalies  
>that are awaiting an explanation. To my mind that is what UFOs,  
>abduction experiences, etc., are - various anomalies (real or  
>imagined) that are awaiting explanations.

Only too true, Leanne.

>Back to John's rant (sorry, mate, I didn't want to hijack your  
>rant) - what's the point? When I grow up I'll buy a rant of my  
>own . . . maybe a chicken rant, or a sheep rant, or a cattle  
>rant, or a dude rant - I know, a Hoagland rant with lots of  
>little Hoagies running around . . .

>Regards (stirring the possum as ever),  
>Leanne ];-)

I have a belief system, you have a belief system. I am sure that you recognize that whether it comes to religion, politics and UFO's, there will be opinions. Got no problem with opinions, just a serious problem with voicing them with the strength of the emotion. And, I am the first to admit that when it comes to religion, politics, nugs (I tend to be dyslexic) and UFO's, I am the first person who should tone it down and wait for the Valium to take affect. For which I apologize to all concerned.

I reread all your posts. Mixed in between the rancor and the sarcasm, they make sense.

Oh, and by the way, I too, must apologize for my getting angry. After your departure for Tasmania, I posted an apology to the list which basically said that the next time I feel the urge to merge logic and reason with emotion, I shall wait 24 hours to cool off and the valium to kick in before hitting "SEND."

Jim

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## Re: Good Puzzle

From: **Daev Walsh - Blather** <[daev@blather.net](mailto:daev@blather.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 19:45:21 -0500  
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GOOD PUZZLE

Just as the by-now traditional pre-Christmas rash of Irish UFO predictions had apparently given way to a New Year lull, our blatherbubble has been punctured by a painful article in \*The Boston Herald\* (of all places). This newspaper gave column inches to Blather's favourite UFO proponent, Eamon Ansbro, in a suitably skin-crawling article by one Jim Dee. After wading through the cringeworthy opening paragraph, which rattles on about the 'Emerald Isle', 'Land of a Thousand Welcomes', and 'legendary hospitality', we're told that Ireland is now welcoming tourists from outer space. This is, of course, according to Ansbro - cited as a 'self-taught UFO expert', prompting the question - how many UFO 'experts' are not self-taught? We could proceed from here, wondering how one becomes expert in objects deemed as unidentified, but...

Anyhow - Ansbro's latest prediction for the appearance of UFOs is for Dublin at 0500 hrs on January 30th, followed by sightings in Boyle, 'Co. Roscommon' (sic) in February, which he says is "a UFO hotspot". Blather cannot say whether or not Roscommon is a UFO hotspot, but we would presume to assume that it may be a 'ufologist hotspot', with UFO proponents clamouring to the area, like flies to a surgically performed cattle mutilation. This ufological obsession may be due to the claims of a 'UFO crash' in the area, a rumour that has been circulating for some time, and has been dealt with by Blather in earlier issues.

Dee, amidst puerile remarks about leprechauns, Irish hospitality and 'Forty Shades of Green', tells us that while Ansbro can't quite explain why Ireland is so popular among these alleged extra-terrestrial tourists, he does mention Ireland's political neutrality and 'druidic past' as possible motives.

"Ireland isn't going to send up some fleet of F-16s and blast UFOs out - which has been done, apparently, by the Americans" in the 1950s', continues the article. Blather could pedantically point out that Ireland has no F-16s, and neither had the USA in the 50s... but what Ansbro probably assumes is that the Irish



Defence forces wouldn't be too perturbed about extraterrestrials wandering into the island's airspace. Blather would suggest that in the unlikely case of the Irish government becoming aware of such an \*identified\* extraterrestrial incursion, they may well realise that 'resistance is futile'. Any \*unidentified\* incursion would surely raise a few eyebrows, and would thus be challenged in some shape or form.

Ansbro, however, has apparently identified "an automated surveillance" by a large "camouflaged" craft at an altitude of 80,000-90,000ft (24400-27400m), which "periodically ejects UFOs to orbit and scan the Earth below", using Ireland's megalithic sites as "vortexial energy points" - which translated, seems to mean navigation beacons. Ansbro's Program for Extraterrestrial Research (PEIR) claim that 80 per cent of worldwide alien tourists pass over megalithic sites. Such seems to be the case in PEIR's claims about Ireland, leading us to ponder on whether Mr. Ansbro has been funding his research by writing screenplays for Gene Roddenberry's \*Earth: Final Conflict\* (episode #113 featured much ado about Irish megalithic sites and aliens).

'Good puzzle would be cross Dublin without passing a pub.' - Leopold Bloom, in \*Ulysses\* by James Joyce

'Good puzzle would be cross Ireland without passing a megalithic site.' - Dave (daev) Walsh, in \*Good Puzzle\*, Blather Vol. 2.35, Jan 22nd 1998

But back to all this talk of January 30th - a quick check with Astronomy Ireland revealed no significant astronomical events for that night - nothing comparable to the December Geminids anyway. However, on January 12th, David Gullick made this comment on the UFO Updates Mailing List:

'In Dublin on Jan 30th, at 5:00am Daylight saving time The Pleiades [a.k.a. \*The Seven Sisters\*] are just above the horizon. At 5:01am Electra is just at the horizon at precisely 43.1 deg north of west. At 5:07 The Pleiades are below the horizon.'

Interestingly, the prediction has been made for five o'clock in the morning - how many people are going to be awake at that time to witness such a wondrous event? Of those who \*are\* awake, and scanning the skies for intergalactic tourists, how many will be barely awake, or sleep deprived? If this Blatherumskite is conscious at that low time of the morning, he may well feel one or the other...

[Thanks to Tim Brigham (Devil's Advocate), Kelly McGillis, David Moore (Astronomy Ireland), David Gullick and for also Iain Bryson, who we forgot to thank for last week's Furry Cat story]

- and for those who are curious as to the meaning of 'Blatherumskite, see <http://www.blather.net/blatherskite.html>

Dave (daev) Walsh  
22st January 1998

NOTES:

\*Expert says Ireland is newest hotspot for alien spaceships\*  
Boston Herald, Monday, January 11, 1999  
<http://www.bostonherald.com/bostonherald/nat/alien01111999.htm>

\*Blather Archives: Passports For Aliens?\*

<http://www.blather.net/archives/issuelno22.html>

\*Blather Archives: On the Boyle\*

<http://www.blather.net/archives2/issue2no10.html>

\*Earth: Final Conflict: The Secret of Strand Hill\* -- Episode #113  
<http://earth.finalconflict.com/ep113.htm>

Chapter 4, \*Calypso\* in \*Ulysses\* by James Joyce  
<http://www.bibliomania.com/Fiction/joyce/ulysses/calypso.html>

\*Ireland Newest Hotspot For Alien Spaceships?\* - David Gullick  
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<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/jan/m12-036.shtml>

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<http://ireland.iol.ie/~ai/>

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<http://www.mid.tec.sc.us/edu/ed/sci/ac3m45pg.html>

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<http://www.mcneese.edu/colleges/science/physics/observatory/pleiades.htm>

The Pleiades... according to the ancient Greeks  
<http://www.windows.umich.edu/cgi-bin/redirect.cgi/mythology/pleiades.html>

Seven Sisters  
<http://earthsky.com/1998/es980110.html>

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<http://ardbeg.astro.utoledo.edu/~karen/pleiades.html>

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## Re: BUFORA Watch - The Wall of Silence

From: **Stephen Mera** <[s\\_mera@yahoo.com](mailto:s_mera@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 16:30:13 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 19:51:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: BUFORA Watch - The Wall of Silence

>From: Mike Wootten <[ej77@dial.pipex.com](mailto:ej77@dial.pipex.com)>  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>Subject: BUFORA Watch - The Wall of Silence  
>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 1998 11:29:21 GMT

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>BUFORA WATCH - The Wall of Silence  
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>As BUFORA has now become a shadow of its former self with no  
>direction or drive, some active members have been asking the  
>BUFORA Council some simple questions relating to what is  
>perceived to be a wholesale mismanagement of an Association that  
>they have a legal share in.

>For some time now these questions have been asked and asked  
>again will little or no reply; highlighting the contempt the  
>BUFORA Council have for its membership.

<snip>

Hi Mike,

I hope you and Gaynor are well, havent seen you in years.....?

I read this with no surprise, its about time such questions were  
asked about BUFORA policies. Anyway, I don't take part in much  
BUFORA debate since I left after political troubles with other  
members. Seems that everyone is more interested in how an  
organisation should be run rather than UFO investigation and  
research. But, ... good for John. Maybe one day he'll get a  
suitable answer.... or not!

Anyway, take care of yourself and, do keep in touch.

Catch you later,

Steve Mera : Manchester.

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## Alex Collier (Andromedan 'Contactee') - Exposed?

From: Bob Soetebier <[bikebob@mo.net](mailto:bikebob@mo.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 18:46:02 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 19:58:31 -0500  
Subject: Alex Collier (Andromedan 'Contactee') - Exposed?

Alex Collier -- "Andromedan 'Contactee'" -- Exposed?

The following exerptation is taken from an article entitled, "Beyond Great UFO Photos: An Inquiry Into The Billy Meier Case," written by Michael Horn (a self-proclaimed Billy Meier supporter). The excerpted text appears, as part of the above-mentioned article, on page 49 in the March, 1999, (Vol. 14, No. 3) issue of "UFO Magazine" (Sunland, CA).:

[....]

In 1986, I was in Sedona, Arizona.... ...I noticed the only other customer in the place dining alone, and invited him to join us. Ralph was a former IRS agent who, as it turned out, was also very fascinated with UFOs. ...he invited me to contact him at his Malibu, California, home when I returned to the city. It turned out that not only did Ralph have the famous [Billy Meier] "Contact from the Pleiades...Volume 1" he also had "...Volume 2" and the "Contact Notes," an 1800-plus page copy of a document the existence of which was previously unknown to me.

[....]

Ralph, whose last name was Amagran (or something similar; it's been over 12 years) was a great aficionado of the case and generously loaned me the whole transcript.

We became friends and occasionally spent evenings outside his home in the hills overlooking the Pacific Ocean, scanning the star-studded sky for UFOs. We probably spent more time getting excited by the distant approach of incoming Cessnas and seagulls than any two people ever have, before or since. It's a toss-up as to who had the biggest imagination at the time, but Ralph may have finally edged me out. He's since changed his name to Alex Collier and declared himself to be a long-time Andromedan contactee. Apparently the Andromedans told him an awful lot of the exact same stuff that the Pleiadians told Meier, which he suddenly remembered. What a coincidence!

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## Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 20:00:45 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 20:01:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

>From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:01:42 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 17:06:47 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Previously, Bob wrote:

>Roger came into this whole thing late, thought he had all the  
>answers, and got resoundingly smacked down.

What? By you? In your dreams, pal.

At no point did you or anyone else smack me down, resoundingly,  
or otherwise. I stand by my opinions regarding AA; they make  
sense across the board and I can defend every one of them. At  
least mine are based on the realities of producing film  
entertainment, which is exactly what the AA video is until  
proven otherwise.

Moving on, Bob claims:

>He seems to have a  
>chip on his shoulder, and I have no intention of knocking it  
>off.

Good thing, Bob.

You'd need a much better vertical jump than you do.

However you do make an effort, when ever you can, of pointing  
out your position as editor of a photographic magazine and all  
the man hours you spent investigating the AA footage as if the  
position and effort have any relationship to the results you  
got.

And just what were the results?

Nothing.

You have yet to see the actual footage and you've never talked  
to the cameraman and you never found the location of the  
incident. I can appreciate your effort, but constantly citing  
your background and position do not make up for the big blanks  
in your conclusions; or the lack of any conclusions altogether.  
Beyond that, you seem to selectively choose which of Santilli's  
statements you wish to believe and which ones you don't, despite  
the fact that there's no evidence to back up any of them.

Oh, yeah, man. You smacked me down BAD.

BTW, no I did not know about your relationship with Neil Morris.  
Sorry if I got that wrong, Neil. My mistake. On the other hand,  
I'd hate to see how Bob treats his enemies if this is how he  
treats his friends.

But then, Bob states:

> My best friends tend to be the ones I disagree with.

Re: Military Retirees & Secrecy

Then I must be about the best friend you've got, Bob! <G>

Later,

Roger Evans

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## Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 20:52:50 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 20:14:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

>From: Leanne Martin <[leanne\\_martin@hotmail.com](mailto:leanne_martin@hotmail.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:04:54 PST  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 15:54:44 -0500  
>Subject: Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

Previously, Leanne wrote:

>When I grow up I'll buy a rant of my  
>own . . . maybe a chicken rant, or a sheep rant, or a cattle  
>rant, or a dude rant - I know, a Hoagland rant with lots of  
>little Hoagies running around . . .

Hi Leanne!

Might I suggest an Ant Rant (as opposed to an Aunt Farm where my Uncle goes for conjugal visits on Sundays). They're great for the apartment dweller that wants a big spread on a tight budget. Version 2.0 is supposed to have fewer bugs, I hear.;

Great to have you back! Hope your trip was fun. I tried my best to keep things stirred up while you were gone. However, I am not worthy of the position. I bow in awe to your superior capabilities.

All hail Leanne! Goddess of Torment! <G>

Take care,

Roger Evans

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## Re: UFO Communication?

From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@virgin.net](mailto:roy.hale@virgin.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 03:55:09 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 21:01:05 -0500  
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Regards,

Roy..

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## A Tale from Africa

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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 21:00:23 -0500  
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## 'Sorry, We'll Be Late'

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 23:01:23 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 00:07:40 -0500  
Subject: 'Sorry, We'll Be Late'

Thought you'd be interested in this from New Scientist mag.

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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From: New Scientist, 23 January 1999

Sorry, we'll be late

Robert Matthews

Gamma-ray bursts--incredibly powerful explosions that may be caused by collisions between collapsed stars--could solve one of the oldest riddles about extraterrestrial civilisations: why haven't they reached Earth already? After studying the effects of gamma-ray bursts on life, an astrophysicist has concluded that aliens may have just started to explore their galaxies.

Enthusiasts for the existence of extraterrestrials have long been haunted by a simple question supposedly posed by the Nobel prizewinning physicist Enrico Fermi around 1950. Fermi pointed out that the Galaxy is about 100 000 light years across. So even if a spacefaring race could explore the Galaxy at only a thousandth of the speed of light, it would take them just 100 million years to spread across the entire Galaxy. This is far less than the Galaxy's age of about 10 billion years.

So if ETs exist in the Milky Way, where are they? Maybe they don't share the human urge to explore. Or perhaps there's another reason, says James Annis, an astrophysicist at Fermilab near Chicago. He thinks cataclysmic gamma-ray bursts often sterilise galaxies, wiping out life forms before they have evolved sufficiently to leave their planet (Journal of the British Interplanetary Society, vol 52, p 19). GRBs are thought to be the most powerful explosions in the Universe, releasing as much energy as a supernova in seconds. Many scientists think the bursts occur when the remnants of dead stars such as neutron stars or black holes collide.

Annis points out that each GRB unleashes devastating amounts of radiation. "If one went off in the Galactic centre, we here two-thirds of the way out on the Galactic disc would be exposed over a few seconds to a wave of powerful gamma rays." He believes this would be lethal to life on land.

The rate of GRBs is about one burst per galaxy every few hundred million years. But Annis says theories of GRBs suggest the rate was much higher in the past, with galaxies suffering one strike every few million years--far shorter than any plausible time scale for the emergence of intelligent life capable of space travel. That, says Annis, may be the answer to Fermi's question. "They just haven't had enough time to get here yet," he says. "The GRB model essentially resets the available time for the rise of intelligent life to zero each time a burst occurs."

Paul Davies, a visiting physicist at Imperial College, London,

says the basic idea for resolving the paradox makes sense. "Any Galaxy-wide sterilising event would do," he says. However, he adds that GRBs may be too brief: "If the drama is all over in seconds, you only zap half a planet. The planet's mass shields the shadowed side." Annis counters that GRBs are likely to have many indirect effects, such as wrecking ozone layers that protect planets from deadly levels of ultraviolet radiation.

Annis also highlights an intriguing implication of the theory: the current rate of GRBs allows intelligent life to evolve for a few hundred million years before being zapped, possibly giving it enough time to reach the spacefaring stage. "It may be that intelligent life has recently sprouted up at many places in the Galaxy and that at least a few groups are busily engaged in spreading."

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## Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 22:33:41 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 01:36:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 08:20:40 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Hi James,

>As Bob Shell pointed out in an earlier post, 16mm B&W motion  
>picture film from 1947 would have to be processed totally  
>different since it would require different chemicals at a lower  
>temperature. Bob correctly pointed out that the emulsion of the  
>old film would come right off using contemporary processing.

>If the info about Santilli processing the film is true, then it  
>should be fairly easy to find the lab that did the work.

<snip>

Wasn't the film already processed, ie, developed, when Santilli  
acquired it? Has it ever been claimed that Santilli received  
unprocessed/undeveloped film?

Just curious about my bandwidth,

Dennis

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## Re: UFO Communication?

From: Rick Goldsmith <[rgoldsm@synapse.net](mailto:rgoldsm@synapse.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 23:49:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 01:47:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>From: Brian Straight <[brians@mdb.com](mailto:brians@mdb.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFO Communication?  
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:40:05 -0500

>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?  
>>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 14:31:53 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>>>From: R=E9al Arsenault <[aviano291@hotmail.com](mailto:aviano291@hotmail.com)>  
>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?  
>>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 20:58:47 PST

>>Not to pick on you, R=E9al, but I don't think there is any such  
>>thing as "magnetized" light.

>Laser light, can however, be bent by a magnetic field. It's the  
>quantum effect that most magneto-optical storage systems depend  
>upon.

>Brian

Fascinating thread folks, but Brian; Are you sure this is what  
mag.-opt. storage depend upon? Seems to me, you would need one  
hell of a magnetic field to divert a laser. Is it propogated in  
a coil of some kind? When you consider you need something on the  
order of a star's gravitational field to bend the path of less  
exotic sources of light, I think it would take a magnetic field  
of similiar magnitude to do the same thing to a beam of  
collimated light. Okay, maybe an accelerator, but something major.

Now, the path of an electron, I could see that. T.V.'s do it all  
the time. Could it be that this is what is going on in the  
storage device you mentioned?

On Another Note... (G#)

Everybody knows that these aliens actually communicate  
hypersonically with an organ in their foreheads, similiar to the  
one present in dolphins. Seems telepathic, but it's not. That's  
why when they stare you in the eyes, you are most vulnerable to  
their mind-influencing sonic control. The big dark eyes are just  
that added touch to make the effect that much more hypnotic.  
They are actually genetically altered dolphins, designed with a  
specific mission in mind. They're the advanced scouting missions  
for their return to dry land. They decided that being an  
ocean-dwelling mammal wasn't such a great idea after all. It  
seems that having to come up to the surface for a breath of air  
all the time is getting somewhat tedious. Rant of The Week  
material? You be the judge. :)

R.G.

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## Ziff-Davis TV: Friday's Chat With Firmage

From: Sue Kovios <[bradford@globalserve.net](mailto:bradford@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 01:21:41 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 01:54:55 -0500  
Subject: Ziff-Davis TV: Friday's Chat With Firmage

Visit the URL below for 'the scoop': (make sure you copy the whole url)

<http://www.zdnet.com/zdtv/interact/chats/story/0,3700,2191782,00.html>

Sue

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## Sighting - Bollon near St George Qld, Australia

From: Diane Harrison <[tkbnetw@fan.net.au](mailto:tkbnetw@fan.net.au)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 20:49:08 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 02:02:37 -0500  
Subject: Sighting - Bollon near St George Qld, Australia

The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia  
[tkbnetw@fan.net.au](mailto:tkbnetw@fan.net.au)

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UFO Australian Research Network Hot Line Number  
1800 77 22 88 Free Call

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Sighting Report: Bollon near St George Qld, Australia

1800 Callin Code: 00036

Date: 22nd Jan 1999  
Day: Friday  
Time Reported: 9.13am  
Source: Joe M  
Age: 33 year  
Location: Bolloon 100klm west of St George, Queensland  
Tel: xx xxxx  
Report Given to nearest Rep: Diane Harrison UFOICQ  
E- mail: [tkbnetw@fan.net.au](mailto:tkbnetw@fan.net.au)

Message: Please call back, I saw a UFO last Saturday night 17th 1 1999 would like to report it:

Report taken by Telephone: St George is approximately 780km west of Brisbane, Bolloon 100km west of St George.

Joe Said: I was on night shift Saturday 17th driving a tractor out in the cotton fields, I turned the tractor around to the west, when I saw this bright yellow light, it was oblong shape, size of a shirt button at arms length.

At first I thought it was plane with a bright light, so I kept working not paying much attention to it for a further 5 minutes. I turned the tractor around again and saw that this light was still there.

I thought this is strange if it's a plane how come its still in the same place. So I turned of the tractor to see if I could hear any engine noise No sound hum, I climbed out of the cab to get a better look, then the light moved at great speed to the right and stopped, it did it a second time.

I thought wow that's no plane so I got back in the cab and lock the doors. I sat there just watching it, the object started to fad from a bright yellow to 2 bright bluish purple star objects about a meter apart, it was as though they where not attached in the middle because you could see between them, they both started to move very quickly "then I lost them".

Q. How did you feel?

A. Bl\*\*\*\*dy scared I never believed in UFOs before but now I suppose I'll have to.

Joe said: I rang the St George police Monday morning and asked if anyone else had reported seeing anything strange that night, the policeman on duty said yes there had been quite a few reports on Saturday night of lights in the sky. The police said they where in liaison with the aviation authorities to find out what it was, the police where of the opinion that it was a crop plane.

Q. What do you think Joe,

A. Ha!! It was! No! Crop plane I have been working these fields for many years and I know my planes, this thing had no sound and traveled faster than any crop plane I've ever seen before. I'm going to keep intouch with the police to see if they get anymore information, will call you iif they do. (U/I)

Report form sent out.

Regards,

Diane Harrison

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## Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 03:47:32 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 02:39:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Dear Bob and James:

A big snip and a small point ( below )

>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:10:13 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?  
>From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>

>>From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>>"Santilli verified that the photographer does indeed claim that  
>>this was an emergency procedure carried out in a barn at the  
>>crash site after discovering that one of the two aliens was in  
>>fact still alive".

>>Wow...

>>So how could Ray Santilli have known the film setting was a  
>>barn? The default answer must be that he was fully aware of the  
>>film's true origins.

>Good catch James! I missed that. Ray has always said to me that  
>the footage was shot in a tent, and it was always called the  
>Tent Footage.

>I can personally confirm that there are no barns close to the  
>supposed crash site, either Michael Hesemann's site or mine.  
>Barns, in fact, are not at all common in New Mexico.

>Bob

Now that you mention it, I've crossed New Mexico on a number of  
routes, and I have never seen a barn there. I'm sure there are  
some barns, but they would stick out like a sore thumb; most  
especially in the virtually deserted nearly Mars like high  
desert between Corona and Roswell, NM.

If Santilli really believed in his own films, he would have them  
independently authenticated by whatever means necessary to  
convince himself and the world at large.

Compelling evidence of alien activities may well exist  
somewhere, but I'm not going to waste any more time on the likes  
of Santilli.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: By coincidence, the two times I stopped in Roswell were both  
Sunday evenings .. separated by an interval of almost exactly  
twenty years! Each time I asked where I could get a beer, and  
some kid working at a burger joint looked as puzzled as if I had

asked for directions to the Eiffel Tower.

Is Roswell a dry city, or is Chaves County dry?

Is Sunday a "dry day" in NM, as in South Carolina, Wyoming and certain other bible thumping states?

Did I chance upon the two most clueless kids west of Memphis?

Maybe the first "burger-meister" was the father of the second.

The "Land of Enchantment" is full of coincidences.

I have an oddly similar Nevada story, in case anyone is interested.

- LH

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From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 04:00:46 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 02:43:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

Dear Brian, Mark and Real:

>From: Brian Straight <[brians@mdb.com](mailto:brians@mdb.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:40:05 -0500

>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?  
>>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 14:31:53 -0500

>>>From: R=E9al Arsenault <[aviano291@hotmail.com](mailto:aviano291@hotmail.com)>  
>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

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>>thing as "magnetized" light.

>Laser light, can however, be bent by a magnetic field. It's the  
>quantum effect that most magneto-optical storage systems depend  
>upon.

>Brian

Dear Brian:

Are you sure of that? I honestly don't know myself, but I never  
heard that light (chargeless photons) could be deflected by a  
magnetic field!

Is it only laser light, or perhaps all forms of light?

Please fill me in a bit! Are you sure that the magnetic field  
deflects or bends the laser beam; rather than simply  
repositioning the laser gun?

Would the same thing happen ( uselessly of course ) with an  
ordinary incoherent beam of light?

I agree that there is no "magnetized light" of course. Neither  
is there such a thing as "gravitated light", yet Einstein  
correctly predicted that a gravitational field could bend beams  
of light!

Quite a different proposition eh?

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## Alfred's Odd Ode #290

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 07:34:46 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 02:46:18 -0500  
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #290

Apology to MW #290 (For January 23, 1999)

Alarming! RAM Stephens is at best mere distraction, a ripple of nonsense to scatter like wind in the murk we inhabit so far from perfection amidst our intolerance, and fair weather friends . . . At worst he's an agent of blackness and spies -- a stooge for the \*man\*, a purveyor of lies. A man thus connected to spin party lines -- a message confusing, cross purpose, and trying. Perhaps he's a loser, a dreamer, complainer . . . with visions of grandeur -- believer, campaigner. Perhaps he's bought in to what's shallow at best. Perhaps he's enslaved to what won't stand its test. Perhaps he's a whacko, a public buffoon, or someone who stopped with his meds a bit soon. Whatever he's saying he's taking a gamble, if securing attention he's made an example of all that works hard to discredit our interest in \*people from space\* -- to encourage disinterest!

He speaks with a sneer, like EVERYTHING's clear, but dodges the questions that gesture and cheer -- or beg for their answers in \*things\* that we've seen that millions attest to, and remain unredeemed. He fronts for the ignorant shadows, of course -- he fans up the murk like a crazy Kal Korff. And what are his bonafides; what strange credentials are part of a makeup that makes him essential? He says he's a SEAL, or says that he's not? What's his agenda? What has he got? A demand to Art Bell for unlimited air time, to play twenty questions? Far better, my RHYME!! <g>.

For me? For my money? He's personally insulting -- a little revolting -- remote, deconstructing. He's a block, or an obstacle -- a hurdle we face on the gamut we run to touch Truth on the face. He has nothing new -- just trots out old argument still used like a salve, or a fraudulent unguent. He's dishonest, deceitful, designing, disingenuous. He's conniving, contemptible, a cad, and incontinentuous! Better men are destroyed for transgressions like these! Whither RAM Stephens? Is he different? Oh -- please!

Perhaps Bell's a shill and Hoagland's a hoaxster. Perhaps Knapp's a fake <g>, and Rense is a jokester. Nothing in Stephens' promotes their bad credit, and it seems that he's worse than the ones he discredits. And where are his proofs; what's he forgetting? What mistakes has he made, and why is he fretting? His approach is quite manic, a frenzy at rest -- thousands of E-Mails (but he answers mine best). He has all the answers, and he's here to put right all the hounds of my ignorance -- my cognitive blight! I resent his intrusion like his piss on my leg. He tells me it's raining!! To differ, I beg. The tone is more strident, but it sings the old song, balloons and old swamp gas -- just strings us along.

We \*know\* that there's something that watches out there. We don't guess its purpose while it sits there and stares. And the \*boys\* unelected have \*info\* galore -- you can bet it means changes -- I'd bet, evens the score. But they are struck clueless, so grasp to their chests what their pay and position, or their excess suggests. Stephens makes ridicule, and mocks all those things that perplex, and confound us; he taunts, sneers, and pings. He gibes proclamation with airy

aplomb, but his sarcasm's worse, a disparaging bomb. He chaffs, and he razzes, but he's smelling the fear of a change to his world view that's bearing down -- near.

And what is his program? What's his agenda? He's trying as hard as he can to offend ya' <g>. Where's he get off? What is his plan? What's the connection. Why's he have fans? I'll just bet they inhabit a rabid right aisle; I'll just bet their soft hands hide a predator's smile. Yes -- there are secrets, clandestine and dark that are buried in dungeons, and cellars, or parks. Along with no Santa Clause there's evil conspiracy to dump on the masses elitist indecency. We've corrupt institutions! We wallow in lies that don't come from Hoagland, Art Bell, or what flies! It's justice for sale to the moneyed elite. It's dependence on lawyers, and cops on the beat. It's worship for doctors, and honor for priests. it's money to scientists who march to the beat.

It's him and his manner that typifies loss of all that the cosmos could give us at cost. His eyes look away from the light that would shine if we looked for real answers -- and questioned our finds. And I find it strange, and a little bit odd that he came on the scene as Firmage gave a nod. Is RAM the planned balance to confound our credulity? Is it RAM that makes waves to promote our stupidity? Who's the big liar? Is it Hoagland, or Bell (?), or can RAM take his chip shots from the bunkers of hell?

[Lehmberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmberg@snowhill.com)

This one went on a bit long. Sorry.

Restore John Ford!

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<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

<Updated 18 January>

John Ford Restoration Fund -- Send your checks and money orders to me, Alfred Lehmberg (cut out the lawyers, they got their's) at:  
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"Only thin, very light envelopes with a return address will be accepted <g>." ~~~ \$225.00 pledged -- \$125.00 collected ~~~

"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: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Dave Ledger <[dledger@cableinet.co.uk](mailto:dledger@cableinet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 16:10:34 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:45:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 15:59:09 +0000  
>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <[sti3818@montana.com](mailto:sti3818@montana.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?  
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>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 22:36:07 +0000  
>>From: Dave Ledger <[dledger@cableinet.co.uk](mailto:dledger@cableinet.co.uk)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

Dear Errol,R.A.M.S, and listmembers,

In response to my earlier post to the list, Mr Stephens wrote:

>I have answered this in great depth in 9 differnet venues, in  
>detail, over and over. Still, I am told I have not.

Mr Stephens, You may have answered these questions elsewhere,  
but you certainly did not answer them on this particular list.  
Despite what you may assume, I do not follow you around the  
internet and therefore had not heard your previous claimed  
explanations.

>It is virtually hopeless. Here it is  
>again, you need to get the color tapes of these missions from  
>JSC-NASA.

I fail to see what difference it makes whether the footage is in  
colour or not. The copies that I am commenting on, which I have  
watched many many times with great interest, were pretty good  
quality. At least good enough to see what is going on without  
having to depend on the poor quality internet clips as you  
assume.

>I  
>know this answer is not what you and Kasher and others want to  
>hear and for that I have no response. Please look at all the  
>tapes and then see for yourself that EVERY mission is embroiled  
>with thousands of UFOS, or, gee, there just might be something  
>to what that crazy NASA is saying about the missions and ejecta  
>from the spacecraft.

Please do not associate me with any other party who has asked  
similar questions. The reasons that these questions have been  
raised is simply because the explanations do not seem to fit. My  
questions to you are perfectly relevent and justified. I am not  
a conspiracy theorist but I do feel that things with the NASA  
videos may not be what they seem. I will ask you the 64000  
dollar question. If there is nothing but debris and ice etc in  
these particular videos, can you please explain to me why NASA  
have discontinued the live feed from the shuttle missions? That  
in itself is highly suspicious and you cannot understand why  
people become suspicious of NASA? What are they trying to hide  
by stopping the live transmissions Mr Stephens?

>And knock off the truculent nonsense. Asked a reasonable  
>question without the innuendo of you being deceived before you  
>even get an answer.

Perhaps if you were not so sarcastic in your posts previously, I would try to be a little more polite myself.

>After you have seen the tapes, and reviewed them, you will know  
>what everyone else knows, inside the agency and out. If you  
>still 'know that NASA is lying', great. UFOs all over place in  
>space around the shuttle. Sounds great to me.

Hmm , a little more sarcasm here too :0) Where did I state that NASA was lying? I am giving you the opportunity to prove to me that they are not, or you are not. I really do wish I knew what others within the agency know, but somehow I think this is very unlikely.

>What you describe suggest nothing without the full color tape  
>and a shuttle operator's manual. The ship is in line 90 degrees  
>to the plume blast. When the RCS fires, in the color tape, RCS  
>number 17, which is firing, at 2.2 pounds thrust at 1000 feet  
>per second, egresses from the motor nozzle with a plume fan of  
>140 degrees in all arcs. Its effect blast effects the area  
>around it in a 179 degree arc. If anything was laying, floating,  
>alongside the orbiter, it too would be effected and moved away  
>from its original location. It would effect all ejecta in the  
>vicinty in varying degrees.

Pretty technical stuff but it still does not fully answer the question does it? It does not explain why the object changed it's track for a second time further out. Perhaps you would care to answer this without asking me again to view a colour tape of the incident. The tape which I saw the event on was good enough quality so I fail to see what difference this would make. If I watch my TV at home and then turn my colour down on my set, this does not change what is being seen in the picture does it? It only removes the colour and this is not the topic of discussion here. > >In the color tape of the whole event, even more ejecta appears >into the light bowl and is kicked and shot around and out away >from the orbiters right side. It is a maelstrom of activity. The >tape of the mission, including what is in question, is in full >color. It is replete with everything one coul want to knw and it >looks entirely different than the blurry, scratchy, B & W images >as seen on the net. > You still have not answered the original question posed Mr Stephens. Also you wrongly assume that the copy from which I refer was from the internet.

>>Thirdly, when you touched upon the Shuttle missions in your  
>>post, you did not even acknowledge the fact that there was more  
>>than one anomalous episode connected to the STS-48 shuttle  
>>mission. About 6 was it?

>No, 2 distinct events and I covered every single facsimilie of  
>the mission. I state this. You state that I didn't. It is your  
>call to do your own clicking on the net, which isn't too tough,  
>and go to Sightings and others sites where my written and oral  
>dissertation is archived. But as I told Roger Evans, I think it  
>is virtually hopeless. You will not call JSC and get the tapes,  
>you will not research your claims further, Kasher wouldn't even  
>consider a little closer look at his BS claims after I offered  
>the full color tape for review and lecture at the U of O. Its  
>fruitless.

You claim that there were 2 anomalous events in connection with the STS-48 mission. I have 3 seperate clips on the UFO Scotland website. I have proof of my claims online. Also You did not state anything on this list Mr Stephens and this is the means in which I communicate with you. What was stated elsewhere, obviously I have not heard before. We do not have the luxury of free internet time in this country, therefore I do a lot of my research etc through lists such as this where there are many learned and educated people. If you do not like answering all the relevent questions concerned with details you yourself have claimed knowledge to, perhaps you should not put yourself in the line of fire. My questions to you are for my research, looking for further information so please do not suggest that I am not doing any. I have never said that NASA are lying, I merely questioned the anomalies in the videos that is all. I only want the truth and I dont care which it is as long as it is the truth. You had the chance to convince me but you have failed thus far I am afraid. My mind is by no means made up on the video issue and I have not came to any real conclusions, that is why I asked you to help me with your knowledge on the subject.

>>Also what was the anomalous object recorded on film,leaving  
>>Earth at a high velocity on the STS-80 mission? Too many  
>>relevant questions left unanswered I think. What I can tell you  
>>without being an expert in this field is that this particular  
>>incident was definately NOT Ice or Ejecta', so what was it?

>You are correct. It is NOT ice or ejecta, although this material  
>is there in the tape at times, but because it is a shroud-LCMR  
>cover from the payload bay pallet array for the foil covering  
>mounting of the satellitte in the cargo bay before launching that  
>you are referencing. In the full color tape of the whole mission  
>sequence you can see it all. There are quite a few of items  
>that have not, did not clear the cargo bay and the camera has  
>registered them.

That is absolute rubbish! The object I was referring to seemed to come from a small group of islands on Earth and was nothing to do with the shuttle at all. I will send you the clip if you like. A projectile like object emanates from the Earth and goes upwards at a very high velocity, this is not what you are describing at all.

>The snide remark about me having all the answers is flawed and  
>wrong. I do not have very many answers on most things, period.  
>In regard to some events regarding STS and NASA I have a limited  
>number of items to offer. After that, my chest of data is  
>finished. I'm not the end line on anything. I offer what I know  
>and what I have been exposed to not by intent, over 20 years.  
>That is all. When it is done and offered, I am no more than a  
>reference. I am not a UFO person.

I made no such snide remark Mr Stephens. I will remind you again that you were the one who appeared on the scene, here on this List, and made your claims to have all of this knowledge that we are obviously interested in. If you do not like to answer the questions, you should not put yourself in the line of fire. I do not wish to be unpleasant and I thoroughly appreciate your reponse to my previous mail also acknowledging that you have responded to many other posts too. I commend you for that. I am not trying to be difficult with you either, just trying to do a little further research on the NASA videos nothing else. I am trying to get to the bottom of this and do not wish to presume anything. That would be poor researching would it not? You seem to think that I have jumped on other peoples bandwagons as far as the video footage is concerned but you are wrong. These questions are my own based on what I have seen in the footage and I do feel that the questions posed to you are legitimate and justified ones.

I sincerely thank you for your response Mr Stephens but I must confess that I had hoped for better answers than the ones that you have given. I would be happy to talk with you further on this issue and invite you to e-mail me privately if you wish to discuss this further. I just want the truth with a good rational explanation, that is all. Perhaps you will be willing to help and I am definately open to a good explanation seeing as my mind is not truely made up one way of the other.

Looking forward to your further response if possible,

Yours sincerely,

Dave Ledger (UFO Scotland)

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If you see someone without a smile.....give them one of yours :)  
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Posted by: Dave Ledger (mailto:[UFOSCOT@cablenet.co.uk](mailto:UFOSCOT@cablenet.co.uk))  
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<A HREF="<http://wkweb5.cablenet.co.uk/dledger/index.htm>">UFO  
Scotland.</A>  
ICQ pager <http://www.mirabilis.com/4851425>

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THE TRUTH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!.....BUT HOW FAR?  
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"The sands of time are trickling away from our dear mother Earth and yet we continue to fight amongst ourselves and destroy our natural enviroment,leaving all the mess for our children and their children's children to inherit when we're gone."

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## Keeping Secrets

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:51:03 -0500  
Subject: Keeping Secrets

On the subject of 'Keeping Secrets', an example of 1970's thinking may be appropriate. This story is quite true but is not meant to be indicative of security, generally speaking. It's just a really interesting story... and it happened to me.

I was, in 1970, working on a project called NAGS. This was the acronym for Naval Advanced Guidance System. It was one of the means by which a Polaris Poseiden warhead would guide itself towards target(s), as these were MIRV or multiple warheads.

The security at the facility was very, very strict. You needed a top secret clearance just to get into the work area. And that work area was guarded 24 hours a day. Beyond the human security, you needed a special badge and code access to get thru the door.

If there was anything about this project that was critical, it was security. About three months after I became one of the Electro-Optics engineers on the project, and after numerous security briefings by the military, by the project management, by the company reps, by everybody, an article appeared in Aviation Week and Space Technology which outlined exactly what this project was all about, including the top secret portions, which threatened corporeal punishment and a cruel death to anyone on the project who leaked information, even by accident.

I wonder if Klass worked there at the time?

So much for keeping a secret!

Jim

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## BUFORA WATCH - Council Member Resigns Over Wall of

From: Mike Wootten<[ej77@dial.pipex.com](mailto:ej77@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 1998 20:03:58 GMT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:56:46 -0500  
Subject: BUFORA WATCH - Council Member Resigns Over Wall of

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BUFORA WATCH - Council Member Resigns Over Wall of Silence  
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BUFORA Watchers who have been keeping up with the way BUFORA Council's corrupt, corporate and crap style of management may be interested in the following:

For over a year now member John Heptonstall has been trying to get basic information out of BUFORA Council about how the finances have been structured and where all the money has gone (see previous BUFORA Watch issues for these questions). To date he has been repeatedly fobbed off and not one of these questions, questions which every BUFORA member is entitled to know the answer to, has been answered.

BUFORA Watch can now reveal that Paul Doran, formerly a key Council member and staunch defender of BUFORAs strange ways resigned over this very issue. In an email to Andy Roberts he wrote:

>ANDY,  
>JUST for your info I didnt renew my membership because I  
>wasnt happy with the way the council was handling the  
>Heptonstall enquiry I thought they should have put a stop to  
>all this nonsense along time ago. Instead of letting it drag  
>on.

Read it twice.

Then read it again.

Now let us be presumtious and interpret it for you. What Paul is saying is that although he is a supporter of the two or three people who actually run BUFORA, even he was so disgusted about how they have dealt with John Heptonstall (and by extension all members), that he resigned.

Paul, we salute you sir!

As Bart Simpson himself would say, 'Aye, Caramba'.

We've said it before and we'll say it again - in subscribing to BUFORA you are casting your money into a pit. You have no say in how it will be spent.

You cannot find out how it has been spent. No-one will answer your questions if you ask them. In essence you are throwing 20 pound plus away on what is effectively a tatty, duplicated newsletter filled with yesterday's ufological news.

Your BUFORA dollar is wasted money.

And in the meantime, here's a joke for you:

Q: What do you do if you see a BUFORA member limping?

A: Laugh and re-load.

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ATB  
Mike

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## 'Killer Asteroids And Risks That Matter'

From: **Bob Soetebier** <bikebob <[bikebob@mo.net](mailto:bikebob@mo.net)>>  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 20:04:00 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:00:31 -0500  
Subject: 'Killer Asteroids And Risks That Matter'

(This one kind of puts things in perspective. --Bob S.)

Linkname: "Killer Asteroids" and Risks That Matter

URL: <http://home.stlnet.com/~jpion/risk.html>

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## Re: A Tale from Africa

From: **Lesley Cluff** <[manitou@fox.nstn.ca](mailto:manitou@fox.nstn.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 01:12:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:07:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@virgin.net](mailto:roy.hale@virgin.net)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: A Tale from Africa  
>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 03:55:09 -0000

>He told me about a folklore, which concerned little figures  
>appearing in the homes of people and subsequently abducting  
>them, apparently this is well known in Ghana folklore and there  
>are drawings of these little fellows, from which he went on to  
>inform me, "They look pretty much like the Grey Alien". These  
>type of occurrences apparently have been carrying on for  
>centuries,

A chap I met years ago on a local ufo newsgroup, once told me  
about a story his mom told him about the little people who come  
and take people and bring them back. His parents are Italian,  
and she said this knowledge is common back home!

We all know about the little folk of the British Isles, and the  
Italian little people, and now even Africa produces such a  
story! Sure would be nice if someone had more detail for us to  
share!!!

Lesley

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## 'Eprime' In Action

From: John W. Ratcliff <[jratcliff@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jratcliff@worldnet.att.net)>

Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 00:33:44 -0600

Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:17:42 -0500

Subject: 'Eprime' In Action

In some message I posted on UFO UpDates a while back, I made disparaging remarks which included Jeff Rense of [www.sightings.com](http://www.sightings.com) fame. A few members of the peanut gallery, lurkers all, e-mailed me grand huzzah's for calling Hoagland to task, but tsked, tsked, me for including Rense with that hoary horde of paranormal pontificators. While Jeff Rense probably is fairly rational in real life, the fact remains that his web site continues to sponsor articles about speech reversals, and other irrational nonsense, thus thrusting him into the category of 'part of the problem' rather than 'part of the solution.'

Still, always wanting to pick up some new folklore, I now find myself cruising his website with the frequency I once reserved for realdoll.com. Scary thought. Our old friend Michael Hesemann has an article up there today defending Billy Meir against his 'nasty witch' of an ex-wife. Good for him, huzzah Mr. Hesemann, huzzah!

I am unabashedly a big fan of Robert Anton Wilson, though I wish he would write more. I've gotten burned at least three times purchasing books in the last couple of years that I thought were new, which ended up containing nothing but material he had written years before. Buyer beware they say. The danger of purchasing over the internet bites us all at least once or twice.

In one of RAW's fine books he proposed a relativistic mode of speech that I seem to recall he dubbed 'e-prime'. Eprime was a way to parse language that amounted to little more than qualifying every statement one made relative to their own personal belief system. I believe this was designed to forment more productive communications between members of we ape men and women. Reading Michael's article, with extensive pull quotes from Billy, made me wonder. I wondered what Billy's claims would sound like converted to e-prime. I think it might sound something like this:

Billy Meir: "My contacts with extraterrestrial human entities began in the 1940s when I was still a very young boy. "

Eprime Meir: "In the 1940's I had an experience that, to me, seemed to be contact with some people who wanted me to believe they were extraterrestrial. I was only a young boy at the time."

Billy Meir: "When Sfath visited me, his point of origin was the Pleiades/Plejares; Asket, on the other hand, came from the DAL Universe, a parallel universe to ours-a twin universe."

Eprime Meir: "When I had the vision which I interpreted to be an extraterrestrial being named Sfath, my perception of this dialogue was the he claimed to be from the Pleiades/Plejares; and the being I visualized as Asket, gave me the impression that he believed himself to come from some sort of parallel universe, not unlike the fictional mythologies put forth by many of our writers of fantasy literature, such as 'Alice In Wonderland.' Question posed to Meir: "Where do the extraterrestrial intelligences come from and why do they visit us? " (Author's note, the question itself is hardly phrased in eprime, which

says quite a bit about Mr. Heseman when you think about it.)

Billy Meir: "The extraterrestrial with whom I maintain contact come from the Pleiades/Plejares constellation. However, this constellation, as I have mentioned, is not identical to the Pleiades we observe from Earth in our own space-and-time-configuration at a distance of 420 light years. They are only approximately 62 million years old and as hot, blue suns, the Pleiades are absolutely incapable of supporting any form of life, either purely spiritual or material forms. The Pleiadians/Plejarans are visiting us on Earth because they are directly associated with a particular terrestrial group who originally came to Earth from the Lyra-Vega systems-which also exists in another space-and-time-configuration shift from the Lyra-Vega constellations we know."

Semi-Lucid Sometimes Rational Eprime Billy Meir: "These visions which I had failed to communicate any factual or verifiable data of any kind, but instead used vague and meaningless terminology which cannot be expressed in any concrete terms."

There's really no point in going further. The fundamental flaws in logic are rather obvious. For example, while it is quite possible that human beings have the experience that they are contacted by angels, aliens, devils, or elves, this does not mean that what these critters have to say carries any more weight than gossip we might hear third hand. I've never seen a UFO, never seen a ghost, had a vision, or had any kind of paranormal experience. I do have dreams, which seem pretty real when I'm having them, so that is the only personal experience I have to draw as an analogy. Perhaps if I were Moses, Saul, Steven Greer, Billy Meir, Joseph Smith, or even Joseph Firmage, I might have a totally different perspective. If Christ walked into my bedroom, or Jehovah rattled my cage, I might have a completely different attitude.

I just now recall, I misspoke in my earlier statement. I have had a paranormal experience. We had quite the Virgin Mary apparition scare here in the St. Louis region some years back. Crowds in the tens of thousands. As the objective observer I went to see if I could catch a bit of the old Fatima sensation in a personal bottle. I did have the experience of witnessing an anomalous event. In an objective and detached fashion I believed myself to have the experience of seeing brilliant flashes of light around the altar during the height of the ritualistic chanting experience. My polling data of other attendees indicated that everyone I spoke to had experienced the same phenomenon. While pretty much all concluded this phenomenon to indicate proof positive of some ghostly entity dubbed 'virgin mary', I was hardly prepared to take such a massive mental leap and jump to that conclusion. Were I to conjecture any sort of paranormal theory, I would suggest that if you put tens of thousands of people together chanting and in focused meditation, that they themselves were the most likely culprits.

While it is pretty clear to me that people have paranormal experiences, and this remains darn tooting interesting, this says very little as to what the origin or genesis of those experiences are. To date about all we could say, having examined UFO evidence for decades, is that, yeppers, this phenomenon is part of human experience. What they are, their genesis, purpose, motivation, nature, or any other aspect regarding it is complete conjecture based on a hopelessly limited dataset.

But, why, why, if someone has this kind of an experience do they immediately endow this experience with such awe, reverence, and unbridled belief? Quit their jobs, start up web sites, destroy their lives all following the unproven claims perceived through a visionary experience? Perhaps it's time to be less skeptical of the contactee and a bit more skeptical of the contactor?

Just a thought...

John W. Ratcliff

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## Re: A Tale from Africa

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 02:23:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:24:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.hale@virgin.net](mailto:roy.hale@virgin.net)>  
>To: <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: A Tale from Africa  
>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 03:55:09 -0000

>Hi All,

>I received a sighting tonight from a member of the public, and  
>whilst chatting over the finer details of the UFO sighting, the  
>witness happened to mention that he was originally from Ghana  
>(West Africa).

>He told me about a folklore, which concerned little figures  
>appearing in the homes of people and subsequently abducting  
>them, apparently this is well known in Ghana folklore and there  
>are drawings of these little fellows, from which he went on to  
>inform me, "They look pretty much like the Grey Alien". These  
>type of occurrences apparently have been carrying on for  
>centuries, so I am wondering if there maybe anyone on the list  
>who might have come across such figures, relating to this story,  
>or if someone might have a web-site for me to check out for  
>further inquires?

Hello Roy,

The Irish country folks used to put their male children to bed in girls dressing gowns (in order to disguise their sex) because (according to legend) "the wee folk" would come in the night and steal away with the child. There are many such "legends/ tales" that go back many centuries. I know it's true because I've been seeing those same little buggers ever since childhood.

I hope and pray that sooner or later people begin to realize that we are not (all) crazy or delusional or suffering from some other mental/psychological aberration. Whatever these beings/things are they did not "arrive" in 1947. They have been around a lot longer than 50 years. All indications are that they are (and have been) living in some kind of weird symbiotic relationship, or maybe even stewardship, to mankind for a lot longer than we may suspect. (For the benefit of those who enjoy nit picking anything I say to death, this is just my opinion and nothing more. I don't intend the remarks as fodder for debate.)

If you want information on UFO related abductions you can go to our website which is listed at the end of this post. There are a few links there to other websites that you may want to check out. If you have any questions about the material that is posted there you are welcome to write us at the e-mail address provided.

<http://www.if-aic.com/>

Peace,

John Velez, Webmaster IF-AIC

Re: A Tale from Africa

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."  

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## Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 07:25:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:39:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 22:33:41 -0600 (CST)  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Dennis Stacy<[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>Hi James,

>>As Bob Shell pointed out in an earlier post, 16mm B&W motion  
>>picture film from 1947 would have to be processed totally  
>>different since it would require different chemicals at a lower  
>>temperature. Bob correctly pointed out that the emulsion of the  
>>old film would come right off using contemporary processing.

>>If the info about Santilli processing the film is true, then it  
>>should be fairly easy to find the lab that did the work.

><snip>

>Wasn't the film already processed, ie, developed, when Santilli  
>acquired it? Has it ever been claimed that Santilli received  
>unprocessed/undeveloped film?

>Just curious about my bandwidth,

Dennis-

Your bandwidth is fine.

Santilli indicated that the "cameraman" had to process a number of reels of film that required special processing, which I assume means a varying degree of 'push' processing for those rolls that needed it. These rolls he allegedly had to be processed by hand, which is why they were still in his possession and not sent to Washington with the rest.

I believe that Santilli also said the "film" was very fragile and had to be transferred to video a frame at a time, which may be the "processing" that he has referred to in some statements.

Steve

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### The State of Ufology Yesterday

From: Gary Alevy <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 00:12:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:33:16 -0500  
Subject: The State of Ufology Yesterday

Below are the 14 questions Donald Keyhoe wanted answered by Edward Ruppelt before a Senate investigation Committee. The answers Keyhoe provided are from the record of Ruppelt's written and public statements.

Is it any wonder Ruppelt never got to testify?

All of this was on the record over 40 years ago. It certainly makes one wonder what goal there is in the continued piling up of sighting reports by individuals and UFO organizations.

Gary Alevy

Below quoted from Donald Keyhoe's "Flying Saucers Top Secret", 1960.

"Ruppelt was already on record, and any variation from his published statements of fact-because of Air Force pressure - would certainly backfire.

To estimate the impact of Ruppelt's appearance at a hearing, I had listed fourteen questions a Congressional committee was certain to ask him, with the exact answers he had already stated:

Q. Were you ever told to hide the truth from the public?

A. Yes. I was continually being told to "tell them about the sighting reports we've solved-don't mention the unknowns." (Page 89, Captain Ruppelt's published 'Report on Unidentified Flying Objects.')

Q. Do you mean the Air Force policy was to explain away the sightings, regardless of the facts?

A. After the Air Force order of February 11, 1949, which renamed the project as "Grudge," everything was evaluated on the premise that UFOs couldn't exist. No matter what you see or hear, don't believe it (page 87) .

Q. Does that policy exist now?

A. There have been definite indications that there is a movement afoot to get Project Blue Book to swing back to the old Project Grudge philosophy of analyzing UFO reports -to write them all off, regardless (p. 315), Some good reports have come in and the Air Force is sitting on them (p. 312).

Q. Have any experienced Air Force investigators opposed this policy?

A. Yes. Some were "purged" because they had refused to change their original opinions about UFOs (p. 87),

Q. Do you personally consider any UFO reports as serious evidence?

A. Yes. Many reports are made by experienced pilots and radar operators, scientists, and other people who know what they're looking at. These reports were thoroughly investigated and they're still unknowns (p. 3 14).



In a full answer to this question, Ruppelt could cite scores of unsolved reports he had listed, from official records: detailed visual, radar and photographic evidence from Service and airline pilots, White Sands missile trackers, airport-tower operators, Weather Bureau observers, balloon experts and other technically trained persons. The photographic evidence would include gun-camera and other motion-picture films showing UFOs moving at speeds far beyond any our planes had achieved.

Q. Did the Air Force ever conclude that the UFOs are real?

A. Yes, in a confidential letter ATIC told the commanding general of the then Army Air Forces that the "reported phenomena were real." This letter was sent by ATIC on Sept. 23, 1947. The only problem that confronted the people at ATIC was, "Were the UFOs of Russian or interplanetary origin?" (pages 31-32) .

Q. Do you know of any high Air Force officers or Project scientists who accepted the second explanation?

A. One group in Intelligence circles thought the UFOs were interplanetary spaceships. They ranged down from generals and top-grade scientists (p. 84). And "maybe they're interplanetary"-with the "maybe" bordering on "they are" - was the personal opinion of several very high-ranking officers in the Pentagon, so high that their personal opinion was almost policy (pages 177-8) .

Q. Didn't any of these people attempt to tell the public their conclusions?

A. There were two factions. One believed the spaceship answer but felt we should clamp down on information until we had all the answers. Another group favored giving more facts to the public, including the best cases, the unsolved movies of UFOs, and the Air Force conclusions. A press showing of the "Tremonton" UFO movie-which the Navy analysts said showed unknown objects under intelligent control - was planned early in '53 (pages 202-3; 286-90; 294; 297).

Q. What happened to this plan?

A. A new publicity policy went into effect -- don't say anything (p. 315).

Q. Are we to understand that the Air Force has officially -that is, publicly-explained away UFO sightings which they actually were seriously investigating?

A. In 1952, the press was led to believe the famous Washington Airport radar-visual sightings were only weather Phenomena. Actually, they're still carried as unknowns. The press conference did take the pressure off Project Blue Book -but behind the scenes it was only the signal for an all-out drive to find out more about the UFOs (pages 211-26; 229).

Q. The Air Force insists that its Special Blue Book Re. port 14 is proof that UFOs don't exist. What do you think of this?

A. That report was a shock to me. I was the one that had the IBM system tried out. It didn't prove a thing, and I had written it off as worthless before I left the Project. . . . Also, this report was drawn up in 1953, yet the Air Force released it as the latest hot dope in October, 1955. (Statement by Captain Ruppelt to Mr. Max Miller, for Saucers magazine; copy at NICAP, confirmed by Ruppelt.)

Q. If the "flying saucers" are real, do you personally believe they could be interplanetary?

A. If they are real there is no other alternative, staggering as the implications may be. (Statement in True magazine, April, 1954.)

Q. Has there ever been any official conclusion as to what the UFOs are?

A. In 1948 ATIC sent the Air Force Commanding General an Estimate of the Situation. It was a black-cover document, stamped TOP SECRET (p. 62) .

Q. What was the ATIC conclusion?

A. That the UFOs were interplanetary (p. 62). 2 [2 This was based on the ATIC analysis of unexplainable reports from scientists, pilots and other trained observers]

Besides these answers, other significant Ruppelt statements were on record in his letters to me. If he were called by a Congressional committee, other Air Force officers who knew of the cover-up were almost sure to be summoned. As long as this threat to the secrecy existed, attempts to discredit or silence Ruppelt would continue. So far, they hadn't worked."

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## Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: **From: Greg St. Pierre** <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:45:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 03:47:32 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 02:39:50 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:10:13 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?  
>>From: Bob Shell <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>

>>>From: James Easton <[pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)>  
>>>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

Previously, James Easton wrote:

>>>"Santilli verified that the photographer does indeed claim that  
>>>this was an emergency procedure carried out in a barn at the  
>>>crash site after discovering that one of the two aliens was in  
>>>fact still alive".

Bob Shell replied:

>>Good catch James! I missed that. Ray has always said to me that  
>>the footage was shot in a tent, and it was always called the  
>>Tent Footage.

>>I can personally confirm that there are no barns close to the  
>>supposed crash site, either Michael Hesemann's site or mine.  
>>Barns, in fact, are not at all common in New Mexico.

Says who?

Wasn't the Roswell crash site, in fact, on a RANCH?

BTW, didn't you post earlier that you could not actually find  
the location the cameraman spoke of? I refer to the following  
post you wrote some months ago:

>Unfortunately, a lot has changed out there since 1947. The  
>thriving town of Magdalena is now little more than a ghost town,  
>and the main highway has been rerouted not far from Socorro,  
>making it very hard to match up locations. In spite of a number  
>of attempts I never did find the dirt road the cameraman said  
>leads to the crash site. One of his landmarks was a wooden  
>bridge over a canyon, and I satisfied myself by talking to a lot  
>of locals and some forest rangers that this bridge is gone, and  
>no one seems to recall it. Also, there was a "rock gate" at the  
>beginning of the road, and again it seems to be long gone. The  
>road may still be there, but there are dozens of little dirt  
>tracks running off into the desert and it would take weeks and  
>some good four wheelers to check them all.

Sorry, Bob. But if you couldn't find the location that the  
cameraman was talking about, then how would you really know if  
there are any barns close to it or not?

Larry adds:

>Now that you mention it, I've crossed New Mexico on a number of

>routes, and I have never seen a barn there. I'm sure there are  
>some barns, but they would stick out like a sore thumb; most  
>especially in the virtually deserted nearly Mars like high  
>desert between Corona and Roswell, NM.

Hi Larry,

Actually, they do. A company I used to work for had me doing quite a bit of aerial photography in the southwest. On just a few of the trips I made over New Mexico, the landscape was dotted with barns and barn-like structures. Because ranches are usually large, the barns are going to be closer to the main residence and, therefore, not near the main roads. Unless you were traveling by air or crossing private property, you probably would not see them. But, make no mistake, they are there. Beyond that, my cousin raises race horses and knows hundreds of people in New Mexico that have barns. In fact, there's probably as many barns per hundred square miles of New Mexico as there are in any other ranch country.

>If Santilli really believed in his own films, he would have them >independently authenticated by whatever means necessary to >convince himself and the world at large.

I couldn't agree more. What's worse, so much time has slipped by that there is now a growing myth that since the AA footage hasn't been "cracked" yet by experts it, therefore, might be the real deal.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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## Who Knew?

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <[StrmNut@aol.com](mailto:StrmNut@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:00:09 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:50:49 -0500  
Subject: Who Knew?

Hi list,

I thought I'd share a little known fact with you movie buffs out there. Before Steven Spielberg began work on E.T., he and a small team of artists were working on a project called "Night Skies", a movie about decidedly unfriendly aliens visiting earth. Effects people had even produced working alien creatures, with realistic aspects such as subdermal muscle movements, skin texture and facial features.

Unfortunately, for reasons unknown, the project was suddenly abandoned for the cuter E.T., and the rest is history.

The only place I've ever seen reference to this information was in a movie industry magazine called Cineffex. Perhaps some person with connections in the movie business (I won't mention you, Roger) could do a little digging and come up with some more info.

Greg

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## Upgrade (1\20\99) to Oberg/Cooper Website

From: Jerry Cohen <[rjcohen@li.net](mailto:rjcohen@li.net)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:40:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:53:55 -0500  
Subject: Upgrade (1\20\99) to Oberg/Cooper Website

Hello again to all List members,

Just wanted to announce a couple of additions to the Oberg/Cooper website which include the following:

\* Portions of conversations between Jan Aldrich and myself in which I discover that the 1957 Kirtland, Sebago & Stokes cases happened in closer time proximity to each other than I had previously thought. (i.e. only hours apart instead of a day apart.) Also listed are other UFO reports from that same time period forwarded to me by Jan.

<http://www.li.net/~rjcohen/Jantridate.html>

Also:

\* Portions of letters from Brad Sparks and Jan which state their specific clarifications to, and disagreements with, the DSP satellite claims of Lee Graham and Ron Regehr, of Aero-Jet in California, in regards to the 1976 Iranian AF UFO incident. (DSP: Defense Support Platform)

Brad was an original "cofounder of CAUS and prime consultant on the FOIA suits against the CIA and NSA, and the first person to study the released CIA docs in Dec 1978")

[http://www.li.net/~rjcohen/dsp\\_claims.html](http://www.li.net/~rjcohen/dsp_claims.html)

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Both of the above are located on the following page:

<http://www.li.net/~rjcohen/authorsc.html>

The former under :

"Kirtland AFB Case  
Nov 4, 1957"

"Jan Aldrich (Proj. 1947) Informs me..."

The latter under:

"The Iranian AF Jet Encounter"  
"Unfortunately, DSP Confirmation is  
Not Supported by Other Researchers"

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Up & coming PROJECT: Working on some clarifications & corrections that Brad sent me regarding statements I've made regarding the FOIA documentation from CAUS. These will be posted as soon as they are finished.

Respectfully,  
Jerry Cohen

Author: Oberg/Cooper rebuttals  
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UFOmind: <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/people/c/cohen/>

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## Montana UFO Caught on Video

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Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 15:01:23 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 10:38:04 -0500  
Subject: Montana UFO Caught on Video

Dear All,

I am appealing for anyone with any information regarding sightings and encounters in Montana, USA.

We have recently received video footage of an object coming out of the forest bordering George Town Lake, Montana on July 10th 1998.

If anyone has had any sightings, etc, around this time please contact us at the addresses below.

We hope to post stills and video clips of the object on our Web site in the near future.

Many thanks,

Ian Darlington. Editor/Webmaster 'Skywatchers'.

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Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 10:22:42 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 10:46:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 03:47:32 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Dear Bob and James:  
>Now that you mention it, I've crossed New Mexico on a number of  
>routes, and I have never seen a barn there. I'm sure there are  
>some barns, but they would stick out like a sore thumb; most  
>especially in the virtually deserted nearly Mars like high  
>desert between Corona and Roswell, NM.

>If Santilli really believed in his own films, he would have them  
>independently authenticated by whatever means necessary to  
>convince himself and the world at large.

>Compelling evidence of alien activities may well exist  
>somewhere, but I'm not going to waste any more time on the likes  
>of Santilli.

I was being polite when I said barns were rare. I've never seen  
one in New Mexico either. A few small sheds used for storage  
and such, but never a real barn.

>PS: By coincidence, the two times I stopped in Roswell were both  
>Sunday evenings .. separated by an interval of almost exactly  
>twenty years! Each time I asked where I could get a beer, and  
>some kid working at a burger joint looked as puzzled as if I had  
>asked for directions to the Eiffel Tower.

They don't sell beer in burger joints here in Virginia, either.  
You gotta go to a bar.

Bob

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### Firmage: Statement Regarding Stephens-Hoagland

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Hello everyone,

We have been presented in the past few weeks with a spectacle remarkable even on the scale of the ridiculousness common to UFOlogy. Robert Stephens emerged some months ago and began to share some provocative information concerning the subject of UFOs. He was about to be engaged in a debate on Art Bell's radio program covering 200 questions concerning claims made by Richard Hoagland, when his participation was cut from the air. In the midst of the firestorm of debate that followed, he bowed out in a "confession" that labelled himself a "Fraud". Many have said, with some justification, that Stephens' final radio comments were somewhat disjointed, though others have reported that he was particularly cogent in his other appearances. In any case, he has taken his agenda to the written word, and is publishing the "200 questions" he's been talking about.

What is Stephens' agenda? According to him, it is to expose Richard Hoagland as a fraud. Now, I have committed myself not to descend into personal or institutional attacks so common in this domain, as I have far more interesting and productive things to do with my time. But this case is different than the rest. I have volunteered to comment on Stephens' assertion, so let me make six brief points:

1 - If you read my book, you will find no mention of "hyperdimensional physics", "tetrahedral geometry", "19.5", "Cydonia", "Face on Mars", or basically any of Hoagland's signature claims, and I have studied his claims insofar as that is possible from two meetings and numerous reviews of his web site. The reason you won't find any of his claims in my book is because I do not believe Hoagland's evidence supports his assertions. I am and will remain open-minded to all good evidence on any and all subjects, but I have not seen good evidence from Mr. Hoagland up to this point. Generally speaking, that portion of his data that I have seen would not hold up in a pre-trial hearing, let alone in front of a jury.

2 - When I quietly entered this domain a year ago, I began providing private grants to a number of researchers over time, including Hoagland, to see if there was any "there" there. In the case of Hoagland, I have seen nothing of productive value in return.

3 - I can personally witness to the whole "December 7th" craft landing claim, as Richard communicated similar information to me. I listened but chose to ignore it, again for lack of a shred of good supporting evidence.

4 - Do I find evidence that Hoagland conducts fraudulent "science"? My experience with Richard Hoagland suggests Stephens is correct. I have no personal agenda against Richard Hoagland. I am simply stating the truth as I see it.

5 - I do not know Robert Stephens except through a brief dialog concerning my views on Mr. Hoagland. In my dialog with him he has been a careful and clear-headed thinker. I cannot vouch for all of his claims one way or the other, but I can and will support them where I personally am in a position to discriminate

fact from fiction. Stephens' point regarding the NRO is likely accurate. I have separate confirmation that our global tracking systems do observe many "unknowns" each month. I agree with his view that the secret to super-luminal propulsion is to be found in systems that will influence time through electromagnetic means. Stephens' questions of Hoagland are extremely serious and should be answered by Hoagland. If they are even mostly true, we will have a crystal-clear picture of why the "guvmint" could never work with the field of UFOlogy in its present state. If Robert's claims are not true, then Hoagland should be able to put this to rest and acquit himself rather efficiently and emerge all the stronger for it.

6 - I cannot speak in any informed way on the alleged "troika" between Hoagland, Bell, and CAUS. From my perspective, I have seen no good evidence that Art Bell is anything but a good entertainer with a broad and effective reach, with an open forum for all kinds of ideas, and perhaps too little discretion on what he chooses to broadcast. In the case of Peter Gersten, though his over-aggressive defense of Hoagland in various venues is mystifying, I have seen his hard work in a thankless task, with a good heart, surrounded as we all are by a swamp of fiction. His work with Corso was significant. A signed affidavit was no small victory.

Whether you agree with Stephens' tactics or not, his points are well grounded, and this is a critical issue and must be addressed for the health of our movement. I thank him for his diligence and courage to confront our weaknesses. Those of us who seriously study the UFO issue are convinced that it is the most important single question facing humanity at this moment in time. It is far too important to have the entire UFO community subjected to derision from Hoagland's unchallenged and unsupportable claims.

If this domain cannot police itself, then it doesn't deserve to be trusted with astoundingly far-reaching and fundamental data. Let us commit ourselves to truth, plain and simple.

J O S E P H     F I R M A G E  
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## RAMS - The '200 Questions' For Hoagland

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Debate Questions for Richard C. Hoagland  
from Robert A.M. Stephens,  
and aborted by Art Bell on the night of 12-30-1998.

Prepared from sources that have interfaced and had experiences  
with Richard C. Hoagland. In addition, personal questions  
gleaned from 22,400 emails--phone calls over a period since  
10-20-1998 to 1-20-1999 to Stillwater Mills, my company.

Prepared also from the Enterprise Mission web site from  
12-1-1998.

Questions 144 through 199 have been omitted since they were  
pertinent and exclusive too NEXRAD weather data as featured on  
the Enterprise Mission Web site, and answered by  
representatives from the National Weather Service. For a full  
report, you may consult Borderlands Research Foundation, at  
<http://www.borderlands.com> for answers to the false claims made  
on the Enterprise Mission Web site.

(note: all references to events not related to the Enterprise  
Mission can be, and in cases, have been already, verified by  
the individuals-agencies involved)

1. Why did you tell a Dr. Richard Sauder that Washington D.C.  
was going to drop nuclear weapons on itself?

RICHARD HOAGLAND LIED. DR. RICHARD SAUDER VERIFIED HE WAS  
LYING.

2. Why do you allude that you get your references from an  
inside Pentagon source, which would mean, pertinent to the  
above verified question, that you are taking information from a  
lying traitor?

3. If you knew this information from this source, why did you  
not tell and warn others besides Dr. Richard Sauder?

4. If you did not tell or warn others about this impending  
nuclear strike, and said strike had occurred, this would have  
lent you to being accessory to wholesale murder on a gargantuan  
scale. How do you reconcile this gross felonious incrimination  
of yourself?

5. You wrote the book regarding structures on Mars in the LA  
county jail. Can you explain this?

6. Why were you in jail?

7. Are you still referring to the Pentagon insider who is a  
traitor to the United States of America?

8. You claimed the United States, during the summer of 1997,  
that in the city of Phoenix, Arizona, was going to be  
thermonuclearized, to get the gold that somehow lies  
underneath. Can you explain this?

9. What source of information did, or do you have, to make such a claim?
10. Is your source an inside Pentagon source?
11. If you had this information and only warned the few people who got your Enterprise Mission handout in various malls and other outlets where you were passing this information out, did you try and warn authorities, your fellow Americans, that this imminent event of horrific proportions was about to come visit them?
12. If you did not, and the nukes fell on Phoenix, this would make you an accessory to murder on a gargantuan scale. How do you reconcile this gross felonious incrimination of yourself?
13. Your warnings to Dr. Joe Gill, for which I stand corrected in detail, consisted of warning him to leave the state of Hawaii since an asteroid was going to go down inside the volcano there and blow up the island. How did you get this information of warning?
14. If you had this information of early warning, did you tell others so they would not also die?
15. If you did not, why didn't you warn others besides Dr. Gill?
16. If you did not warn others of this impending asteroid going down the throat of the volcano and killing everyone in Hawaii this would have made you accessory to murder on a gargantuan scale. How do you then reconcile this gross felonious incrimination of yourself?
17. For the destruction of Washington D.C., the destruction of the state of Hawaii, and for the destruction of the city of Phoenix, what special equipment and early warning devices do you have that gives you this strategic edge to apocalyptic events?
18. Why did you lose your accreditation to all NASA centers in the world for yourself and the Enterprise Mission? NASA reports, and this information was on your web site on 12-1-1998, that is was because you lied to them?
19. Why did you misrepresent yourself to NASA after they gave you access to the KSC site in good faith?
20. Why did you attempt to destroy the life of Dr. Bruce Cornet after Dr. Cornet gave you exhaustive good service in research and other endeavors?
21. For what motivation would you do something like this to this man and his family?
22. Why is there a plethora of unsolicited mails and phone calls to my place of residence, origin to over two dozen professional people in the UFO community, who fairly wish to litigate you and from a personal level, want to do extreme harm to your person for what you have allegedly done to them in every way imaginable, financially, economically, theft of information, defamation, theft of moneys, loitering, embezzlement, and verbal assault on their professional character?
23. After talking to Walter Cronkite (Hudson Institute, alumni reporter brief), why does he not recollect you whatsoever nor does he remember you whatsoever at KSC or at any other NASA function?
24. The Washington Post of March 22, 1996, called you a, "a flake, fake, liar, a nutcase, a fruitcake, etc". Please explain why they would say this to the general public?
25. Exhaustive research shows there is no Angstrom Medal. Explain this?
26. A Mr. Joe Firmage in part, funded a grant to you to disclaim or prove that your claims were true or false. You disappeared and to my knowledge, this research endeavor has

yielded nothing for the money you were so entrusted to deploy. Explain this?

27. Goddard Space Flight Center wants your hide. They inform me and others, particularly an LA Times reporter who wishes to remain anonymous, that he was there when you were there also At Goddard. You photographed copied photos from the moon flights and other space missions, while the pictures were laying there on copy tables under glass. Thus, the natural reflection is now what you are claiming is structures and such on the moon and elsewhere. Your photos and claims are fakes and frauds. Why have you done this?

28. The very photos on your Enterprise Mission site, in general, when checked with the photo archive at NASA-JSC, shows that they are crystal clear and have not the reflections as the Goddard photos have that you have used. Goddard says the day in question they were in a hurry and the photos had reflections. They regret this. You have exploited a falsehood. Why have you done this to the public at large?

29. Why do you not wish to be on any other radio show to debate these very questions organic to your world online, but only on Art Bell?

30. It is perceived by many that you are involved in collusion with Art Bell as an entertainer and nothing more . Respond to this?

31. Are you under paid contract with Art Bell and Jacor Enterprises as an entertainer and thus conclusive to such an agreement in normal practice thus precludes you from answering questions to your claims, and appearances on any other shows other than Art Bell? Explain this perception and charge by many?

32. You have a page sequence of 'Fireballs Over Turret Peak'. The photos you have used are taken from various NASA archives and are solid rocket motor exhaust plumes from vehicles on ascent from either KSC or from Vandenberg AFB. The craft in each case has been removed with a graphic software program. Why have you lied and presented falsified photos to the public at large in the attempt to deceive them?

33. You have never worked for NASA. You are known as being insane. Explain?

34. You post no NASA release statement for all these falsified photos, no different than I had to have Michael Theroux do at borderlands when he hosted my page and had the Smithsonian-NASA link to my painting sample at NASA Headquarters. In this case, I painted the painting, yet, legally, I had to post the copyright and ownership data for the public at large that it was NASA's. Why haven't you done this too for all these falsified and stolen photos on your website?

35. For the Pegasi star signal, what special equipment and early warning devices do you have that gives you this strategic edge to an impending landing on Turret Peak Arizona for the morning of December 7, 1998, over assets owned and operated by NORAD and DoD and other strategic agencies that were immutably not aware of this star signal?

36. Did you have another inside source at DoD or elsewhere that brought this revelation of exclusive data to your attention?

37. If you had this information, and knew of it, why did you only notify the public online, rather than NASA and other agencies that did not have this information and could have assisted you in this finding?

38. Why is it that the high school you attended, and the man you stole his name and identity from for the Pegasi hoax, a one named Paul Dore, have such similar names. The mathematical coincidence is too great for serendipity for this conundrum. Justify this?

39. Why would you elaborate on Paul Dore, using and stating his person, when he asked you to quit using his name?

40. Why does the whole Pegasi event trace itself back to you and you exclusively along with crude assistance from Terry Tim Rogers?

41. You harp incessantly on the 'Masonic' connection and its activities regarding NASA when in fact, it is the Mormon connection that is the prime issue back before 1986. Yet, this is never mentioned. The Masonic nonsense is basically a lie. The Mormon connection is far more compelling and a fact. Why do you selectively ignore one for another?

42. What registration wave did you deploy to confirm the Pegasi signal?

43. What was the Heim-Wave coefficient for determining the artificial nature of the Pegasi signal?

44. What part of NORAD's Fence Database did you have access to, to confirm the landing was going to be on Turret Peak, Arizona, or that registered such?

45. Why do you not embrace all number recurrences over and above 19.5 and 33 for your highly strange and peculiar postulations?

46. Why do you not use the more common and stranger recurrence numbers like 22, 77, 4.5, 99.7, 50, .125, 37.5, etc. which show up far more frequently than 19.5 and 33 in even stranger places and occurrences in our lexicon?

47. You have only a high school education. Explain?

48. At what point did you gain full registration for the Pegasi intruder space ship?

49. Why do you hide behind the anonymity of the Internet to make your claims which are fraudulent, then prohibit anyone from contacting you for further information?

50. Why do you postulate hyper dimensional physics claims, but use false and gross error of math, or no math at all, to substantiate your claims as is normal conventions of protocol in science?

51. You postulate hyper dimensional physics. Thus, then, explain the mathematics fact, called an argument, of the simple equation of  $+SOL < -SOL/E^2$ . Which is the baseline for anything that is a warping of our space time place?

52. What is the interfacing of Femptophoton research in relation to hyper dimensional physics?

53. Under Turret Peak, you state that some machinery was turned on in very large caves and tunnels. Dr. Richard Sauder, the foremost authority on this anomaly, strongly refutes your statement. Explain or counter Dr. Sauder's assessment?

54. I had Model Railroad friends, which is my indoor hobby, and whom live in Phoenix, go up to Turret Peak to explore for old railroad and narrow gauge mining data. They are not UFO people or know anything about you or the Pegasi ship. They reported back to me on the 7th, and the 8th of December, 1998, that there was nothing up there out of the norm at all. Explain this?

55. You talk and postulate a lie of demented fashion about horizontal snow, occurring with no wind, and that it is falling somehow, which for anyone living in snow prone areas, roughly 80% of the country, reacts to your stated claim as if you are a clown and is laughable by such a postulation as you present such on your web site. How do you reconcile this strange statement and the public's reaction to such inaccuracies?

56. Why did the police have to be called on you by the family of Laura Lee and her husband who threatened you with law enforcement intervention if you would not move out of their home and not leech off them any more. Explain this?

57. You discuss some metaphysical connection to all our being with regard to six sided snow flakes. This is a scientific lie. Explain?

58. Why have you and Mike Bara stolen, non copyrighted material on your websites from The Weather Channel, Unisys, Accuweather, and other copyrighted and not for repost data?
59. Why do you use triangles and other symbols on the blurry, stolen, Mars images on your web site to justify your peculiar postulations?
60. Why do you omit the clear, recent photos of Mars, to also try and lend to your postulation of faces and cities and such on Mars--which in these latest photos we see what appears to be a varved, geophysical escarpment by natural conditions. Explain this?
61. What you have on your web site looks like blurry photos of a checkerboard game. What is it we are suppose to see in these?
62. Why do you have such a long running record with being found afoul with the law?
63. Define the Moon for rotation around the Earth and its own axis--in known orbital mechanical terms?
64. Define the Earth for rotation around the Sun and its own axis--in known orbital mechanical terms?
65. You claim and postulate items that are not science but gibberish. In this, please define high school level astronomy terms. One would be, define a light minute?
66. Define a light day?
67. You postulate that you know a great deal about space and NASA. Why is it that you have never ever worked for NASA, any more than I have, yet you claim you have?
68. You've never been a consultant either, Why do you claim this?
69. Why are there so many people who claim you've taken their money from them and ran away and never paid them back or did what you were suppose to do with said finances and are charged by these people as being a felonious malicious person?
70. Why do you insinuate NASA lies all the time, when multitudes want desperately to prove it is you that is the pathological liar and out to commit extreme malice toward those around you---but they somehow are never given a voice by Art Bell to counter these claims and acts by you against them. Explain this?
71. It is asked why I would pick on you. This is quite inane for a question, but for debate sake it is simple. You attack NASA and NASA cannot respond. I can. I do. I have. It is you who is a loud child of the macabre', that writes letters to the Whitehouse, NASA, and other agencies with claims that leaves no one a response. The result is that the entire UFO culture, just and unjust alike, is lumped in together. I take issue with that, now that I am here, and the plethora of lies that you postulate but insulate yourself under the entertainment skirt of Art Bell and anonymity on the internet so no one can confront your claims. You are a double standard in every move you make. For that, I take issue. I have left myself wide open. I have seen others take me to task and prove with data my claims and offerings are the truth. You do not operate under that protocol. The next question proves this immutably. Respond to this truth of charge at your person and volitional operation?
72. Regarding Mars and Cydonia, on your web site, you state categorically, "It's A Face". Since there are over 143,000,000 miles separating us from Cydonia, the very outfit that provided you and I with those photos for you to make that claim disagrees with you, how then can you make such a conclusion?
73. Since Cydonia 'Is A Face!!' in your convicted assessment, then, what extra machinery and equipment and technology do you have or are using to derive this absolute conclusion?
74. Would you share this technology that allows you to



formulate a statement of fact that Cydonia is a face with other agencies or parties such as NASA?

75. Are you able to know the difference between a statement of fact and the ability to formulate a premise?

76. Your radar ring claims on your web site are lies and fabrications as proven by representatives of the NWS. How do you explain this?

77. How do you attack me on STS-48 and STS-80, when this is my line of work and I say that what is seen in these two videos, and all other STS flights, is the same anomaly of normal in flight, on orbit, operations. Regardless of Kasher or any other 'expert'. I am the expert on this issue and everyone in this field will call me, not that I am in error, but a liar. You are the liar of fact. Defend this rightful charge. How can you lie on a subject when you do not have the means or technology to prove the claim?

78. What technology do you deploy to attain the musical signal from Pegasi, a system of stellar objects that are rife with conditions that would be quite difficult to sustain or nurture any form of non radioactive life form, let alone one that can play music?

79. You not only erred but are a liar in response to the Black Duck Minnesota Submarine ELF array, even when provided with the commanding officer of the facility that you could call or email or fax and verify that it is a real facility. Explain this patent falsehood on you part, exhibited twofold, which you did not, have not apologized for?

80. You uttered that my question on the Art Bell show was character assassination against you. How can a question as to why our nation's capitol was going to nuke itself, as claimed and stated by yourself and verified, constitutes character assassination?

81. Why does Art Bell insulate you from inquiry?

82. Why do you insulate yourself from inquiry?

83. Why did Arthur C. Clarke call you, "his highly imaginative fictional friend"?

84. You falsely allude that gravity, the weak force in this time-place, has something to do with multi dimensional events, when in fact it is the manipulation of time and +SOL that is the true effect. Explain this falsehood as claimed by you?

85. Being absolutely objective, how in God's name can you possibly be among the "pioneering top ten" in space, or anywhere else?

86. When you categorically lie to the public, and are proven as such, why do you not issue a retraction when caught, like what I have revealed about you and what the borderlands research group has revealed?

87. You state categorically that NASA killed SOHO. You claim this is circumstantial. That NASA would blow up its own spacecraft. You are lying. Refute my charge with facts?

88. You state lies incessantly about everything. Then if anyone calls you to task about the lie, which is normal and fair, you then attack them with malice rather than stating your proof. Explain this juvenile and baseless one sided ignorant string of self induced logic on your part?

89. Your insanity is slowly encroaching upon you like a virus consuming a host. Instead of going out and getting a job, where do you intend to go with your macabre' claims of the absurd that are so quickly disproven openly by so many?

90. Have you ever really looked up the word, "Arcology"?

91. You show photos of skyscrapers on Mars on your web site. On the page in question you show one photo that is Mars, and another that is Cairo, Egypt. Nice move. If you vector both photos the same they show the same photograph. There are no

skyscrapers on Mars then. Explain this proven lie?

92. Regarding the face and Cydonia. Are you really clear what a 'rectified' photo is verses an 'unrectified' photo?

93. Do you have a clue what you are espousing with statements pertaining to question 92?

94. You state that NASA somehow has purposely ignored certain 'geometry' in relation to Cydonia images. What grounds do you have for these charges?

95. Again, since you have access to technology applications that NASA does not, rather than faulting NASA, wouldn't it be prudent to share your technology with NASA to help them see the truth?

96. Why are copyrighted photos from NASA blank for association and copyrighted by the Enterprise Mission. This is illegal?

97. Do have any notion, in lucid fashion, what your tetrahedral claims of everything NASA really conjures. Explain this endless loop of virtual misinformation?

98. Does NASA do ANYTHING right or constructive or inducive to the mission at hand--beyond providing you with photos to self interpret?

99. ABC is furious at your linking and name dropping of their corporation. Explain this?

100. Do you have a separate unmanned space program aside from NASA and the United States' space effort, for which you are able to derive your 'data' for claim and presentation?

101. How many books did you write while in jail?

102. There is a recurring theme in your overall disposition regarding anything astronomical and NASA related. You insinuate that NASA spends all 'our' money (mine too, since I pay heavy taxes for being self employed), on these massive and very daunting undertakings off Earth. At the very last second, they: blow up their own space craft, hide the possibility of new planets, destroy evidence, wreck proof, fake photographs, change data, fake launches, hide faces on foreign planets, sneak all sorts of strange things past everyone including you, lie incessantly about everything they do, won't go and do what you want, does foolish things within mission profiles rather than look at cities and things which are obviously there for the beckoning, bases every move on the next Mason meeting outcome, Launches spacecraft only and after a thorough clearing of all Egyptian symbolism, and tries its darndest to do the most outlandish thing our species is engaged in--exploration of the last frontier, only to quench out the findings at the last minute. Then, have you ever gone to ask the fundamental question:

WHY?

103. For 1-20-1999, you claim a shot over the bow of.....what. That NASA and the occultic involvement they have is such that they shot a meteor at HAARP. This is a lie. Defend this?

104. Why do you claim the fact of all things Europa and oceans? When in fact John Lewis stated this hypothesis back in June of 1971, when you barely were a lurid spark in Arthur's eye. Explain this false claim by you?

105. Why do you claim the 'face' enigma when this was first stated by NASA and JPL people as the first photos were coming in and they even posted the 'face' anomaly on the first released prints, attributing the 'face' effect due to poor camera resolution, altitude, sunlight angle, speed of orbital passing, etc., in 1976. Explain this?

106. In contacting NASA headquarters, they never received that self serving, prolix, letter addressed to Dan Goldin, pertaining to the Cydonia revisit, you have posted on your site. Explain this?

107. Why do you have the NASA logo backwards on your page, yet you have all these photos taken from NASA and not one attribute in thanks for providing the photos in the first place. This would be normal professional venue in other 'rational' formats. Explain this contempt for the very source of your being and life?

108. In the Space anomalies area you have purported photos of two objects related to the STS-80 mission flight. In one and the other you show anomalies that register bigger than the city of Seattle and San Francisco combined. That would be objects that are an aggregate 455 square miles. Large objects. Yet, in no Fence database registration during the mission flow of STS-80 is objects of any proportions are shown in any other venue for this period. Defend this lie?

109. How can objects of these proportions escape anybody's registration that are on your 'map' overlay of the western third of America?

110. In fact, these objects you purport on your space anomalies page, would be visible to the naked eye on Earth in broad daylight. Yet, there is no report of these anomalies by anyone but you. Explain this?

111. Why is there not a reference for these maps, as would be in any disclaiming revelation process?

112. Along with being furious with you, ABC and Ted Koppel want to know why his picture is on your web site in the fashion it is. Explain this?

113. On 4-17-1997, you claim there will be more analysis on STS-80. It has been 21 months. There is still not any mention of 'new' analysis by you. When will this additional analysis be forthcoming?

114. Being redundant, how do you have the technology and math deduction skills, along with Art Bell, Kasher, and others to make the deductions you do and claim, when the assets at NASA and its contractors cannot make the same deductions as you. Explain this awful discrepancy that effects me personally and my work with NASA?

115. Why do you not have a secret source in the NRO, since that would preclude needing one in the Pentagon, since the Pentagon is akin to a giant clerk's office in administration, not the harbinger of facts?

116. You claim that my attack of you and your data is unfounded and I'm stupid. Yet my claims against you and that others have made against you, have shown to be fact, no subjectivity to it. Then, when you are shown to be wrong, you resort to this is all some disinformation and slander campaign. How can this be inquiry on one side and that is okay, and slander on the other. This is illogical so explain this?

117. When you redundantly lie as you do, on nearly everything on your website and in public statements, and are found out, you run your mouth in convolution rather than admit the wrong and move onward. Why?

118. You are perceived as a liar, a charlatan, a bahl mahl, a faker, a phony, a criminal, a jerk, a man on the border cusp of insanity. These are not subjective conjectures made by otherwise mean people. These conclusions are made by people in this field of study as your self, at times being in this far longer than yourself. They are made strictly by the assessment of your chosen demeanor and actions. The question then is why this chosen venue of personal presentation?

119. Since you will not admit you are a lair and an agent provocateur of trouble, and yet others when mistaken admit such or when they are so bold to discredit themselves, they rely on others to re-verify them and their claims, why do you not subscribe to the same truth of revelation.

120. John Pike is the preeminent NASA watchdog scientist. He is utterly brilliant. In his often scathing criticisms of NASA he errors, as we all do. In these events he rushes to the fore showing and admitting and apologizing for his error, then moves

on to the next topic. I had to do the same when not being aware of Mr. Czarnik. Finally, there was such a man and I posted accordingly my error. But in your venue, this was not a venue for further credibility, no, that meant that everything about me past and current and future was in error too. Under this strange protocol, which is a strong percentage of the UFO Field of Practices, then, being fair, you should be tarred and feathered by this same group. How come the selective endorsement of people and data?

121. You are a horrific pathological liar in the eyes that have dealt with you and the agency's you have slandered. Journalists that are aware of you say, "Richard Hoagland is a shameless man named 'Strange'. He embraces a form of scientific terrorism--mixing a little tiny grit of truth, with a mind filled macabre". (Lennis Bee-Iron, The Village Voice, 1998, the preeminent gay publication in America today, science page). Since this is an accurate assumption, and I would agree with this, how can you justify the claims you make in general to the mainstream and other fringe elements such as the Village Voice in continued practice?

122. My data, claims, statements, revelations, and activities have been proven all true by outside parties from my self. This should be the outcome. In your case, when out and out lying is proven to be the fact, you do not acknowledge this same outcome of revelation about yourself. Why?

123. You show signs of dementia, and it is worsening, how do you intend to rectify this anomaly coming upon your person?

124. Dr. Steven Hawkings is an astrophysicist, among other things. He makes far wilder claims about our time-place and our being than yourself. Yet, since he bases his outlier postulations on known science as a baseline, he is highly respected. In your case, since you take the road of entertainment and tabloid type venue, you are perceived as a 'NUT'. Why have you chosen this latter route, rather than the former?

125. You have threatened people with intimidation and worse. It is why the very 24 or so people that have come forward to provide information on you, wish to remain anonymous, for which I do not agree with them at all and I have stated it to every person who has contacted me. In this, however, should you continue in this felonious behavior, someone will finally take you to task. What will you do when you find yourself surrounded by the very public you have deceived, and they want the truth from you, or at least an apology?

126. You discredit NASA at every turn. It is my long standing agency I've been intimately involved with. Thousands of times greater than your involvement with this same agency. Neither of us work for NASA directly. You never have. I have come along and wish to defend this agency against your stated lies. Why then is my action, to seek truth and divulge lying by you and Art Bell and others, and confirm this, is called somehow 'bad' by you and this industry. But it is perfectly 'good' for you to continue to traffic lies unchecked. Explain this conundrum of selective moral center?

127. At the bottom of the rational food chain, you could resort to, "I'm having fun", or, as Art Bell does when trapped, says, "it's entertainment". If this is the case, and it is, why can't I and others like me also indulge in this practice with the same unquestionable endorsement you enjoy?

128. The attorneys representing the family members of the dead regarding the Hale-Bopp comet fiasco hold you and Art Bell in part, responsible, for inciting macabre' claims of ships and other vehicles riding the plume veil of the comet itself. They are amassing a massive lawsuit against you and others suspected of perpetrating this heinous disinformation juggernaut that may have led to these people to take their own lives. Explain this?

129. What is your technology you have garner to which allows you to assess the Hale-Bopp data you espouse that NASA and other agencies do not have at their disposal of deploy?

130. With this technology you have, and since you are able to garner data that no else can, would you be willing to share

this special technology with others so they may know what you know?

131. You seem to be alone in your endeavors of discovery. Science and discovery learned is accomplished by cooperation among all assets available. You are the only one on the planet who approaches this from a singularity. How can this be?

132. How can you be the only one privy of this data you espouse, and with such selfishness, you will not share this findings of new data with the very agencies that could and would substantiate your claims as fact. Explain this peculiar thing?

133. Within the mind of an Art Bell and yourself, you become 'confused' with straight questions of verifiable fact. But when a guest is asked, "how many times did you hit the alien", this is past off as 'truth'. How can this be the case in your mind if someone then comes forward and asked to verify these claims, as has been done with me?

134. If NASA lies at everything they do, which you strongly suggest, why do you rely on anything from them, like photos and such, at all?

135. For 4-9-1997, you indicate that there is proof of some connection to hyper dimensional physics to this page presentation. There is none. Explain this?

136. For 4-18-1997, you postulate with odd graphics and photos from NASA archives, nebulous, vague, insinuation about comet Hale-Bopp having a companion, an ulterior motive for being what it is. Why would you use NASA photos and data, who is a proven perpetrators of lies by your assessment, to substantiate your claims. It is one liar using the data from another liar to tell us a truth. Explain?

137. For 5-1-1997, you post why NASA would not come on air with Art Bell and yourself to debate the Hale-Bopp topic of data for which NASA tried to have Art Bell present NASA findings with the same fairness as the claims made by you and others. NASA steadfastly refused which incensed you. The reason NASA would not appear is because Art Bell, protecting you, his boy, would have cut off and censored NASA. In light of recent circumstances, you want o dispute this statement made by me?

138. For 6-17-1997 you claim to have proof of scientific origins of reverse speech revelations that somehow suggest that NASA is further lying. When this page is accessed, it is gone. Explain this?

139. For 1-20-1999 you still persist that NASA is ensconced with masonic worship. This page in particular about the 'bow shot' is blatant. I work for the agency in question for detail data with STS and other work. I have known and have provided links for proof to NASA directly that you are lying consistantly. Why do you persist on deceiving the public at large?

140. For 4-21-1997, you divulge a proof of statement that somehow a physical mechanical entity, the Hubble Space Telescope, is ensconced in hyper dimensional physics. In contacting the management of HST they not only do not have a clue what you are saying, but say it is not even in the paucity of science as it is known and does not make sense. Explain this?

141. For 4-22-1997, you divulge and demand that an investigation be summoned to examine NASA's proven lies about 'artifacts' on Mars. NASA did this with the latest photos. It shows Cydonia to be a varved geo-eroded escarpment. Until we set up a few backhoes up there, at 143,000,000 miles distance, this assessment is at least fair. NASA put its money where it was charged to do so. Why haven't you?

142. For 12-4-1997, you claim there is a connection of some sort between Saturn and the Sun in hyper dimensional physics. All things on balance, I say you are full of crap. Please defend that I am in error?

143. For 5-6-1998, you asked rhetorically when is a crater not

a crater. You then show a very normal, abrupt edged geologic formation that is abundant my the million of occurrences on our own planet (I look at one of these anomalies out my upstairs window in the graphics room up on the side of the 10,000 foot elevation of the Mission Mountain Range---it's in the form of a 'face'). You then take this natural feature and claim it is artificial. You are lying. Explain this?

144. Questions 144 to 199 pertain to the claims and statements made by Richard C. Hoagland of the Enterprise Mission regarding NEXRAD radar and other weather related data, which has been proven to be false, lies, misinformation, and other unfounded claims, by elements of the National Weather Service and NOAA with the assistance of Borderlands Research Foundation. The latter site has the answers to the intended questions herein.

200. In your various claims I challenge them on all, all subjects. You have failed to prove them to be what you claim. You have been refuted at every turn. You persist to lie and present falsehoods.

In my case, I postulated I was a fraud. It was proven to be not so--that I am in fact, who I say I am. Outside parties have proven this. Others still came forward on my behalf, taking issue with the spurious claims against me.

From the beginning two names and addresses appear on nearly every mail from me. In each case these two individuals are Scot Bowlin and Michael Osborne.

Scot Bowlin goes back with me for 15 years. He worked at NASA and has since moved on. I'm not sure what he is up to currently. I did asked him to monitor my mails and involvement in this 'field' of study. He verifies my personal claims as best as he is able to on his own volition. I did not asked him to come forward.

Michael Osborne is an Advanced Photo Interpreter for the National Reconnaissance Office. He is, in essence, a spy. He has been watching this too from the beginning and has made no comment publicly. He will verify me if needed. He has divulged no secrets or anything else pertinent to the security of the United States of America. This event amuses him greatly. His assessment is that this community of 'researchers' is not ready to recieve any cognizant information openly since it suscribes to selective endorsement of postulated data that is spurious at best, false at the worst. I agree.

There, now, that is some facts. My last question, then, since this list of questions is going up the chain way above NASA, will you admit you have lied repeatedly to this online and off line community pertaining to the UFO culture, claims about NASA and other statements filled with pathos. Will you admit this, since I did the same pertaining to myself when it wasn't true, to get others to defend me on their own, which they did.

Will you answer these questions now?

If not, and others within this 'field' allow you to do what you do, then this undustry needs to be kept right where it has put itself. The 'giggle' factor of choice for Everyman everywhere.

sincerely,

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From: Mike Farrell <[mikefarr@midcoast.com.au](mailto:mikefarr@midcoast.com.au)>  
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This is Australia Calling!

Greetings UFO Video Enthusiasts Everywhere...and a special hello to researchers in America and England!

Here is a list of important Television UFO Programs that we will not be able to see or in some cases, we will have to wait years to see. We are trying to bypass the normal global media network policies, politics and procrastination, so we can share with UFO researchers in Australia and New Zealand the kind of shows that you may take for granted in countries like America and England. We have also established a video exchange network to help gather and circulate this UFO TV Video material to other countries in Europe, the Middle East, South America, and Southeast Asia. In return, we can offer you UFO TV programs and "UFO raw footage" from around the world. We have footage and interviews from English and Non-English speaking countries, with translations provided in many cases.

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UPCOMING UFO TV PROGRAMS WORTH TAPING AND SHARING IN 1999:

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New NBC Movie 'CONFIRMATION' (USA-FEB.17)

NBC will air new serious look into the alien abduction phenomenon and the work of Whitley Strieber. Program will be broadcast in USA On February 17, 8-10:00pm. Implant removal operations will be shown!

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'THE UNINVITED' (USA-JAN.18)

An exciting new documentary on the alien abduction phenomenon is to be screened by The Learning Channel in USA on 18th January. It's possibly the most comprehensive program on the subject ever produced, and features interviews with the likes of Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, John Mack, Whitley Strieber, Travis Walton, and Peter Robbins. There's also a rare interview with Linda Cortile, and footage of one of Budd's Support Group meetings. There are also interviews with Philip Klass, Dr.Chris French and Dr.Susan Blackmore.

Expect furious Internet debate on this one!

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'WATCH THE SKIES' (USA & UK?-JAN.5)

A new television series looking at UFOs, alien abductions, cropcircles, cover-ups and conspiracies. Called "Watch the Skies" it will be screened by Grenada Television on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm.



On current plans, the first program is due to be screened on 5th January. Those interviewed include Apollo 14 Astronaut Edgar Mitchell and respected ufologist Timothy Good.

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'UFOs: 50 YEARS OF DENIAL?' (USA-MAR.3)

A documentary set to air March 3 on The Learning Channel.

Pictures of flying saucers strike a dramatic image. But documentary filmmaker James Fox says it will take the testimony of credible witnesses like Astronauts Edgar Mitchell and Gordon Cooper to change public opinion and force the government's hand.

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'RIDDLE OF THE SKIES' (UK & Germany?-DATES?)

Union Skyline Pictures of London are including raw footage of a UFO and plane crash from Israel as part of their upcoming three part series "Riddle Of The Skies", which will be broadcast by Channel Four in the UK and RTL in Germany.

(What's the dates on these, please?)

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'MILLENNIUM TV-THE BIG END' (UK-JAN.10)

The BBC is currently filming a a seven episode TV series "Millennium TV- The Big End". It's the first program being shown on Sunday 27 December on UK national TV. It's expected that the program on cattle mutilations will be shown on Sunday, 10 Jan.

PROJECT GUFONE needs your help!

We are trying to bring all UFO researchers everywhere "up to speed" on the available televised UFO programs, witness interviews, news, talk shows, and raw footage that is in the public domain today. This way we can all put our minds to work on the same evidence at the same time. We expect 1999 to be a landmark year in quality network broadcasts and skywatching videos. We exchange the video material from our own countries at our own expense. No money ever changes hands. This way we can operate under the protection of the International Fair Trade Doctrine to copy and exchange broadcast material for educational and research purposes only, but not for commercial gain.

We are looking for reliable video contacts in America and England who will tape these upcoming TV programs listed above and send them to us, in exchange for the same kind of important material from other countries around the world. We provide conversion to your tape format at no charge to you. This includes NTSC, PAL, SECAM, M-PAL, or N-PAL.

The first 'good-video-samaritans' to respond to our plea, will become members of PROJECT GUFONE (Global UFO Newsvideo Network). Once accepted, you will receive an inventory of video material to choose from for exchange, plus will be added to our private GUFONE mailing list for dedicated UFO and Paranormal Video Enthusiasts _only_!

This new UFO video PROJECT GUFONE is designed to broaden our global view of the UFO Phenomenon, and give us more reason to act locally. It is established in honor of the 'PROJECT 1947' by Jan L. Aldrich, which still motivates UFO researchers everywhere to help gather personal accounts, newspaper clippings, reports, and government documents from the early years of Modern Ufology.

Imagine if we were able to gather, exchange and show _all_ the UFO 'amateur home videos' and Television UFO Newscasts and Special Programs collected from around the world at any given time. Then we might find that the "Big Picture" of worldwide UFO sightings and encounters would have a greater and more convincing impact on researchers and the curious public alike.

The sharing and showing of this video material would reaffirm and further expose the universal nature and appeal of the UFO

Phenomenon to everyone watching TV.

This PROJECT GUFONE hopes to put the fate of these UFO Newscasts, Programs, and especially the UFO "amateur home videos" back into the hands of the people, where it belongs. We accomplish this by gathering and sending these UFO videotapes to each other, from one country to another, so we can all learn and benefit from what we discover about the UFO phenomenon, it's nature and it's meaning. Thus in the process, we may find that the answer to the UFO Mystery lies NOT in what we think it is or might be, but in what we haven't thought of YET!

"We are going to see more and more of these visitors from space and before too long, the evidence will be incontrovertible. That you will have on your television screens concrete evidence, that the ships are here and that they are real and that they're not fantastic things cooked up to make movies." (public statement from contactee at Giant Rock UFO Convention in 1958)

That time is almost here!
We can help put that "incontrovertible concrete evidence" on television screens all over the world!

The fact is, people are conditioned to "believe" what they see on TV, that's why we have to use this medium of exchange. The medium is the message, and the message is: "The Truth is Closer than we Imagine!"

As Director of PROJECT GUFONE, I invite you to visit our web pages for further details on the

Keith Basterfield Australian Researcher's Network at:
<http://www.fan.net.au/~tkbnetw/mikes.htm>

and

The UFO Research Group of Sydney, NSW. at:
<http://www.ufor.asn.au>

Please contact me directly with your interest, questions, comments, or exchange offers. Let's help each other to share the evidence! Let's help all Researchers to see what's already out there!

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It's the least we can do!
Thank You for Your Consideration,
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"And since seldom do instruments record flying saucers, it's the people who report seeing them that are the most significant way of getting at the Truth!" (J. Allen Hynek)

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 12:09:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:10:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 07:25:51 -0500
>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:39:42 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 22:33:41 -0600 (CST)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Dennis Stacy<dstacy@texas.net>
>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Previously, Dennis had asked:

>>Wasn't the film already processed, ie, developed, when Santilli
>>acquired it? Has it ever been claimed that Santilli received
>>unprocessed/undeveloped film?

Steven replied:

>Santilli indicated that the "cameraman" had to process a number
>of reels of film that required special processing, which I
>assume means a varying degree of 'push' processing for those
>rolls that needed it. These rolls he allegedly had to be
>processed by hand, which is why they were still in his
>possession and not sent to Washington with the rest.

>I believe that Santilli also said the "film" was very fragile
>and had to be transfered to video a frame at a time, which may
>be the "processing" that he has referred to in some statements.

Hi Dennis and Steven,

Santilli, like many people, probably believes that film is still
transfered to video using a telecine projector. Such projectors
used a 5 bladed shutter and synchronous motor to translate the
nominal 24 fps film to 30 fps video. And, like most projectors,
fragile film would have trouble going through them.

Hence, Santilli's claim about having to "transfer one frame at a
time" to avoid film damage.

Santilli should have done more homework before fabricating his
story.

Telecines haven't been used for more than 15 years or so. Modern
transfers are achieved using a "flying spot scanner" such as the
Rank Cintel or the Phillips transfer device. Such a device uses
an electron beam to scan the film in REAL TIME as it zips
through to video. In addition, the device uses no sprockets so
it is VERY gentle on fragile film stocks. It can even transfer
films with missing sprocket holes without missing a beat or
creating a jump in the image.

In fact, the advent of the Rank was a boon to film archivists
everywhere since it was capable of handling old nitrate film neg
from the 20's and 30's; VERY fragile stuff (and flammable!).
Devices like the Rank are now used in all transfer houses and
would have no problem handling the much tougher B&W reversal
that the AA footage was supposedly shot on, even from 1947.

If Santilli maintains that the film had to be transferred one frame at a time, he's flat out lying. There would never be a reason to, although it makes a good story for the public to hear regarding his efforts.

In regard to the terms "processing" and "development", please note the following post from Mr. Easton:

>The seller of the film apparently went on to offer Santilli 15
>cans of undeveloped film, filmed by him while in the military,
>of the Roswell crash scene from the ground and air, and of the
>alien autopsies.

<snip>

>At the end of 1995, Ray explained, "I mentioned this to a
>researcher in the early days, before we had completed the
>processing of the reels. It was a mistake on my part. I repeated
>what the cameraman had told me and expected no problem with the
>development of the film. Unfortunately the film on this reel was
>too badly damaged to retrieve an image".

If this info is correct, here we see that Santilli dealt with 15 cans of undeveloped film. In addition, Santilli uses the terms "processing of the reels" and "development of the film" within the same context.

I don't think for a minute he was talking about "transfer" to video.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: A Tale from Africa

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@freeside.fc.net>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 10:47:38 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:12:20 -0500
Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 02:23:43 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>The Irish country folks used to put their male children to bed
>in girls dressing gowns (in order to disguise their sex) because
>(according to legend) "the wee folk" would come in the night and
>steal away with the child. There are many such "legends/ tales"
>that go back many centuries. I know it's true because I've been
>seeing those same little buggers ever since childhood.

>I hope and pray that sooner or later people begin to realize
>that we are not (all) crazy or delusional or suffering from some
>other mental/psychological aberration. Whatever these
>beings/things are they did not "arrive" in 1947. They have been
>around a lot longer than 50 years. All indications are that
>they are (and have been) living in some kind of weird symbiotic
>relationship, or maybe even stewardship, to mankind for a lot
>longer than we may suspect. (For the benefit of those who enjoy
>nit picking anything I say to death, this is just my opinion and
>nothing more. I don't intend the remarks as fodder for debate.)

John & all interested,

As I just mentioned privately to another poster to this List,
the Arabs have been aware of this phenomenon for a lot longer
than we johnny-come-lately ufologists. They call these folks
the "Jinn". Their legal status is even recognized in Arabic law.
For an interesting web page on them, please see the following
web page (not mine) ...

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/newsd/islam.html>

Its a strange world out there,
-Brian Cuthbertson

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Night Visitors

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:06:29 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:23:27 -0500
Subject: Night Visitors

I remember reading, in I think, Omni Magazine back in the early 80's a short article on Joseph Smith's visitation by a cast of "heavenly" characters. It seemed that the whole thing may have been a grand Cosmic joke played upon a poor little earth savage by a scout ship crew that had been on patrol too long!

The point is, and Mr. Ratcliff is on to something here, if you can, (and it would take guts and an good concept of your own place in the universe,) -Question the Contactor.

The Christian Bible even mentions this in one of St.Paul's Epsitles about being a "Good Berean" - and Questioning the spirit (or whomever happens to standing in your 23 rd. floor bedroom).

GT McCoy

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Re: 'Eprime' In Action

From: **Jeff Rense** <eotl@west.net>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 10:21:08 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:35:11 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Eprime' In Action

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: 'Eprime' In Action
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 00:33:44 -0600

>In some message I posted on UFO UpDates a while back, I made
>disparaging remarks which included Jeff Rense of
><www.sightings.com> fame. A few members of the peanut gallery,
>lurkers all, e-mailed me grand huzzah's for calling Hoagland to
>task, but tsked, tsked, me for including Rense with that hoary
>horde of paranormal pontificators. While Jeff Rense probably is
>fairly rational in real life, the fact remains that his web site
>continues to sponsor articles about speech reversals, and other
>irrational nonsense, thus thrusting him into the category of
>'part of the problem' rather than 'part of the solution.'

Hi John,

I enjoyed your note, you are a well-spoken man. Somehow, however, in your surge to judge, you have gone right past the entire point of my website: it is a general news service...and not a platform which reflects or endorses any particular viewpoint over another.

Search it and you will find that it presents the views of not only Mr. Heseman and Mr. Meier but equally those of Kal Korff. I have even had Mr. Korff and Mr. Randy Winters debate Mr. Meier on my program.

On the website, as even the most casual observer can see, flows a stream of articles which represent diametrically opposed viewpoints on such as the coming Y2K crisis and literally scores of other significant issues. Perhaps you missed my DataPages archives at the bottom of the homepage which contain hundreds upon hundreds of exceedingly diverse opinion and contradictory data.

The site purveys a smorgasbord of information designed to, hopefully, stimulate critical thinking. It is an opportunity to exercise and define one's personal intellectual paradigm. Should you not find an article palatable, there is a certain key on your keyboard you may depress to instantly remove it from your mental tv tray. To condemn my website on the grounds you purport would be identical to condemning this list or any other legitimate forum for the competent free expression of thought, data, and individual opinion.

In a general sense, there is probably something on my website to offend most everyone sooner or later.

My website is a free-ranging presentation of news and information: from ufology and the paranormal to cancer research and nutrition; from Y2K, our dying environment and the NBC threat to the discovery of extra solar planets and the latest in genetic engineering.

If presenting such material makes me 'part of the problem' and a

member of the 'hoary hoard' in your world, John, I say 'good luck to you' and urge you to spend your time elsewhere on the net.

Furthermore, to refer to the totality of my website and these subjects as 'new folklore' connotes a disturbing, bizarre elitism, and rather frightful state of mentality which leaves one close to a physical shudder in response.

Oh, and you are right, I am 'probably fairly rational in real life'...

Jeff Rense

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BWW Media Alert 19990124

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January 24, 1999

This one is may be a bit lighter this week: quite a busy week for me. STRANGE SCIENCE on THE LEARNING CHANNEL may be interesting next week.

On to the listings: Times are generally Pacific.

TELEVISION

A&E

Next Thursday, February 4, 9:00 PM, THE UNEXPLAINED: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS (UFOs)

Next Friday, February 4, 1:00 AM, THE UNEXPLAINED: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS (UFOs)

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Sunday, January 24, 4:00 PM, INSIDE AREA 51

Thursday, January 28, 10:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: CREATURES IN THE SHADOWS

Friday, January 29, 1:00 AM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: CREATURES IN THE SHADOWS

Next Sunday, January 31, 12:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: GHOSTS, APPARITIONS, AND HAUNTED HOUSES

Next Thursday, February 4, 10:00 PM, INTO THE UNKNOWN: GHOSTS AND UFOS

Next Friday, February 5, 1:00 AM, , INTO THE UNKNOWN: GHOSTS AND UFOS

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sunday, January 24, 5:45 PM, GOING WILD! WITH JEFF CORWIN (includes bigfoot)

THE LEARNING CHANNEL

Next Monday, February 1, 9:00 PM, GREAT MYSTERIES AND MYTHS (includes the Loch Ness monster and religious mysteries)

Next Monday, February 1, 10:00 PM, STRANGE SCIENCE: BIZARRE PHENOMENA: STIGMATA

Next Tuesday, February 2, Midnight, GREAT MYSTERIES AND MYTHS (includes the Loch Ness monster and religious mysteries)

Next Tuesday, February 2, 1:00 AM, STRANGE SCIENCE: BIZARRE PHENOMENA: STIGMATA

Next Tuesday, February 2, 9:00 PM, UFOS: APOLLO 13 (not sure why they have

this combined...)

Next Tuesday, February 2, 10:00 PM, STRANGE SCIENCE: WEIRD PLACES

Next Wednesday, February 3, Midnight, UFOS: APOLLO 13 (not sure why they have this combined...)

Next Wednesday, February 3, 1:00 AM, STRANGE SCIENCE: WEIRD PLACES

Next Wednesday, February 3, 10:00 PM, STRANGE SCIENCE (includes UFOS)

Next Thursday, February 4, 1:00 AM, STRANGE SCIENCE (includes UFOS)

Next Thursday, February 4, 10:00 PM, STRANGE SCIENCE: UNUSUAL PEOPLE (includes spontaneous human combustion, psychic artists)

Next Friday, February 5, 1:00 AM, STRANGE SCIENCE: UNUSUAL PEOPLE (includes spontaneous human combustion, psychic artists)

Next Friday, February 5, 10:00 PM, STRANGE SCIENCE: ODD SOUNDS (ringing rocks, ghosts, Taos hum, etc.)

THE SCIENCE CHANNEL

The new schedule (since December 28, 1998) is weird programming for an hour each at 3:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. Alternating shows are: INTO THE UNKNOWN and ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE. They also run a Roswell show now every other week (it's probably the same show every time) at 4:00 AM and noon on Sundays.

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Tuesday, January 26, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3019 (Mexican UFOs; psychic twins; cloning)

Wednesday, January 27, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3020 (Pacific Northwest UFOs; luck; psychic detective; haunted hotel in California)

Thursday, January 28, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3021 (secret government UFO research; Roswell; psychic detective; cemetery haunting)

Friday, January 29, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3022 (twins abducted by aliens; artificial intelligence; haunting; angels)

Tuesday, February 2, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3023 (past-lives; heartland ghost; UFOs and nuclear weapons; snake handling; near-death experiences)

Wednesday, February 3, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3024 (Middle East UFOs; bigfoot; near-death experiences in children)

Thursday, February 4, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3025 (Hangar 18; psychic detective; alien abduction)

Friday, February 5, 11:00 AM, SIGHTINGS: EPISODE #3026 (technology of UFOs; does getting hit in the head make you psychic; Bahamian obeah ritual; Mexican UFOs; intuitive healing)

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 19:19:22 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:50:38 -0500
Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>From: Dave Ledger <dledger@cableinet.co.uk>
>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 16:10:34 +0000
>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:45:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 15:59:09 +0000
>>From: Robert A. M. Stephens <sti3818@montana.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: R.A.M.S. - A Parting Shot?

Previously, Stephens wrote:

>>I have answered this in great depth in 9 different venues, in
>>detail, over and over. Still, I am told I have not.

Dave responded:

>Mr Stephens, You may have answered these questions elsewhere,
>but you certainly did not answer them on this particular list.
>Despite what you may assume, I do not follow you around the
>internet and therefore had not heard your previous claimed
>explanations.

Hi Dave,

Don't you know?

According to Robert Stephens he receives 4,200 emails a week,
just in support of his various positions and opinions. This
doesn't even take into consideration his Q&As regarding NASA.
Do you think he really has time to answer any of your questions
on this List with anything more than a vague, generic, issue
avoiding response that is the email equivalent of a form letter?
Tsk, tsk, tsk. Mr. Stephens has much more important things to do
than talk about facts. <G>

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Skeptic's Address @ UpDates Archive

From: **Garrison L. Hilliard** <garrison@efn.org>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 19:46:40 GMT
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:01:45 -0500
Subject: Skeptic's Address @ UpDates Archive

[Non-Subscriber Post]

On the page:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/mar/m10-013.shtml>

you should change

skeptix@cyberwarped.com to skeptix@efn.org

and

listserv@cyberwarped.com to listproc@efn.org

(yep, we moved).

[Does being a skeptic preclude understanding the meaning of the word 'Archive'? <VBG>

The UFO UpDates Archive is basically 'un-touchable' - all messages stay as they are. This message will pop-up when anyone uses the Ufomind search engine on your name or the word 'skeptic'. Happy scepticism -- ebk]

Search for other documents from or mentioning: [skeptix](#) | [listproc](#)

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Re: Who Knew?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 20:03:03 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:09:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Who Knew?

>From: Greg St. Pierre <StrmNut@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:00:09 EST
>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 09:50:49 -0500
>Subject: Who Knew?

Previously, Greg offered:

>I thought I'd share a little known fact with you movie buffs out
>there. Before Steven Spielberg began work on E.T., he and a
>small team of artists were working on a project called "Night
>Skies", a movie about decidedly unfriendly aliens visiting
>earth. Effects people had even produced working alien creatures,
>with realistic aspects such as subdermal muscle movements, skin
>texture and facial features.

>Unfortunately, for reasons unknown, the project was suddenly
>abandoned for the cuter E.T., and the rest is history.

>The only place I've ever seen reference to this information was
>in a movie industry magazine called Cineffex. Perhaps some
>person with connections in the movie business (I won't mention
>you, Roger) could do a little digging and come up with some more
>info.

Hi Greg!

All I remember is that Spielberg and Rick Baker, the effects
guy, had a falling out over money and R&D costs. Spielberg
reportedly had the effects studio hot-locked and hired Rambaldi,
the same guy that did the really terrible alien in Close
Encounters, to do the work on ET. (If you look at the pictures
of Rambaldi, he looks just like ET! No kidding.)

There have been some that have suggested that ET is the
retelling of the story of Christ; certainly, the storylines are
very similar. It's possible that Spielberg saw the obvious
potential for drama there.

On the other hand...

A woman reportedly came forward and claimed that ET was a direct
steal of a screenplay she had written about a magical frog who
befriends a little girl. The frog was trying to get back to his
home, a mystical lake or something.

As the story goes, she had submitted the script to Columbia
Pictures, I think, and had a letter of acknowledgment to that
effect. This proof of access and the testimony of none other
than Ray Bradbury about the two stories' similarities I believe
forced a settlement. (and probably got her more money than she
would have ever sold the script for)

To my knowledge, the lady lived happily ever after.

As did Stephen. (He calls me Rog.) ;)

The End.

Roger Evans

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Re: A Tale from Africa

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 12:21:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:13:38 -0500
Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@virgin.net>
>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: A Tale from Africa
>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 03:55:09 -0000

>He told me about a folklore, which concerned little figures
>appearing in the homes of people and subsequently abducting
>them, apparently this is well known in Ghana folklore and there
>are drawings of these little fellows, from which he went on to
>inform me, "They look pretty much like the Grey Alien". These
>type of occurrences apparently have been carrying on for
>centuries,

I do recall having read quite a bit on African UFO related
folklore and abductions in Brad Steiger's 'The Rainbow
Conspiracy'. But then again, this is Brad Steiger we're talking
about, so if you read it, please remember to take everything
with at least two grains of salt.

-Scott C. Carr

Editor, The Flying Saucer Gazette
<http://www.erols.com/sardonica>

Producer, "UFO Desk"
99.5 FM WBAI, NY

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Roger's Rhyme #1

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:20:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:20:20 -0500
Subject: Roger's Rhyme #1

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Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:52:13 +0000

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To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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Hello all,

Feeling a bit creative tonite. Enjoy...

I came to this list by way of a friend
in the hope that, per chance, a fresh view I might lend
to the views, high and low, of those that are able
to accept new ideas and blow off age old fables.

But, alas I do find that what's old is what's new
as the truth, far to often, is looked at askew.
Who am I, some might ask, to suggest that these things
should be thought of as fact when the fat lady sings?

No one, to be sure, am I that's for certain.
Just pay little notice to the man 'hind the curtain,
for he pulls all the levers and he makes all the rules
he'll swear up is down and disagree, you're a fool.

First there was Ed, then RAM Stevens and Gary
to 'splain to us all that our ideas were not cherry.
For we mortals are weak and possess not a clue
how to process our thoughts the divine way that they do.

Hynek and Larsen and NASA and Roswell,
Santilli and some guy that doesn't shoot film well.
They take up our bandwidth and never come clean
about the secrets they hold and all that they mean.

Is the Alien real? Did it ever breath life?
Or is the photography bad to hide slips of the knife?
Santilli, no doubt, sits drinking a brew
secure in the knowledge that nobody knew.

But is it so hard to reason this out
that the image we see is a fake, there's no doubt
that we want to believe, we want it so bad
that if we're not careful, we'll find we've been had.

So I leave all of you with this one final thought:
Does the King really have clothes or have we been bought
by our own basic need to see something real
where the truth's been replaced by a two network deal?

(How'd I do, Alfred?)

Later,

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Satellite Tracking Reference

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@freeside.fc.net>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 14:22:29 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:24:54 -0500
Subject: Satellite Tracking Reference

Folks,

Since satellites can often be the source of erroneous UFO reports, I submit the following web page as a reference for any UFO researcher. Perhaps it will occasionally help in separating the wheat from the chaff when reports come in.

This comes from an email list (other than updates!) to which I subscribe.

-Brian Cuthbertson

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Site du Jour of the Day (990125)
January 25, 1999

SatPasses
Satellite Passes Over North American Cities
<http://www.bester.com/satpasses.html>

Bester Tracking Systems
Emeryville, California, USA

In the thirty years since the space race heated up, ground based observers have had the pleasure of seeing or listening to man-made objects passing overhead. Russian technology held the world in awe as Sputnik beeped and blinked for an audience of millions. Who can forget the anticipation of being creamed by Skylab during its last failing orbits? Today there are several distinct satellites visible with the naked eye, binoculars or telescopes, and Bester Tracking Systems has data available for such observations from major North American cities at this site. Included are Shuttle Missions (once up), Russia's Space Station Mir, International Space Station, Hubble Space Telescope, Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite, Ocean Remote Sensing Satellite Seasat and the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission. For people living outside of North America, the Visual Satellite Observer's Home Page (<http://www.satellite.eu.org/sat/vsohp/satintro.html>) produced by Jeff Hunt, Neil Clifford and Bart De Pontieu is an alternate resource with many international pointers and options.

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 16:13:37 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:29:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>I was being polite when I said barns were rare. I've never seen
>one in New Mexico either. A few small sheds used for storage
>and such, but never a real barn.

>>PS: By coincidence, the two times I stopped in Roswell were both
>>Sunday evenings .. separated by an interval of almost exactly
>>twenty years! Each time I asked where I could get a beer, and
>>some kid working at a burger joint looked as puzzled as if I had
>>asked for directions to the Eiffel Tower.

>They don't sell beer in burger joints here in Virginia, either.
>You gotta go to a bar.

>Bob

That's what I was asking, where's the nearest beer joint or bar.

Both times the guy I asked looked completely stumped.
Is Roswell dry? ..on Sundays at least?

- Larry Hatch

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Santilli's Film Scraps

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 19:19:05 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:33:10 -0500
Subject: Santilli's Film Scraps

Greetings everyone.

Last night I continued to read "The Aliens and the Scalpel", a newly published book by Dr. Roger K. Leir.

In 1997 Reg Presley arranged a meeting with Ray Santilli for Roger Leir and Derrel Sims.

At this meeting a proposal was made to Ray to allow them to have the original Alien Autopsy film analyzed at a top research lab so that the age of film could be known. Although Ray did not give an answer to their proposal at this meeting, Roger and Derrel did get film scraps which Reg obtained from Ray.

In his book Roger mentions that "Results from the film analysis have now been obtained, as of this writing in August, 1998, but we cannot release the results here due to a prior agreement with Santilli."

Once Ray knows that the film scraps can be dated conclusively, let us hope that permission will be given to also have the actual Alien Autopsy film analyzed by the same top research lab.

Until this happens, we have too many good reasons to doubt that the Alien Autopsy film actually dates from the 1940's.

Nick Balaskas

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UFO*BC Website Update

From: David Pengilly - UFO*BC <david_pengilly@dccnet.com>
Date: 24 Jan 1999 20:22:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:40:11 -0500
Subject: UFO*BC Website Update

We have recently updated our website - <http://ufobc.org>
The following items are linked from our Homepage, under
"What's New"

- 1) "The Yukon Report"
 - Due to all the hard work by Martin Jasek and Lorraine Bretlyn in Whitehorse, we have created a separate subweb for the Yukon.
- 2) "Small Flying Triangle Over Lake Laberge, Yukon"
 - report by Dennis Stitt and Martin Jasek
 - Is Exotic Propulsion Technology Being Tested in Canada's North?
- 3) "West Vancouver and Beyond"
 - report by Bill Oliver
 - One witness, three excellent sightings.
- 4) Recently Reported Sightings
 - all the sightings from the last few months
- 5) "Just Passing Through"
 - report by Graham Conway
 - excellent article about meteors/bolides/fireballs
- 6) "Buffalo Mutilation Incident"
 - report by Don Vanden Hoorn
 - First Buffalo Mutilation ever reported?
- 7) UFO*BC Quarterly - Winter 99
 - Our latest issue has just been printed, with improved graphics and a glossy cover! Visit our UFO*BC Store and have a look at the cover page and index. Available from select stores in the Vancouver and Whitehorse areas or order directly from us. \$5 per issue.

If you do not want to receive these updates, please reply with your e-mail address and I will gladly remove your name from the list. Thank you.

Dave Pengilly
dave@ufobc.org

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Re: 'Osiris's Grave' Detected Near Sphinx By

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 06:33:46 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:47:33 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Osiris's Grave' Detected Near Sphinx By

On Mon, 25 Jan 1999, stig.agermose@get2net.dk wrote:

>Posted by : stig.agermose@get2net.dk

>Source: EkstraBladet (Danish daily), in my own translation.

>Stig

I became so enthusiastic that I forgot that I was writing with a Danish character set. The name of the Lord Chamberlain (mentioned at the end) is:

Soeren Haslund-Christensen

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:44:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:44:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

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Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:26:59 EST
To: Updates@Globalserve.net
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Subject: Keeping Secrets
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Jim Mortellaro wrote:

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 12:14:52 EST
>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:51:03 -0500
>Subject: Keeping Secrets

<snip>

>I was, in 1970, working on a project called NAGS. This was the
>acronym for Naval Advanced Guidance System. It was one of the
>means by which a Polaris Poseiden warhead would guide itself
>towards target(s), as these were MIRV or multiple warheads.

>The security at the facility was very, very strict. You needed a
>top secret clearance just to get into the work area. And that
>work area was guarded 24 hours a day. Beyond the human
>security, you needed a special badge and code access to get
>thru the door.

>If there was anything about this project that was critical, it
>was security. About three months after I became one of the
>Electro-Optics engineers on the project, and after numerous
>security briefings by the military, by the project management,
>by the company reps, by everybody, an article appeared in
>Aviation Week and Space Technology which outlined exactly what
>this project was all about ...

That's why it's called "Aviation Leak".

>... including the top secret portions, which threatened corporeal
>[sic] punishment and a cruel death to anyone on the project
>who leaked information, even by accident.

Does Mr. Mortellaro expect us to take this statement at face value,
or is it a joke? "Corporal punishment and a cruel death" for
accidental leaking of information?

Jim, can you cite one single documented instance in which
punishments such as this have been authorized or applied in the
United States of America? I'm obviously not talking about the
Rosenberg spy case, or the execution of NAZI agents during World
War II. Please be specific with as many examples as you can find,
or cite the applicable section of U.S. law authorizing such things.

On the other hand, just since the end of the Cold War there have
been a number of widely publicized real spy cases involving even
such things as our wartime nuclear target list and sub operations
codes where people have received prison terms. None have
received "corporeal punishment" or "cruel deaths". The old KGB,

Re: Keeping Secrets

on the other hand, was rumored to have thrown Soviet citizens who were our double agents, alive, into a basement furnace at Lubyanka Prison in Moscow.

Bob Young

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Re: 'Eprime' In Action

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 01:16:35 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:53:33 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Eprime' In Action

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: 'Eprime' In Action
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 00:33:44 -0600

>In some message I posted on UFO UpDates a while back, I made
>disparaging remarks which included Jeff Rense of
><www.sightings.com> fame. A few members of the peanut gallery,
>lurkers all, e-mailed me grand huzzah's for calling Hoagland to
>task, but tsked, tsked, me for including Rense with that hoary
>horde of paranormal pontificators. While Jeff Rense probably is
>fairly rational in real life, the fact remains that his web site
>continues to sponsor articles about speech reversals, and other
>irrational nonsense, thus thrusting him into the category of
>'part of the problem' rather than 'part of the solution.'

<snip>

>But, why, why, if someone has this kind of an experience do
>they immediately endow this experience with such awe, reverence,
>and unbridled belief? Quit their jobs, start up web sites,
>destroy their lives all following the unproven claims perceived
>through a visionary experience? Perhaps it's time to be less
>skeptical of the contactee and a bit more skeptical of the
>contactor?

Hello John, List....

I feel compelled to write a form of rebuttal to some of your
opinions. For example, When it comes to the Virgin Mary and
Rense, I am a stalwart supporter of both.

Now, I don't think Jeff will like the company I just thrust him
into. However my intentions are honorable if not ludicrously
impious.

Jeff is in the business of interviewing folks. Most of those
folks are in the news, if you will allow the liberty, the news
which we find ourselves into... goblins, reverse speech,
goulies, aliens, abductees, people who think the world is coming
to an end and even those who actually "know it." As such, one
must presume that Rense must provide a forum for their opinions.
This he does quite admirably, giving everyone an opportunity to
voice an opinion or three.

Where Jeff Rense makes a difference is in the manner in which he
conducts his interviews. The rest is a requirement of the
venue... one would assume... God I hate those words, "presume
and assume!"

So in defense of Rense (did you notice these rhyme? Could it be,
verily, that I have contracted a case of Lehmbergitis? Nah! I
aint that good.) Anyway, so in defense of Rense, it is in his
gentlemanly manner and not the stuff of his guest's appraisals
of God, the Universe and Everything, which make him the mensch
he is and further, bring so many to his defense.

In the case of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.... well, no comment.

Re: 'Eprime' In Action

Except that excess should be avoided at all costs, no matter the matter...

Except of course... where _GRIPPLE_ is concerned....

Drink and make merry, for tomorrow we die of comet debris. If you listen to _my_ reverse speech, you will find this...

I said, "Rense is not tense!"

In reverse, it goes, "Drink Gripplle and dence!"

Dr. G speaks in a kind of ethnic South Manhattan Hebrew. So "DENSE" actually means, "DANCE!"

Dr. Jaime Gesundt

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Re: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 01:54:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:02:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Area 51 - The Alien Interview
>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 12:02:51 -0500

>>To Errol & List,

>>I would like to know the date when the special 'Area 51 - The
>>Alien Interview' was aired.

>Michel,

>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 13:52:12 -0500
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers":;
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

>From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

>A trip to The UpDates Archive (There are almost 16,000 posts to
>UpDates there - URL below) and use of the search engine produced
>the following - and anyone can do it <VBG>:

To Errol & list,

The copy of the 'Alien Interview' that I have has the
introduction: 'You Are Watching DirectTV'.

Would anyone know when DirectTV aired the video with "Victor" in
shadow? Does this DirectTV ring a bell with anyone?

All I need is the date so that I can label the tape. Any help
would be greatly appreciated.

Michel M. Deschamps

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Re: Angel Hair, Illness And Weather Modification

From: **Christophe Meessen** <meessen@mailclub.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 09:24:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:15:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Angel Hair, Illness And Weather Modification

Hello,

>If anyone has any further info on these or other angel hair
>cases, please contact me at devilsad@ksinc.net, as a friend of
>mine (Brian Boldman) is very interested in the angel hair
>phenomenon and has been investigating it for a number of years.

We are currently investigating a case where something very similar to 'Angel Hair' fell from the sky. The 'Angel Hair' would not evaporate with hand contact. But it did disappear from the environ after 2 days.

The witness collected samples (in '96) and we are currently analysing them. We already have MEB pictures. We are now trying to get it's chemical composition.

There are very light and sticky but also look like a stable material. It would not be altered in vacuum down to $2 \cdot 10^{-6}$ Mb. We checked it before putting it in the MEB. It looks like it is not a conductor and the MEB operator said it has the same properties as organic material. We still wait for chemical analysis for more solid information.

MEB showed a spider string like structure (0.1 micro meter diameter) but associated in thick bundles which are then visible. Filaments have regular and circular sections, surface looked smooth.

A particularly unusual phenomem that the witness reported was the presence of an unconventional rainbow. It was not oriented like normal rainbow, but was horizontal. The circle's center was above his head. With blue color inside the circle.

This phenomenon is under investigation by a physicist. Things look to be in pretty good shape there too.

We found that spider thread is the most similar structure we know, we would be very interested in any related information you might have on similar phenomenoa. If this might be a chemical effect, some hints on it's nature might help our researchers in their testing.

What we are studying may differ to what is reported in your web pages, but it would be a good help learn how to spot the difference between these phenomena. And if some spiders are behind some 'Angel Hair' cases, it would be good if we can clearly identify those cases.

Any info would be welcome.

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Re: Firmage: Statement Regarding Stephens-Hoagland

From: Judith Dale <judithdale@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 01:05:08 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:25:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Firmage: Statement Regarding Stephens-Hoagland

>From: Joe Firmage <jfirmage@uswebcks.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Statement Regarding Stephens-Hoagland
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 22:46:32 -0800

Joe Firmage wrote:

>Hello everyone,

>We have been presented in the past few weeks with a spectacle
>remarkable even on the scale of the ridiculousness common to
>UFOlogy. Robert Stephens emerged some months ago and began to
>share some provocative information concerning the subject of
>UFOs. He was about to be engaged in a debate on Art Bell's radio
>program covering 200 questions concerning claims made by Richard
>Hoagland, when his participation was cut from the air. In the
>midst of the firestorm of debate that followed, he bowed out in
>a "confession" that labelled himself a "Fraud". Many have said,
>with some justification, that Stephens' final radio comments
>were somewhat disjointed, though others have reported that he
>was particularly cogent in his other appearances. In any case,
>he has taken his agenda to the written word, and is publishing
>the "200 questions" he's been talking about.

>Whether you agree with Stephens' tactics or not, his points are
>well grounded, and this is a critical issue and must be
>addressed for the health of our movement. I thank him for his
>diligence and courage to confront our weaknesses. Those of us
>who seriously study the UFO issue are convinced that it is the
>most important single question facing humanity at this moment in
>time. It is far too important to have the entire UFO community
>subjected to derision from Hoagland's unchallenged and
>unsupportable claims.

After reading Joe's comments above, I felt compelled to add my voice to his in support of Robert Stephens. I admit to being quite new myself to the world of Ufology, via the Web. Although, the subject itself is not new to me, my current interest was piqued after listening to the personal experiences of close friends.

I am a Psychiatric/Mental Nurse, and as I listened to my friends tell me of their experiences, I was struck by the very long lasting impact these experiences have had on their lives. I found myself hearing of experiences that were intensely traumatic in nature. I realized then, that many of their feelings, behaviors, and thoughts were indicative of people with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. I became terribly concerned about the nature of their experiences. As my research has led me through the Web, I've noticed how many others are suffering from PTSD following traumatic encounter experiences. This troubles me greatly. I've thought about what seems to be going on, and decided it does not often bode well for us humans. I realize that there are some people who've had experiences that were, perhaps, not traumatic. In fact, it seems that some have found their experiences to be powerfully life changing in many positive ways, but these appear to be the minority.

My Web explorations took me to Richard Hoagland's site. As I

read the many pages, I was struck by two thoughts. The first was that this man truly believes this stuff, and the second was that the connections he made between events and ideas seemed, perhaps, paranoid and somewhat delusional. Yet, there was his forum, for anyone to happen upon. Further, he was speaking publicly, via the airwaves, about his theories. I found this frightening. I thought, this man is perpetuating more trauma on those who've already been wounded. I didn't like what I heard.

Now, I've also come upon sites by many who provide information that seems sound and helpful. I've also heard many speak, and present information via the airwaves that is sound and helpful. When I first heard Robert Stephens speak, I thought, now this guy is saying something important, I've not heard this before. He was certainly coherent, and made great sense. I believe he has much to offer this field of Ufology, and I am particularly interested to see the questions he will present for Richard Hoagland to answer. I've not spoken personally with Robert Stephens, but we have email dialogue. I've found his answers to my questions to be helpful, clear, and thoughtful. I will only comment thus on the fast fury of words that have flown over the wires of the Net, how disturbing at this crucial time, that there has been so much vehemence and attack. Let's not shoot this messenger.

Thank you for your attention.
Cordially,
Judith Dale, RN, C

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Re: UFO Communication?

From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdbs.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 09:42:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:34:56 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>From: Rick Goldsmith <rgoldsm@synapse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 23:49:26 -0500

Rick --

Here's a quote from the Minidisc page FAQ:

Recordable MD's are similar, but a pre-groove replaces the pits and valleys and an MO coating replaces the aluminum one. When recording, a laser is focused from one side of the disc onto the pre-groove and heats a spot on the MO recording layer to its Curie point while a magnetic field from a head in contact with the other side of the disc aligns magnetic dipoles within (read magnetizes) the heated spot on the MO layer (the N/S orientation corresponding to 0s and 1s in the data). During playback the MD machine focuses the laser on the pre-groove again, but at lower power, and the data is read back by measuring changes in polarization of light reflected from the previously magnetized regions (the Faraday effect).

Hope this helps.

Brian

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Global Crisis Solutions

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 20:30:29 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:40:18 -0500
Subject: Global Crisis Solutions

David Crockett Williams writes:

Please help me pass the word about the upcoming Global Crisis Solutions Conference at the Alumni House at UC Berkeley, Monday, March 1, 1999.

This event, and its promotion, are to bring important information to general public attention via the major media on issues like ending: The nuclear threat, war and terrorism, global warming and ozone layer depletion, the casualties of the Drug War, and the corporate/government media information control.

Speakers will present scientific and spiritual perspectives on the nature and scope of the problems and solutions associated with today's global social and environmental emergency, including the cannabis/hemp/marijuana situation, the lately confessed CIA involvement in drug smuggling, stopping the development of new weapons of mass destruction, new revolutionary energy technologies to replace nuclear and fossil fuel power, and the spiritual reawakening necessary to guide humanity through these times of great change.

Speakers will include Chris Conrad, Dr. Brian O'Leary, Michael C. Ruppert, David Crockett Williams, Dr. Fred Wood, and Rev. Yusen Yamato.

The conference will be a benefit fundraiser for the Global Peace Walk 1999-2000 which will be carrying the "survival issue" messages presented there to the United Nations and to Washington, DC, as part of its campaign for Global Peace Zone 2000 by fostering acceptance of its prayer for "Global Peace Now!" as a universal human resolve.

Thanks. Email me for more details or see:
<<http://www.angelfire.com/on/GEAR2000>>

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Re: Firmage: Statement Regarding Stephens-Hoagland

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:22:36 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:44:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Firmage: Statement Regarding Stephens-Hoagland

>From: Joe Firmage <jfirmage@uswebcks.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 22:46:32 -0800
>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 09:48:53 -0500
>Subject: Firmage: Statement Regarding Stephens-Hoagland

>If this domain cannot police itself, then it doesn't deserve to
>be trusted with astoundingly far-reaching and fundamental data.
>Let us commit ourselves to truth, plain and simple.

>J O S E P H F I R M A G E
>Founder & Chairman
>_____

>International Space Sciences Organization

Okay. Here's the truth, plain and simple:

You are in this to make money.

R O G E R E V A N S
Founder & Chairman

International Organization of Common Sense

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Re: PROJECT GUFONE Search

From: Marc Bell <MARC@wufog.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:15:28 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:47:10 -0500
Subject: Re: PROJECT GUFONE Search

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 03:24:42 +1100
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Mike Farrell <mikefarr@midcoast.com.au>
>Subject: PROJECT GUFONE Search

<snip>

>'MILLENNIUM TV-THE BIG END' (UK-JAN.10)

>The BBC is currently filming a a seven episode TV series
>"Millennium TV- The Big End". It's the first program being shown
>on Sunday 27 December on UK national TV. It's expected that the
>program on cattle mutilations will be shown on Sunday, 10 Jan.

<snip>

Hi

Does anyone know when this will actually be screened now, or
what happened to it on the 10th Jan?

All the best,

Marc Bell (WUFORG)

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:41:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:50:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 12:09:27 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>If this info is correct, here we see that Santilli dealt with 15
>cans of undeveloped film. In addition, Santilli uses the terms
>"processing of the reels" and "development of the film" within
>the same context.

>I don't think for a minute he was talking about "transfer" to
>video.

Ray Santilli did have access to developing for old film.

There was a Kodak cartridge of old film which Mike Hesemann bought from a lady in Roswell which was supposed to contain images of the crash site. It was unprocessed film.

Unfortunately, Mike gave it to Ray for processing, and later got back a short portion of the film. The part which had actually gone through the camera was missing from what Ray returned to Mike, and has never been accounted for.

I submitted the portion which had been processed to Eastman Kodak for identification, and they verified that it had been correctly developed, and from the edge markings and sprocket spacing (which changed at several points) positively identified it as 1945 production.

I still wonder what happened to the beginning of that film.

Bob

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Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:28:32 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:53:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 19:19:05 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:33:10 -0500
>Subject: Santilli's Film Scraps

Previously, Nick offered:

>In 1997 Reg Presley arranged a meeting with Ray Santilli for
>Roger Leir and Derrel Sims.

>At this meeting a proposal was made to Ray to allow them to have
>the original Alien Autopsy film analyzed at a top research lab
>so that the age of film could be known. Although Ray did not
>give an answer to their proposal at this meeting, Roger and
>Derrel did get film scraps which Reg obtained from Ray.

<snip>

>Once Ray knows that the film scraps can be dated conclusively,
>let us hope that permission will be given to also have the
>actual Alien Autopsy film analyzed by the same top research lab.

Hi Nick,

Actually, analyzing the scraps means nothing. We have only Santilli's word that they come from the actual film. But the notion that he seemed willing to deface his original artifact, even if only from the film's end, is to me quite suspect.

Think about it: For years, scientists had wanted to test just a snippet of the Shroud of Turin, but the church would not allow it. (ultimately, they relented; it was found to be bogus)

Likewise, if you had possession of a valuable piece of film, would you want to destroy even a frame of it? If one's concern was to validate the film, would it not make more sense to accompany the film to the lab in question where they could quickly and effeciently determine its origin without the need to "snip" anything? I'd think Santilli would be quite eager to have such evidence on his side.

Everything that Santilli has done regarding verification of his claims has been counter-intuitive. He simply does not want the truth to be learned.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Stephens-Firmage

From: **Jeff Rense** <eotl@west.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 02:44:48 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:03:29 -0500
Subject: Stephens-Firmage

Hi Errol...

I've posted all of Robert Stephen's '200 Hoagland Interview Questions'...and the surprise introduction by Joseph Firmage...at the top of my homepage. There is a large banner there.

It will be interesting to see how, or if, Richard chooses to respond, and to watch how the community reacts to such a provocative and unprecedented list of queries, which, at times, are searing to say the least.

There are several revelations including: Joe Firmage's financial underwriting of some of Hoagland's past research, and the statement by Stephens that families of the dead Heaven's Gate cult members might be assembling a massive lawsuit against Art Bell and Richard Hoagland.

It's quite a read.

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Re: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:50:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:06:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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>would be greatly appreciated.

>Michel M. Deschamps

Michael-

I suspect that DirecTV refers to the satellite television
company through which the original was recorded.

Is your video of the entire 'Alien Interview' program (which was
sold through the mail), or the program 'Strange Universe' which
was referenced in the post that Errol mentioned?

To my knowledge, the entire 'Alien Interview' was never shown on
television, and the 'Strange Universe' show was designed to hype
it and sell more copies.

Steve

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Re: Strange Goings-On At Roswell International

From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:24:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:24:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Goings-On At Roswell International

From: Wendy Connors <ProjectSign@EMAIL.MSN.COM>
Subject: Re: IUFOMRC (UFO Museum in Roswell)
To: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Greetings to the Lists:

The following was sent to me from Faeylyn Wylder the former webmaster of the museum's website.

Wendy Connors

Would you mind forwarding this to those who read it? I wanted to clear up the matter of the payment on the domain name:)

In the recent editorial by Jim Chambers, is mentioned the fact that I had paid for the IUFOMRC domain name. Given the very confusing series of events, it is easily misunderstood. I was asked to pay for the domain registration with my credit card, which I did, and the museum reimbursed me at a later date.

The following is my own recounting of what happened, so as not to leave anyone with the wrong impression regarding the IUFOMRC's actions - - which have been with careless indifference given the best construction.

In brief, The International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, NM has procured a website that I created and have valued at \$300,000.00, including 3003 original pieces of art, 5 major site renovations, my articles, and my time, with no regard for the agreements I had with the museum. They are not giving me credit for my work, they falsely represented me in a legal InterNic document, they made false allegations about me to my peers on the internet, and I have no rights to reclaim my copyrighted work without a costly leagal action, as there were no written agreements. Everything I am about to tell you can be proven or substantiated by those involved directly, such as Deon Crosby, Dennis Balthaser, and InterNic.

I am a professional artist, and have among other things, designed t-shirts for Hallmark Card's Shoebox div. I decided that it might be a good idea to learn how to create websites, and In 1996, Deon Crosby, the director of the International UFO Museum and Research Center, asked me to create a site for the museum. Deon allowed as how the museum could not pay me anything. I was fairly new to websmithing, and saw in it an opportunity to make my artwork known on the internet, thereby getting work, so I agreed to do it. Deon was explicit with me that the site would be a collaborative effort, and that I would retain my rights to my artwork.

In setting up the IUFOMRC online, I was asked by the museum to put the InterNic charges on my credit card, as they did not have one. I did so, not realizing that I would therefore become the legal registrant of the domain name iufomrc.com . When we realized this, I made it very clear to everyone involved, that I

held no claim on the domain name. I never tried to hide this fact, mentioning it casually to Dennis Balthaser, and others. I also informed Delores, the museum secretary, last October, that InterNic would be sending a bill in January or February.

I worked over 8 hours a day on the website. Deon was very busy at the museum, therefore, out of 300 pages on the website, 7 of those pages contained information the museum gave me, in addition to the Newsletters. The rest were a result of my own research and work, which Deon or Dennis would then approve for inclusion on the site.

As a result of the vast media attention given "Encounter 97", the 50th anniversary of the alleged Roswell crash, the website became very popular, linked from CNN, MSNBC, USA Today, The Smithsonian Magazine, NPR, etc. I was awarded with the Lycos Top 5%, the Lycos Editor's Choice, USA Today, L.A. Times, and many other coveted awards on the internet.

[Http://www.iufomrc.com/museum/credits.htm](http://www.iufomrc.com/museum/credits.htm)

In 1998 we were notified by Rob Mc Connell in Canada, that the website was voted top site on the Internet in Canada and England, and Jeff Rense of Sightings on the radio called it one of the great sites on the net in an interview he had with Bob Barnes.

In the Fall of 1998, Deon Crosby resigned as director of the IUFOMRC, and the running of the museum fell into the hands of a newly hired office manager, who proceeded to fire many key workers. Some workers were volunteers, others were contracted, and some were employees of the museum. I sort of fell into the contracted agents category. By then the museum had agreed to pay me \$50.00 a week for maintaining the site. They had agreed to \$100.00 a month prior to that, and would pay me 6 months in advance.

In late October, the library assistant and the museum operations manager were fired, and my duties were altered. At that time I was fairly certain I would be fired as well. For 14 days I waited to get a response to a very nice letter I wrote asking for clarification of my new duties. During the 14 days I waited to get a response, I maintained the site. On Nov. 4, 1998, I got a hostile call from the office manager. She did not tell me during the call that she had removed my access from the site, nor did she tell me that she had had all of my data from the InterNic data base removed.

When I had discovered what happened, I called Mark Williams, owner of The Host Pros server that the museum site was on, asking him why he would remove all of my information from InterNic, knowing the legal implications, as I was the legal registrant of the domain name. I was just curious, as I had assured the Max Littel and therefore the IUFOMRC Board, I assumed, that I would do all I could to help transfer the domain, and that I would never harm the site in any way.

Mark told me that the office manager had told him that my ownership of the domain name was just one of my "little dirty tricks" I played on the museum. As I stated previously, this was a simple mistake, and well known to everyone involved at the museum. As for dirty tricks, I am at a loss as to what she was referring to. She did not know me - no one at the museum knew me very well, many of them had no idea who I was. I just worked on the site day in and day out. It was all I did for 3 years. If anyone has been tricked, it was I by them. Obviously she told Mark this to get him to do what he did, regardless, my reputation has been sacked.

When the office manager informed me that they were getting a new webmaster, I suggested to her, in the spirit of my agreements with the museum that the art was mine, that she allow me to post the site I had always had in such a case, that contained all of the 7 pages of information the museum sent me, and the Newsletters. That was not a malicious request. It was a backup plan, until the new webmaster could design a new site. That is when I was told that none of the art was mine and that the museum had bought it for \$600.00. It would be laughable if it were not so pathetic an attempt.

At this point I called my lawyer who recommended that I call

Mark and ask him to let me post the site containing all of the information the museum gave me. It is a nice site. Nothing wrong with it at all. Of course he declined, but suggested that I as the registrant of the domain name could post whatever I wanted to at the iufomrc.com url. I declined to do that, all though technically it was within my rights, I felt that would be unethical in the end, and I felt that it would be better to try and reason with the museum as to our agreements, and have them release my work, as they should have, back to me.

January 4, 1999, the museum made a "legal name change" with InterNic, without informing me, in spite of my assurances to the board and to Mark Williams, and the new webmaster, that I would help them transfer the name. I called InterNic to see how this was accomplished without my being notified, as I was the legal registrant. The legal name change involves the registrant's signature being notarized. I have asked for a copy of this document from InterNic, but I have been told that they may or may not send it to me. Seeing as how I was bypassed concerning a legal name change involving my company name, I am somewhat surprised that I have not rights to a copy of the document.

Now the museum has an additional site <http://www.iufomrc.org>. This site is the work of the new webmaster. He is using some of my artwork, and my articles without any credit given to me, and without posting my copyright. He was posting my awards and awards that Jim Chambers and I were granted. He removed those when asked.

I was given no other reason for my being fired other than the "museum was making some changes".

I hope this will encourage webmasters, and people hiring them alike, to get all of their agreements in writing. None of my labors were worth it. I never had enough time to take any additional work, so there have been no benefits to my 3 years of dedicated service to the International UFO Museum and Research Center.

I also want to state the importance of knowing that these kinds of things can and do happen. While the InterNic domain registration is a moot point in my own case, it is important to know that just because one is the registrant, does not guarantee a thing. The way InterNic is set up, it is possible for the information to be manipulated easily - and by the time you find out, it may be too late. In my case, the first move the museum made was to remove my request that I be notified of any changes. They then had Mark remove all of my data. That was in November or December. Their final move was to change the name of my company, UFO Lab NM to IUFOMRC, without authorization by me, as I was not advised, nor did I sign the document - and it was NOTARIZED that I had. There wasn't even an InterNic tracking number.

More than any of the above, the thing that has mystified me more than anything was the vehemence and blatant disregard with which I was treated. I do not live in Roswell, therefore my relationship with the museum was cordially uninvolved to some degree. I worked diligently on the website, as did Jim Chambers for a time, to make the site the best representation of the museum possible. We always attended to it, every day for hours, and the site itself is proof of that.

Considering the above, I was stunned that when the axe fell the museum board was not responsive, nor interested, nor curious as to what my agreements were with the museum involving my work and my efforts. It seems to me to be the height of arrogance that they somehow think my satisfaction in doing the IUFOMRC site alone was the sole motivator for me in devoted three years of my life, literally to the site. Should anyone question that I am perhaps over-stating this, I think that all who knew me and worked with me would say I may be understating it.

I think in the end, all we have are our oaths, and our honor is measured by our willingness to uphold our agreements. I more than upheld my end of the agreement, and in the end was not even given a decent reason for being fired. I have to assume that the International UFO Museum and Research Center as a whole condones, if not encourages, the unethical acts that have been taken against me and others, considering their indifference. The

other construction is, of course, that they did not know any better. I did my best to inform them.

Sincerely,
Faeylyn Wylder

Subj: For the record
Date: 99-01-22 14:23:07 EST
From: Ufolab NM

>Sorry guys - just saw a mistake! Please forward this letter if you have not already forwarded the other. I said "I" was awarded the top lycos award, etc. I had meant to say "*It*" was awarded" referring to the site. This is not an accurate statement. The site was not awarded. It was my work and Jim's that was awarded. Therefore, it needs to read Jim Chambers and I were awarded, which I have now corrected. Sorry Jim - an honest typo!

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--[For The Record]-- P-47: Greenwood On MJ-12

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 21:43:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:33:40 -0500
Subject: --[For The Record]-- P-47: Greenwood On MJ-12

The MJ-12 Saga Continues, Greenwood Addresses New MJ-12 Documents In The Next UHR

Once again, extraordinary claims are being made involving a number of documents shoved into Tim Cooper's mail box. These second generation MJ-12 document highly promoted by Dr. Robert Wood and his son attract new people to the MJ-12 morass. The Woods claim that by looking at the content of the documents they can determine the authenticity of the material. Provenance is irrelevant to these proponents.

The Pope once sent Charlemagne a letter from St. Peter. By this time, Charlemagne was no longer the gapping mouth youth, who on foot had lead the Pope's mount as a token of respect. Charlemagne had ordered all communications with the Pope carefully recorded and worded since the Pope would exploit anything that seem favorable to Rome to the greatest possible extent.

Today no one believes that St. Peter's letter originated in heaven, although you still find some scholars who claim that another document popular at the time, "The Donations of Constantine" is still a valid document. Even the scholars who make such claims do not, as the Woods do, claim that there is no valid criticism of their document. All doubt has been answered about the MJ-12 documents, or so we are to believe.

So while most of ufology does not yet accept the extravagant claims for the new MJ-12 documents, there are many new people who find these documents compelling. The documents are actively promoted on Art Bell and on other radio shows, and on the Internet.

Barry Greenwood will devote the next UFO Historical Revue to problems and flaws in the new MJ-12 documents. It will probably be in the mail next week.

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:06:57 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:12:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?
>Date: Mon, Jan 25, 1999, 4:29 PM

>That's what I was asking, where's the nearest beer joint or bar.

>Both times the guy I asked looked completely stumped.
>Is Roswell dry? ..on Sundays at least?

>- Larry Hatch

Sorry, I'm no help on this. I almost never drink alcohol. I'm more of a root beer kinda guy!!

Bob

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:14:46 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:09:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:44:08 -0500
>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:44:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 12:14:52 EST
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:51:03 -0500
>>Subject: Keeping Secrets

Previously, Jim had written:

>>I was, in 1970, working on a project called NAGS. This was the
>>acronym for Naval Advanced Guidance System. It was one of the
>>means by which a Polaris Poseiden warhead would guide itself
>>towards target(s), as these were MIRV or multiple warheads.

>>The security at the facility was very, very strict. You needed a
>>top secret clearance just to get into the work area.

<snip>

>>... including the top secret portions, which threatened corporeal
>>[sic] punishment and a cruel death to anyone on the project
>>who leaked information, even by accident.

Bob responds:

>Does Mr. Mortellaro expect us to take this statement at face value,
>or is it a joke? "Corporal punishment and a cruel death" for
>accidental leaking of information?

>Jim, can you cite one single documented instance in which
>punishments such as this have been authorized or applied in the
>United States of America? I'm obviously not talking about the
>Rosenberg spy case, or the execution of NAZI agents during World
>War II. Please be specific with as many examples as you can find,
>or cite the applicable section of U.S. law authorizing such things.

Hi Bob,

Have you taken a look at the title of this thread? It's called
"Keeping Secrets". It isn't titled "Public Acknowledgement of
Wrong Doing by the Government".

You ask for documentation about something that you know would
be secret in the first place! Then you back up your logic,
citing that such extreme actions are not the known policy of the
US Government so they couldn't possibly happen which, in your
mind, accounts for the original lack of requested documentation.

Talk about circular logic...

It's like saying that murder is illegal, therefore murder must
not exist. Or that an attempted rape did not happen because the
victim can't provide evidence to back up her claim since she was
alone.

Is it really your contention that the US Government never does

anything illegal, never breaks laws, has never had anyone silenced simply because "known policy" says otherwise? Do you really believe that the government even bothers to make all of its policies known to the public? Or that they would publicly acknowledge hurting anyone one, if not forced to? Do you really believe everything the Government tells you?

If not, then why? Certainly lying is not part of "normal policy" so they must be telling the truth. Right?

Where do you think the term "clandestine operations" comes from?

Or have you never heard of IRAN-CONTRA? Or the happless soldiers used in LSD experimentation? Or Agent Orange? Or the plight of radiation victims near the A-Bomb test sites?

Jeepers, Bob. I don't know what country you live in, but it sure sounds swell. Can I move there, too? Your government is obviously more honest than mine.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:09:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:14:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Santilli's Film Scraps
>Date: Mon, Jan 25, 1999, 4:33 PM

>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 19:19:05 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Santilli's Film Scraps

>Greetings everyone.

>Last night I continued to read "The Aliens and the Scalpel", a
>newly published book by Dr. Roger K. Leir.

>In 1997 Reg Presley arranged a meeting with Ray Santilli for
>Roger Leir and Derrel Sims.

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>At this meeting a proposal was made to Ray to allow them to have
>the original Alien Autopsy film analyzed at a top research lab
>so that the age of film could be known. Although Ray did not
>give an answer to their proposal at this meeting, Roger and
>Derrel did get film scraps which Reg obtained from Ray.

Actually, those film scraps came from Philip Mantle, via Reg,
and are from the same strip as the samples I have. They are
copy film, not camera original, and therefore meaningless.

>In his book Roger mentions that "Results from the film analysis
>have now been obtained, as of this writing in August, 1998, but
>we cannot release the results here due to a prior agreement with
>Santilli."

All they can tell is what we already know, the copy film is pre-
1955 in origin.

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:12:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:24:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:26:59 EST
>To: Updates@Globalserve.net
>Subject: Keeping Secrets

>Does Mr. Mortellaro expect us to take this statement at face
>value, or is it a joke? "Corporal punishment and a cruel
>death" for accidental leaking of information?

>Jim, can you cite one single documented instance in which
>punishments such as this have >been authorized or applied in the
>United States of America?

I certainly do not claim to be an expert, or even overly knowledgeable about the government or the military's actual policy of punishment for misuse of information. But one example which I have personally witnessed is the simple fact that the warning signs at the military border of Area 51 clearly state "Use of deadly force authorized." I understand that trespassing on govt. property, and revealing classified information are two different things, but surely they both stem from a desire for secrecy?

The simple fact that there is a sign which declares the right to use deadly force should be evidence enough for the military's position regarding the protection of their own privacy. As far as I know, although it is authorized, deadly force has never been used or even attempted along the border of America's most popular secret base.

But surely, that is a distinction which is worth considering- the authorization of such force versus the actual use of said force.

-Scott C. Carr
Editor, The Flying Saucer Gazette
<http://www.erols.com/sardonica>

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Dennis <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:09:06 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:26:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 16:13:37 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>That's what I was asking, where's the nearest beer joint or bar.

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>- Larry Hatch

Larry,

They sure as heck weren't dry when I was there for the 50th anniversary celebration. If they had been, Jim Mosely and I probably wouldn't have hung around for as long as we did!

In fact, I saw several signs out front of eating establishments advertising some sort of new drink concoction with "alien" in the title. Seems like almost everyplace had one, to go with the alien burgers and fries.

If I'd known barns were ultimately going to be a Roswell issue, too, I would have paid more attention, although that probably would have meant drinking less.

I suspect that all the barns had burned down just before Bob Shell passed through because of a shortage of lightning rods, although it could be more mysterious (and sinister) than that. Maybe we'd better put Michael Hesseman on it. I suspect the aliens are collecting barns. (You gotta put all that hybridized wheat from the crop circles somewhere, not to mention all them harvested animal parts.)

Dennis

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Re: 'Eprime' In Action

From: John Ratcliffe <jratcliff@att.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:21:02 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:31:40 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Eprime' In Action

>From: Jeff Rense <eotl@west.net>
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 10:21:08 -0800 (PST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Eprime' In Action

I received a pleasant email message from Jeff Rense, who was able to locate my post at it's place of origin, snuggled firmly between my tounge and cheek.

As I said in my Eprime message, I am deriving great enjoyment from Rense's site, his newstories are a lot of fun to read, and updated with great frequency. The fact that he posts them is in and of itself not an endorsement of their claims.

Jeff assured me that he is, in fact, semi-rational in 'real-life', and I take him as his word.

Publically, I now state that I love Jeff Rense, and the <www.sightings.com> web site. I wholly endorse it as an excellent well to sip from when searching for a bit of paranormal sustinence.

John W. Ratcliff
Chastised Parishoner

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New Alleged MJ-12 Papers Also Shown To Be

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:22:31 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:48:11 -0500
Subject: New Alleged MJ-12 Papers Also Shown To Be

Hello,

On 12/19/98, a short message to this list was posted on behalf of Barry Greenwood that the new alleged MJ-12 documents contained a fatal flaw in the contents that relegate this newest batch to the same hoax pile its predecessors have been shown in the past to belong.

Over the weekend, the information was in its final stages of typing with advance copies being sent to certain individuals of Barry Greenwood's choosing. The case for the illegitimacy of the new alleged MJ-12 documents is being published in Barry Greenwood's 'UFO HISTORICAL REVIEW', the publication he started since his resignation as editor of the JUST CAUSE newsletter early last year. As many 'oldtimers' may recall, the illegitimacy of the original alleged MJ-12 papers was presented and discussed in detail in that former Barry Greenwood publication a decade ago.

You can support legitimate and objective historical research into UFOs by subscribing to the UHR publication. I urge all readers to support Barry Greenwood's research efforts by subscribing to UHR. Write to: UHR, PO Box 176, Stoneham MA 02180, USA. Within the United States, subscriptions are \$15.00 per year, \$20.00 (US Dollars) outside the US.

Also, UFO HISTORICAL REVUE appears on the CUFON web site by exclusive arrangement with Barry Greenwood. CUFON makes this publication available in order to archive it and make it available electronically, not to replace in any way subscriptions to UHR. Therefore, the issues do not appear on CUFON until a minimum of 30 days after mailing.

The CUFON website containing past issues of UHR is:

<http://www.cufon.org/uhr/uhrndx.htm>

I am not connected with UHR or CUFON except for my support for Barry Greenwood's legitimate and objective research into this subject.

There is a good possibility that the information in the newest UHR will be presented on this mailing list before the electronic posting to the CUFON web site.

Ed Stewart

>Date: Sat, 19 Dec 1998 12:47:14 -0800
>From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Note from Barry Greenwood

>Listmembers,

>I was asked to release the following statement by Barry
>Greenwood exactly as written. Details will be released at a
>later date at Barry's convenience.

>To whom it may concern:

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> --- There is a FATAL flaw in the new MJ-12 papers! ---
>
> Barry Greenwood, 12/19/98

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:42:59 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:20:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:41:52 +0000
>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:50:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 12:09:27 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Previously, I had offered:

>>If this info is correct, here we see that Santilli dealt with 15
>>cans of undeveloped film. In addition, Santilli uses the terms
>>"processing of the reels" and "development of the film" within
>>the same context.

>>I don't think for a minute he was talking about "transfer" to
>>video.

Bob adds:

>Ray Santilli did have access to developing for old film.

>There was a Kodak cartridge of old film which Mike Hesemann
>bought from a lady in Roswell which was supposed to contain
>images of the crash site. It was unprocessed film.

>Unfortunately, Mike gave it to Ray for processing, and later
>got back a short portion of the film. The part which had
>actually gone through the camera was missing from what Ray
>returned to Mike, and has never been accounted for.

>I submitted the portion which had been processed to Eastman
>Kodak for identification, and they verified that it had been
>correctly developed, and from the edge markings and sprocket
>spacing (which changed at several points) positively
>identified it as 1945 production.

>I still wonder what happened to the beginning of that film.

Hi Bob,

Just wondering, do the number of unprocessed reels that Santilli
told you he received jive with the number Mr. Easton cites in
the following:

>The seller of the film apparently went on to offer Santilli 15
>cans of undeveloped film, filmed by him while in the military,
>of the Roswell crash scene from the ground and air, and of the
>alien autopsies.

<snip>

>The man dragged out the old cans
>and permitted a small piece of film to be cut from the leader on
>one film to be taken to London for analyses. According to
>Santilli, Kodac (sic) in London reported that the film was of
>about 1948 vintage. That was good enough for Santilli who

>purchased all the cans for \$100,000 (he has also mentioned
>\$150,000).

The accuracy of the price notwithstanding, is it known if the
"test piece" was taken from a processed or unprocessed reel?

If it was a processed reel, then the leader would have not been
part of the actual film at all, since labs add plastic leader
after processing to facilitate projection. On the other hand, if
it was unprocessed, then the "leader" would be the actual film.

Regarding the "Kodak cartridge" you mentioned above, was the
film regular 8mm? The reason I ask is that, to my knowledge,
16mm film was always used on reels and not cartridged unless it
was to be used as "split 8mm" in home movie cameras. If it had
been processed and not split it would, in fact, still look a lot
like regular 16mm film. The difference, of course, would be the
dual 8mm images side by side but would have unusual "pitch" or
sprocket hole spacings. Might this be a possibility? Or was it,
in fact, 16mm film?

Just curious...

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:35:14 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:35:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:26:59 EST
>To: Updates@Globalserve.net
>Subject: Keeping Secrets

>Jim Mortellaro wrote:

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 12:14:52 EST
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:51:03 -0500
>>Subject: Keeping Secrets

><snip>

>>I was, in 1970, working on a project called NAGS. This was the
>>acronym for Naval Advanced Guidance System. It was one of the
>>means by which a Polaris Poseiden warhead would guide itself
>>towards target(s), as these were MIRV or multiple warheads.

>>The security at the facility was very, very strict. You needed a
>>top secret clearance just to get into the work area. And that
>>work area was guarded 24 hours a day. Beyond the human
>>security, you needed a special badge and code access to get
>>thru the door.

>>If there was anything about this project that was critical, it
>>was security. About three months after I became one of the
>>Electro-Optics engineers on the project, and after numerous
>>security briefings by the military, by the project management,
>>by the company reps, by everybody, an article appeared in
>>Aviation Week and Space Technology which outlined exactly what
>>this project was all about ...

>That's why it's called "Aviation Leak".

>>... including the top secret portions, which threatened corporeal
>>[sic] punishment and a cruel death to anyone on the project
>>who leaked information, even by accident.

>Does Mr. Mortellaro expect us to take this statement at face value,
>or is it a joke? "Corporal punishment and a cruel death" for
>accidental leaking of information?

>Jim, can you cite one single documented instance in which
>punishments such as this have been authorized or applied in the
>United States of America? I'm obviously not talking about the
>Rosenberg spy case, or the execution of NAZI agents during World
>War II. Please be specific with as many examples as you can find,
>or cite the applicable section of U.S. law authorizing such things.

>On the other hand, just since the end of the Cold War there have
>been a number of widely publicized real spy cases involving even
>such things as our wartime nuclear target list and sub operations
>codes where people have received prison terms. None have
>received "corporeal punishment" or "cruel deaths". The old KGB,
>on the other hand, was rumored to have thrown Soviet citizens who
>were our double agents, alive, into a basement furnace at Lubyanka
>Prison in Moscow.

Hi Bob and list members...

Uh, er, ummm.... lemme see... you write...

>Does Mr. Mortellaro expect us to take this statement at face value,
>or is it a joke? "Corporal punishment and a cruel death" for
>accidental leaking of information?

Hiya Bob abd List,

OK... well, well, well.... now how to answer this interesting
queery, er, query.. Le question est, comme dit un en Francais?
Uh, p'tetre, en Anglais... without offending the questioner...

Lemme see, Bob. The best way I can say this, is, yes, I
confess, I was just kidding. Hell, I can't even think of
something amusing to come back at you with...

But I will say this, in all seriousness, this time I am not
kidding. you really need to conact my boss, Dr. Jaime Gesundt.
In fact, I'll give you his telephone number and I will go even
one step further, I will even notify him that you will be
calling and suggest, to him, that he place you on the "comp"
list for a free case of Gripple Plus.

Gripple Plus is our latest and newest product here at Freshly
Made. It is designed for those whose nerves are completely shot
and are exceedingly uptight, so much so that they cannot
distinguish truth from phallises.... falsies... make that
"falsehood!" So sorry, I just had a Jolt of Plus and boy are my
arms tired.

So to you, my good friend Bob, and the rest of this marvelous
list, I have the following two things I would like to say...

First, thank you for keeping me in money. Ever since I started
writing to UpDates, sales have soured... soard, soared.

Second, if I can't get a good yuck out of you, then it's OK if
you take me seriously. It's really OK. Just as long as you
buy my Freshly Mades.

Dr. Gesundt for Jimmy Mortellaro who is indisposed (hic!)
We will sell no wine, until it's ready!

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Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

From: Scott LeGrand <varelse@best.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:44:30 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:40:15 -0500
Subject: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

Well, Robert Stephens' 200 questions imply Mr. Hoagland never had any professional status.

I can at least confirm that he once worked for 'Star and Sky' magazine.

Harlan Ellison recounts a brief conversation with him at JPL in 'An Edge in My Voice' - now available as the 2nd half of 'Edgeworks 1', on page 39, while they both watch data come in from Voyager 1 as it reaches Saturn.

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Anyone Heard Of The 'J-Track Link'?

From: John Hayes <jhayes@cableinet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:31:03 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:42:32 -0500
Subject: Anyone Heard Of The 'J-Track Link'?

I have been sent a message with the subject 'do you have the J-track Link?'

The message reads:

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This link is for real time display of all orbiting satellites and ground tracking paths.

Also included the space station mir and the shuttle when it is in orbit. The site display in realtime 3d.

=====

If anyone can help please let me know.

John Hayes

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'Osiris's Grave' Detected Near Sphinx By Hawass

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:46:56 -0500
Subject: 'Osiris's Grave' Detected Near Sphinx By Hawass

Source: Ekstra Bladet, in my own translation from Danish.

Stig

Ekstra Bladet

Sunday, January 24, 1999.

Freja Ludvigsen

THE QUEEN ATTENDS PYRAMID MEETING

Queen Margrethe has been briefed, being one of the first, on a new, sensational grave find in the area between two of the pyramids of Egypt.

It happened when, as a private individual, she appeared in Dansk Industri's pyramid-shaped glass hall, at a lecture held by Dr. Zahi Hawass, the world's leading egyptologist and head of the Giza excavations.

Zahi Hawass is on a Scandinavian tour and was so inspired by Margrethe's presence that he revealed a sensational archaeological find which will be published in the Egyptian press no sooner than in a couple of months.

Between the Sphinx and the Khefren pyramid Hawass and his staff have discovered a hitherto unknown subterranean shaft, reaching a depth of 29 meters [96 feet, approximately]. In the bottom of the shaft they found a stone sarcophagus surrounded by water. If Hawass's theory holds, he has found the grave of Osiris, the god of death.

Amateur Archaeologist

The Queen was listening enthusiastically from the first row. Since 1962, when she was a young crown princess and tried her hand in Egypt as an amateur archaeologist, she has had an ardent interest in the pyramids of Egypt.

"The finds he was describing were so great that his voice was almost tearful," one listener said.

Inviting the Queen

Zahi Hawass ended his lecture by discreetly inviting the Queen to visit his excavations in Giza, as Prince Henrik did last year.

"I hope he'll bring his wife next time," he said.

Soeren Haslund-Christensen, the Lord Chamberlain, tells EkstraBladet, that the Queen is not on her way to Egypt, though.

"Not for the time being. The Queen has a lot of other things to do. His invitation was an instance of courtesy," the Queen's spokesman said.

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From: Joe Trainor <Masinaigan@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:07:16 -0500
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 4

UFO ROUNDUP
Volume 4, Number 4
January 25, 1998
Editor: Joseph Trainor

CHUPACABRA STRIKES AGAIN IN GUANICA, PUERTO RICO

Chupacabra struck again in Guanica, P.R. on Tuesday, January 12, 1999, killing 10 chickens and two ducks.

The incident occurred in a backyard poultry pen in the Laguna section of Guanica, a town on Puerto Rico's south shore approximately 23 miles (37 kilometers) west of Ponce.

"Ten chickens and two ducks were found dead in their pen. Ada Figueroa, a local resident, told the EFE news agency that the ducks, owned by her husband Heliberto Figueroa, and the chickens, property of her neighbor Cruz Luco, were found with two puncture marks on their bodies Tuesday, January 12."

"Mrs. Figueroa pointed out that the animals had been in securely locked pens and that it was remarkable that her dogs had barked incessantly all night. She briskly asserted that Edwin Luco, the mayor of Guanica, had visited the site to see the dead animals for himself. The marks were very similar to those which had been reported on the bodies of other mutilated animals whose owners claim were victims of the Chupacabra--the strange, furtive, crimson-eyed entity who propelled Canovanas mayor Jose 'Chemo' Soto to stardom." (See the newspaper El Nuevo Dia of San Juan, P.R. for January 13, 1999, "Further Adventures of 'El Chupacabras.'" Many thanks to Scott Corrales, author of CHUPACABRAS AND OTHER MYSTERIES, for this report.)

GREEN FIREBALL SIGHTED IN HONOLULU

On Tuesday, January 19, 1999, at 10 p.m., Raymond Petry was on Punaohu Street in the Makiki section of Honolulu, Hawaii when he "saw a blue-green fireball move quickly from approximately southeast to the south."

Despite the "partially puffy cloud cover over the city," Petry was looking eastward when he spotted the fireball. It was "much slower than a meteor--it seemed to linger at the end." A luminous glow surrounded the object, "just a fuzzy brightness--about two to three times the thickness of the trail."

He first saw the fireball in the "southeast about 10 o'clock high" and it moved to "about 11 o'clock left of the Punaohu Street center line, which according to Bryan Maps there runs about 40 degrees west of south." He also reported "just the slight meandering above and below the city-top horizon."

"It did not extinguish before it moved below the visible horizon," he added, "The trees below obscured it." (Email Interview)

OVOID UFO SEEN BY FOUR NEAR LIMA, PERU

On Friday, January 1, 1999, at 8 p.m., Massimo G., his wife Angela and two friends were relaxing just outside their rented tourist camper in Barrano, a suburb of Lima, the capital of Peru, when they noticed "a dazzling flash of light" in the east, over the mountains of the Cordillera Occidental.

"I found myself in the Peruvian capital for a family reason," Massimo reported. "My wife Angela was born in Peru and emigrated to Genoa. With several friends, we rented a camper for our tour of the Andes. At 8 p.m., we caught a glimpse of a flash that illuminated the tops of the mountains, a burst of light as bright as the sun. We were at our camper in the suburb of Barrano (about 5 kilometers or 3 miles northwest of Lima's Plaza de San Martin--J.T.), observing the approach of this descending light. We compared it to an intense molten light, of oval form, which maneuvered above the crest of the mountains, speedily and in a jerky motion--up, down, right, left, etc."

"At first we thought it was an airplane, but it continued to follow these strange patterns. Neither myself nor my wife nor the two friends who were with us could interpret this phenomenon in a logical fashion. The luminous form performed there aerial maneuvers for another 20 seconds. I would estimate that it was perhaps three kilometers away (to the east--J.T.)." (See La Rete #42 for January 15, 1999. Muchas gracias a Alfredo Lissoni para eso caso.)

(Editor's Comment: Curiously enough, this UFO turned up on the 44th anniversary of Peru's most famous encounter. On January 1, 1955, eight silver discs slowly flew over the Plaza de Armas and Avenida Nicolas de Pierrola in Lima and were seen by hundreds of people.)

MYSTERIOUS FLASH STARTLES COUPLE IN MISSISSIPPI

On Saturday, January 9, 1999, at 12:35 a.m., Bethany J. and her companion were in a car on a recently-paved road close to Chapel of the Cross off Highway 463 near Canton, Mississippi.

"It was raining slightly," Bethany reported, "We had been sitting in the car for a little over an hour when the event occurred. The car windows were completely fogged over."

"My eyes happened to be closed. I saw through my lids a sudden flash of light. Through my closed eyes, all I could see was a huge, extremely bright red circle with a yellow ring around it and a few more colors in between the red and yellow."

"My companion's eyes were wide open. He saw a red, then white flash of light the width of a car. There was no sound or visible damage. The light irritated my eyes and temporarily impaired his vision. We started the car and left immediately."

An hour later, Bethany added, "My eyes were still irritated."

Canton (population 10,062) is on Mississippi Highway 16 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Jackson, the state capital. (Many thanks to Michael J. Long of Mississippi UFO Files for this report.)

UFO HOVERS OVER STORES IN PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA

On Sunday, January 17, 1999, a woman who lives near Avenue M and the Sierra Highway in Palmdale, California (population 68,842) stepped outside of her home and sighted a UFO hovering nearby.

The sighting took place a little after 7 p.m. The witness said she "saw a very bright white light," which was "coming from an object hovering above a cleaning business."

"It was saucer-shaped with a dome on top and also had red and blue lights associated with it," she added, "A blue and gold aura hung around the object as it hovered silently."

The case was investigated that same evening by William J. Hamilton, executive director of Skywatch International. Hamilton reported that he "arrived at Sierra Highway around 8:30 p.m." with his videocamera and "stationed myself near the end of the runway near Air Force Plant 42 and Lockheed." However, he added

that he "did not detect anything unusual."

Returning home, Hamilton spoke to the witness on the telephone. "She said her neighbor saw the object initially and pointed it out to her. She said it hovered very low near a building 800 feet from her, and she had seen nothing like it before."

Palmdale is on Highway 14 about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Los Angeles. (Many thanks to Bill Hamilton of Skywatch International for this news story.)

MYSTERY BOOM RATTLES CENTRAL DELAWARE

On Friday, January 8, 1999, a mysterious sonic boom rattled central Delaware. Calls poured into police agencies from Dover (27,630), the state capital, and nearby towns, including Lebanon (population 400), Camden (population 1,899) and Wyoming (population 977).

"No one is quite sure what caused the sonic boom that shook the Kent County area on January 8. An aircraft of unknown origin shot through the sky at supersonic speeds, causing walls to shake and windows to rattle. Numerous phone calls flooded local police offices demanding answers."

"According to 1st Lt. Dale Westover (USAF), spokesman for the Dover Air Force Base, 'Nearby air stations and bases have been contacted in regards to the aircraft, where it came from and why it was flying so low, but no one will take responsibility for the aircraft.'"

"'We're not sure what it was, but it wasn't one of our C-5s,' said Airman 1st Class C. Todd Lopez of the 436th Airlift Wing" office of Public Affairs.

The flyover occurred at 6:45 p.m. Inquiries were sent to the Patuxent Naval Air Station in Maryland, to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland and to the Air National Guard in Atlantic City, New Jersey. (See the State News of Dover, Del. for January 9, 1999, "Sonic boom is super mystery" by Bruce K. Ford. Many thanks to Gerry Lovell of Far Shores for forwarding this newspaper article.)

DAYLIGHT DISC VIDEOTAPED IN NORTHERN IRELAND

On Sunday, January 17, 1999, at 8:15 a.m., Harry Welsh, 42, and two friends were near the beach in Millisle, County Down, Northern Ireland, near Ballywalter, when they spotted a saucer flying offshore. Instantly Harry lifted his videocamera and began shooting.

He got "30 to 35 seconds of footage" of the "disc-shaped object over the Irish Sea, flying in a northwesterly direction at (an altitude of) 1,500 to 2,000 feet. Conditions were very good, very little high cloud."

Harry's videotape shows "a mysterious saucer-shaped object shooting across the sky... Appears to be four to five miles away, heading in a northwesterly direction. Speed hard to judge," adding that the object stopped a few times "before disappearing at very high speed."

Alan Sewell of the Centre of Irish UFO Studies said, "I am very excited. It looks very convincing. It is not a conventional aircraft. It's unidentified."

James Patterson, 45, of Ballynure, County Antrim, who captured a UFO on video two years ago, had this comment: "There will appear to be similarities with what I saw."

Harry Welsh said, "I've been flooded with requests from TV companies and UFO enthusiasts. I'm glad at the response because I want to know what it is, too." (See the British newspaper Sun for January 18, 1999. Many thanks to Alan Sewell of the Centre for Irish UFO Studies for forwarding the newspaper article.)

UFO FLAP SPREADS TO ALL REGIONS OF ITALY

On Saturday, January 9, 1999, at 10:30 p.m., a teenaged boy returning home in Cava dei Tirreni spotted "a black discoidal object" hovering above some houses. The saucer, he reported,

"had a diameter estimated at 10 meters (33 feet), emitted no sound, and showed no lights or colors of any kind. It circled twice over the town before flying away."

On Monday, January 11, 1999, at 7:20 p.m., a fireball appeared in the sky over the city of Bologna, 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Rome. "The UFO crossed the sky for 15 seconds in a southeasterly direction." Witnesses telephoned the Carabinieri (Italian police--J.T.) and the control tower at Marconi International Airport. Tower personnel said there was nothing on radar.

On Monday, January 18, 1999, at 5:30 p.m., a UFO appeared over Trecastagni, a town on the island of Sicily, described by witnesses as "a luminous object that crossed the sky going from the west to the south."

"The group spotted the object near the peaks of Tre Monti on the outskirts of Trecastagni and took note of the luminous trail rising in the west. It crossed the sky, lighting up the clouds like the last burst of sunshine and then went in a southerly direction. Some witnesses spoke of one object with three lights and a luminous molten glow. Others spoke of a trio of luminous objects proceeding in formation. The object reportedly zigzagged and its speed was too excessive for it to be a conventional jet." (See the Italian newspaper La Sicilia for January 19, 1999, "Oggetto volante avvistato a Trecastagni." Grazie a Gianfranco Degli Esposti e Alfredo Lissoni di Centro Nazionale Ufologico per questi rapporti.)

UFO SIGHTINGS CONTINUE THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA

More UFO reports flooded in recently from various regions of Australia.

On Monday, December 21, 1998, Rajendra Kumur reported sighting a UFO near Kulgera, Northern Territory. "I saw a bright orange oval-shaped object 10 kilometers (6 miles) southwest of Kulgera, N.T. It was moving around slowly. It had red, yellow and orange lights on it. The object seemed to be getting brighter, then dimmer a little at a time. We watched it for around an hour."

On Saturday, January 16, 1999, Joseph M., 33, was working the night shift at a cotton farm near Bolloon, Queensland, 400 kilometers (240 miles) southwest of Brisbane, when he spotted a UFO.

"I was on night shift Saturday, driving a tractor out in the cotton fields," Joseph reported. "I turned the tractor around to the west when I saw this bright yellow light. It was oblong shape, size of a shirt button at arm's length. At first I thought it was a plane with a bright light, so I kept working, not paying much attention to it for a further five minutes. I turned the tractor around again and saw that the lights were still there. So I turned off the tractor to see if I could hear any engine noise. No sound or hum. I climbed out of the cab to get a better look, then the light moved at great speed to the right and stopped. It did it a second time."

"I thought, Wow! That's no plane. So I got back in the cab and bolted the doors. I just sat there watching it. The object started to change from a bright yellow to two lights, bluish-purple, about a meter (3 feet, 3 inches) apart. It was as though they were not attached in the middle because you could see between them. They both started to move very quickly, then I lost them."

Asked how he felt about the encounter, Joseph replied, "Bloody scared! I never believed in UFOs before, but now I suppose I'll have to."

On Tuesday, January 19, 1999, at 8:03 p.m., a group of young people at Old Bar Beach in Taree, New South Wales, about 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Sydney, reported seeing "a lot of white lights moving around in all directions."

At 9:33 p.m., they again phoned the UFO hotline and said, "We're looking at the lights, and now they're forming an arch in the sky. It's really scary. We have to go. We're leaving the beach."

Australian ufologist Diane Harrison telephoned the police and

asked if the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) was holding night maneuvers. The police dispatcher reportedly answered, "Yes, we have had quite a few phone calls from as far away as Port Macquarie about orange balls of light in the sky," adding that "it was just the RAAF dropping flares."

Ms. Harrison then phoned RAAF Williamstown and asked if they were holding night exercises. She was told "No, ma'am, we are not." (Many thanks to Diane Harrison of UFO Australasian Hotline for these reports.)

UNKNOWN THREAT PUTS CASSINI IN SAFE MODE

On Monday, January 11, 1999, the spacecraft Cassini, bound for Saturn, suddenly and inexplicably went into "safe mode."

The \$3.4 billion spacecraft, expected to arrive at Saturn in 2004, "went into so-called 'safe mode' when it detected a potential problem...The probe sensed a possible problem on Monday, triggering a program designed to halt non-critical activity. The spacecraft began using minimum power and putting its 12-foot (3.5 meter) antenna forward to shade the rest of the spacecraft."

"Program manager Bob Mitchell said engineering data from the spacecraft are being transmitted to Earth to help engineers discover what caused Cassini to go into safe mode."

"JPL (NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory--J.T.) engineers suspect that during a tracking maneuver, Cassini's star scanner may have scanned a patch of space without the bright stars the spacecraft uses to orient itself in space."

"Mitchell said he expected Cassini would be taken out of safe mode later this week after the problem has been identified and the data thoroughly analyzed."

Cassini is now on its way to Venus for its second rendezvous with that planet. After that, it will pass close to Earth to pick up the momentum needed for its flight into the outer solar system. (See the Miami Herald for January 14, 1999, "Saturn-bound spacecraft has problem." Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for forwarding this article.)

(Editor's Comment: Here we go again. Three weeks ago, the Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft mysteriously hopped into safe mode for no explainable reason. Now it's Cassini. Perhaps the spacecraft radars are reacting to the close approach of a meteor...or a UFO.)

from the UFO Files...

1972: BIGFOOT ENCOUNTER IN SOUTHERN IDAHO

"Until Justin 'Judd' Phelps, resident of St. Charles (Idaho), disclosed his 1972 sightings, the Bigfoot phenomenon had not been reported outside of the Pacific Northwest. Phelps, a lineman-engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad, claims to have seen the creature in the depths of a canyon near St. Charles on January 2, 1972."

"His (Bigfoot's) tracks were similar to a bear's but slimmer and about a size 13 in length. They sunk about a foot into the snow. Each time the creature was sighted, it stamped its feet and shook its head like a child in anger. Measured against a nine-foot (2.7 meter) tree, it measured six feet (1.8 meters) tall."

"In hopes of catching a glimpse of the creature again, on January 2, 1972, Phelps left his St. Charles home on a snow machine and arrived at the place of his previous sighting around noon. It was bitter cold, so he built a fire."

"He had been there about two hours and the fire was getting hot, so he decided to put a little snow on the fire and then he got a feeling that he was being watched."

"It was between 1:30 and 2 p.m. He looked up from where he had been resting, stretched on his snow machine, and saw just 100 yards away, an ape-like creature with grayish-brown hair

returning his gaze."

"It was standing by a young pine tree, and when it saw Phelps look his way, it waved its arms and stomped its feet and headed for the deeper woods."

"The first time Phelps saw the creature it frightened him and he fired above its head."

"This time, however, he spoke soothingly to it and attempted to take a picture. When he pulled the self-developing (Polaroid) film from the camera, there was no figure on the scene, possibly because he had an older-model camera and his hands had been shaking while attempting to capture the creature on film."

"Upon investigating the spot where he had seen the creature, he found tracks which had sunk about a foot (30 centimeters) into the loose snow. The snow at the site was six to eight feet deep, about two feet being new snow. He did not follow the trail."

"Phelps tried two days later to make contact with the creature again but was unsuccessful." (See FLICKERING MEMORIES: FOLKLORE IN THE BEAR LAKE VALLEY, Volume 2, by Bonnie Thompson, Printers Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah, 1977, pages 59 and 60.)

(Editor's Note: Bear Lake, which straddles the state line between Utah and Idaho, is also the home of a Loch Ness-type plesiosaur, which has been seen sporadically during the past two hundred years. St. Charles, Idaho is the boyhood home of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor who carved Mount Rushmore.)

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Back issues of UFO Roundup can be accessed, read and downloaded at our webpage. Check us out at <http://ufoinfo.com/roundup>

Well, that's it for this week. Is everybody ready for the Blue Moon? According to Charles Fort, things really get strange during a Blue Moon. It will be interesting to see what news items arrive on our editorial doorstep this week.

We'll be back in seven days with more UFO news from around the planet, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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Open Letter To Art Bell

From: **Barbara Sagan** <bbjc@ozemail.com.au>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:21:32 +1100
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:11:20 -0500
Subject: Open Letter To Art Bell

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:17:13 +1100
From: Barbara Sagan <bbjc@ozemail.com.au>
To: Art Bell <artbell@aol.com>
Subject: Open Letter To Art Bell

Dear Mr. Bell,

The nation is waiting for your response tonight:

1. When will you have Hoagland-Stephens Debate?
2. If Stephens wins, will he replace Hoagland as permanent guest on your show?
3. Now that we know that Hoagland is a fraud, what about Dames?
4. Art, you are a genius, your ratings are going up and up did you plan all that?

Barbara

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Re: Strange Goings-On At Roswell International

From: John Hayes <jhayes@cableinet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 20:19:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:20:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Goings-On At Roswell International

>From: Wendy Connors <ProjectSign@EMAIL.MSN.COM>
>Subject: Re: IUFOMRC (UFO Museum in Roswell)
>To: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS@LISTSERV.AOL.COM
[Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 14:10:38 -0700 --ebk]

>Greetings to the Lists:

>The following was sent to me from Faeylyn Wylder the former
>webmaster of the museum's website.

>Wendy Connors

>-----

<Very big snip>

Thanks for posting this on the list (and the previous message
from Jim Chambers).

I have known for a long time what happened to Faeylyn and had
offered to post here on the list and my site an account of what
happened and the way she was treated.

I must admit to being very surprised when I found out for the
first time about the unpaid work she put in to that site, then
to be treated like that. Words fail me.....they don't but Errol
probably couldn't post some of it!

Having known Faeylyn on the 'net from when she did the website
for the UFO Enigma Museum in Roswell, I have come to regard her
as a good personal friend who has gone out of her way to help
others in the UFO field.

For anyone interested Faeylyn currently maintains the following
sites:

Project Sign: <http://www.evansville.net/~slk/Sign.html>

Dennis G. Balthaser: <http://members.aol.com/cellyst/>

Jason Leigh: <http://members.aol.com/jasonufo/>

Electric Paint: <http://hometown.aol.com/faeylyn/txtfrm7.htm>

The last one is a collection of clipart for websites from
Faeylyn and Jim Chambers.

Faeylyn also created the UFO Roundup logo and several other
pieces of clipart for the UFOINFO site.

John Hayes

jhayes@cableinet.co.uk
webmaster@ufoinfo.com

Re: Strange Goings-On At Roswell International

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:53:43 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:26:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

Hi all... and you know which one of those you are, don't you?

I've been reading various of the posts on the "Keeping Secrets" thread, and boy am I surprised that my post about being beaten up by my beloved Gub

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Re: Stephens-Firmage

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:05:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:35:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Stephens-Firmage

>From: Jeff Rense <eotl@west.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 02:44:48 -0800 (PST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Stephens-Firmage

>Hi Errol...

>I've posted all of Robert Stephen's '200 Hoagland Interview
>Questions'...and the surprise introduction by Joseph
>Firmage...at the top of my homepage. There is a large banner
>there.

>It will be interesting to see how, or if, Richard chooses to
>respond, and to watch how the community reacts to such a
>provocative and unprecedented list of queries, which, at times,
>are searing to say the least.

>There are several revelations including: Joe Firmage's financial
>underwriting of some of Hoagland's past research, and the
>statement by Stephens that families of the dead Heaven's Gate
>cult members might be assembling a massive lawsuit against Art
>Bell and Richard Hoagland.

>It's quite a read.

Watch with keen interest a destruction of Hoagland, and pay
some attention to Bell's fall from grace; soon, then, it's you
that is censured, disparaged, or made to find libel, and ruined
-- disgraced. Let them say what they will, as it's me that
must prove it; I'd hear what they say though the heavens must
fall! I'll think on my own, and won't suffer intrusions to
critical thinking as I go along. As Hoagie and Arty are sued and
displaced (?) then Laura and Errol, and Jeff are replaced. Linda
and Stanton are silenced in fear of the *righteous* Gestapo that
torments their peers. Hopkins is jailed -- John Velez
underground -- and Lehmborg stops writing (to relief all
around). If NASA's forthcoming as Stephens makes out, they'd go
on the Rense show for questions about all the stories we've
heard that upset and perplex us -- that mystify, scare, and
completely infect us. They don't, and that's telling -- there's
something afoot; something worth shouting from roof tops --
"Hey! LOOK"!

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

Restore John Ford!
--
Explore the Alien View!
Ponder the Wit & Wisdom of Ching Chow!

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

<Updated 18 January>

John Ford Restoration Fund -- Send your checks and
money orders to me, Alfred Lehmborg
(cut out the lawyers, they got their's) at:
304 Melbourne Drive, Enterprise AL, 36330. Strict records kept.

"Only thin, _very light_ envelopes with a return address will be accepted <g>." ~~~ \$225.00 pledged -- \$125.00 collected ~~~

"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: Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

From: **Leanne Martin** <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 15:42:02 PST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 03:26:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

>From: Sefer Murat Aksoy <murataksoy@lycosmail.com>
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 02:51:16 -0500 (EST)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

>[Non-subscriber Post]

>Dear UFO Researchers,

>I am working on a special project related to USOs, that is,
>Unidentified Swimming/Submarine/Submerged/Submersible/Aquatic
>Objects, or simply Underwater UFO Phenomenon. Please would you
>help me by informing me about some UFOlogist names who are
>already interested in USOs. If you do it for me, then I will be
>very glad too.

>I am looking forward to see your mail as soon as it is possible.

>Wish you success at your work.

> Sefer Murat AKSOY
>murataksoy@lycosmail.com

G'day Sefer & List,

I had an interesting conversation with a friend two days who related to me the following (paraphrased):

"Several years ago we were sailing around the bottom of Tasmania, near Port Davey, and we know the area can produce good shows of phosphorescent algae but we weren't prepared for what we came upon.

I was standing watch aft and it was a beautifully clear night. I became aware that there very bright submerged lights way ahead and we were sailing straight for them. As we got closer I could see how intense they were but I couldn't gauge their depth. The whole area was covered with them and they stretched on into the distance. I have seen a lot of things at sea but nothing like this. They looked just like bright light streaming from port holes in a submarine. (The speaker was a navy diving instructor for several years.) Also, they were lined up very regularly in rows - vast rows.

This spooked me like you wouldn't believe so I went and got the boat owner and showed him. He was awe struck! I told him that I didn't want to go any further as I feared hitting one or more solid submerged objects and insisted that we change course. He agreed and we left the area. I haven't seen anything like it since and I visit the area on a regular basis in my own vessel still."

I thought that this may be of interest . . .

Regards,
Leanne];-)

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Re: UFO Communication?

From: Rick Goldsmith <rgoldsm@synapse.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 19:32:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 03:41:27 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>From: Brian Straight <brians@mdb.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 09:42:19 -0500

>>From: Rick Goldsmith <rgoldsm@synapse.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?
>>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 23:49:26 -0500

>Rick --

>Here's a quote from the Minidisc page FAQ:

>Recordable MD's are similar, but a pre-groove replaces the pits
>and valleys and an MO coating replaces the aluminum one. When
>recording, a laser is focused from one side of the disc onto the
>pre-groove and heats a spot on the MO recording layer to its
>Curie point while a magnetic field from a head in contact with
>the other side of the disc aligns magnetic dipoles within (read
>magnetizes) the heated spot on the MO layer (the N/S orientation
>corresponding to 0s and 1s in the data). During playback the MD
>machine focuses the laser on the pre-groove again, but at lower
>power, and the data is read back by measuring changes in
>polarization of light reflected from the previously magnetized
>regions (the Faraday effect).

Thank-you for sending along this quote, Brian. Very informative.
In fact now I'm sure that there is no magnetic bending of light,
laser or otherwise, happening in one of these machines.

The "changes in the polarization" of the reflected laser light,
in this example, has more to do with the "reflective properties
of the MO layer that were modified by the magnetic record head".

By "aligning the magnetic dipoles", you are going to modify the
reflective properties of the material as well. In the case of a
non-reflective, read-through media, polarization would take the
place of reflection (sort of).

Picture that entire readable track on the disk being a
gazillion tiny little mirrors (or one really long one) carved
from one big mirror by melting a spot, aligning it's reflective
surface magnetically, and moving along to the next little
mirror. The laser is lower-power when reading because if it
weren't, you'd melt the little mirrors again and be back at
square one, a blank disc.

Sounds to me like this technology was invented to avoid
manipulating the laser itself, with regards to writing and
reading the data. I can imagine that being quite a finicky
operation, considering the tolerances involved. It's so much
easier to do it magnetically. I guess the next step will be
aligning the dipoles discretely, atom by atom, and make it
affordable teeny-weeny read-write head).

This is my take on the quote you graciously supplied. I could
expand on this if you are interested (supper's ready). Let me

know...

'Not trying to pick a fight here, I always enjoy reading your posts but I believe one of the main goals for this year should be keeping our science and technology Straight :) when it involves things ufological. Feel free to let me have it if I give you a bum steer.

Cheers,

Rick Goldsmith

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1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 03:51:53 -0500
Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

Source: "alt.ufo.reports".

Stig

From: "Gerard Vanderleun"
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Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports
Subject: 1999 UFO ALIEN ABDUCTION CONFERENCE
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:49:06 -0500
ef: news.get2net.dk alt.ufo.reports:26306

The Intruders Foundation Presents

THE 1999 UFO ABDUCTION CONFERENCE
- WHAT WE KNOW AND HOW WE KNOW IT -

On Saturday, April 10, 1999, New York City will be the site of a day-long national conference on the UFO abduction phenomenon. Four of America's most respected UFO researchers - Budd Hopkins, Stanton Friedman, David Jacobs and Jerome Clark - will welcome the public to a cutting-edge presentation of current evidence for the reality and possible future of alien abductions.

The conference is planned as both a crash course in the ongoing UFO abduction phenomenon - what we know and how we know it - and an illustrated presentation of the latest research findings.

At 10:00 a.m. proceedings begin with a lecture by nuclear physicist and internationally known investigator Stanton Friedman. Mr. Friedman, author of *Crash at Corona* and *Top Secret/Majic*, will present a range of scientific evidence in support of the theoretical presence of extraterrestrial life and the ability for technologically advanced societies to travel between solar systems.

The second lecture will be given by Jerome Clark, veteran researcher and author of the masterful, virtually indispensable two-volume *UFO Encyclopedia* as well as other numerous important books and articles. Mr. Clark will present a concise history of the abduction phenomenon, with special attention to significant but little known aspects of such seminal cases as those of Betty and Barney Hill, Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, and Travis Walton.

The afternoon session begins with a lecture by pioneer abduction researcher Budd Hopkins, author of *Missing Time*, *Intruders* - source of the CBS miniseries - and *Witnessed - The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions*. Mr. Hopkins will present his latest case findings, with special emphasis on witnessed UFO abductions and the issue of alleged Alien implants. His talk, like the others, will be illustrated by slides and videotapes.

Dr. David Jacobs, distinguished Temple University historian and author of two trailblazing books on the abduction phenomenon - *Secret Life* and *The Threat* - will present the fourth lecture. Dr. Jacobs will discuss evidence he and other researchers have amassed which indicates a highly specific and disturbing Alien

agenda and an answer to the central question: why are they here?

In a fifth part of the conference, documentary filmmaker Carol Rainey will draw on her own media experience in an exploration of how the mainstream media treats the subject of UFO abductions. In a lecture packed with video clips, Rainey will discuss why the media often either ignores or misrepresents the phenomenon. She includes a behind-the-scenes look at the making of a controversial PBS "NOVA" program, "Kidnapped by UFOs?," which featured Budd Hopkins, John Velez and John Mack.

The final evening session will be an extended panel discussion moderated by the composer, journalist and UFO researcher Greg Sandow. Appearing along with Mr. Sandow will be the five speakers - David Jacobs, Budd Hopkins, Jerome Clark, Stanton Friedman and Carol Rainey - and two well known UFO abduction experiencers, Linda Cortile and IF webmaster John Velez. Full audience participation will be encouraged in this final segment of what we believe will be a historic event.

The conference will be held at the O. Henry Learning Center, at 333 West 17th Street in Manhattan. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Admission to all events is \$60 purchased in advance or \$80 at the door. A student discount is offered. For tickets and further information phone the Intruders Foundation at 212-645-5278.

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Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:13:45 PST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 03:54:17 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 20:52:50 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

>>From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:04:54 PST
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 15:54:44 -0500
>>Subject: Re: What's The Point? - A Rant

>Previously, Leanne wrote:

>>When I grow up I'll buy a rant of my
>>own . . . maybe a chicken rant, or a sheep rant, or a cattle
>>rant, or a dude rant - I know, a Hoagland rant with lots of
>>little Hoagies running around . . .

>Hi Leanne!

>Might I suggest an Ant Rant (as opposed to an Aunt Farm where my
>Uncle goes for conjugal visits on Sundays). They're great for
>the apartment dweller that wants a big spread on a tight budget.
>Version 2.0 is supposed to have fewer bugs, I hear.;

>Great to have you back! Hope your trip was fun. I tried my best
>to keep things stirred up while you were gone. However, I am not
>worthy of the position. I bow in awe to your superior
>capabilities.

>All hail Leanne! Goddess of Torment! <G>

G'day Roger (& List),

Thanx for the stirring . . er, I mean rousing welcome! <g>

I hope you got up plenty of peoples' noses whilst I was away...

Regards,
Leanne];-)

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Spanish 'Anomaly Foundation' Rewards UFO

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 02:46:03 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 04:00:35 -0500
Subject: Spanish 'Anomaly Foundation' Rewards UFO

Source: "swnet.sci.ufo" (Swedish UFO newsgroup).

Stig

From: [Mikael Sjoberg@online.idg.se](mailto:Mikael.Sjoberg@online.idg.se)
Newsgroups: swnet.sci.ufo
Subject: Hessdalenprojektet
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 1999 22:38:52 +0100

SPANISH ANOMALY FOUNDATION REWARDS THE HESSDALEN PROJECT.

Santander (Spain), December 1998. The Board of Directors of Anomaly Foundation has granted Mr. Erling Strand (Norway), director of the Hessdalen Project, the 1998 International Zurich Prize, sponsored by Zurich Insurance Company with 250,000 pesetas (US \$ 1,670). Mr. Strand heads a scientific research team that has developed high-tech equipment for the optical recording on real time and spectrographic analysis of unusual aerial phenomena occurred in the Norwegian region of Hessdalen.

Also, the "Ricardo Caruncho" Prize of 100,000 pesetas (US & 670) has been granted to engineer Mr. Juan A. Fern=Elndez Peris from Valencia (Spain) for his outstanding report solving the mystery of November 11, 1979 UFO encounter in the Mediterranean sea, of international fame. On that date, the crew of a commercial airplane flying en route from Majorca to Tenerife sighted two strange lights in the sky. The unexpected, weird event provoked an emergency landing in the Manises airport, Valencia. This occurrence brought a Parliament question to the Government from the Socialist party in the opposition.

The "Universitas" Fellowship (150,000 pesetas or US \$ 1,000), which is partially sponsored by the Washington, D.C.-based Fund for UFO Research, went to Mr. J.M. Gonz=Ellez to compile and catalog the massive, life-long letter exchange legacy from Manuel Osuna, pionner Spanish ufologist. The "Cuadernos de Ufolog=EDa" Award was granted to Mr. Pedro Red=F3n, president of Centro de Estudios Interplanetarios (Barcelona), in recognition for having devoted three decades to the serious study of unidentified flying objects.

The Anomaly Foundation is a not-for-profit organization approved in 1997 by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture. It was established to promote mainstream scientific investigation of anomalous aerial phenomena or UFOs.

For 1999, in addition to normal activities of the Foundation aimed to tracing and managing archives, publishing the influential journal Cuadernos de Ufolog=EDa, books, etc., it has been created a 100,000 pesetas Research Fund to provide aids to field investigations of UFO sightings. There will be 1999 editions for the international Zurich prize and the Universitas fellowship as well.

Amongst the research in progress presently promoted by the Foundation it is worth noting the assignment to Mr. Mart=ED Fl=F2,

from Barcelona Univesity, to develop a computer data base applied to bibliography citations on UFO phenomena in the scientific literature.

By-laws of grants for UFO research are available from Anomaly Foundation, Apartado 5.041, 39080 Santander, Spain. Public is invited to consult the Foundation=B4s web page in the Internet address

<http://Fast.To/anomalia>

Donations are kindly requested in order to improve the number and amounts of financial aids to research granted by the Anomaly Foundation.

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 21:10:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 04:14:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:09:06 -0600 (CST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Dennis <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>I suspect that all the barns had burned down just before Bob
>Shell passed through because of a shortage of lightning rods,
>although it could be more mysterious (and sinister) than that.
>Maybe we'd better put Michael Hesseman on it. I suspect the
>aliens are collecting barns. (You gotta put all that hybridized
>wheat from the crop circles somewhere, not to mention all them
>harvested animal parts.)

>Dennis

Actually, the barn issue (as mentioned in relation to the AA
"film") relates more to what you might find in the Socorro area,
rather than Roswell. More specifically, what you might find in
the area west of Socorro. I drove through that area in 1996 to
see the alleged site that Hesseman had identified as the one
that the "cameraman" had described. However, like the rest of
Ray's story, this facet of the tale didn't make a whole lot of
sense either.

No, there are no barns in the immediate area that Hesseman has
pinpointed. Yes, there are a few structures that might be called
"barns" on many of the ranches in that region, but I guess that
depends on how you want to define "barn". That part of New
Mexico was probably more economically tied to mining than it was
to ranching, except along the Rio Grande river, which is just
east of Socorro.

Oh, and before anyone asks, beer was readily available in
Socorro as well. But then again, it's (in part) a college town.

Steve

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 21:37:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 04:17:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:12:04 -0800
>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:24:13 -0500
>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:26:59 EST
>>To: Updates@Globalserve.net
>>Subject: Keeping Secrets

Previously, Bob had written:

>>Does Mr. Mortellaro expect us to take this statement at face
>>value, or is it a joke? "Corporal punishment and a cruel
>>death" for accidental leaking of information?

>>Jim, can you cite one single documented instance in which
>>punishments such as this have >been authorized or applied in the
>>United States of America?

Scott points out:

>.... one example
>which I have personally witnessed is the simple fact that the
>warning signs at the military border of Area 51 clearly state
>"Use of deadly force authorized."

<snip>

>The simple fact that there is a sign which declares the right to
>use deadly force should be evidence enough for the military's
>position regarding the protection of their own privacy. As far
>as I know, although it is authorized, deadly force has never
>been used or even attempted along the border of America's most
>popular secret base.

Hi Scott,

You've hit the nail squarely on the head. There seems to be a
train of thought among doubters that goes something like this:

It hasn't happened to me or anyone else that I know, plus it's
not the known policy of the US government. Therefore, it doesn't
happen.

The obvious flaw in this logic is to suggest that it can't
happen to the many if it's not known to have happened to the
one. The key phrase here is "known to have happened".

I seriously doubt if any civilian can prove a documented case
for the use of deadly force to protect a top secret facility
like Area 51. However, considering the nature of the beast, why
should we expect documentation to be made available? It is,
after all, top secret. Is it not reasonable to expect security
events would be kept secret also?

If full disclosure were really a part of the government's
policy...

No, I'm being too diplomatic here...I'll start over...

If the government didn't LIE as a part of its normal everyday policy this list would have nothing to speculate about and we'd also know who really killed JFK! <G>

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 19:01:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 04:24:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 19:19:05 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Santilli's Film Scraps

Hello, Nick, everyone.
Nick Wrote:

>Greetings everyone.

>Last night I continued to read "The Aliens and the Scalpel", a
>newly published book by Dr. Roger K. Leir.

>In 1997 Reg Presley arranged a meeting with Ray Santilli for
>Roger Leir and Derrel Sims.

>At this meeting a proposal was made to Ray to allow them to have
>the original Alien Autopsy film analyzed at a top research lab
>so that the age of film could be known. Although Ray did not
>give an answer to their proposal at this meeting, Roger and
>Derrel did get film scraps which Reg obtained from Ray.

When I read this, I knew we'd absolutely been had ! I smell'd the
o'l disappearing atrifact/ sample trick."_____*please put the
I.D. or serial number of your sample here and we will lose it
immediately''.

>In his book Roger mentions that "Results from the film analysis
>have now been obtained, as of this writing in August, 1998, but
>we cannot release the results here due to a prior agreement with
>Santilli."

Oik! the Game's afoot!

>Once Ray knows that the film scraps can be dated conclusively,
>let us hope that permission will be given to also have the
>actual Alien Autopsy film analyzed by the same top research lab.

Yadda, Yadda, Yadda. What is said "top reaseach lab? Pray tell,
"The Weekly World News" photo modification lab?

>Until this happens, we have too many good reasons to doubt that
>the Alien Autopsy film actually dates from the 1940's.

Right on, Nick, I had both hands in the air, now I know the
reason -One of my realitives was supposedly robbed by the James
Boys, now I know the feeling. <G>

"It is't so much he's trying to do it
It's the credit he's giving my intelligence!"
-From 'Garfield' comic strip-GT McCoy

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Re: Anyone Heard Of The 'J-Track Link'?

From: Dave Bethke <bethland@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 21:19:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 04:27:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Anyone Heard Of The 'J-Track Link'?

[Non-Subscriber Post]

>From: John Hayes <jhayes@cableinet.co.uk>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:31:03 +0000
>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:42:32 -0500
>Subject: Anyone Heard Of The 'J-Track Link'?

>I have been sent a message with the subject 'do you have the
>J-track Link?'

This is run by NASA at:

<http://liftoff.msfc.nasa.gov/realtime/JTrack/3d/AppletFrame.html>.

You will have to throw caution to the wind and enable Java to see it work.

--

Dave Bethke - non-subscriber on the fringe of Houston

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Re: Greenwood on MJ-12

From: Ryan S. Wood <rswood@igc.apc.org>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 19:35:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 10:35:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Greenwood on MJ-12

[Non-Subscriber Post]

>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 21:43:56 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
>Subject: Greenwood on MJ-12
>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Dear Mr. Aldrich:

In the interest of clarity let me respond to your comments and hopefully ease your mind and others about the authenticity efforts by Wood & Wood around the MJ-12 documents. Our focus is on quality, thoroughness and validation.

Jan Aldrich writes:

>>The MJ-12 Saga Continues, Greenwood Addresses New MJ-12
>>Documents In The Next UHR

>>Once again, extraordinary claims are being made involving
>>a number of documents shoved into Tim Cooper's mail box.

Really, what claims are those above and beyond the documents themselves?

>>These second generation MJ-12 document highly promoted by
>>Dr. Robert Wood and his son attract new people to the MJ-12
>>morass. The Woods claim that by looking at the content of the
>>documents they can determine the authenticity of the material.
>>Provenance is irrelevant to these proponents.

This is statement is inaccurate. We are looking at all aspects of authenticity, typography, content, style chirography, provenance and difficulty in fakery. In no way are we focusing on only a few elements. Now you may believe that we are because that is all the information you have seen or understood.

Let me say that we have hundreds of pages of further detailed analysis that we have not yet published.

On the provenance front, Tim Cooper just agreed to take a lie detector test on The Mike Jarmus Show after Bob Durant asked him to.

>>All doubt has been
>>answered about the MJ-12 documents, or so we are to believe.

Were do you get that impression? There are still many man years of additional work to be done. Do you want some assignments?

How about find every soldier in the 9393 TSU (400+) in 1947 and interview them or there children. There are other less daunting tasks as well.

>>So while most of ufology does not yet accept the extravagant
>>claims for the new MJ-12 documents, there are many new people
>>who find these documents compelling.

Excuse me, Aldrich...most of ufology? Who are you to speak for

ufology? Did you do a survey and have a majority opinion?

>>The documents are actively
>>promoted on Art Bell and on other radio shows, and on the
>>Internet.

This is a good thing. It allows everyone to read and understand for themselves.

>>Barry Greenwood will devote the next UFO Historical Revue to
>>problems and flaws in the new MJ-12 documents. It will probably
>>be in the mail next week.

We look forward to any serious objections, I doubt very much that any objection that may be raised we have not already heard of before. Very likely we will have already performed a detailed analysis that addresses serious objections.

Remember that we have been studying and researching these documents for nearly two years.

It is sad in my mind that Greenwood has not contacted us to further clarification of his opinions and investigations so that the UFO community can continue to have the best possible information discussed in public forums such as UHR.

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>>outside the US.

>>Jan Aldrich
>>Project 1947

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Re: A Tale from Africa

From: George Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 22:54:11 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 10:58:25 -0500
Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 02:23:43 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>The Irish country folks used to put their male children to bed
>in girls dressing gowns (in order to disguise their sex) because
>(according to legend) "the wee folk" would come in the night and
>steal away with the child. There are many such "legends/ tales"
>that go back many centuries. I know it's true because I've been
>seeing those same little buggers ever since childhood.

>I hope and pray that sooner or later people begin to realize
>that we are not (all) crazy or delusional or suffering from some
>other mental/psychological aberration. Whatever these
>beings/things are they did not "arrive" in 1947. They have been
>around a _lot_ longer than 50 years. All indications are that
>they are (and have been) living in some kind of weird symbiotic
>relationship, or maybe even stewardship, to mankind for a lot
>longer than we may suspect. (For the benefit of those who enjoy
>nit picking anything I say to death, this is just my opinion and
>nothing more. I don't intend the remarks as fodder for debate.)

John & all interested,

As I just mentioned privately to another poster to this List,
the Arabs have been aware of this phenomenon for a lot longer
than we johnny-come-lately ufologists. They call these folks
the "Jinn". Their legal status is even recognized in Arabic law.
For an interesting web page on them, please see the following
web page (not mine) ...

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/newsd/islam.html>

I would like to use your article in Filer's Files. Please let
me know if I may. Naturally you would receive credit for your
fine work.

Regards,

George Filer

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Re: Anyone Heard Of The 'J-Track Link'?

From: **Jacque Cosford** <millpond@shaw.wave.ca>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 23:59:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 11:15:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Anyone Heard Of The 'J-Track Link'?

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:31:03 +0000
>To: UFO Updates <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Hayes <jhayes@cableinet.co.uk>
>Subject: Anyone Heard Of The 'J-Track Link'?

>I have been sent a message with the subject 'do you have the
>J-track Link?'

>The message reads:
>This link is for real time display of all orbiting satellites and
>ground tracking paths.

>Also included the space station mir and the shuttle when it is in
>orbit. The site display in realtime 3d.

>John Hayes

>jhayes@cableinet.co.uk
>webmaster@ufoinfo.com

The site is hosted by NASA and here's the link

<http://liftoff.msfc.nasa.gov/realtime/JTrack/3d/JTrack3d.html>

Hope this helps.

Regards
Jacque

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 00:58:26 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 11:22:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:14:46 +0000
>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:09:36 -0500
>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:44:08 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:44:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 12:14:52 EST
>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:51:03 -0500
>>>Subject: Keeping Secrets

>>Previously, Jim had written:

>>>I was, in 1970, working on a project called NAGS.

<snip>

>>>The security at the facility was very, very strict. You
>>>needed a top secret clearance just to get into the work
>>>area.

<snip>

>>>... including the top secret portions, which threatened
>>>corporeal (sic) punishment and a cruel death to anyone on
>>>the project who leaked information, even by accident.

>Bob responds:

>>Does Mr. Mortellaro expect us to take this statement at face value,
>>or is it a joke? "Corporal punishment and a cruel death" for
>>accidental leaking of information?

>>Jim, can you cite one single documented instance in which
>>punishments such as this have been authorized or applied in the
>>United States of America? I'm obviously not talking about the
>>Rosenberg spy case, or the execution of NAZI agents during World
>>War II. Please be specific with as many examples as you can find,
>>or cite the applicable section of U.S. law authorizing such things.

>Hi Bob,

>Have you taken a look at the title of this thread? It's called
>"Keeping Secrets". It isn't titled "Public Acknowledgement of
>Wrong Doing by the Government".

<snip>

>Is it really your contention that the US Government never does
>anything illegal, never breaks laws, has never had anyone
>silenced simply because "known policy" says otherwise? Do you
>really believe that the government even bothers to make all of
>its policies known to the public? Or that they would publicly
>acknowledge hurting anyone one, if not forced to? Do you really
>believe everything the Government tells you?

<snip>

Where do you think the term "clandestine operations" comes from?

<snip>

Roger, Jim:

Good rant, Roger. I even agree with some of it. But Jim Mortellaro wasn't talking about clandestine operations. If he was, he goofed badly by telling us about it, didn't he? He would be revealing secret information about security procedures, right? I'm assuming here that he is still with us, unless he has secretly suffered "corporeal" punishment or died a secret painful death for mistakenly revealing this information to the world via his posting.

I am being somewhat facetious, here, Roger. But, seriously, does Jim want us to believe that there is a policy to kill or use corporal punishment with employees or contractors working on top secret defense work? We're not talking about NAZI slave labor camps, here. He obviously wasn't talking about some off the books Iran Contra sort of operation, but a major defense project. And we aren't talking about 1950s nuclear tests or what possibly has or might happen somewhere, someplace, sometime.

We're talking about Jim Mortallero's claim about standard security measures in use where he worked as a civilian. I asked him for one, single documented case where such measures have been used. Somewhere, someplace there must be an example.

He doesn't have to reveal any more top secrets, just point us to, say, a newspaper article from a reputable source like the New York Times, etc., which has reported such an incident.

In fact, his claim is pure B.S., thrown in just to make the naive think that he knows more about what he is talking about than he does, or perhaps just to inflate the importance of his background. This kind of stuff gets flung around all the time by figures in UFOlogy claiming special inside knowledge.

I'm just asking Jim to document his claim. I don't believe that he can.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Big Al And The Grape Truck

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 01:37:39 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 11:25:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Big Al And The Grape Truck

In a message dated 1/26/99 12:52:35 AM Eastern Standard Time,
Jsmortell@aol.com writes:

>Errol, somehow I think you lost members, some of 'em anyway...
>would get a kick outa this.

This should have read... somehow I think YOUR LIST members....

Too mych Gripple!

Jimmy

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>You will have to throw caution to the wind and enable Java to
>see it work.

Many thanks for the swift reply Dave. I will pass the details
on.

John Hayes

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webmaster@ufoinfo.com

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 01:38:14 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 11:39:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 12:09:06 -0600 (CST)
>From: Dennis <dstacy@texas.net>
>Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?
>
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Santilli Knew ..
>
>>That's what I was asking, where's the nearest beer joint or bar.
>
>>Both times the guy I asked looked completely stumped.
>>Is Roswell dry? ..on Sundays at least?
>
>>- Larry Hatch
>
>Larry,
>
>They sure as heck weren't dry when I was there for the 50th
>anniversary celebration. If they had been, Jim Mosely and I
>probably wouldn't have hung around for as long as we did!
>
>In fact, I saw several signs out front of eating establishments
>advertising some sort of new drink concoction with "alien" in
>the title. Seems like almost everyplace had one, to go with the
>alien burgers and fries.

>If I'd known barns were ultimately going to be a Roswell issue,
>too, I would have paid more attention, although that probably
>would have meant drinking less.

>I suspect that all the barns had burned down just before Bob
>Shell passed through because of a shortage of lightning rods,
>although it could be more mysterious (and sinister) than that.
>Maybe we'd better put Michael Hesseman on it. I suspect the
>aliens are collecting barns. (You gotta put all that hybridized
>wheat from the crop circles somewhere, not to mention all them
>harvested animal parts.)

I thought those all went into glassy drums underground.

That settles that. Maybe Roswell is (or was) dry on Sundays
only... maybe I was dealing with some clueless kid.

All I know is, I found it unsettling enough to continue on into
a wet Texas county. I never saw a barn in NM. Not a one, but
then I wasn't looking for them either.

Larry.

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Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:01:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:01:44 -0500
Subject: Big Al And The Grape Truck

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 00:52:07 EST
To: updates@globalserve.net,
Subject: Big Al And The Grape Truck

I asked Al Lehmborg to send this out to the world, because I think it's terrific. Al, you made me laugh with this .gof and everyone on the list needs to see it.

Errol, somehow I think your list members, some of 'em anyway... would get a kick outa this.

So here is the way Al Lehmborg sees the alien view of Gripple!

Attached...

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Re: Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 08:35:24 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:33:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

>From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 15:42:02 PST
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 03:26:27 -0500
>Subject: Re: Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

>>From: Sefer Murat Aksoy <murataksoy@lycosmail.com>
>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 02:51:16 -0500 (EST)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

Previously, Leanne had relayed to us this story:

>I had an interesting conversation with a friend two days who
>related to me the following (paraphrased):

>"Several years ago we were sailing around the bottom of
>Tasmania, near Port Davey, and we know the area can produce good
>shows of phosphorescent algae but we weren't prepared for what
>we came upon.

>I was standing watch aft and it was a beautifully clear night. I
>became aware that there very bright submerged lights way ahead
>and we were sailing straght for them. As we got closer I could
>see how intense they were but I couldn't guage their depth. The
>whole area was covered with them and they stretched on into the
>distance. I have seen a lot of things at sea but nothing like
>this. They looked just like bright light streaming from port
>holes in a submarine. (The speaker was a navy diving instructor
>for several years.) Also, they were lined up very regularly in
>rows - vast rows.

>This spooked me like you wouldn't believe so I went and got the
>boat owner and showed him. He was awe struck! I told him that I
>didn't want to go any further as I feared hitting one or more
>solid submerged objects and insisted that we change course. He
>agreed and we left the area. I haven't seen anything like it
>since and I visit the area on a regular basis in my own vessel
>still."

Hi Leanne,

Have you ever been on one of the "Ride Film" attractions where
the seats move in conjunction with the movie you're seeing? Or
perhaps one of the many IMAX screenings, 3D or otherwise? In
many ways, the story you relate is an example of a UFO related
question I've thought about for a long time:

"When is 'real' real?"

In the screenings I mention, you go into them knowing that
they are merely a simulation; they're not real. But there
reaches a point during the show when all your senses are fooled
just enough to make your self preservation kick in. You start
grabbing onto things, or you feel dizzy or you're sure that
something is going to hit you, etc. Deep down, you know it's
not real. But still...

Relating to UFO sightings, I think quite a few people see
something in the sky but, because they don't feel a true sense

of danger or anxiety or awe or whatever, then deep down they know it probably isn't really an ET or UFO of extraterrestrial origin.

It might look fascinating and may fill the bill as a classic description of a UFO, but that "second sense" didn't kick in; you know, the one that tells you, "Holy crap, this is REAL! Maybe I better think about getting the hell out of here!"

Of course, the down side to this is possibly that person does get the hell out of there! Unfortunately, that means the most complete descriptions we have are possibly from people seeing something that wasn't real because, deep down, they knew it wasn't and weren't afraid to stick around and watch.

It's too bad we don't have a device to guage this type of "anxiety response", it might go a long way toward separating out the authentic sightings.

On the other hand, it might just be glowing algae beneath the surface!

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 07:54:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:07:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 21:10:55 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 04:14:07 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Previously. Steven had offered:

>Actually, the barn issue (as mentioned in relation to the AA
>"film") relates more to what you might find in the Socorro area,
>rather than Roswell. More specifically, what you might find in
>the area west of Socorro. I drove through that area in 1996 to
>see the alleged site that Hesseman had identified as the one
>that the "cameraman" had described. However, like the rest of
>Ray's story, this facet of the tale didn't make a whole lot of
>sense either.

>No, there are no barns in the immediate area that Hesseman has
>pinpointed. Yes, there are a few structures that might be called
>"barns" on many of the ranches in that region, but I guess that
>depends on how you want to define "barn". That part of New
>Mexico was probably more economically tied to mining than it was
>to ranching, except along the Rio Grande river, which is just
>east of Socorro.

Hi Steven,

Of course, the one thing we haven't really considered is whether
or not any barn would still be there after 50 years in the
elements. Remember what happened to the set of "Giant" out in
Marfa? Granted, well made structures do last longer in a dry
climate (possibly longer without greedy tourists taking pieces
of it). Still, someone could have simply torn the darn thing
down!

All things considered, it's probably a mute point whether or not
barns are present in the area of the crash site today. What
matters (depending on the validity of the cameraman) is if there
were any barns nearby in 1947! We may never know...

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 08:48:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:36:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?
>Date: Mon, Jan 25, 1999, 10:20 PM

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:42:59 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Just wondering, do the number of unprocessed reels that Santilli
>told you he received jive with the number Mr. Easton cites in
>the following:

>>The seller of the film apparently went on to offer Santilli 15
>>cans of undeveloped film, filmed by him while in the military,
>>of the Roswell crash scene from the ground and air, and of the
>>alien autopsies.

My impression from Ray is that all of the film he claims to have
bought from the cameraman were already developed. Remember that
Ray is a rather young person, of the video generation rather
than the film generation, and therefore uses terms like
"process" very vaguely. I think the processing he referred to
is the transfer to video.

><snip>

>>The man dragged out the old cans
>>and permitted a small piece of film to be cut from the leader on
>>one film to be taken to London for analyses. According to
>>Santilli, Kodak (sic) in London reported that the film was of
>>about 1948 vintage. That was good enough for Santilli who
>>purchased all the cans for \$100,000 (he has also mentioned
>>\$150,000).

>The accuracy of the price notwithstanding, is it known if the
>"test piece" was taken from a processed or unprocessed reel?

Processed. And Kodak in London looked only at the edge markings,
triangle and square, and said the film was definitely 1947. So
did Kodak in Denmark. However, just like Ray these were younger
people who did not know that the film identification chart they
were using, printed by Kodak in Rochester, has an error which
makes it seem that only in 1947 were a solid triangle and square
used, while the ID marks for 1967 are shown in outline. When
apprised of this error, they amended their statements to say the
film could be 1947 or 1967 (and remotely 1927).

But it turns out that they were also looking at copy film, as
everyone else who has seen any film has been shown. The ID date
designators are printed through onto the copy film.

This could, of course, be faked.

BTW, Ray has always evaded the question when I have asked how
much was paid for the film. My guess, around \$ 100,000.

>If it was a processed reel, then the leader would have not been
>part of the actual film at all, since labs add plastic leader
>after processing to facilitate projection. On the other hand, if
>it was unprocessed, then the "leader" would be the actual film.
>

We discussed this in 1995. Ray doesn't know the difference between blank film at the beginning of a roll and leader which is spliced on. There is apparently no leader, just a few feet of blank film at the beginning of each roll.

>Regarding the "Kodak cartridge" you mentioned above, was the
>film regular 8mm? The reason I ask is that, to my knowledge,
>16mm film was always used on reels and not cartridged unless it
>was to be used as "split 8mm" in home movie cameras. If it had
>been processed and not split it would, in fact, still look a lot
>like regular 16mm film. The difference, of course, would be the
>dual 8mm images side by side but would have unusual "pitch" or
>sprocket hole spacings. Might this be a possibility? Or was it,
>in fact, 16mm film?

Roger, again you amaze me. Cartridge load 16 mm, which holds 50 feet per cartridge, is a common 16 mm format. It was used in the 40s and 50s, and is still in use by a small minority today. There are companies which reload the cartridges for people.

The cartridge which was given to Ray was a sealed Kodak load, which should have held the full 50 feet. Ray only returned some 33 feet or so to Mike after having it developed. As I said, the remaining film, which is what would have actually gone through the camera, was not returned or accounted for.

Bob

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Re: UFO Communication?

From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdbs.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:08:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:37:53 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>From: Rick Goldsmith <rgoldsm@synapse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 19:32:26 -0500

>The "changes in the polarization" of the reflected laser light,
>in this example, has more to do with the "reflective properties
>of the MO layer that were modified by the magnetic record head".

Hi, Rick. Thanks for the stimulating post. If I may briefly add a definition on the Faraday effect from a handout given at good ol' Purdue (our local University), the Farady Effect is:

"A magneto-optic effect in which the polarization plane of an electromagnetic wave is rotated under the influence of a magnetic field parallel to the direction of propagation."

Which suggests that there is a direct interaction between the EM wave and the magnetic field, rather than polarization introduced by the reflective properties of the MO layer in a magneto optical device modified by a magnetic field (unless, I'm missing something, that is :)).

Brian

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:56:02 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:40:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 21:10:55 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

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>see the alleged site that Hesseman had identified as the one
>that the "cameraman" had described. However, like the rest of
>Ray's story, this facet of the tale didn't make a whole lot of
>sense either.

As you probably recall Mike Hessemann and I disagree on this. Mike's site is far too close to the road, in my opinion. Directions I got from the cameraman took me much farther from Socorro up closer to Magdalena on the Plains of San Agustin, which would coincide with Barney Barnett's story. Also, the cameraman specifically says the crash was on the side of a dry lake bed. There are none down close to Socorro where Mike was, but a whole passel of them up on the edge of the plains. I spoke with local rangers who have jurisdiction over the whole area, and they said the only dry lake beds anywhere around are in that area.

The other landmark is a wood bridge over a canyon. There is no such bridge today, and it must have been gone for a long time since the rangers knew of none, and none of the local I talked to remembered such a bridge.

The cameraman was very specific about driving nearly an hour out from Socorro, and the site Mike likes is only minutes from the town limits.

>No, there are no barns in the immediate area that Hesseman has
>pinpointed. Yes, there are a few structures that might be called
>"barns" on many of the ranches in that region, but I guess that
>depends on how you want to define "barn". That part of New
>Mexico was probably more economically tied to mining than it was
>to ranching, except along the Rio Grande river, which is just
>east of Socorro.

Yes, that is accurate. It is too arid for good ranching in this area. And western ranchers generally don't use barns anyway. The economy, when there once was one, was tied to the mines.

>Oh, and before anyone asks, beer was readily available in
>Socorro as well. But then again, it's (in part) a college town.

Glad to know that.

Bob

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Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:49:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 16:23:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:09:43 +0000
>Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

<snip>

>Actually, those film scraps came from Philip Mantle, via Reg,
>and are from the same strip as the samples I have. They are
>copy film, not camera original, and therefore meaningless.

>All they can tell is what we already know, the copy film is pre-
>1955 in origin.

Bob-

As I recall, the producer of the Channel 4 production in Great Britain in 1995 was sent more "samples" of the alleged film than anyone else. I have written to him, but got no response, and have no idea what kind of testing (if any) that he might have pursued. Do you know how much film he had been sent, and whether or not he has pursued that angle at all.

You also commented in another post that Heseman gave Ray the undeveloped film that he'd been given in Roswell, and that Ray allegedly had it developed. While it would be possible to run the film through the developing process, taking care to mix the chemicals properly for the type of film involved, what would have prevent cosmic radiation from fogging the film over the years. If that film was stored away in someone's home, it wouldn't have been protected from such radiation, and it would (according to some of your earlier statements) become so fogged that it would be useless.

Any thoughts?

Steve

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Re: Greenwood on MJ-12

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:57:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 16:26:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Greenwood on MJ-12

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 19:35:48 -0800
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Ryan S. Wood <rswood@igc.apc.org>
>Subject: Aldrich Comments on MJ-12 documents

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 21:43:56 -0800
>>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
>>Subject: Greenwood on MJ-12
>>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>Dear Mr. Aldrich:

>In the interest of clarity let me respond to your comments and
>hopefully ease your mind and others about the authenticity
>efforts by Wood & Wood around the MJ-12 documents. Our focus is
>on quality, thoroughness and validation.

<massive snip>

With all due respect, the validity of these documents needs to be proven, rather than the reverse. As it now stands there is no reason to believe that the documents are real, unless your research has developed information that would support that contention (which I somehow doubt, or you would have most likely mentioned it).

To distribute them far and wide, and to discuss them in open forums (such as the Art Bell program) serves to give the general public an impression that they have been validated, which certainly IMHO is not the case. I suspect that you will find far more support for these documents among the X-File crowd, than you will among serious researchers (and I'm thinking of those who work with FUFOR, CUFOS, and MUFON). Unfortunately, this exemplifies some of the problems faced by UFOlogy today (again, IMHO).

I look forward to any research information you have regarding the MJ-12 documents, and sincerely hope that you can actually prove that some of them are real. Greenwood's criticisms will be published soon, and you will certainly have many forums that you can use to reply. But I wouldn't get too defensive about the criticism that you receive from those within the ranks of UFO researchers, since for most the MJ-12 issue was settled long ago.

BTW, I would note that Bruce Maccabee has also released a statement regarding the Oppenheimer/Einstein document, which points to a number of flaws that call its validity into question.

Steve Kaeser

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:07:57 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 16:29:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 00:58:26 EST
>To: Updates@Globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

<snip>

>We're talking about Jim Mortallero's claim about standard
>security measures in use where he worked as a civilian. I asked
>him for one, single documented case where such measures have
>been used. Somewhere, someplace there must be an example.

>He doesn't have to reveal any more top secrets, just point us
>to, say, a newspaper article from a reputable source like the
>New York Times, etc., which has reported such an incident.

>In fact, his claim is pure B.S., thrown in just to make the
>naive think that he knows more about what he is talking about
>than he does, or perhaps just to inflate the importance of his
>background. This kind of stuff gets flung around all the time
>by figures in UFOlogy claiming special inside knowledge.

>I'm just asking Jim to document his claim. I don't believe that
>he can.

The Lord blesseth Maroons before buffoons... it is written!

You are all quite correct gentlemen. I cannot. The reason is
that I was corporialated to death at Singer Kearfott, oh, about
1970. I was killed while attempting to divulge secrets to Phil
Klass for the sum of thirty easy pieces.... Oh God, I'm so
ashamed!

Me, a guinsoid form the Bronx. A highly educated Catholic boy.
May God have Marcy on my soul (she was one of the thirty easy
pieces).

OK brave soldiers.... three more times... for the record....

I WAS KIDDING
I WAS KIDDING
I WAS KIDDING

Cheeses can't you guys oh, wait, I just got it!

You guys are kidding too, right?

Whew, now I feel better. You had me worried there for a
minute or three.

Jim Mortellaro,
Traitor most foul

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Internet Explorer and FUFOR's FBI/NSA FOIA CD-ROM

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:11:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 16:32:54 -0500
Subject: Internet Explorer and FUFOR's FBI/NSA FOIA CD-ROM

While working on additional CD-ROM projects for the Fund for UFO Research and the Center for UFO Studies, I've found a problem that affects the previously released FBI/NSA archive as well. The following was recently posted to the FUFOR web site:

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It has been found that an "undocumented feature" (which some might call a "bug") has been identified in Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE). This could impact those trying to view the large Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) files on the FBI/NSA FOIA CD-ROM. I would note that only affects those who are using IE as their web browser of choice. Those using Netscape Navigator do not face the same limitation.

According to information available from both Adobe and Microsoft, IE is unable to view .pdf files that are 4 MB in size or larger, unless they are being pulled from a web server. When large files of that type are accessed, the system will either display an error message or a blank screen. Unfortunately, this "feature" prohibits the viewing of a number of the files contained on the FOIA CD-ROM being distributed by FUFOR (primarily the larger FBI files). Files that are smaller than 4 MB appear to work properly.

There have been no reports of problems from any of those who have purchased the CD, with the limitation being discovered while preparing additional releases. It is assumed that most are using the Netscape browser, and that is why this issue hasn't surfaced until now.

Once Adobe Acrobat is properly installed on your computer the Operating System (i.e. Windows 95) is aware of it as a utility. This means that the Windows Explorer can be used to point to the folder containing the large files on the CD, and then those files can be selected manually and opened normally. It is also possible to open the Adobe Acrobat reader and then use the "File" / "Open" commands to open the files on the CD. Again, this is a problem with the menu system, and not with the files.

The options outlined in the previous paragraph are the recommended solutions offered by Microsoft on their web site. While this limitation makes the browser less useful in the establishment of an "INTRANET", it appears that there is no hurry to try and resolve it through changes in IE. Fufor and I regret any confusion that this may cause and would like to hear from anyone who experiences a difficulty with the CD. Please forward comments and suggestions to steve@konsulting.com or to support@fufor.org.

Once again, this does NOT affect anyone who is using Netscape Navigator, and one suggested solution would be to load Netscape as a second browser and use it to access files such as those contained on the FOIA CD-ROM.

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I have two projects that were near completion, and they've now been put on hold until I can make the necessary modifications. I wish the developers at Microsoft had corrected this "flaw", but I guess they're concentrating on their legal battle here in

DC .

Steve

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RAMS: Re: NASA The Lies

From: "Robert A.M. Stephens" <sti3818@montana.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 10:47:10 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 16:50:21 -0500
Subject: RAMS: Re: NASA The Lies

(Darn you Peter Gersten. Okay, here we go. But, I say right now, it will do no good to this man or anyone like him to re-answer these questions because I'll work real hard on these when I need sleep and his answer will be: "xxxx you stephens, you're a xxxx liar." It's what everyone of these people say and I've learned my lesson 2 months ago. Its religion to these folks and what I say is not what they want to hear. I think you are troubled <grin> for putting me through this over and over just because you know I'll try and answer them in my awkward way since I think at times someone is actually serious about it.)

(Note to 'JM': In my mail to you in answer to you tonight, I posted it would do no good to answer any of these because you'll just call me a liar after I work on them for you. I still very much believe this. Peter Gersten thinks there is some good points in this mail of yours so I will counter my assessment and answer these to the best of my ability. At least consider them before you respond with a one liner that I'm lying to you. I think Peter is a part time dentist at times and uses no Novocain nor does he have the vaguest compassion for a fellow lifeform such as me.)

'JM' wrote:

Okay, 'JM', whoever you are, at the request of Peter Gersten, here goes.

>To Mr. Robert A. Stephens:

Good start. No calling me a 'xxxxsucker'. Thank you.

>It seems that you have taken in upon yourself to defend NASA from
>Richard Hoagland and his claims.

No. He attacks NASA. I take issue. On balance, this is fair.

>Hoagland is an interesting figure,
>with some valid arguments about Mars and the Moon,

None. He immutably states a fact. He uses the very source (NASA) as his proof, but this is strange since this is the source that is lying about Mars and everything else. He needs to take his own photos then, instead of using the 'liars' photos. This is a conundrum he has painted himself into.

>and some off-the-wall
>ridiculous propositions, like Hale-Bopp and the December 7th landing.
>Your attacks on him focus on his faults(which are many) but forget to
>mention some obvious points.

>1.While Hoagland is the most recognized proponent for the artificiality
>of structures on Mars, he is not the first or the most scientific. The
>proponents include:Dr. Erol Torun; Professor Thomas Bearden; Vince
>DiPietro and Gregory Molenaar; Dr. Mark Carlotto; Dr. James Erjavec

You fail to mention the folks at JPL who first mentioned this when the photos were coming in 1976. I mention no faults. The personal data against Hoagland are from people who requested for me to use their data in my debate on Bell since they have failed

to ever get a voice after repeated requests to do so. I have accommodated them as best as possible. They do not want to use their names publicly as they are physically afraid of what Richard C. Hoagland has said to them in the form of threats. I personally don't subscribe to this--which by now should be rather obvious. If I was threatened by anyone, any place, I'd go and see the accuser up front and personal and asked where is the beef. Simple.

I still fail to see a face in the latest photos from JPL. I still hold, rationally I believe, that the vote must hold off until we stand on Cydonia with a few backhoes and such and see for ourselves what is there. This is fair since there is 143 million miles between us and Mars and this distance effects what we are able to see for certain with our eyes.

At 6 miles from my home is a 'Face' on the side of the Mission Mountain Range to my east. We all see this everyday. It is not artificial. It looks like a human face in broad daylight at 6 miles distance. It is a rock formation.

It is entirely possible the varved escarpment on Mars at Cydonia is a varved escarpment, based on what we know and what we have to look at for reference on Earth.

>2.Why does NASA, a supposedly open government agency hoard the use of our resources and give exclusive use to its hand-picked friends in the private sector(i.e. "Principal Investigators")?

>The Hubble Telescope, IRAS and all of NASA's other toys are the property of the American taxpayer. When was their ownership signed over to Dan Goldin, Michael Malin and their clique?

I do not understand this question. Dan Goldin is the Administrator of NASA. Malin is a free agent contractor as myself. NASA went and took pictures of Cydonia as requested. The results are at JPL. Where is the beef? I pay very hefty taxes too since I am self employed. All NASA workers including Goldin pay taxes also. So does Malin. This statement you've made escapes me.

>3.Why does NASA no longer carry LIVE broadcasts from the Shuttle?

Because they are the smallest government agency and they do not have the funding to carry all feeds from Whitesands transponder and the other on orbit relay feeds. The USAF has also raised the fees for this service to use their hardware and NASA could not get congressional budgeting for it on a regular basis. To you and other serious people who rely on this service for keeping in touch with on orbit activities this is a rotten loss. Within NASA, they have a fund tank for folks to contribute to the public interface since so many NASA employees have families that want the live feed. They rely on mission tapes now, most of the time.

This feed was also how mission crew families were able to watch their loved ones on orbit. Now, they get either the tapes or still photos.

If you want it back, write congress since they are the funders.

>4.Why does NASA only release a trickle of images from Hubble, IRAS and MGS when these instruments are in almost constant use by NASA?

Hubble is in use 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, all year long and is never ever down unless for repairs or new plugins. Actual usage by NASA and its centers is on a sign up basis. This means for 36 hours the University of Hawaii may have look time reserved. Next, maybe the University of Tokyo. Then, NASA's Goddard may have 4 hours reserved, then some other private venture. NASA's actual on air usage of HST is about 10-15% of the time at most. The waiting sign up list is long. Anyone can reserve air time on Hubble. A list is available for requesting reserved time.

What others do, which is 85% of the users of the device, is up to them regarding photos. NASA elects to post all photos from HST publicly. However, this is a small percentage of the returned images that could be offered for viewing.

>5. Why was NASA obsessed with the constellation Orion (as correctly pointed out by Hoagland), and why did the original Apollo logo carry a prominent image of Orion?

Hoagland pointed out nothing. This statement that he did is a oxymoron in and of itself. Think about this statement. If it was there for all to see, it was then posted there for all to see. Period. Be logical.

The forerunner of NASA, NACA, 1958, designated Greek symbols for space flight because this made more sense than naming or referring to mission and other flight off Earth by names of flowers, or plants, or bridges. There was no metaphysical tie in to symbolism in this. Few know that if you talk to visual astronomers, which are few in number, they do not go by constellations for stellar reference but by star locator mapping and celestial dynamics.

>6. Why do many scientists believe that NASA is withholding images of Mars?

I don't know. I watched them come in by vector from here on my other Mac set up for such via link (not the photos, but the digital numeric vector) and they all came in as sent by number. It would have been impossible to 'delete' something coming in all at the same time from space selectively. I wanted to see how many photos were coming and I could not get resolution time to JPL's database to see the pictures as they came in for resolve since I have nothing to do with JPL work wise, but the numbers of those that got developed and the vector signatures for numbers of photos gelled to the number. No bombs or errors or missing photos.

>Florida Today, October 10, 1998
>Scientist Says New Mars Photos Being Withheld

> Speaking at the Space Coast UFO Conference at the Hilton Hotel in
>Cocoa Beach, Florida on
>Friday, October 9, 1998, Vincent DiPietro, who worked for NASA's
>Marshall Spaceflight Center for 23 years, claimed recent photographs
>taken by the Mars Global Surveyor were being withheld from the
>scientific community. DiPietro, a scientist who was first to evaluate
>photos of the surface of Mars taken by the Viking landers in 1976, cited
>a September Space News report on the growing number of planetary
>scientists disgruntled over the slow release of photographic data from
>the Mars Global Surveyor and "suggested that new images were being
>consciously
>withheld.

This is a fabrication. There is a 6 month waiting for selective review of all photos by the prime contractor. This is for all government contracts made with the public. Malin or whomever is the prime contractor has exclusive rights to make any financial gain from any data so garnered. On the art side, I have every right, even though NASA owns the original oil, to get any proceeds from the exposure of my paintings in any fashion I deem plausible and useful to my benefit. This is not uncommon---its the way it is done. The prime contractor can release the photos the second they are developed or the last second of the 6 month grace period. This isn't a NASA rule. This is all government in all agencies.

>Images are radioed to Earth and downloaded by Malin Space Systems, Inc.
>of San Diego,
>California, NASA's contractor. DiPietro criticized MGS camera operator
>Michael Malin, whose (NASA) contract gives him a six-month proprietary
>embargo on the images. He and other scientists reported Malin had taken
>numerous photos of the so-called Face on Mars, other than the single one
>released by NASA in April, that appeared to reflect natural terrain
>rather than artificial features. "This leads me to believe that we are
>not getting all the facts from Malin Enterprises," DiPietro said.

See above. By law, Malin can do whatever he wishes. Within that 6 month period.

>7. Why does a private company get a 6-month exclusive "review period" for images taken by a half-billion dollar satellite belonging to the American people?

Congress set and passed this law.

>What possible commercial or other value does Malin
>gain in those six months?

I don't know. Ask him. He is a very profound and solid man. I trust him implicitly. He has worked very hard on this project and I do admire him greatly.

>Does he get to make his own line of Martian
>t-shirts or breakfast cereal? Science is supposed to an open process
>where all people can participate. Scientists in various disciplines
>should have immediate access to these images.

Then bring this up to Congress. I agree.

>8. Why does NASA orchestrate an unscientific and blatant attack on the
>Cydonia researchers?

They do not ever. They postulate over and over. Think this through. Are you referencing Hoagland's Space Program photos of Cydonia, or NASA's. Since I'm nearly certain it is NASA's photos, since I don't think Hoagland has a space program personally, then they have taken the stand it is a geo-physical structure until proven otherwise. I agree. This is as fair as if someone categorically stated "it is NOT a face." I think we have to hold off until we get there.

Is this remotely fair in your mind. If there was no NASA photos, we wouldn't even have this discussion. Isn't that at least to be considered?

>Why does NASA, to this day, maintain the ridiculous argument that the
>Face is a trick of light and shadow?

Because at 6 miles away the rock formation the Mission Range is a trick of shape, light, and shadow. If this anomaly occurs here, and it does millions of times on this planet, it stands to reason it occurs elsewhere. But I'm talking a religion here. I have no further explanation but what I offer and since you and the rest are the real experts, somehow at 143,000,000 miles you can do what I cannot. See a face in the latest photos. I see a varved eroded escarpment in very sharp relief with water effect and wind and erosion. It shows a heavy encroached area by wind and storms in the 22 years since we were there before.

I have studied Cydonia under pretty well founded conditions and I do not find NASA's assessment ridiculous at all.

>Dr. Stanley McDaniel has tracked
>NASA's peculiar and unscientific behavior in regards to Cydonia and
>makes several important points. First, Dr. Sagan did a propaganda piece
>in Parade magazine, which showed a deliberately distorted version of the
>Face "which had been processed using false color in such a manner as to
>diminish the resemblance to a face. This doctored image was then used to
>refute the reality of the facial appearance by claiming it was an image
>in which the face disappears."

I would use the doctored photos on Richard Hoagland website of the latest photos of Cydonia to see if there is a artificiality to it. My art side says no. Even when I have played with it on Richard's site. In the 1976 photo it looks just like a face, with the photo grainy, strong obtuse lighting, and the high altitude photo resolution. Close up, the hillock looks more for what it is.

>Second, Dr. Michael Malin posts an article on the web that seeks to
>disprove the existence of "teeth" in the Face, as shown by Dr. Mark
>Carlotto. Malin, like Sagan before him, concocts distorted images in an
>attempt to discredit the artificiality of the Face. "No matter how the
>article is interpreted, there is a very strong appearance of
>impropriety." Malin also refused to respond to McDaniel's queries about
>his hack job, and why he makes no reference to the work of Dr. Carlotto
>directly, but merely to an unnamed "tabloid".
>Third, when it comes to image analysis of Cydonia, NASA puts in the
>least effort possible:

>"Neither NASA nor JPL have ever conducted a serious study of the
>Cydonian objects. NASA refuses to acknowledge the work done by
>independent researchers. Apparently many NASA personnel are not aware of
>the work that has been done. Now we find an NSSDC[NASA Space Science

>Data Center] scientist using low-end personal computer software and bad
>contrast control to provide a crude enhancement of the Cydonian Face in
>an article that is supposed to be informative to the public."

I am confused by this above. I use a PPC Mac with a link to a high end SGI box to get my CAD and other high end resolutions. I know that Malin uses even better hardware firmware. I don't know how to answer this charge by you.

>Science is supposed to follow the evidence, not make pre-judgements or
>offer biased and tampered evidence, which is exactly what Sagan and
>Malin have done. So, my question to you, Mr. Stephens, is how can we
>trust NASA at all based on those who represent it and their deceitful
>and misleading actions?

Since this is your conviction without more concrete proof by you I would say if it vexes you so badly and you're so convinced of this deceitful act, I'd go to work for this agency and find out for sure. I did. I have. I say you are in error. Too, I have stayed out of civil service and will never work this element so I can be free to do what I want. (Like when I would not have anything to do with the agency after STS-51L for nearly 2 years)

>9.Your own views on UFO's and NASA are contradictory. On the one hand,
>you say that NASA and the military have reams of records of UFO's
>entering and leaving Earth's atmosphere, of strange objects buzzing
>military installations.

You are in error. I only pointed out the DoD data that we are basically forbidden to see. NASA, to my best judgment, after nearly 20 years of intimate involvement, has no data of intruder vehicles. If they did, the NRO or OIA would take this data away from NASA and they have in the past during test flights of STS.

>On the other hand, you claim that NASA is
>honest and truthful to the public.

NASA lied during and after STS-51L. I will never forgive them for this. I do not know them to lie since then or now. Ever.

>If NASA is honest, then why hasn't
>Goldin gotten in front of the press and shown any of this evidence?

What evidence?

>This should be front page news all over the world.

What news?

>Where are the videos
>of the objects, the testimonials of astronauts, military people, the
>Fence data that you claim to have seen? Why does NASA seek to censor
>all information and only occasionally throws a bone to the public?

I do not understand any of these rapid fire questions above. Fence is NORAD, not NASA. What are you referencing?

>10.Why does NASA distort and suppress IRAS data? Why does NASA stay
>well away from the 1983 discovery of another planet in our solar system?
>Washington Post
>Mystery Heavenly Body Discovered, a front page story
>31-Dec-1983

>A heavenly body possibly as large as the giant planet Jupiter and
>possibly so close to Earth that it would be part of this solar system
>has been found in the direction of the constellation Orion by an
>orbiting telescope aboard the U.S. infrared astronomical satellite. So
>mysterious is the object that astronomers do not know if it is a planet,
>a giant comet, a nearby "protostar" that never got hot enough to become
>a star, a distant galaxy so young that it is still in the process of
>forming its first stars or a galaxy so shrouded in dust that none of the
>light cast by its stars ever gets through. "All I can tell you is that
>we don't know what it is," Dr. Gerry Neugebauer, IRAS chief scientist
>for California's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and director of the Palomar
>Observatory for the California Institute of Technology said in an
>interview.

>The most fascinating explanation of this mystery body, which is so cold
>it casts no light and has never been seen by optical telescopes on Earth
>or in space, is that it is a giant gaseous planet, as large as Jupiter
>and as close to Earth as 50 billion miles. While that may seem like a

>great distance in earthbound terms, it is a stone's throw in
>cosmological terms, so close in fact that it would be the nearest
>heavenly body to Earth beyond the outermost planet Pluto. "If it is
>really that close, it would be a part of our solar system," said Dr.
>James Houck of Cornell University's Center for Radio Physics and Space
>Research and a member of the IRAS science team. "If it is that close, I
>don't know how the world's planetary scientists would even begin to
>classify it."

>The mystery body was seen twice by the infrared satellite as it scanned
>the northern sky from last January to November, when the satellite ran
>out of the supercold helium that allowed its telescope to see the
>coldest bodies in the heavens. The second observation took place six
>months after the first and suggested the mystery body had not moved from
>its spot in the sky near the western edge of the constellation Orion in
>that time. "This suggests it's not a comet because a comet would not be
>as large as the one we've observed and a comet would probably have
>moved," Houck said. "A planet may have moved if it were as close as 50
>billion miles but it could still be a more distant planet and not have
>moved in six months time.

>Whatever it is, Houck said, the mystery body is so cold its temperature
>is no more than 40 degrees above "absolute" zero, which is 459 degrees
>Fahrenheit below zero. The telescope aboard IRAS is cooled so low and is
>so sensitive it can "see" objects in the heavens that are only 20
>degrees above absolute zero. When IRAS scientists first saw the mystery
>body and calculated that it could be as close as 50 billion miles, there
>was some speculation that it might be moving toward Earth. "It's not
>incoming mail," Cal Tech's Neugebauer said. "I want to douse that idea
>with as much cold water as I can."

I have no data on this at all. But I would definitely get ahold
of the HST team and find any data you can on this. This is
compelling and I've heard reference to this before. However,
NASA would be the first to talk about this sort of thing, not
hide it. This would be a scientific windfall. Since everything I
say is a lie and this whole thing is a waste of both of our
time, then, why not yourself begin an adult dialog with the HST
team and find out about this. Do a research project on the
topic. Then, report online your findings.

If it is a galaxy, it is at least 2 million LY from us. If its a
proto planet, at these temps, which is a puzzle to me for data
as far as celestial mechanics go since there is no reasonable
way for it to be this cold, it remains a mystery, if true. At 50
billion miles (over 500 AU) and with a mass that of Jupiter it
is beyond the fringe of the outer solar gravitational influence.

Go find out. If you don't start right off with HST as Hoagland
would, they will love to answer this as best they can.

>Why do various NASA satellites go "out of service" at very convenient
>times and then suddenly get "fixed" months later?

I don't agree with this assessment by you. Generally the
perception is in reverse of fact. Meaning, like NEAR, it
glitches at the last firing before coming close to EROS. This
isn't some trick, it is a failure because the craft fired the
RCS for the first time after long dormancy and then failed. The
failure is because it fired, not because of location. If logic
is not part of the issue, then "gee, look there, that craft got
to where it was suppose to be, fired its engine for entry, and
screwed up. Damn, NASA's always doin' that."

No. It failed because it fired, not because of where it was.

>In short, Mr. Stephens, Hoagland is a flawed character whose data should
>certainly be taken with several grains of salt. NASA, however, has done
>far worse in misleading and lying to the public and denying them their
>right to knowledge.

You are a liar with this statement. Sorry. I was there--still am
for 20 years.

>Knowledge which was paid for by them

It was paid for by you and me and Hoagland and all Americans.

>and should by
>all rights be available to all Americans. You, Mr. Stephens, could do a
>far better service to us by telling what NASA really knows and thinks

>than on hounding Richard Hoagland.

I disagree with this last statement. I have told what I know. There is a hell of a lot more. Its good stuff. I have a tougher hide. If NASA got this above they'd trash it for the same reason I told you in the first mail.

Hope this wasn't too much of a waste of time for you.

Okay, Peter, best I can do.

sincerely,

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Re: A Tale from Africa

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
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Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>From: George Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 22:54:11 EST
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 10:58:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

To George Filer:

>As I just mentioned privately to another poster to this List,
>the Arabs have been aware of this phenomenon for a lot longer
>than we johnny-come-lately ufologists. They call these folks
>the "Jinn". Their legal status is even recognized in Arabic law.
>For an interesting web page on them, please see the following
>web page (not mine) ...

><http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/newsd/islam.html>

The article is the intellectual property of FSR and Gordon Creighton, not ~geibdan, nor the people that constructed the webpage, nor Blue Resonant Human who is given credit on the page for the article submittal.

>I would like to use your article in Filer's Files. Please let
>me know if I may. Naturally you would receive credit for your
>fine work.

Shouldn't you be asking that from FSR and Gordon Creighton directly?

In order to assist you here is how you can reach them:

mail: fsr_fsr@hotmail.com
<http://www.corpex.com/users/archmage/fsr/fsrhome.htm>

I suspect you won't find any objections, especially if you provide the publication and the web page with a plug for subscribers in your "newsletter". The electronic history of the Jinns article goes back at least till 1989 when it was originally placed into either PARANET or FIDONET echoes. I have a copy of the electronic file captured in 1993. Going back to the article. The following heading points to a Tom Mickus who apparently was the first person to make an electronic copy of the FSR article. Someone else may know more.

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Note: Italicized words are indicted by CAPITALIZATION such as

this. Footnotes are represented as "*1*". In this article there are 7 footnotes, all in Arabic script, so I am unable to reproduce them here. -Tom Mickus 11/26/89

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A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE TRUE NATURE OF THE "UFO ENTITIES"

by
Gordon Creighton

This article, which appeared originally in FSR 29/1 (October 1983) is reprinted now at the request of a number of readers, and to remind all our readers of what lies ahead for Mankind. Ever since its publication, the article has been treated throughout the world with total silence, and there is a general agreement among all Ufologists on both sides of the Atlantic never to give it a mention.

FSR Consultant Dr Richard F. Haines expected me to print his comprehensive REVIEW OF EXPLANATORY HYPOTHESES FOR UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA, and I promptly did so. (FSR 32/2 - 1987.) But it might be noted that he did not deem it necessary to include the slightest reference to my work in his survey, even as a minimal gesture of courtesy.

Four of the leading experts in Ufology in the world have written me privately to say that they think I am on the right track. Only one of them - Ann Druffel - has had the guts to say so publicly.

EDITOR [Gordon Creighton]

>Regards,
>George Filer

Do the right thing George and notify FSR of your intentions and give them the credit they deserve for the article.

Ed Stewart
cc: fsr_fsr@hotmail.com
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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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.
-----oo00-(_)--00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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Looking Back At 50 Years Of Ufology

From: **Anthony Chippendale** <ufo-net@clara.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 17:01:44 -0500
Subject: Looking Back At 50 Years Of Ufology

As we prepare to enter the new Millenium it is time that we all stood back and looked at what we have accomplished during the last 50 or so years of UFO research - nothing. We have investigated sightings, abductions, mutilations and crop circles. We have gathered numbers and statistics and analysis' of UFO sightings, but we have not actually achieved anything.

We ufologists spend most of our time arguing about cases and incidents. We argue on the Internet, on TV, and in the numerous UFO/Paranormal periodicals that are published across the globe. Unfortunately, we have not gained anything. All we know is that we are being visited and violated by an alien race that we have no control over. And we know that our governments and militaries have lied to use about the existence of extraterrestrial life.

It is time for us to step back and look at the data that we have, I do not mean analyse it, I mean look at it, look for clues and patterns that might tell us something about the activities of the aliens.

We should spend this last year of the Millenium learning, sharing and gaining knowledge about the aliens. Scientists and skeptics, abductees and witnesses should all come together and share their thoughts, feelings and knowledge about UFOs and aliens, instead of arguing about if they exist on Jerry Springer!

Anthony Chippendale,
<http://www.ufo-net.clara.net>

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 14:02:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 16:52:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 08:48:47 +0000
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:36:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:42:59 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Previously, I had asked:

>>Regarding the "Kodak cartridge" you mentioned above, was the
>>film regular 8mm? The reason I ask is that, to my knowledge,
>>16mm film was always used on reels and not cartridged unless it
>>was to be used as "split 8mm" in home movie cameras. If it had
>>been processed and not split it would, in fact, still look a lot
>>like regular 16mm film. The difference, of course, would be the
>>dual 8mm images side by side but would have unusual "pitch" or
>>sprocket hole spacings. Might this be a possibility? Or was it,
>>in fact, 16mm film?

Bob replied:

>Roger, again you amaze me. Cartridge load 16 mm, which holds 50
>feet per cartridge, is a common 16 mm format. It was used in the
>40s and 50s, and is still in use by a small minority today.
>There are companies which reload the cartridges for people.

>The cartridge which was given to Ray was a sealed Kodak load,
>which should have held the full 50 feet. Ray only returned some
>33 feet or so to Mike after having it developed. As I said, the
>remaining film, which is what would have actually gone through
>the camera, was not returned or accounted for.

Hi Bob,

My only exposure to 16mm has been in the professional arena. I'm
curious who made these cameras and if they were spring wound or
electric driven. The reason I ask is they sound like great crash
cams! Based on the description you gave, I was simply trying to
help get a clearer picture of the format in question, since you
mentioned the unusual pitch of the film's sprocket holes. Sorry
I'm not as familiar with the amateur formats as you are. I
certainly wasn't doubting your word, just trying to get more
info...

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: Big Al And The Grape Truck

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 12:35:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 17:29:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Big Al And The Grape Truck

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 00:52:07 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net,
>Subject: Big Al And The Grape Truck

<snipped embarrassing stuff >

>So here is the way Al Lehmborg sees the alien view of Gripple!

>Attached...

>[] GRIPPLE.gif

Great suffering and baragroogus ZOT! This was something that I put together for _Jim's_ amusement. I appropriated (artsy fartsy talk for _stole_) this gif, and modified it to say "drink gripple" -- not thinking for a _moment_ that he would send it to the whole of the Atlantic seaboard (not to mention light hours out into space) with my _name_ on it!

If somebody cries "foul" would you let them know it was your mistake, Jim? Sheesh! I should have _said_ something. Oh well. My apologies to the artist, I honor her. Jim! <slap>go to your room! <=D6>! You can atone by contributing 25 dollars to the John Ford Restoration Fund! <g>. Now pass that bottle over here, 'bro, and wring it out a little bit, will you?

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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<Updated 18 January>

John Ford Restoration Fund -- Send your checks and money orders to _me_, Alfred Lehmborg (cut out the lawyers, they got their's) at: 304 Melbourne Drive, Enterprise AL, 36330. Strict records kept.

"Only thin, _very light_ envelopes with a return address will be accepted <g>." ~~~ \$225.00 pledged -- \$125.00 collected ~~~

"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: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 14:14:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 20:57:38 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 02:02:26 +0100 (MET)
>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>Source: "alt.ufo.reports".

>Stig

>***

>From: "Gerard Vanderleun"
><gerard.vanderleun@generalmedia.com>
>Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports
>Subject: 1999 UFO ALIEN ABDUCTION CONFERENCE
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:49:06 -0500
>ef: news.get2net.dk alt.ufo.reports:26306

>The Intruders Foundation Presents

>THE 1999 UFO ABDUCTION CONFERENCE
>- WHAT WE KNOW AND HOW WE KNOW IT -

>On Saturday, April 10, 1999, New York City will be the site of a
>day-long national conference on the UFO abduction phenomenon.
>Four of America's most respected UFO researchers - Budd Hopkins,
>Stanton Friedman, David Jacobs and Jerome Clark - will welcome
>the public to a cutting-edge presentation of current evidence
>for the reality and possible future of alien abductions.

(snip)

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>further information phone the Intruders Foundation at
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>New York, NY 10011

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>e-mail: jvif@spacelab.net
>www.if-aic.com/conference

Hi All,

Quick correction to above copy. Some folks have trouble reaching the page unless you add the (htm.) tagger at the end of the web address. The correct URL for the page is:

<http://www.if-aic.com/conference.htm>

Thank you, and thank you Gerard for circulating our 'flyer.' <G> I hope to see UpDates list members at our upcoming conference.

Peace,

John Velez

jvif@spacelab.net
INTRUDERS FOUNDATION/ABDUCTION INFORMATION CENTER
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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 16:07:10 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:03:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:35:14 EST
>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 17:35:01 -0500
>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

<snip>

>So to you, my good friend Bob, and the rest of this marvelous
>list, I have the following two things I would like to say...

>First, thank you for keeping me in money. Ever since I started
>writing to UpDates, sales have soured... soard, soared.

>Second, if I can't get a good yuck out of you, then it's OK if
>you take me seriously. It's really OK. Just as long as you
>buy my Freshly Mades.

Well, Jim, I guess the "Yokes" on me! I'm relieved about the
part about helping your sales sour (oops, I meant soar). I'm
always interested in getting insight into what motivates folks
to get involved in this fascinating subject.

Clear skies, pal,

Bob Young

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 16:27:54 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:07:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 00:58:26 EST
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 11:22:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:14:46 +0000
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:09:36 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 12:14:52 EST
>>>>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:51:03 -0500
>>>>Subject: Keeping Secrets

Previously I had written:

>>Is it really your contention that the US Government never does
>>anything illegal, never breaks laws, has never had anyone
>>silenced simply because "known policy" says otherwise? Do you
>>really believe that the government even bothers to make all of
>>its policies known to the public? Or that they would publicly
>>acknowledge hurting anyone one, if not forced to? Do you really
>>believe everything the Government tells you?

><snip>

>Where do you think the term "clandestine operations" comes from?

Bob replied:

>He obviously wasn't talking about some off
>the books Iran Contra sort of operation, but a major defense
>project. And we aren't talking about 1950s nuclear tests or what
>possibly has or might happen somewhere, someplace, sometime.

>We're talking about Jim Mortallero's claim about standard
>security measures in use where he worked as a civilian. I asked
>him for one, single documented case where such measures have
>been used. Somewhere, someplace there must be an example.

This logic escapes me, Bob. Why must there be an example?

On the one hand, you try to differentiate this from an "off the books" project. On the other, you continue to maintain that, if there's no documentation, then it doesn't happen.

Now, I'm not trying to be a smart ass here, but follow me:

If a project is "off the books" would there not be a general lack of documentation available? Using your logic, this lack of documentation would mean that the project doesn't exist, right? I mean, there's no proof. Yet you admit that "off the book" projects exist or else you could not differentiate this project from that group. You seem to selectively choose when lack of documentation is a problem and when it isn't in your argument.

Could you possibly prove the existence of even ONE of the "off the books" projects you know to be real? Not without

documentation. Yet, you know they exist; as we all know they do.

But we have no proof. Nothing.

Jim has admitted that his claims of punishment by death were a joke, so in a sense you were right, but not for the reasons you state. You were asking for something that you knew would not be available, whether it exists or not. Then you used that lack of availability as some kind of "proof" that you were correct that the policy doesn't exist.

Things are not that black and white. Did it ever occur to you that even though a project might be "on the books" its security measures might be "off the books"? As Scott Carr pointed out, the government does condone the use of "deadly force" to protect its secrets as clearly illustrated by the sign outside of Area 51.

Do we have any proof that this force has not been used? And where would we find records of that usage? Perhaps in the same filing cabinet as the info on the Roswell crash or the plans for reverse engineering of alien craft, etc, etc. My point is that if such a record exists, the LAST thing they are going to do is make it easy for you or me or Jim to get a hold of it. So lack of documentation means nothing.

None the less, I'm was not arguing that Jim was correct about threats of punishment by death regarding his work for the government. I was taking issue with your logic that just because you don't know about something, or just because there's no documentation, or just because it's not a known policy, then, therefore, it doesn't exist.

Nothing could be further from the truth in this day and age.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 99 12:11:13 Pst
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:15:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 21:37:17 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:12:04 -0800
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:24:13 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:26:59 EST
>>>To: Updates@Globalserve.net
>>>Subject: Keeping Secrets

>>>Jim, can you cite one single documented instance in which
>>>punishments such as this have >been authorized or applied in the
>>>United States of America?

>Scott points out:

>>.... one example
>>which I have personally witnessed is the simple fact that the
>>warning signs at the military border of Area 51 clearly state
>>"Use of deadly force authorized."
>
> <snip>

>>The simple fact that there is a sign which declares the right to
>>use deadly force should be evidence enough for the military's
>>position regarding the protection of their own privacy. As far
>>as I know, although it is authorized, deadly force has never
>>been used or even attempted along the border of America's most
>>popular secret base.

>It hasn't happened to me or anyone else that I know, plus it's
>not the known policy of the US government. Therefore, it doesn't
>happen.

>The obvious flaw in this logic is to suggest that it can't
>happen to the many if it's not known to have happened to the
>one. The key phrase here is "known to have happened".

Guys,

I think it is fair to ask for specific examples here. While our government, like every government, has abused its power on occasion, that abuse tends to get exposed sooner or later, careers get ruined, and in extreme cases people go to prison. I don't think this sort of paranoia -- it's hard to think of another word for it -- does much for anybody except maybe recruiters for the militia movement. It's possible to keep a healthily skeptical view of government and to be properly critical when it does wrong without going over the edge here.

Jerry Clark

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Re: MJ-12 Documents - Same MO Then As Now

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 14:49:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:28:49 -0500
Subject: Re: MJ-12 Documents - Same MO Then As Now

For conservation of energy I am reposting some of the problems that exist with the first batch of MJ-12 documents in the hopes that people will see that the validity of the arguments then applies also to the now.

The subject was discussed at length for four months in 1996 before the list began archiving. The MO (method of operation) of the proponents apparently has not changed much since then, but we have new players on board that seem to be impressed with their recent acquired MJ-12 "knowledge".

An example being the Woods who are on record from the transcripts of the Connecticut conference, the web pages on Joe Firmage's web site and the recorded appearances on the Art Bell Show.

All but the Connecticut conference are available for verification of the Woods' point of view and promotional point of view on the internet.

I believe a close examination of those three sources mentioned above do indeed substantiate Jan Aldrich's assessment (in another message) of the "research methodology" employed by Dr. Robert Woods and his son Ryan Woods, but they are not the issue.

The issue are the MJ-12 papers. Are they real and authentic, or are they bogus and a continuing fraud perpetrated on the UFO community? Let the games begin!

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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: UFO Communication?

From: Real Arsenault <aviano291@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 15:06:51 PST
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 02:14:05 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 04:00:46 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFO Communication?

>Dear Brian, Mark and Real:

>>From: Brian Straight <brians@mdbs.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 09:40:05 -0500

>>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?
>>>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 14:31:53 -0500

>>>>From: Real Arsenault <aviano291@hotmail.com>
>>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>>>>Not to pick on you, R=E9al, but I don't think there is any such
>>>>thing as "magnetized" light.

>

>>Laser light, can however, be bent by a magnetic field. It's the
>>quantum effect that most magneto-optical storage systems depend
>>upon.

>>Brian

>Dear Brian:

>Are you sure of that? I honestly don't know myself, but I never
>heard that light (chargeless photons) could be deflected by a
>magnetic field!

Larry,

Magnetic light deflectors has been used for the past 20+ years
by the scientific communities; please see the URL below for
details (GSI research center)

<http://www.milliyet.com.tr/e/1998/12/27/engtool.html>

>Is it only laser light, or perhaps all forms of light?

>Please fill me in a bit! Are you sure that the magnetic field
>deflects or bends the laser beam; rather than simply
>repositioning the laser gun?

>Would the same thing happen (uselessly of course) with an
>ordinary incoherent beam of light?

>I agree that there is no "magnetized light" of course. Neither
>is there such a thing as "gravitated light", yet Einstein
>correctly predicted that a gravitational field could bend beams
>of light!

>Quite a different proposition eh?

Another point, someone corrected me by saying that 'ELF' is actually 'VLF' was definitely incorrect; you see, the Very Low Frequency (VLF) range is from 3 khz - 30 khz; the range of Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) is 3 hz - 30 hz, which just as strangely happen to be the Earth's magnetic field. The Earth's power grids (50hz & 60hz) are very near the ELF range, which is why a "magnetic storm" from the sun could create a 'black-out' on Earth, if powerful enough!

Cheers from Ottawa, Ontario.

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08-07-96: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 15:26:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 04:10:47 -0500
Subject: 08-07-96: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

From 8/7/96

Addresses the issue of provenance and genesis as well as the issue of linkage of date elements. Items missing from the original MJ-12 papers since their appearance on the UFO scene and items currently missing from the Woods publicised research. Same "research" MO.

The question to Stanton Friedman at the end of the reposted message remains unanswered to this day. I repeat the question to any of the proponents of the new MJ-12 papers. Is there anything in your promotion that provides multiple, independent, link-by-link, verified and direct chains of evidence that establishes the genesis/provenance of the MJ-12 documents?

Ed Stewart

Date: Thu, 08 Aug 1996 06:13:32 -0400
To: ianr@global-data.com
From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ebk@nobelmed.com>
Subject: UFO UpDate: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

From: egs@netcom.com (Edward G. Stewart)
Subject: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation
To: ebk@nobelmed.com
Date: Wed, 7 Aug 1996 18:40:15 -0700 (PDT)

RESPONSE TO NUCLEAR PHYSICIST STANTON T. FRIEDMAN

In my next message is a short and curt bibliography of the MJ-12 saga as it evolved through the UFO press in the US as represented by IUR, JUST CAUSE, MUFON UFO JOURNAL, and UFO MAGAZINE (by no means do I claim that the list is all inclusive).

After being a subscriber to each of the above publications for many years and having had the opportunity to secure all of their back issues, my perception is that all four publications are genuinely dedicated to getting to the bottom of the UFO problem, no matter where the chips end up falling.

The listing is sorted by date of publication to show how MJ-12, the associated claims, and ensuing research was handled and viewed by Ufologists, but the MJ-12 saga had been circulating through the so-called UFO grapevine for many years before the first item listed. When the story first broke out publicly most had high hopes that MJ-12 was the long awaited "smoking-gun" for Ufology.

By 1990, those hopes had turned to the realization of most Ufologists that MJ-12 was nothing more than a "Wild Goose", as characterized in an editorial by that title by Jerome Clark in IUR. This in spite of valiant efforts by various Ufologists invoking FOIA searches, visiting archives, interviewing of experts and vigorous correspondence/research with various archives, libraries and agencies.

Notwithstanding were nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman's heroic and unprecedented personal efforts digging through the bowels of many, many, many archives, earning a finder's fee of \$1000 from super-skeptic Phil Klass (Phil didn't know one pica from another), and uncovering, to an unsuspecting ufological community, that super-skeptic-astronomer, Director of the Harvard College Observatory and alleged MJ-12 staffer, Dr. Donald H. Menzel, knew Japanese; knew a fellow Massachusettsian and a Harvard Alumni, Senator John F. Kennedy, by his first name "Jack"; worked during WWII in the Navy as a cryptologist; continued to carry his association in that field as a consultant into what became the NSA; survived a loyalty hearing during the McCarthy era after fellow Massachusettsian, WWII buddy and alleged MJ-12 staffer, Dr. Vannevar Bush, vouched for him; and after "Jack" became President of the United States, hinted to "Jack" that he wouldn't mind an appointment, as well as later tried to stick it to alleged MJ-12 staffer and non-Massachusettsian, Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, in the political "buddy-buddy", Presidential appointments game.

To this day nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, the original researcher of the Roswell case, holds the personal conviction that MJ-12 is real, but he has failed to convince most serious Ufologists of his personal belief system in spite of the fact that nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman has published numerous and numerous papers on MJ-12, all personally autographed and currently available directly from him; or in spite of nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman's 14 years in industry working for General Electric, Aerojet-General Nucleonics, General Motors, Westinghouse Astronuclear Laboratory, and TRW Systems on some classified projects. (and knowing one pica from another)

That is simply outrageous! How can that be? All of the above is true and thoroughly documented by nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, the original Roswell researcher, who has visited 15 archives in his quest, and who originally had the blessings and support of most of the Ufologists that are now extremely doubtful of MJ-12?

All true, but none of the above has any direct linkage to establishing that the MJ-12 documents are real.

First, data by its nature is perceived by us interpretatively and interpretations are subject to error. So, how do we know what we know? We know what we know by multiple, independent, link-by-link, verified chains of evidence. That chain has to be unbroken from the premise all the way through the evidence that purports to substantiate the premise. All the links have to tie together from one end of the chain to the other end. One link is broken or missing and the premise is not validated.

As an example, suppose Mrs. Menzel said that her husband used to utter in his sleep "MJ-12, MJ-12", over and over again, but she didn't know what it meant? Or a note in Menzel's handwriting scribbled to himself that said "must tell Jack about Bush/MJ-12" and found in his papers? Those would be direct links once authenticated through independent research to support that part of the chain that Menzel may have had something to do with MJ-12, but nothing such as that was found.

Also, since no agency has stepped forward and claimed the MJ-12 documents as their own, ownership has not been established. Ownership has also not been established at the front end. The source of the documents is anonymous. There is no genesis to the MJ-12 documents. The links are busted at both ends of the chain.

I know that Stanton Friedman understands the concept from his guest appearance on the Art Bell Show re-broadcast on Friday night, Aug. 2/3, 1996:

On Santilli-Autopsy film and the need for identification of the source documentation/evidence and ownership claim.

Stanton Friedman: "What I cannot do, Art, unfortunately, is tell you that this film was made by company XYZ, on January 39, 1992 at this studio. I don't have the genesis of it, but the

burden isn't on me to prove I said."

Art Bell: "No smoking film canisters yet!"

Stanton Friedman: "That is right. [giggle, giggle, giggle]"

No genesis, no provenance. Same as the MJ-12 documents, all of them, including the Cutler/Twining Memorandum. Even Stanton T. Friedman agrees that it was planted in the archives and did not belong there. It could have been anyone, an insider or an outsider. What seems to be clear is that it was planted there after the review process was completed. The Memo is an alleged NSC document. The reviewers would not have been able to arbitrarily declassify it. It would have been pulled out during the page-by-page review and sent to the NSC for their declassification review. The National Archives has no record of that ever having been done and neither does the NSC.

I know that Stanton Friedman understands the concept of security control and that the utmost of care and control would have taken place during the above declassification review of top-secret documents from the same guest appearance on the Art Bell Show re-broadcast on Friday night, Aug. 2/3, 1996.

Discussing the Santilli-Autopsy/Cameraman's claims of how he came to have the film:

Stanton Friedman: "That is not how classified stuff gets handle. They are not casual about it."

(From the above guest appearance, it is also clear that Stanton T. Friedman understands where the burden of proof lies from the first set of quotes earlier:)

Stanton Friedman: "I don't have the genesis of it, but the burden isn't on me to prove I said."

Just as it is not up to Stanton T. Friedman to prove the genesis of the Santilli Film, that burden falls on claimant Santilli, it is not up to anyone, but to the proponent that the MJ-12 documents are real to prove the genesis of those documents. After visiting fifteen archives, Stanton T. Friedman has not uncovered anything that establishes the genesis of the MJ-12 documents. And neither have the efforts of all other researchers that have attempted to find direct linkage to the claim that the MJ-12 documents are real.

In response to Stanton Friedman's last message to this mailing list:

>Ed made totally unsubstantiated charges that the MJ-12 documents
>are riddled with violations of Security protocol.. including not
>having a TS code number. This is absurd . There are many formerly
>TS documents without code numbers.
>I noted 2 in my "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12", though
>there are several others in it as well.

My apologies. Violations of security would only be an accurate expression if the MJ-12 documents were genuine. Stanton Friedman has yet to establish that to be so. But, Friedman's logic is simply amazing! Let's try to follow it in a slightly different context. Walker there a security breach. Oh! But wait one moment! There is Ames! Therefore, Walker is not a security breach? Sorry, that dog don't fly. Maybe nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, who worked for 14 years handling secret classified documents, expects everyone to believe that control numbers on Top Secret documents were only used on Tuesdays, and every other Friday? No, I am sure that is not it. He is on record stating:

Stanton Friedman: "That is not how classified stuff gets handle. They are not casual about it."

We are expected to accept that MJ-12 was on the order of the Manhattan Project, or the H-Bomb. And we are expected to accept that the people involved were responsible, top-notch specialists in the highest of positions within the military and the National Security Council, some of which had careers in intelligence, concerned, knowledgeable executives with the best of the best in staff support, well aware that unauthorized disclosure could be

expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security. That gives us folks in the trenches a big clue. The higher the classification level, the higher the control. The higher the classification level, the higher the accountability. The rule is more control, not less. The rule is more accountability, not less. Never less.

Not only that, but with the introduction now of the alleged MJ-12 Field Manual we are expected to accept that MJ-12 was an ongoing project/operation with field troops involved out on the field packing saucer debris and aliens by the specs requiring the Manuals to go along with the field operations, exercises and training that expanded a minimum of seven years duration. And during all that time, MJ-12 documents were never brought under proper control? That means if one was lost, misplaced, destroyed, stolen, left at the site, or fallen off the back of the truck, a review or an audit would not discover the security breach! Or for that matter, if any compromise had ever occurred! Simply amazing! It would have been Friday night pinochle game at the barracks for everyone. After all, EBE was safely packed away and there was no accountability for the field manuals.

>I have also pointed to my list of
>more than 30 details in the documents that were not known to
>anybody on the outside before the documents were received.

Do any one of them establish the genesis of MJ-12, or provide a direct link which establishes the authenticity of MJ-12? Nope. If they did we wouldn't be having this dialogue. Your 13 points on Dr. Donald Menzel are irrelevant (see above). Same applies to all of the details you enumerated. None provide a direct link which establishes the authenticity of the MJ-12 documents or their genesis. Besides, the real question should not be "...before the documents were received", but "...after the rumors of MJ-12 were being whispered throughout the UFO community." That would be circa 1980, not after 1984. Until genesis/provenance is established for the MJ-12 documents, the important date is 1980, not 1984, and the possibility of a hoax perpetrated by an "outsider" is just as valid as the possibility of a hoax/disinformation by an "insider" with the window of opportunity starting when the rumors first started circulating.

>If the documents were frauds, they had to have been prepared
>by insiders not outsiders.

Not necessarily so. As you are so fond of saying: "Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence". Since the genesis/provenance of the MJ-12 documents has never been established, anyone with ample time to research an MJ-12 type scenario could have found out about the details and constructed a scenario around them. Not one detail provides a direct link to the authenticity of the MJ-12 documents or to the genesis of MJ-12. MJ-12 was floating around as rumor in the UFO grapevine for many years before Shandera received the rolls of anonymous film in his mailbox. Whoever felt motivated to, could have constructed MJ-12, whether it was an "insider" or "outsider", and had years to prepare and work bugs out of a working script.

>Considering the following papers, it is difficult to
>understand references to Just Caus, especially when noting that
>archival research is certainly not their strong point.

And neither is IUR's, MUFON JOURNAL's, or UFO Magazine's strong point. But, since your heroic and unprecedented archival research produced nothing that established the provenance of the MJ-12 documents or discovered any independent direct link to the authenticity of MJ-12, they have all turned away from MJ-12 in the hopes of more viable pursuits. They all seem to understand that the MJ-12 documents have no provenance, That is one of the strong points of the above publications. Even though nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman understands the concept, he ignores it when it comes to MJ-12.

>1."Final Report on Operation Majestic 12",1990, 108 pages, \$14.
>many documents, even a copy of Klass' check for \$1000. for
>providing 10 documents in the large PICA type of the Cutler Twining
>memo. He set a limit of \$1000.He hadn't been to the Ike Library..mail
>order research is costly and misleading.

Yes. But unfortunately, Phil Klass not knowing one pica from another, does not do anything to establish the provenance of

MJ-12, nor does it do anything towards providing direct linkage to the authenticity of MJ-12.

>2."Crashed Saucers, Majestic 12 and the Debunkers," MUFON paper, >July 1992, 21pgs. 48 Ref. \$4.

Is this the paper that establishes the provenance of MJ-12? Or provides that chain of direct linkage documentation that supports the claim that MJ-12 is real? It didn't when you presented it at the MUFON Conference in 1992. Have you rewritten it since? Whatever you do, don't take out the part that says:

"Literally millions, if not billions, of classified documents have been created. Very few not officially declassified have been released because of the very tight security procedures."

And when they have been leaked, such as the Pentagon Papers, provenance was quickly established. Not so with the alleged MJ-12 documents.

>3."Operation Majestic 12? YES!". Augusr 1994, 37pgs.several >documents. Detailed refutation of Kevin Randle's MJ-12 writings. >\$4.

Okay, you say it refutes Randle, but does it establish the provenance of the MJ-12 documents? Or provide that chain of direct linkage documentation that supports the claim that MJ-12 is real? Inquiring minds want to know.

>4."TOP SECRET/MAJIC" Hardcover July 1996, Marlowe and Co., >272p. Detailed review of the whole MJ-12 Controversy including >debunkers such as Klass, Randle, Sagan, the USAF. \$25. Autographed. >Includes some never before published MJ-12 documents and has 10 pages >of references. All items available from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, >ME 04730-0958. All Prices in US \$ and include postage. >Canadians can write UFORI at POB 3584, Fredericton, NB E3A 5J8

Okay, we already know about debunkers but does your new book establish the provenance of MJ-12? Does it provide the independent direct links to show that MJ-12 is real? Both American and Canadian inquiring minds want to know.

And why do you completely ignore in your "detailed review" the early history of the MJ-12 saga? Not one word of the Aquarius document and its connections to William Moore and Richard Doty. Not one word of the unsuccessful attempts to sell a fiction book based on MJ-12 by William Moore and a pseudonym co-writer, pseudo-initials of "RD", Richard Doty perhaps?, and Bob Pratt who was brought in to provide polished writing? Bob Pratt quickly washed his hands of the MJ-12 saga when they were publicly revealed to the UFO community in 1987 with the Aquarius documents in support of them. And not one word in your book about the CIA/MJ-5 Memo either? Whatever happened to that document that was initially presented as supportive of MJ-12? All were presented originally to the UFO community as all coming from the same sources. Your "detailed review" of the introduction to the MJ-12 documents to the UFO community in your new book has left out quite a lot and appears to be highly selective. Care to discuss why?

>I repeat, if Mr. Stewart has some reason for believing the >MJ-12 documents are riddled with security protocol violations >let him put them on the table along with just how he knows what >protocol is.

Your question on how I know is totally not relevant and the reason is simple. My knowing or not knowing, either way, does not add any relevance as to whether or not the MJ-12 documents are real. Just like Klass not knowing his picas does not provide direct linkage to your claim that the documents are real. Your question is nothing but a distraction, a ruse, a debating tactic to throw the discussion onto a tangential course away from the real issue. What is relevant are the alleged documents themselves and whether or not they stand up on their own to the level required to create a chain of compelling evidence directly linked to each other, data point from data point, that supports your claim that they are real. That is your burden and one that you have yet to demonstrate to the ufological community after having visited 15 archives.

Having said that, security clearances that one may have held in the past are totally irrelevant to the establishment of authority on the subject. All that a security clearance means is that the individual passed a backgrounds check and nothing was found in the individual's past that would keep that individual from being granted the clearance. Background checks are more stringent the higher the clearance being granted.

Also, having been granted a security clearance says nothing to the effect that the individual ever was placed in a position that required actual access to classified documents. What it does mean is that someone earlier made the determination that the position could, during the course of business, have a need to access that level of classification. And who wants to wait six months at minimum for the clearance approval? So, the individual holding that desk/position/job had to have the required clearance before taking over the assignment in order to fulfill the requirements of the position. Nothing more and nothing less.

Access is based on a need to know basis and critically controlled. An individual reading a classified document would be breaking security if the document was discussed with the person sitting next to them, who could actually have a higher clearance, but not a need to know. In the world of ufology there are plenty of people out there who make it a point to taunt their audiences with personal revelations of any past clearances they may/may not have had. How often have we heard lines such as: "I held a Cosmic Top Secret and therefore I was granted access to this special vault where there was this book with an orange cover". It is a strict appeal to emotion and authority and it reaches only those that have never had a clearance in the first place, a sales pitch more designed to enthrall an audience than to establish credibility and also falling far short of establishing a direct link that such a thing ever occurred in the first place in the absence of independent verification.

Having said that, would you believe me if I told you I cruise the Web? Hmmm!

Would you believe me if I told you I read a lot? Hmmm!

Would you believe me if I told you I have a consultant friend who for many years held various duties in the military such as: Top Secret Control Officer, Top Secret Destruction Official, Security Manager, Classified Document Custodian, COMSEC Custodian, and also held a Critical Nuclear Weapons Position? Hmmm!

Would you believe me if I told you that this consultant friend has also visited just about as many different archives as you? Hmmm!

Would you believe me if I told you this consultant friend has discussed many of these same issues with you, but some that I have not brought up, last year at the Connecticut UFO Conference and that you admitted to him last year that yes, there are a lot of problems with the MJ-12 documents? Hmmm!

Would you believe me if I told you that it is in his expert opinion

(opinions are not decisive, but nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman seems to be impressed with people that have handled classified documents and have done heroic and unprecedented archival research)

that "the MJ-12 documents are highly suspect and their validity is extremely doubtful and if genesis/provenance can't be established they should not be at the core of UFO research"? Hmmm!

Would you believe me if I told you I have handled classified documents as part of my past responsibilities both in the military and later in Civil Service within the infrastructure of the Department of Defense in two different Commands for over 14 years, and that part of that time included briefing flag officers, both on a scheduled basis and on demand, and represented the Command at interservice meetings held with and without the Air Staff on assigned projects, as well as preparing

correspondence on assigned projects for flag officer signature to other Commands, the Air Staff, other Services, and various Agencies outside of DoD, including OMB? Hmmm!

What does that mean? Absolutely NOTHING in terms of establishing credibility or authority in relation to the MJ-12 available evidence. It may well get a college auditorium all excited, but it does not do anything to establish the validity of the evidence. The evidence has to stand on its own with all the data points linked to each other from one end of the chain of evidence to the other. What it does mean is that I am not exaggerating when I say that flag officer correspondence had to be PERFECT! No mistakes, no errors. PERFECT, on the basis of my personal experiences, but then again, I never had any experience with any correspondence or briefings involving "MJ-12", or any other sloppy alleged groups that have no genesis. Hmmm!

Well, if you answered yes to all of the above would-you-believe questions, you would be right on the money.

>My many weeks at archives have certainly shown that there are many >variations in all aspects of marking and handling highly classified >documents. I already knew that from my 14 years in industry 1956-1970 >handling classified documents, but visits to Archives are very >educational.
>Stan Friedman

My hopes are that someday a chain of evidence showing direct linkage from data element to data element and genesis/provenance will be established. For the last two decades since the first whispers of MJ-12, ufology appears mostly to have stood still, chasing one after the other alleged "revelations", all of which share a commonality with MJ-12: no genesis/provenance.

I have but one question for Stanton Friedman. Is there anything in your new book that provides multiple, independent, link-by-link, verified and direct chains of evidence that establishes the genesis/provenance of the MJ-12 documents?

Ed Stewart

Ed Stewart - egs@netcom.com - | So Man, who here seems principal alone,
"There is | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.
Something 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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The claim has continually been made by proponents of the MJ-12 papers that nothing of substance has been presented to show the MJ-12 papers to be bogus and that the arguments against their authenticity have only come from the skeptical community. Nothing is further from the truth.

To circumvent, hopefully, the above erroneous position of MJ-12 supporters I offer the following reposted bibliography of UFO literature that conclusively shows that the MJ-12 papers were cracked as bogus by UFO researchers interested in disciplined and critical research, and not by members outside the UFO community.

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08-12-96: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
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> I just wish Ed would put some data on the table... like documented
> protocols about TS documents requiring control numbers.
> Stan Friedman

It appears that nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, the original Roswell researcher with decades of unprecedented personal archival research, as well as substantial archival research in conjunction with co-researchers, is having difficulties accepting a simple statement of fact made by me in an earlier missive to this list. This is good. No claim should be accepted at face value. Just as healthy skepticism is good for science (pay close attention to that process with the current news breaking Mars-life claim for insights into the process as scientists examine the claims for compelling evidence of direct linkage), the process is also healthy and desperately needed within the world of Ufology.

Please note the following:

AR 380-5 Chapter VII Access, Dissemination, and Accountability
Section 3 Accountability and Control

More specifically the above states:

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Also, "AR 380-5 7-300. Top Secret information
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Please note also that "AR 380-5 Appendix F Program Evaluation Guide" asks the necessary questions for proper evaluation of existing documents to see whether or not they are in conformity with existing security protocols? There are hundreds of questions that need to be addressed and too long for me to post all here. But of immediate relevance are the following:

AR 380-5 F-6. Classified information access, dissemination, and accountability

- " r. Are copies of classified documents subjected to the same controls as the originals?
- " y. Are all TOP SECRET documents numbered serially?
- "ab. Is the two person rule followed in areas where TOP SECRET and Special Access Program (SAP) information is stored and accessible?
- "ad. Has an exception to policy been submitted and approved for TOP SECRET and SAP areas where the two-person rule cannot be implemented?"

The "Program Evaluation Guide" shows that the self-evaluation questions

are applicable not only to TOP SECRET documents, but also to TOP SECRET (SAP) documents. And no where does it ask if an exception to policy has been submitted and approved for not serially numbering all TOP SECRET (SAP) documents. Whereas the two-person rule for SAP can be excepted under exceptional circumstances, not so for the serialization marking requirement to the actual document and copies of TOP SECRET documents. Even though AR 380-381 ((C) Special Access Programs (U)) is a CONFIDENTIAL classified regulation, DA Pamphlet 380-381 (Security for Special Access Programs) is not, as neither is DoD Directive 5205.7 (Special Access Programs (SAPs)). A Special Access program is any program imposing need-to-know or access controls beyond those normally required for access to Confidential, Secret, or Top Secret information.

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AR 380-5 derives its authority through DoD Directive 5200.1: DoD Information Security Program, which implements Presidential Executive Orders on National Security Information. Applicable Presidential Executive Orders which have governed the classification program have been:

Executive Order 12958, 1995, Clinton
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 Executive Order 10501, 1953, Eisenhower
 Executive Order 10290, 1951, Truman
 Executive Order 10104, 1950, Truman
 Executive Order 8381, 1940, Roosevelt

The last significant change on National Security Information occurred when Truman in 1951 discarded references to congressional authority and in essence vested authority solely onto the Executive Branch and brought control of the classification system under the President and the White House, a power that to this day is still solely vested in the President of the United States.

As shown above, not only are control numbers required markings on TOP SECRET documents, but control numbers are also required on TOP SECRET Special Access Program (SAP) documents, TOP SECRET Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) documents, and TOP SECRET COMSEC documents.

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PS. not that it will even be read or noticed, but a Cc: sent to Art Bell . --

Date: Mon, 12 Aug 1996 12:07:16 -0400
To: ianr@global-data.com
From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ebk@nobelmed.com>
Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

From: egs@netcom.com (Edward G. Stewart)
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation
To: ebk@nobelmed.com (UFO UpDates - Toronto)
Date: Sun, 11 Aug 1996 16:03:26 -0700 (PDT)

Regarding: fsphys@brunswickmicro.nb.ca

> I just wish Ed would put some data on the table... like documented
> protocols about TS documents requiring control numbers.
> Stan Friedman

It appears that nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, the original Roswell researcher with decades of unprecedented personal archival research, as well as substantial archival research in conjunction with co-researchers, is having difficulties accepting a simple statement of fact made by me in an earlier missive to this list. This is good. No claim should be accepted at face value. Just as healthy skepticism is good for science (pay close attention to that process with the current news breaking Mars-life claim for insights into the process as scientists examine the claims for compelling evidence of direct linkage), the process is also healthy and desperately needed within the world of Ufology.

Please note the following:

AR 380-5 Chapter VII Access, Dissemination, and Accountability
Section 3 Accountability and Control

More specifically the above states:

"AR 380-5 7-300. Top Secret information
"DoD activities shall establish the following procedures:

"b. Accountability

"2. Serialization and copy numbering. Top Secret documents and material shall be numbered serially. In addition, each Top Secret document shall be marked to indicate its copy number, for example, copy -1- of -2-copies. Top Secret documents will be numbered in sequence as they are received in a calendar year series. This number will be posted to the document and control register. Changes to controlled documents will be assigned the same control number as the basic document, except that a suffix (such as "Change 4'') will be added. The change will be incorporated immediately into the basic document; a notation will be added to the description block on the document register."

Also,"AR 380-5 7-300. Top Secret information
"DoD activities shall establish the following procedures:

"c. Inventories. All Top Secret documents and material shall be inventoried at least once annually. Within Army, TSCOs will conduct a monthly 10-percent inventory of Top Secret documents. The inventory shall reconcile by the tenth month, the Top Secret accountability register with 100 percent of the Top Secret documents or material on hand. At such time, each document or material shall be examined for completeness..."

Please note also that "AR 380-5 Appendix F Program Evaluation Guide" asks the necessary questions for proper evaluation of existing documents to see whether or not they are in conformity with existing security protocols? There are hundreds of

questions that need to be addressed and too long for me to post all here. But of immediate relevance are the following:

AR 380-5 F-6. Classified information access, dissemination, and accountability

- " r. Are copies of classified documents subjected to the same controls as the originals?
- " y. Are all TOP SECRET documents numbered serially?
- "ab. Is the two person rule followed in areas where

TOP SECRET and Special Access Program (SAP) information is stored and accessible?
"ad. Has an exception to policy been submitted and approved for TOP SECRET and SAP areas where the two-person rule cannot be implemented?"

The "Program Evaluation Guide" shows that the self-evaluation questions are applicable not only to TOP SECRET documents, but also to TOP SECRET (SAP) documents. And no where does it ask if an exception to policy has been submitted and approved for not serially numbering all TOP SECRET (SAP) documents. Whereas the two-person rule for SAP can be excepted under exceptional circumstances, not so for the serialization marking requirement to the actual document and copies of TOP SECRET documents. Even though AR 380-381 ((C) Special Access Programs (U)) is a CONFIDENTIAL classified regulation, DA Pamphlet 380-381 (Security for Special Access Programs) is not, as neither is DoD Directive 5205.7 (Special Access Programs (SAPs)). A Special Access program is any program imposing need-to-know or access controls beyond those normally required for access to Confidential, Secret, or Top Secret information.

Programs which fall under SCI and COMSEC guidelines have separate classified regulations detailing additional security procedures, but the rule of thumb is the higher the security requirement, the higher the control, the higher the accountability. Never is it less control, less accountability. Please note:

AR 380-5 1-205. Sensitive compartmented and communications security information.

"a. Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) and Communications Security (COMSEC) Information shall be handled and controlled in accordance with applicable national directives and DoD Directives and Instructions. Other classified information, while in established SCI or COMSEC areas, may be handled in the same manner as SCI or COMSEC information. Classification principles and procedures, markings, downgrading, and declassification [my emphasis] [*****] actions prescribed in this Regulation apply to SCI and COMSEC information."

AR 380-5 derives its authority through DoD Directive 5200.1: DoD Information Security Program, which implements Presidential Executive Orders on National Security Information. Applicable Presidential Executive Orders which have governed the classification program have been:

Executive Order 12958, 1995, Clinton
Executive Order 12937, 1994, Clinton
Executive Order 12356, 1982, Reagan
Executive Order 12065, 1978, Carter
Executive Order 11652, 1972, Nixon
Executive Order 10964, 1961, Kennedy
Executive Order 10501, 1953, Eisenhower
Executive Order 10290, 1951, Truman
Executive Order 10104, 1950, Truman
Executive Order 8381, 1940, Roosevelt

The last significant change on National Security Information occurred when Truman in 1951 discarded references to congressional authority and in essence vested authority solely onto the Executive Branch and brought control of the classification system under the President and the White House, a power that to this day is still solely vested in the President of the United States.

As shown above, not only are control numbers required markings on TOP SECRET documents, but control numbers are also required on TOP SECRET Special Access Program (SAP) documents, TOP SECRET Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) documents, and TOP SECRET COMSEC documents.

Not only are all TOP SECRET documents tightly controlled, but they are also systematically inventoried and validated for completeness every 10 months. The guidelines re-emphasize that one of the items requiring re-verification every year is that all TOP SECRET documents have a serialized control number marking on the document and reconciled with the TOP SECRET control registry.

An alleged TOP SECRET document or manual created in the 40s/50s would have been systematically inventoried and validated for completeness well over forty/fifty times since then. The fact that none of the alleged MJ-12 documents have serialized control numbers strongly suggests that they were never brought under proper control as required by regulations and directives under the authority of Presidential Executive Orders. This suggests that the alleged MJ-12 documents were never under the control of the President of the United States and the Executive Branch of the United States and are simply bogus.

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart - egs@netcom.com - | So Man, who here seems principal alone,
"Here is | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.
Something 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: UFO Communication?

From: Rick Goldsmith <rgoldsm@synapse.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 18:16:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 04:44:30 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>From: Brian Straight <brians@mdb.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:08:45 -0500

>>From: Rick Goldsmith <rgoldsm@synapse.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?
>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 19:32:26 -0500

>>The "changes in the polarization" of the reflected laser light,
>>in this example, has more to do with the "reflective properties
>>of the MO layer that were modified by the magnetic record head".

>Hi, Rick. Thanks for the stimulating post. If I may briefly
>add a definition on the Faraday effect from a handout given at
>good ol' Purdue (our local University), the Farady Effect is:

>"A magneto-optic effect in which the polarization plane of an
>electromagnetic wave is rotated under the influence of a
>magnetic field parallel to the direction of propagation."

>Which suggests that there is a direct interaction between the EM
>wave and the magnetic field, rather than polarization introduced
>by the reflective properties of the MO layer in a magneto
>optical device modified by a magnetic field (unless, I'm missing
>something, that is :)).

>Brian

Well Brian, I did some poking around after reading this post and
from what I can gather, you were absolutely right and I was
wrong (ouch, that smarts!). Here's a quote I found on a Physics
website discussing Faraday rotation;

"Given two rays of circularly polarized light, one with left
hand and the other with right hand polarization, the one with
the polarization in the same direction as the electricity of the
magnetizing current travels with greater velocity. I.e., the
plane of linearly polarized light is rotated when a magnetic
field is applied perpendicular to the propagation direction. The
empirical angle of rotation is given by >(formula here)"

Fascinating stuff! Seems to imply that the light is being sped
up or slowed down, which is pretty amazing in itself. I'll have
to do more reading about this. Can you think of anything that
utilizes this effect on a larger scale than a MO disc? I'd love
to see this effect in action if in fact one can see it at all
(with eyes, that is). I wonder if you can apply it to other,
non-laser sources of light as well. Thanks for setting me
Straight :)

Cheers
Rick Goldsmith

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Betty Hill?

From: Joseph Trainor <Masinaigan@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:29:21 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 04:54:47 -0500
Subject: Betty Hill?

Dear List Members:

Does anyone have a current email address or snail-mail address for UFO contactee Mrs. Betty Hill of New Hampshire?

I have been contacted by a European ufologist who would like to interview her. Any help would be appreciated. Thanks!

Joseph Trainor

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Re: Roger's Rhyme #1

From: Scott Caput <scaput@shadow.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:05:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 05:02:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Roger's Rhyme #1

>Roger Evans
>From: moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:52:13 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Roger's Rhyme #1

>Hello all,

>Feeling a bit creative tonite. Enjoy...

>I came to this list by way of a friend
>in the hope that, per chance, a fresh view I might lend
>to the views, high and low, of those that are able
>to accept new ideas and blow off age old fables.

>But, alas I do find that what's old is what's new
>as the truth, far too often, is looked at askew.
>Who am I, some might ask, to suggest that these things
>should be thought of as fact when the fat lady sings?

<snip>

>(How'd I do, Alfred?)

Bravo! Roger.

What do you think Alfred?

--

Scott R. Caput

The brain is by far the most complexly organized piece of matter we know. It is enormously more complicated in structure than a star is, for instance, which is why astronomers know so much about stars, and psychologists know so little about brains.

Isaac Asimov

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:16:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 05:06:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 99 12:11:13 Pst
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:15:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 21:37:17 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>>From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
>>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:12:04 -0800
>>>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:24:13 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:26:59 EST
>>>>To: Updates@Globalserve.net
>>>>Subject: Keeping Secrets

Previously, Scott had pointed out:

>>>.... one example
>>>which I have personally witnessed is the simple fact that the
>>>warning signs at the military border of Area 51 clearly state
>>>"Use of deadly force authorized."

I added what I felt was a common train of thought among doubters:

>>It hasn't happened to me or anyone else that I know, plus it's
>>not the known policy of the US government. Therefore, it doesn't
>>happen.

>>The obvious flaw in this logic is to suggest that it can't
>>happen to the many if it's not known to have happened to the
>>one. The key phrase here is "known to have happened".

Jerry offers:

>I think it is fair to ask for specific examples here.

Hi Jerry,

It's fair if you know that the information is readily available.

If you know that the very nature of the subject precludes the
availability of that info, then it's faulty logic to say, "There.
You can't prove it, so it never happened!"

I do tend to agree with Bob Young that it does get really old to
hear about "oaths of secrecy" preventing people from telling all
they know. On the other hand, as an old military man once told
me, there's a reason they call it "spilling your guts". <G>

>While our
>government, like every government, has abused its power on
>occasion, that abuse tends to get exposed sooner or later,
>careers get ruined, and in extreme cases people go to prison.

The thing you are leaving out is that people do get hurt, Jerry. Sure, maybe the bad guys eventually get exposed. But that only means that WHILE it was happening it was a secret activity; which is what this discussion is all about. They never PLAN on getting caught. Most importantly, just because we catch a few does not mean that we've caught them all.

>I don't think this sort of paranoia -- it's hard to think of
>another word for it -- does much for anybody except maybe
>recruiters for the militia movement. It's possible to keep a
>healthily skeptical view of government and to be properly
>critical when it does wrong without going over the edge here.

I suppose. But I don't think the sign at Area 51 will ever read:

"Use of Really Harsh Words Authorized" <G>

Later,

Roger Evans

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'Mind-Body Problem'

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<http://www.villagevoice.com/features/9904/sandow.shtml>

Stig

January 27 - February 2, 1999

Mind-Body Problem

by Greg Sandow.

UFO research teeters between science and insanity

When I tell people I've done UFO research, they react in many ways, most of them interested and sympathetic. But often they ask an irresistible question. Have I heard any crazy stories?

Of course I have. How about the guy who told me aliens put a chip in his head that made women flock to him? Even better, he said, the aliens told him to go out and use it . . . which, I have to say, I saw him doing, though I doubt that aliens were responsible.

And then there was the woman from the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI), an organization that claims to be serious and responsible but also says it's made direct contact with aliens. Its members have gone out at night, they say, blinked searchlights at the sky =97 and sure enough, the aliens blinked back! But when I asked if I could see this for myself, their spokes-woman turned me down, big-time. My mistake, apparently, was asking to observe as a journalist. "Oh, no," the CSETI representative replied. "We've learned our lesson. We invited CBS, and they said it didn't happen."

Then she told me that the government was beaming harmful rays at her.

But amusing as all this is =97 I could tell crazy UFO tales all day long =97 it's not the crazy stories that matter. It's the sane ones. To understand the UFO phenomenon, you need to hear firsthand accounts, from reasonable people who aren't looking for publicity, like the woman in her twenties and the older married couple, who =97 in separate incidents =97 told me they saw something really huge pass overhead in silence, flying low, at treetop height, some years ago in the Hudson Valley (an area with many reports of such

sightings).

All three people described what seemed like similar patterns of metallic piping on the bottom of what they say they saw. It's that last detail that makes these sightings more than usually impressive, though I'm not going to say that these people saw spaceships. How could I? How can any of us know for sure?

But unless they're lying, it seems that they saw something that doesn't sound much like a weather balloon, the planet Venus, or a plane, to name a few things often blamed for UFO reports. Nor does it seem like a group of ultralight aircraft flying in formation, the explanation most commonly suggested for the Hudson Valley sightings. It's true, of course, that people often make mistakes about what they think they see. But these people insist they saw real objects that darkened the sky and had a textured underside.

You'll also find sane reports from people who think they've been abducted by aliens. Budd Hopkins, a New York painter and sculptor who's America's most famous abduction researcher, at one point invited me to look through his unopened mail.

A very few letters came from evidently crazy people. ("The aliens visit me each Thursday.") But most were simple and sincere. These writers didn't claim to have been abducted. They did think, though, that something they couldn't explain was happening. Often they sounded terrified. For most of their lives, they wrote, they'd seen unexpected lights in their rooms at night, and beings by their beds. The beings didn't necessarily seem like aliens, but the letter writers were desperate for an explanation.

They also say their encounters left otherwise unexplained marks on their bodies. And when I've met them, I've sometimes found them saying they remember things they didn't dare to write about, like being driven by their parents to an isolated field where something like "a merry-go-round with lights" was waiting for them. What they want to know =97 and they ask the question warily, skeptically, thinking that they're crazy just to write or type the words =97 is whether abductions might explain what they say has been happening.

Often, these abductees then get hypnotized, to recover further memories, and that's controversial. Most psychologists think hypnosis can't recover memory. But psychologists who write about abductions =97 and I've read just about all the papers on the subject ever published in psychology journals =97 make elementary mistakes. Few have ever spoken to an abductee, and yet they'll write that abductees are UFO enthusiasts (not true), who proclaim their abduction memories only after being hypnotized (also not true). The situation is far more complex than that, but whatever's going on, it's something nobody has yet explained.

Which brings me to the craziest =97 and saddest =97 thing I've seen in the world of UFOs, and that's the confusion surrounding the subject. Mainstream media print misinformation =97 not disinformation, not deliberate lies or cover-ups, but just shoddy, unchecked data, as if UFOs were beneath contempt, and no reporter need take them seriously enough to check historical facts. More seriously, one leading investigator of the Roswell crash, Kevin Randle, once told me that no one from the mainstream media had ever looked through his files to find out why he thinks the crash was of something alien. He let me do it, and what I found was quite convincing, though lately the skeptics have the upper hand, because some leading Roswell witnesses have been caught in lies or exaggerations.

And within the field of UFO research, I've found a sad polarization. On one side, we have people blinking lights at aliens, and on the other, scientific skeptics who think they can explain even serious UFO reports but don't have a clue what they're talking about. The most astonishing example came from Donald Menzel, a Harvard astronomer who wrote three books debunking UFOs.

Menzel laughed at a report from an Anglican priest in New Guinea, who said he watched beings walking around, apparently working, in a hovering UFO for more than 20 minutes. Now, I'm not going to say this really happened; I don't have a clue. But Menzel suggested =97 with no evidence at all =97 that the priest suffered from astigmatism, and either didn't know it, or had forgotten to put on his glasses. What he saw, said Menzel, was Venus, distorted by astigmatism into an oval shape =97 and as for beings, those were the priest's own eyelashes!

I myself spent four hours arguing with Philip Klass, the most widely published current UFO skeptic, who raged that abductees make their claims only to get on TV. That's absurd. I've met dozens of them, and they fervently protect their privacy. Only one has ever let me print his name. So I had to ask: Which abductees had Klass met? "The ones who appear with me on television," he replied without a trace of irony.

I also talked about two airline pilots who made headlines back in 1948, reporting that they'd seen an unknown craft with windows swooping past their plane one night. This, Klass writes in his 1974 book, UFOs Explained, was "clearly" a meteor, so "clearly," in fact, that the case must be "removed for all time from the category of 'unidentifieds.' "

But how, I asked him, could he be so sure? That the pilots could have seen a meteor is obvious enough, since (as Klass points out) in other cases people did imagine windows, when all they saw were random lights. But even skeptics can't cite any meteor known to fall that night in 1948, so how can Klass be certain?

"Suppose something went wrong with your PC," he rumbled, chuckling, but not quite answering my question. "Would you suspect evil spirits, or would you call a technician?" Evidently UFOs were as improbable as ghosts to him, and as easily dismissable. But I kept probing, and finally he took a stand. "Since there is no proof that unknown craft are in the sky," he said, "I prefer a prosaic explanation." Or, in other words, since there are no UFOs, nobody could ever see one. File that under faith, not science.

After four years of UFO research, I'm left with only one firm conclusion. Despite years of Star Trek, the possibility of aliens=97 right here, now, on Earth among us =97 is so unsettling that many people, both skeptics and believers, can't talk sense about it.

(Image: Identified flying object: Morgianna the Intergalactic Belly Dancer at the 1997 Roswell "encounter" - Meg Handler)

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>To: updates@globalserve.net

>Source: "alt.ufo.reports".

>Stig

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>Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports
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>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:49:06 -0500
>ef: news.get2net.dk alt.ufo.reports:26306

>The Intruders Foundation Presents

>THE 1999 UFO ABDUCTION CONFERENCE
>- WHAT WE KNOW AND HOW WE KNOW IT -

>On Saturday, April 10, 1999, New York City will be the site of a
>day-long national conference on the UFO abduction phenomenon.
>Four of America's most respected UFO researchers - Budd Hopkins,
>Stanton Friedman, David Jacobs and Jerome Clark - will welcome
>the public to a cutting-edge presentation of current evidence
>for the reality and possible future of alien abductions.

Not all the evidence. Only that which they want you to hear. You will notice that there are no speakers or information offered about alternatives to these specific people's opinions. How cutting edge can it be without alternative explanations being offered.

>The conference is planned as both a crash course in the ongoing
>UFO abduction phenomenon - what we know and how we know it - and
>an illustrated presentation of the latest research findings.

It will only be a crash course in belief structure and it will not contain the latest findings. Only those findings which they want you to hear. In an upcoming book by Kevin Randle (me), Russ Estes, and Dr. William P. Cone, we take a long and hard look at the abduction phenomenon as it exists today. We can find some alternative explanations and we offered to share these at the conference, but the organizers were uninterested in that. They are only interested in promoting alien abduction as if it is a proven fact and refuse to answer hard questions about it.

KRandle

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08-12-96: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

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Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 10:21:14 -0500
Subject: 08-12-96: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

This repost, also from 8/12/1996, touches on the issue of relevancy. Does the alleged evidence being claimed by the proponents support the authenticity of the claim, or is it just more sound bytes?

It also contributes towards the demystification of the MJ-12 saga. The claim, as you will see, that outsiders could not have fabricated the MJ-12 papers does not stand up to the historical record and it is just as phony as the documents themselves.

The false implication that only insiders could have produced the documents is argued by promoters of the documents to suggest the only two possibilities open to reason are that the documents are either genuine, or if not, a conspiracy to disinform. No other alternatives are given, much less suggested, research or explored.

The dichotomy presented above by MJ-12 proponents is a logical fallacy known as exclusion of the middle. Absence of evidence for one possibility does not imply evidence for the other extreme possibility. The middle cannot be excluded and many alternatives exist. Exploration of alternatives requires that the issue of provenance/genesis be addressed. Something that apparently is not a priority with the MJ-12 promoters.

With the above in mind let me repeat my original question in the repost below from 1996 to the new batch of MJ-12 papers. Is there anything in the new alleged evidence that establishes multiple, independent, direct, link-by-link, verified chains of evidence to show that MJ-12 is real, or that establishes the genesis/provenance of the MJ-12 documents?

Ed Stewart
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Date: Sun, 11 Aug 1996 17:34:31 -0700 (PDT)

Regarding: fsphys@brunswickmicro.nb.ca

>I have yet to see a poll of Ufologists showing their views
>about the documents, nor one showing how many have studied
>my report or later papers,

You are absolutely correct. I just took a quick inventory of all of the articles provided to the mailing list as a chronological history of MJ-12 as it was picked up by the UFO press, and not one single scientific poll of serious Ufologists. You don't suppose that may be because there just aren't that many serious Ufologists in the world to validate the results of a poll?

Depending on the margin of error one would be willing to accept, one would need to find between 1600 and 3000. In the absence of a rigid, well constructed poll, one could always hop to Las Vegas and get some kind of bet over there. Be curious to see what kind of odds Nevada is offering on MJ-12? Nevertheless, polls? I was under the impression that scientists were more interested in being able to present multiple, independent, link-by-link, verified chains of evidence. How does one get that from a poll?

Nevertheless, I did come across quite a few articles that had forums filled with serious Ufologists discussing their research findings about the MJ-12 documents. You are in there yourself presenting your viewpoint. Also, each of the four publications provided quite extensive space to editorials and investigative reporting regarding the MJ-12 documents. Over all, about 150 articles detailing the full spectrum of MJ-12 that provides a substantive sample of what the editors', columnists', and research writers' opinions were of the MJ-12 documents. Included is also Richard H. Hall's personal skepticism towards the MJ-12 evidence after submittal of the "Final Report" to the Fund.

>or the data reported in 'Top Secret/Majic'.

I wouldn't mind opening up the discussion on it. I am perplexed, though. It appears that your claim of providing a "detailed review of the whole MJ-12 controversy" in an earlier marketing post to the mailing list is highly selective and does not include any mention of any of the below:

1. When the MJ-12 documents were first presented to the Ufological community by Moore-Shandera-Friedman in 1987, as evidence for MJ-12, they included the Aquarius Project, CIA/MJ-5 memo, as well as others. The claim then was that they all came from the same "sources". There is no mention of them in your new book. All of those documents seem to simply have disappeared from the face of the earth. Care to discuss why?

2. It also became known that Bob Pratt was brought in by Bill Moore to write a novel with him in Jan. 1982 with Moore providing the "technical details" from his "sources" and passing those on to Pratt. The basis for the novel was Project Aquarius and the working title was MAJIK-12. This was a full two years before the alleged MJ-12 documents were mailed to Shandera in 1984. Pratt has never supported the "anonymous" MJ-12 documents. There is no mention of this whole part of the MJ-12 documents controversy. Care to discuss why?

3. Is there some reason why only the first page of the new MJ-12 Manual was photocopied, the remaining 17 pages were retyped into the book? Also, any reason the entire manual as received was not printed to the book? Is there something wrong with the manual pages you decided not to use?

>I did for example, provide a list of more than 30 pieces of
>information that turned out to be true but were not known

>before the documents were received. These items are ignored in

>just about all the criticisms I have seen.

For one thing the more than 30 pieces of information that turn out to be true are simply not relevant to either providing direct link evidence to the claim that MJ-12 is real, or to establish the genesis/provenance of the documents. But since I brought these issues up in a prior missive and asked if there was anything in your new book that established the genesis/provenance of the book or provided direct link evidence to the central claim that MJ-12 is real without getting a response, lets move into some of these alleged details that you claim "...were not known before the documents were received."

Let's take a closer look at this. Canadian Wilbur Smith's memo was known to Ufologists since the late 70s that linked him to Vannevar Bush. Friedman himself received a copy of this memo in the late 70s from researcher Scott Foster. This memo created a strong interest in Bush many researchers followed up and tried to find out as much as they could about Bush.

This interest/research could have uncovered many of Bush's relationships before the arrival of the MJ-12 film to Shandera, including the Bush-Menzel "connection". Friedman himself in IUR, Vol. 13, No.1, Jan/Feb 1988 "The Secret Life of Donald H. Menzel" stated:

"In checking my files on Vannevar Bush after hearing of the

briefing document from Shandera and Bill Moore I found a letter to Bush from Robert Proctor..."

The Proctor letter establishes the Bush-Menzel connection as well as the Menzel loyalty hearings. If Friedman already had this information in his files before hearing of the MJ-12 film, so could have other researchers interested in Vannevar Bush, as also other researchers that had co-researched with Friedman in a generous exchange of research material gathered. And one of them may well have followed up on the Bush/Menzel lead also.

Also, an FOIA from researcher Robert Todd to the FBI requesting Menzel's FBI file shows that anyone requesting Menzel's FBI file would have received information establishing Menzel as a NSA consultant as well as confirmation of the loyalty hearings already established with the Proctor letter. Also, the FOIA FBI file received by Robert Todd showed that Menzel himself requested his own file shortly before he died in 1976, but died before receiving it with the FBI sending it to his wife instead. That means that his wife did know about her husband's NSA involvement as well as the loyalty hearings since the FBI files contained that information and more.

Also, many researchers knew that FOIA requests to the FBI were producing some results. As an instance, Moore, himself in his own catalogs and newsletters advertised for sale FOIA FBI files on numerous UFO personalities that he himself secured from the FBI through the FOIA. This establishes that researchers were familiar with the process and that data was available on UFO personalities from the FBI, or for that matter from Moore also. If Moore wasn't selling a particular UFO personality at the time, an FOIA to the FBI would have resulted in a reply. Menzel's was available through the FBI.

As for all the "revelations" regarding Twinning. Twinning was already a focus of research in ufology before 1984. Friedman himself stated on page 92 of "Top Secret/Majic":

"As Bill read the memo to me over the phone, I was immediately reminded of a July 13, 1953 Cutler-Twining memo we had found in late 1981 at the Library of Congress

Manuscript Division."

And from page 101:

"First, Twining's schedules were unclassified - theoretically, any private citizen could have requested them."

So, not only was Twining a subject of research by UFO researchers before 1984, but his schedules were unclassified and easily accessible by anyone.

On "special date" November 18, 1952 MJ-12 Eisenhower briefing.

"General Twinning was definitely at one of the Pentagon briefings with Eisenhower." page 234.

Since Twinning's schedules were unclassified and easily accessible and since he had been a major focus of UFO research well before 1984, as established by the example offered of Moore/Friedman 1981 archival research of Twinning, any date associated with Twinning could well have been secured before the arrival of the MJ-12 film and known to any researcher that was interested in Twinning. The same holds true for the Sept 18 and Sept 19 dates associated with Twinning claimed by Friedman as

"insider" only information, but not necessarily so.

On "special date" Sept 24, 1947, date of Truman-Forrestal memo. Since this date relates also to Bush, who was a major focus of research due to the 70's Wilbur B. Smith memo, anyone researching Wilbur Smith/Bush connection during the first half of the 1980s could have come across this date where he met Truman. After all, according to Friedman the only date where Vannevar Bush did meet with Truman in the last months of 1947 was the special date used in the Truman-Forrestal memo. An outsider with the knowledge of this date may well have found it extremely attractive since it also included Forrestal, but Friedman claims only an insider could have known before 1984. Well, contrary to Stanton Friedman's claim, this date was already known to outsiders and not just insiders as Friedman claims. >From page 101 of the 1982 MUFON PROCEEDINGS, William L. Moore, "The Roswell Investigation: New Evidence In The Search For A Crashed UFO" writes:

"On September 24, he [Bush] and the new secretary of Defense, James Forrestal, met with President Truman at the White House - a meeting which resulted in Dr. Bush's appointment as Chairman of the new Research and Development Board of the National Military Establishment."

And hold in behold, every outsider at that 1982 MUFON Conference knew also of the "special date" that Friedman in 1996 claims could only have been known by "insiders" before 1984.

I simply use the above examples to illustrate that Stanton T. Friedman's claim of "insider information only" in his new book and as re-stated in this mailing list is full of holes. The only real surprise that came to most outsiders was Menzel. Many Ufologists already had pencil connections to the alleged MJ-12 people, but not Menzel, so claims Friedman. Yet, by Friedman's own admission the Bush-Menzel friendship and loyalty hearing connection was already in his files before the arrival of the Shandera film. If it was in his files, it may well also have been in any of his associates' files and their associates' files. Since there was a strong interest in Wilbur Smith, anyone researching Bush could have stumbled across Menzel, or simply have used the more direct approach and filed an FOIA with the FBI, something that was being done by many "outsiders".

As I hope I have illustrated above, the "insider information not known to UFO researchers" arguments are baseless in fact.

To see how an "outsider" could have arrived at a working script of MJ-12, let's take a look at Bedell Smith.

On "special date" Aug 1, 1950, date of Walter Bedell Smith's naming to MJ-12. If one was considering Bedell Smith for a role with MJ-12 based on his future appointment to the CIA effective Oct 7, 1950, one just needed to check and see what dates Bedell/Truman had met together retroactively from Oct 7, 1950 and analyze the options. I certainly would not have picked a date he did not "meet" with Truman. According to Friedman, the only date in the first 10 months of 1950 that he met with Truman was the Aug 1, 1950 alleged date of his MJ12 appointment. This date would of have to been the only date, the only choice, for either an "insider" as Friedman claims, or an "outsider" which Friedman claims could not have known.

Friedman's logic in presenting his list of only "insider" information possible is fallacious. The argument is claiming a negative. "no outsider" could have known. I have shown that "outsiders" could have known and in fact are on record as knowing and being in possession of much of the critical data regarding Menzel, Twinning and Bush years before the MJ-12 film arrived at Shandera's mail box, including the entire 1982 MUFON CONFERENCE "insider information special date of Sep 24, 1947", courtesy of Bill Moore of the 1984-1987 Moore-Shandera-Friedman dream team.

Let me repeat my original question. Is there anything in the new book that establishes multiple, independent, direct, link-by-link, verified chains of evidence to show that MJ-12 is real, or that establishes the genesis/provenance of the MJ-12

documents?

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart - egs@netcom.com - | So Man, who here seems principal alone,  
"There is | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
Something 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: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 23:08:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 10:25:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Regarding:

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 08:20:40 +0000
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Roger wrote:

>Hi James,

<snip>

>If the info about Santilli processing the film is true, then it
>should be fairly easy to find the lab that did the work.

Roger,

We already know who it's claimed carried out the work. As Bob Shell will no doubt recall, he confirmed having been informed, "Film to video transfer was done in London by Rank".

Following a discrete enquiry, Rank clarified that any such specialist work would be carried out by Rank Video Services in London and suggested speaking to Roy Liddiard, the senior manager there.

Familiar with the 'alien autopsy' film, Roy categorically and formally refuted any suggestion his laboratory had been involved and noted that even if another specialist laboratory had processed the 'alien autopsy' film, he would have expected to have heard something 'on the grapevine'.

Bob later added:

"When I asked Ray who had done the copying of the original film to a 16 mm dupe, he said that he wasn't sure. He told me that they had gone to one company who had agreed to do the work while they waited, and that this firm had then changed their story and said they would have to leave the film and come back and pick it up later, which they certainly would never have done.

There was then a general conversation in the office as to who had ultimately done the work. Ray said something like "We ended up having it done by Rank, didn't we?" and Chris [Cary] said something like, "yes, it was Rank. I'm pretty sure it was Rank."

They promised to provide me with documentation when they had a chance".

If Bob ever asked Ray Santilli for an explanation, perhaps he can comment further.

I did ask Ray about it on a couple of occasions and the questions were

never answered.

Regarding:

>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 07:25:51 -0500
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Steve wrote:

>I believe that Santilli also said the "film" was very fragile and had
>to be transferred to video a frame at a time, which may be the
>"processing" that he has referred to in some statements.

Steve,

Re the supposed condition of the 'archive' film, you may remember "My Story", by Ray Santilli", which was posted on the Paragon web site, in which he claimed:

"After hearing the story I was taken to the cameraman's house and viewed the footage. The cameraman had one reel of film that he was able to show on an old projector. He moved the projector over to a wall and projected the image on the wall itself".

However, in an early interview published by 'Strange Daze' magazine/newsletter in the UK, he stated:

"...it's an interesting situation, you know, an alien autopsy, you don't get that offered every day, so we took an internal flight to his house which was some distance away from where we met him, and he showed us on film everything that you have now seen and that everyone has become interested in".

Whether any of the 'aging' film could have been projected, given its claimed condition, was a question I asked Bob Shell and he replied:

"The film Ray/Volker have is, according to them, extremely brittle. If the pieces I have indeed come from this film, it is far too brittle to be projected. That is why I assume a later copy is what was projected".

>Santilli indicated that the "cameraman" had to process a number of
>reels of film that required special processing, which I assume means
>a varying degree of 'push' processing for those rolls that needed it.
>These rolls he allegedly had to be processed by hand, which is why
>they were still in his possession and not sent to Washington with
>the rest.

>From that alleged to be 'statement' by the 'cameraman':

"After filming, I had several hundred reels. I separated problem reels which required special attention in processing (these I would do later). The first batch was sent through to Washington and I processed the remainder a few days later. Once the remaining reels had been processed, I contacted Washington to arrange collection of the final batch. Incredibly, they never came to collect or arrange transportation for them. I called many times and then just gave up. The footage has remained with me ever since".

This story bites!

The 'alien autopsy' footage isn't a few 'problem reels', it's effectively the entire filming of the purported event. Much of the 'documentation' absent from the footage is in fact missing due to broken sequences within the reels which do exist, in other words, the missing segments were never filmed.

Entirely consistent of course with a hoaxed 'alien autopsy'.

It's easily proven by the crucial reel numbering as documented in the 'raw footage', only released on video - 'Roswell: The Footage' - by Ray's company, that out of entire 'alien autopsy'

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reels, which begin at reel number 53 and end at reel number 65 or 66, Ray supposedly has reels numbered 53, 54 or 55, 56, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, and 65 or 66.

He also produced a photocopied label claimed to be from 'Reel # 52', the 'Truman' reel which was 'stuck together'.

So what did 'Washington' get?

At most they could only have received 4, maybe 5, of all the 'second alien autopsy' reels alleged to have been filmed.

Ray Santilli, as clearly evidenced by his own claims, has all the rest.

Not only does this prove the 'cameraman' story to be somewhat factually challenged, it's incredulous that the absence of basically the entire film would never be noticed!

These are anomalies which any hoaxers would find difficult to overcome if producing a convincingly lengthy 'alien autopsy'. The ideal solution would be film unbroken sequences on each reel and then you could declare the absent film documentation was on the reels which were sent to 'Washington', in essence, what was claimed. The problem would be, how to film long, unbroken sequences which wouldn't allow time to 'skip' the more difficult to fake 'procedures'.

What you would conceivably end up with are reels of film which show parts of the 'autopsy', have numerous 'cuts' and which are a summary of the entire event.

Exactly what we see on the film.

Regarding:

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 08:48:47 +0000
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>

Bob wrote [in reply to Roger Evans]:

>>The accuracy of the price notwithstanding, is it known if the >>"test piece" was taken from a processed or unprocessed reel?

>Processed. And Kodak in London looked only at the edge markings, >triangle and square, and said the film was definitely 1947. So did >Kodak in Denmark. However, just like Ray these were younger people >who did not know that the film identification chart they were using, >printed by Kodak in Rochester, has an error which makes it seem that >only in 1947 were a solid triangle and square used, while the ID >marks for 1967 are shown in outline. When apprised of this error, >they amended their statements to say the film could be 1947 or 1967 >(and remotely 1927).

Bob,

For the record, Kodak in Hemel Hempstead, London were asked to examine a blank strip of film and confirmed the edge codes suggested it could date from either 1927, 1947 or 1967.

It was only the Copenhagen office who didn't realise that the edge codes repeated every 20 years.

It's something of an irrelevance as they were also asked to offer an opinion on blank frames of film.

Regarding:

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:49:30 -0500
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

Steve wrote:

>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:09:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps
>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>

>Bob-

>As I recall, the producer of the Channel 4 production in Great
>Britain in 1995 was sent more "samples" of the alleged film than
>anyone else. I have written to him, but got no response, and have no
>idea what kind of testing (if any) that he might have pursued. Do
>you know how much film he had been sent, and whether or not he has
>pursued that angle at all.

Steve,

In a timely coincidence, Channel 4 repeated their 'Incident at Roswell' documentary last night. It was essentially the same, three-year old program, primarily addressing the 'Roswell' story and briefly featuring the 'alien autopsy'.

The only possible additional information of remote consequence (I can't recall this in the original broadcast) was that they showed the 'film samples' which John Purdie has, with the comment:

"After repeated requests, Ray Santilli did eventually provide some frames of film for testing - a fragment of film leader and an image of a Naval Officer that could have come from anywhere. They bear no relation to any image in the autopsy footage and as such are quite useless in establishing its authenticity".

Like the 'tent footage' which supposedly originated from the 'scrap reel' of aged, 16mm film, sold by the 'Roswell cameraman', there is a distinct conclusion that there was never any archive, 16mm 'alien autopsy' footage.

As that was always the default explanation, whilst open to tangible evidence otherwise, of more interest became the question of how this film had been perceived (and why almost every expert opinion could be set against another one which was contrary).

There may be numerous photographs and film, or video, which depict apparently credible and anomalous unidentified objects. However, none of them, even if genuine, are unequivocal evidence of anything non-terrestrial.

The released 'alien autopsy' film depicted something which it became clear could not conceivably be terrestrial and as footage which was sufficiently credible to be taken seriously and indeed determined by many medical experts to show a once living being, it was not only compelling, it may be the closest thing to absolute testimony of a non-human life form that many/any of us will ever see.

So how was it generally perceived by 'ufologists'?

For some reason, there was a considerable hostile reaction to the film.

Some of that was down to the challenge, if not threat, against the 'true' Roswell story and the real 'alien autopsies'.

Ray Santilli had, including the largely unseen, yet apparently equally credible 'first autopsy', some 20+ minutes of film proclaiming to be evidence of a non-terrestrial life-form, with some decent quality 'Roswell' debris thrown in! What was the serious competition - the anecdotes of Glenn Dennis and Frank Kaufmann?

A poignant commentary came from Rob Irving, who after the inaugural 'Museum of London' showing of the 'alien autopsy', wrote in 'Fortean Times':

"Perhaps strangest of all was the sight of that awkward mix of known-believers in the ET hypothesis, known disbelievers,

believed fakers of it, innocent ostentionists, and the downright disingenuous, all hissing 'hoax' at a piece of evidence that seemed to me as impressive as any I'd seen.

But never in my lifetime had I expected to witness the subsequent co-operation between traditional adversaries, all seemingly galvanised into an unprecedented gush of agreement - adopting what one of them called, 'a proper, sceptical attitude' - that the film was a transparent fraud. Uh...? For, whoever is responsible for the film has now provided ufologists with what I'd assumed they had always wanted; firm, enticingly inconclusive evidence that something out there has somehow got here".

One obvious problem was the absence of conclusive evidence, although no preceding claims of 'non-terrestrial contact' had provided this!

There were, however, unprecedented medical opinions which seemed satisfied that the film was authentic and many unanswered questions, which remain, about some of the impressive, presumed/accepted SFX, the entire premise of financing two superbly crafted 'alien autopsies', confidently taking it to recognised experts in diverse, related fields, preventing any 'leaks' about its true origins, etc.

Are there any preceding or subsequent cases which, comparatively, come close to providing so much scientifically grounded substantiation?

Overall, surely enough to merit consideration as 'best evidence' ever.

You won't see it in the top 10...20...30... though!

Why is that?

If Ray Santilli had merely claimed he was walking along London Bridge, when he was abducted by aliens who told him that 'Roswell' and 'MJ-12' were real, maybe that would have been more acceptable and he would have found a warm welcome, perhaps even have become a celebrated 'abductee' at the annual conferences.

Yes, I know that's slightly facetious and intentionally so to make a point.

But how far is it from 'the truth'?

What if... Ray Santilli claimed he had been threatened by sinister representatives of the US government. Would the 'alien autopsy' instantly have been perceived as 'probably authentic'?

Think about it.

These are questions, not necessarily opinions...

Some reflections on a saga, which I believe Bob Shell once astutely referred to as "smoke and mirrors".

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Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

From: Mike Farrell <mikefarr@midcoast.com.au>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 15:09:40 +1100
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 10:29:26 -0500
Subject: Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

Hello UpDates List,

I just got a funny feeling listening to all this talk about the "200 questions" and the reputations, credibility, and accountability implied. Do you all remember what happened to Dr. Paul Bennewitz. If not, look in any good UFO book for references.

Now here was a man who lived next door to the Kirkland Air Force base in New Mexico back in 1979-80, and is generally credited for having offered the ultimate fear-mongering conspiracy theories about the "aliens" and secret government involvements. He claimed to have picked up electromagnetic signals from UFOs and had translated their messages. He also took over 2600 feet of 8mm motion picture film of UFOs over the weapons test and storage area. Eventually, after "flack" from "officials" and "ufologists", and fearing that aliens were coming through his bedroom wall at night and injecting him with chemicals, he "suffered a mental breakdown and was hospitalized." (ref: Cosmic Test Tube, pg 167 & 321, by Randall Fitzgerald)

Now this is not about "Bennewitz", but what is happening to Richard Hoagland gives me the same kind of feeling. We are now in a crucial year in the "battle" for the "hearts and the minds" of the people. (remember vietnam!)

We're going to hear lots of claims and counter claims for the true picture of UFO reality in 1999, as we build up momentum for the dramatic climax or anti-climax of the year 2000. (ready or not-the millineum bug awaits us!)

Granted, we've been hearing some pretty outrageous claims by Richard Hoagland, Art Bell, Peter Gersten, and the like. And the "Lord of the UFO Dance" in the current guise of Robert Stephen, is a voice to be reckoned with!:-> But let's not be too quick to put heads under the guillotine. Each person has made a valuable contribution to the credibility and the awareness level of the Global UFO Community. And we can't expect everybody to be "right" all the time. Some people will be remembered not for their conclusions, but for what they brought to our attention.

The fact is, Richard Hoagland single-handedly drove home the point that NASA does indeed deserve it's acronym "Never A Straight Answer". And if you want to argue that point, it still doesn't dismiss the fact that public perception of such agencies is sorely lacking in Trust and Confidence. We all know that where's there's smoke, there's usually fire! NASA has not been completely honest and responsive to the citizens that began and still pay for it's missions. Most NASA activity is now classified military priorities. As the citizens of Earth, we are still waiting for accurate and comprehensive images from Earth's orbit and our Solar System. NASA and the world's military still treat the average citizen as unworthy cannon-fooder at best and as contemptible meddlers at worst.

As I like to tell people, it's not like NASA and the Military get their funding from selling lemonade on the corner. They get their money from the honest, ignorant, naive, intimidated, and fearful TAXPAYERS of the world, not to mention from the

weaknesses of drug addicts, who depend on those regular CIA drug shipments!:->

So what's the point here? Let's not lose respect for those ufologists who have opened our eyes to the "slight of hand tricks" by "secret governments" and "puppet politicians" who can't keep their pants on while working!

Let the challenges be made, and let the challenged answer in an open forum. And let the "researchers" decide! Perhaps all those asking these 200 questions and those who should answer them, would do well to remember, that many of us "on the sidelines" have been at this UFO business a lot longer than most. We are no longer living back in the 80's when wild speculations ruled the day.

This is 1999. And we are facing the new millineum with little patience for that which does not further the Truth. And guess what, we are "big enough" to handle whatever comes out into the open to be considered and examined. There's a whole new breed of researcher "out there" today, armed with the modern tools of communication and cooperation, and the willingness and the determination to think for ourselves and question all authority.

It's always been up to the people. We just never had the means to make our voice heard and count in numbers as never before. The powers that be know this and will do everything to confuse and distract us from dealing with the "real issues" at hand. If you doubt the power of the organized people, just imagine what would happen if all the consumers in the world agreed not to pay their next month's mortgage, until the governments and churches opened all their files for public review. A scary thought for bankers everywhere!

"It has to be possible for the average citizen to turn on his computer and get any piece of information the government possesses or we don't have a free society". (Whitley Strieber)

Let's get to it Hoagland and Stephens! You both have your supporters and critics. What we need is the Truth from each of you as you know it. Then have the confidence that "we" can recognize what is of value to the future of Global UFO Research and Awareness.

"There's no reason in the world why we cannot understand who we truly are, why we are here and where we are going. There's no reason why the average individual cannot be fully empowered to meet the cosmos on his own terms. We are incredibly powerful, beautiful and extraordinary beings! We have to wake up to that! And when we do wake up to that, we're going to sweep aside the cancer that is eating our governments and we're going to find the truth about whether there are any 'aliens' here, and we'll learn to work with them productively if they are!" (Whitley Strieber)

We need each other to figure this thing out!

The Truth is Just Around the Corner!
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"And since seldom do instruments record flying saucers,
it's the people who report seeing them that are the most significant
way of getting at the Truth!" (J. Allen Hynek)

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Re: A Tale from Africa

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>>Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>>The Irish country folks used to put their male children to bed
>>in girls dressing gowns (in order to disguise their sex) because
>>(according to legend) "the wee folk" would come in the night and
>>steal away with the child.

<snip>

G'day List,

(Aside) Have we stumbled on the real cause of the Irish
"Troubles" here? <g>

All those young boys expressing their sexuality/gender
frustrations by over-compensation -> running around as adults
blowing each other up under the veil of (dare I touch the
subject again?) religious differences? <g>

Oh dear . . . what will Mr. Mortallaro think of me now? <g>

Regards,
Leanne];-)

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Flying Discs: A Poetic View

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Subject: Flying Discs: A Poetic View

On Wed, 27 Jan 1999 03:49:21 GMT, in alt.alien.visitors
cyrano@pasdepub.com wrote:

Flying discs and other "mysteries", as seen by biologists and
physicists:A poetical view

Bangkoc, 22 Janvier 2542 (European calendar)

During my life, as a biologist trained, first, in molecular
biology, then in the neurosciences and psychiatry, I came,
several times, in contact with the irritating problem of the
so-called "flying saucers". The first time, obviously, was as a
kid, during my childhood in Geneve, Switzerland, my home.

Many of my fellow scientists, while kids, started their interest
in Science with, of course, "mysterious" things such as
cryptozoology(the study of undiscovered animals, like the
mokele-membe, for example, a purported Loch Ness monster of
Africa...), "telepathy", flying saucers, the sasquatch or yeti,
ghosts, etc, etc.

These imaginary things were the very essence of our motivations
during our childhood:curiosity for the "mysterious".

I remember these great nights when, friends and I, we would go
on the top of our buildings, at the age of 12, to look the sky,
with binoculars, for flying saucers only to find (while
descending from the attic) policemen waiting for us downstairs
and asking:"what were you doing there with binoculars, kids?
Observing naked girls?"

And we, naively, replied:"No, Sir.We were looking for flying
saucers!". Swiss people are extremely suspicious so that
innocent children tracking flying saucers in the skies are
confused with sex "voyeurs"!

Read the "Little Prince" from Saint-Exupery...

Later, in life, when we discovered the scientific method we had
to abandon, one by one, these enjoyable fantasies which
populated our childhood. It was sad to see that the stars in the
sky we saw were, only, stars and that the moving lights, at
night, were, always, airplanes and not cavorting Martians....

Still, when I speak with little children about the moving lights
of the airplanes, I tell them:"See? These are the Martians!" And
their eyes glitter, like when they think about Santa-Claus!

Let them dream a bit.They will have time to learn that moving
lights are not reindeers or Martians but, only, airplanes or
shooting stars...

As to me, only two of these mysterious fantasies of our
childhood remain unexplained to the present day:

1. The flying discs
2. The Sasquatch!

From the point of view of biology I, quickly, discovered that such things as "telepathy", "paranormal" phenomena, "Loch Ness monsters or mokele-membe monsters were, only, figments of imagination.

As a biologist, and with the present day data, all the above "mysteries" have been trashed in my mind as I consider them non-existent.

Still, I see that grown-up physicists are, still, playing with these "mysteries" of our childhood, especially those physicists who manipulate a lot of numbers and quantum mechanics, what I call "hypermathematisation".

When I read some of the naivete they write, like "quantum consciousness", etc, I start to think:"Gosh! They still believe in Santa!"

Concerning the sasquatch, I could not yet make any logical conclusion because the data about this alleged Gigantopithecus(according to Napier)are too few to go in one way or another:fantasy, reality? I simply do not know.

When I was 16 years old we once read in the newspaper that there had been a flying saucer landing, near Geneve, but in nearby France, in a place called "Marliens".

My older brother Alain seized this opportunity(he was preparing his master in molecular biology)in order to verify if what journalists wrote was true or not.

So we all went, in a tiny red Austin car, to Marliens, near the town of Dijon, France, in 1968 !

When we arrived at Marliens we saw the track which had, already, half been explored by the local Gendarmerie.

The track was very bizarre and the ground was all covered of a "mauve"(light violet colour)powder which was, later, found to be silicon which had started to melt, at around 1500 degrees, if I remember the Gendarmerie report?

In French "Marliens" rhymes with "Martien" (Martians)so the jokes were going high about the peasant who complained to the Gendarmerie about this vandalism in his field!

Speaking with the Gendarmes, they told us that an unidentified object had been detected over a military base, in Pontoise, not far from Marliens, on the same night or day when the bizarre track was found.

The naivete of childhood or adolescence is beautiful:we felt much awe, thinking that a flying saucer had landed here!!!

Up to now, I do not know what really happened in Marliens as, like in the extraordinary flying discs wave of 1954, over France, only the Gendarmerie made a report and that was all. Apart from the silicon story, apparently nothing serious was done.I brought some back home, kept it for years, in a bottle, then threw it away.

In 1954, a huge number of flying discs were seen, simultaneously, by full villages, sometimes, even landed!

Many tracks were found, at that time, but most were not investigated in the way it should have been done.

So, because of prejudice and fear of ridicule, we lost an extraordinary occasion to study physical data, in 1954.

At that time, for 3 months, the "M.O.C", as Aime Michel called the saucers, were, literally, cavorting in the skies of France!

The first "sauceronaut", in that extraordinary period, was met by a French peasant in a place called "le Plateau de Millevaches" which might translate, into my poor English, as something like "the plateau of the 1000 cows", quite a nice name for an extraterrestrial first contact with a French!

Monsieur Mazeau, the peasant who encountered this strange "man"

"venu d'Ailleurs"(coming from Elsewhere, as we often say, in French) first reported the incident to his wife, then all the village knew the hilarious story of Monsieur Mazeau and the Gendarmerie came to question him! They found a very frightened man. Later, when he started to realise that he had perhaps an exceptionnal encounter he became angry and exploded with : "I should have killed him, I should have killed him so you would see that what I say is true"....

The same night, small beings were seen in the north of France, in another famous case, the case of Monsieur Dewilde.

He was so shocked by what happened that he was, litterrally, defecating of fear when he spoke with the Gendarmes about the flying saucer he saw, landed, and these little men who "paralysed" him, probably by inducing a form of akinesia through unknown external means.

A famous case was the Premanon case, where young children, in the Jura mountains, not so far from my home, Geneve, saw what they called "ghosts" and what appeared to be a standard flying disc.

What is interesting, in 1954, is that we can, already, discover in the reports of Unconventional Flying Objects(as called by the late Hill), indications that these machines are surrounded by a repulsive force looking like a "negative" form of gravity.

For example, in the Premanon case the children reported effects which could only be explained by a repulsive force of some kind, but a repulsive force different from magnetism because it acts on all matter.

During that time, a French officer who served in Vietnam, lieutenant Plantier, wrote a book about the "propulsion" of "flying saucers"! What is interesting is that, many years later, Hill wrote a book with ideas similar to those of Plantier.

It seems quite clear, by the way, that Plantier and Hill's books have influenced those scientists trying to find ways to manipulate mass and inertia, like Haisch and Puthoff, not to speak about the steps of the NASA, through Marc Millis, towards discovering new means of propulsion. Aime Michel said once: "progress in the study of flying discs will start when physics will start to evolve". This was prophetic!

Well.

After sometimes I forgot about the flying discs, to concentrate on other more "serious" topics.

The last article I wrote on this topic was in 1976 or 1977, I guess? This article was called the "Induced Dream Hypothesis".

In it, I speculated that many crazy things described in close encounters of the third kind, as defined by the late Allen Hynek, might be amenable to scientific analysis if we postulated that, somewhat, saucers seen at a close range could interfere with the normal functioning of the brain and turn on those neural switches, in the Pons, which trigger dreams.

I speculated, then, that, perhaps, properly modulated micro-waves might interfere with those brain structures leading to dream.

The bona fide, with this hypothesis, is that it was able to give a logical explanation for "paralysis" because, when we dream, our motor efferents become blocked(this is different from akinesia, as found in Parkinsonism, for example, or catatonia, as found in catatonic schizophrenics).

I also wrote an article explaining why I thought it was useless to try to contact ETI, like Carl Sagan wanted with the SETI project, because, I reasoned, our system of communication was, certainly, very, very primitive as compared to possible advanced means of communication which, logically, advanced intelligences might use.

As you can see, from all the "mysteries" of my childhood only 2 remain, now. Le "Petit Prince" has closed his book and went back to his little tiny planet, to take care of his rose and get rid

of the baobabs(see Antoine de Saint-Exupery, The Little Prince)!

Studying the flying discs through an eye of a biologist/theoretical psychiatrist, I came to the conclusion that, some reports, are, clearly, authentic.

Obviously, this poses great many challenges to both the biologists and physicists!

A biologist will ask himself, for example:

- How come do these beings from "l'Ailleurs" (the Elsewhere) resemble so much to homo sapiens?
- Can they breathe our atmosphere?
- If yes, what about bacteria and viruses? Are they immune to these?
- What about the structure of their brain?
- What about the structure of their amino-acids and DNA-mimetic?
- What about their attitude of non-contact?

A physicist will be flabbergasted by the apparent unusual flight behaviour of these machines and his first natural reaction will be to dismiss them because they "defy" the laws of physics.

In this respect, I think Plantier and Hill made a great job to show that the flying discs obeyed the laws of physics, but "transcended" them, in the words of Dr Pierre Guerin.

Not a long time ago, the founder of the French GEPAN (now it has a different name), Dr Claude Poher, said that "he did not care at all about who piloted these machines but his only interest was how did they FLY !!!".

The GEPAN was created by the French CNES.

In fact, it was Claude Poher who gave me, again, some interest in this topic when I was on the verge of throwing everything in the garbage can, out of frustration!

He said that younger scientists should pursue the study of this phenomenon. But, to study "flying saucers" is ridiculous, as everyone knows...

As to me, I am more interested in the theoretical psychology of these people from "l'Ailleurs" than Claude Poher, especially because I have studied consciousness, both from within and externally, since 1976.

I am interested to understand how more advanced brains might function and I have, already, some interesting thoughts about this.

For example, I found that consciousness is the result of an induced resonance in the memory areas of the brain. This resonance is fractal-like in structure.

What leads to the fractal-like resonances, between memory domains, leading then to consciousness, is a little system, situated in the brain stem, and which I termed the S.A.C, meaning the "consciousness activating system", in French.

The purpose of the SAC is to hypermetabolise tiny areas of our global memory which, when activated, "radiate"(see:<http://dog.net.uk/claude> for explanations of the terminology)in our imaginary space-time, leading to fractal-like resonances, that is conscious events of real or non-real events(like in dreams or schizophrenia).

Another highly important thing which I discovered, through a molecule called psilocin(e)is that consciousness can be monofocal or polyfocal. Psilocin(e) is a cogitatiogenic molecule which means that it is a molecule which increases our thoughts, by stimulating the functioning of this part of our brain which makes us, so specifically human:the pre-frontal cortex.

Our normal form of consciousness is monofocal, which means that we can be conscious and focus only on 1 thing at a time.

With psilocine, consciousness can become polyfocal and you start to be, simultaneously, conscious of different perceptions.

It is a quite extraordinary phenomenon which, I think, should be increased in higher forms of intelligences.

How?

By constructing(through what I call "neuromorphogenetics", a science not born yet)a much stronger SAC, ramifying, extensively, within the fabric of memory.

Another thing which I have discovered is that biological memories(I guess, at least in mammals)have the equivalent of what computer scientists call "softwares" and "hardwares".

The basic software of our brains is called an M.H.V. The basic hardware is called an Unime (from the French "unites memorielles").

Both are structured in a simple reiterated way and function in a fractal-like way.

The importance of intelligence relies on many factors:the performances of the SAC, the number of connections between the Unimes and the intensity of the metabolism going on in the MHVs.

Our consciousness, alas, can function only between 2 natural metabolic barriers.

The higher barrier is called the "illusion threshold". The lower barrier is called the "serotonergic threshold".

The normal waking state metabolism leading to our normal waking state consciousness is called, obviously, the base-line level of consciousness.

An important discovery of mine is that consciousness is, crucially, linked to metabolism versus time:

The higher the metabolism of the MHVs and the higher consciousness is, AT THE EXPENSE of the available time of consciousness. The lower the metabolism of the MHVs and the lower consciousness is, however you can be conscious for an extended period of time.

Our memory is structured in such a way that there is a LIMIT to the theoretical "size" of our consciousness, per unit of time.The more our consciousness expands and the less time we have to be conscious! It is a kind of "Heisenberg-like" principle, if you want an analogy!!!

This can be, very nicely, demonstrated with cannabis sativa:it makes us more conscious, but only for SHORT intervals of time.The net result of this is that we forget our illuminations!

However, this can be modulated by molecules called the benzodiazepines, like Valium, for example(for example, associating cannabis with benzodiazepines enhances creativity).

From these things I deduce that higher forms of intelligence might, reasonably, be likewise:

- 1.They will have a much bigger SAC, in order to produce and maintain a constant polyfocality For example, a highly polyfocal consciousness could focus on hundreds of different events simultaneously!

- 2.They will have much more connections between their Unimes than we have

- 3.They will have found a way to maintain a high metabolism of Memory without paying the time price we have to pay.

Now, let us come to an additional thing which should distinguish them from us:their communication systems.

As we can see when we are debating in this forum, for example,

sequential symbolic communication is quite limited (and it is an euphemism...) and when we try to "communicate" the noise on the line, between us, is so high that, most often, we do not understand one another!

This problem will be solved through neuromorphogenetics, by creating artificial "telepathy", that is the transmission of non-sequential non-symbolic information emitted at a very high rate of "bits" per second.

With such a communicational system the data transfer between 2 communicating individuals will proceed at a huge speed and with practically no distortion.

So to items 1, 2, and 3 we have to add this fourth item: higher forms of intelligences should communicate with a non-sequential, hyper-fast and exceedingly low distortion system.

This is equivalent to the concept of "telepathy" of science-fiction writers!

Now, coming back to the flying discs!

If these are real, their occupants might well have achieved, already, the 4 points I have been talking about.

In this case, the logical result of this, for us, is:
NON-CONTACT.

And this is what is observed!

So this is the way I see things, as a biologist having specialised in the study of the brain and consciousness.

One day, those courageous physicists who are now trying to understand the structure of the Vacuum will be rewarded and one of the rewards will be the construction of flying discs by the human species!

Perhaps, only then, some form of limited contact might arise but, still, as long as we cannot work on the 4 points I have mentioned, I think that any full contact will not occur and I think that we are totally wasting our money with the SETI project. Advanced intelligences, probably, do not communicate like we do but might use means of communication totally unknown to us. Remember the idea of the Alcubierre interstellar parcels, for instance! Of course it needs a lot of energy but we are talking here of advanced intelligences, not homo sapiens lost in a forest with electromagnetic tam tam!

Money should better be given to these enthusiastic physicists who decided to understand a bit more than traditional quantum mechanics.

I am not at all a physicist but I think, intuitively, that physics will become a properly organised science, like, let say, molecular biology or biochemistry, only when the microstructure of exoreality will have been correctly understood.

Basically this means that we have to understand how the Vacuum and "particles" link to one another.

An intuition of mine is that the Vacuum looks like something crystalline, a fractal representation of the crystalline nature of the atomic world. Poetry?

Are the quarks of protons and neutrons stuck into crystal facets? Poetry again!

This intuition about a crystalline-like spacetime came to me last December, when watching frozen ice, scintillating, on a road nearby my home in Geneva.

Why?

Because, everywhere, in Nature, we see similar crystal-like patterns appearing again and again, and again, at different scales, like in fractals: atoms, molecules, proteins, viruses, the foraminifera, the diatomea, beehives, and even in corals!

All this seems to me to be the fractal macroscopic

representation of a microscopic structure of exoreality akin to crystals.

"Particles" might just be stable vibrations of lattices of a crystalline vacuum. Poetry?

After I got this intuition, I searched in the net if anybody had ever thought about the idea that spacetime might be like a huge crystal-like "pomagranate" (!) and guess what I found?

The articles of David Ritz Finkelstein on the "adamantine" aether! Crackpotry? How can I know? You are the physicists, not me!

I was amazed. Following the roads of intuition is amusing because you never know where you are going to go.

The future will tell us if the works of Finkelstein or Tessien went in the good direction or not.

As to me, of course, I cannot answer! Physics is not my field and I am just a babbling baby in your field, chaps!

I am a child, with glittering eyes, waiting to see some of those great minds in Physics explaining to us, the ignorants, at last, a physics having reached the status of molecular biology or pharmacology.

Hey, Santa Claus! Explain us how the world is made?

Where are the Santa-Claus? Perhaps, one of you, here, IS a Santa-Claus already!!!

Cordially yours,

Claude

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>>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 02:51:16 -0500 (EST)
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: Underwater UFO Phenomenon?

>Previously, Leanne had relayed to us this story:

>>I had an interesting conversation with a friend two days who
>>related to me the following (paraphrased):

>>"Several years ago we were sailing around the bottom of
>>Tasmania, near Port Davey, and we know the area can produce good
>>shows of phosphorescent algae but we weren't prepared for what
>>we came upon.

>>I was standing watch aft and it was a beautifully clear night. I
>>became aware that there very bright submerged lights way ahead
>>and we were sailing straght for them. As we got closer I could
>>see how intense they were but I couldn't guage their depth. The
>>whole area was covered with them and they stretched on into the
>>distance. I have seen a lot of things at sea but nothing like
>>this. They looked just like bright light streaming from port
>>holes in a submarine. (The speaker was a navy diving instructor
>>for several years.) Also, they were lined up very regularly in
>>rows - vast rows.

>>This spooked me like you wouldn't believe so I went and got the
>>boat owner and showed him. He was awe struck! I told him that I
>>didn't want to go any further as I feared hitting one or more
>>solid submerged objects and insisted that we change course. He
>>agreed and we left the area. I haven't seen anything like it
>>since and I visit the area on a regular basis in my own vessel
>>still."

>Hi Leanne,

>Have you ever been on one of the "Ride Film" attractions where
>the seats move in conjunction with the movie you're seeing? Or
>perhaps one of the many IMAX screenings, 3D or otherwise? In
>many ways, the story you relate is an example of a UFO related
>question I've thought about for a long time:

>"When is 'real' real?"

<snip>

>It's too bad we don't have a device to guage this type of
>"anxiety response", it might go a long way toward separating out
>the authentic sightings.

>On the other hand, it might just be glowing algae beneath the
>surface!

G'day Roger & List,

I know the type of ride you mean and have experienced it but
once.

On the other issue: "When is Real Real?"

Different people may react differently to the same real/unreal
event (and lets face it, thank goodness for the diversity!) and
you would find you 'anxiety meter' react accordingly different.
(Note: there are already anxiety meters in the form of lie
detectors.)

Factors such as religious indoctrination, mental illness
history, self esteem, life history and I.Q., to name but a few,
would all have a bearing on the anxietal response.

Apropos the glowing algae - it is more than likely my friend's
vision was of nothing more than swarms of fish in feeding
frenzies or some equally logical explanation. Bearing in mind
that the human brain is pre-wired to find order in chaos and, as
this example has shown, patterns in the noise, it is
understandable that he had found 'rows of lights stretching into
the distance'. The larger the sample the greater the chance of
'fixing' a pattern into it plus the effects of perspective given
his angles of reference (being so close to the water surface).

Regards,
Leanne];-)

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>Sent: Monday, January 18, 1999 11:14 AM
>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers ;
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: 25 Rules of Disinformation
>>Gary, did anyone ever see Hynek enter this federal building,
>>and take the elevator to the floor where that "gear locker"
>>was?

>>Greg Sandow

>Gee, Mr. Sandow, I don't know! What a shock! Obviously my
>life's work is crushed by this massive attack on my position!
>What can I possibly do to recover! Holy Cats, I'm ruined!

I was making a joke, as the very self-important Gary failed to notice.

As for the rest of Gary's comments, in my "sophomoric" (his word) way I actually smoked out a tangible -- hard to believe, but there it was! -- reason why he believes poor dead J. Allen Hynek was an intelligence agent. Hynek once asked some fellow astronomers what they thought about UFOs, and passed the information on to the Air Force, for whom he was serving as consultant!

The wonderful thing about this incident is that it's very well known. For years, in other words, the UFO community has known about this little deception on Hynek's part, and not drawn conclusions from it. Silly us, perhaps. Maybe we thought the deception didn't amount to much, didn't involve any serious breach of confidence, and didn't provide any damaging information -- as, let's say, reporting to the Air Force and the CIA on the state of CUFOS's finances might have, later in Hynek's life. Who among us has not, once or twice, gone on a similar "mission" for somebody we know? "God, I've got such a crush on Marjorie," our friend might tell us. "You know lots of her friends. Would you kind of talk to them, ask them a few questions, try to find out if Margie likes me? Don't say I asked you to!"

Gary has been telling us for quite a while that Hynek was involved in dirty intelligence stuff, and that he has evidence to show that, although he won't share any of it. Now he opens the door just a crack to the secret room where, apparently, he stashes his evidence, and...lo! It's something everyone knew all along! Something Hynek freely talked about! Gary, of course, reads far more into it than anybody else ever did....but wait, I forgot: He has all that OTHER evidence.

And, of course, he's always right. Just ask him.

Greg Sandow

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>(Darn you Peter Gersten. Okay, here we go. But, I say right now,
>it will do no good to this man or anyone like him to re-answer
>these questions because I'll work real hard on these when I need
>sleep and his answer will be: "xxxx you stephens, you're a xxxx
>liar." It's what everyone of these people say and I've learned
>my lesson 2 months ago. Its religion to these folks and what I
>say is not what they want to hear. I think you are troubled
><grin> for putting me through this over and over just because
>you know I'll try and answer them in my awkward way since I
>think at times someone is actually serious about it.)

>(Note to 'JM': In my mail to you in answer to you tonight, I
>posted it would do no good to answer any of these because you'll
>just call me a liar after I work on them for you. I still very
>much believe this. Peter Gersten thinks there is some good
>points in this mail of yours so I will counter my assessment and
>answer these to the best of my ability. At least consider them
>before you respond with a one liner that I'm lying to you. I
>think Peter is a part time dentist at times and uses no Novocain
>nor does he have the vaguest compassion for a fellow lifeform
>such as me.)

>'JM' wrote:

>Okay, 'JM', whoever you are, at the request of Peter Gersten,
>here goes.

>>To Mr. Robert A. Stephens:

>Good start. No calling me a 'xxxxsucker'. Thank you.

G'day Mr.RAMS, Mr.Gripple & List,

I forgot to mention that in Puerto Rico maybe it would stand for
a goatsucker.

'Nuff of the trivia, back to your squabbles . . .

Regards,
Leanne];-)

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NASA Website

From: Judith Dale <judithdale@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 23:50:37 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 11:27:46 -0500
Subject: NASA Website

Greetings Everyone,

As the result of the current debate regarding NASA, and the veracity of comments made by some people, I took myself on a cruise to NASA's web site. Once there, I perused the surface PR pages, then dove down into the depths of the document archives. What a treat. :-) I encourage any one of you to do the same.

I found the most interesting information on subjects as mundane as providing a water supply to the lab animals on the Shuttle missions, to information about research being done on FTL space travel. Just go to the search page and begin your quest. NASA has made so much information available to us, very cool.

I don't begin to presume that everything NASA is doing is currently available for public scrutiny. In regard to the Shuttle program, I suppose this is due to the fact that much of what the Shuttle crews do is related to research payloads that are privately contracted. It would be up to those particular companies to make information, regarding their projects, available to the public eye. Given that we live in a system of highly competitive free enterprise, I'm sure that there are some projects that are guarded until after the research information is gleaned and aggregated.

Frankly, I've grown weary of relying on the oft misquoted statements the media presents us with, and the misinterpretations I find on various web sites. So, I've had my fingers do the tapping, my mouse do the clicking, my eyes do the reading, and my own mind do the assessment of the data presented. Then I draw my own conclusions. I say enough bickering already. Go, do the research. You may very well be amazed.

Let us be a united humanity in the face of the visitors/intruders.
Judith

NASA's web site URL:
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Open Letter To Iur Readers

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:32:25 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 11:35:35 -0500
Subject: Open Letter To Iur Readers

Dear All,

This is an important response to an article that recently appeared in the IUR journal entitled "Alfred Loedding; New Insight On The Man Behind Project Sign" (IUR Winter 1998 Volume 23, Number 4, pp.3 - 28).

I read with interest the recent article featured in this excellent and improving journal. The article in question, written by Wendy Connors and Michael David Hall, is of a particularly high standard but totally fails to mention certain points of importance.

(The section of the article below is taken from the forthcoming "UFO NEWS" Number #3, a joint Lancashire UFO Society, British UFO Studies Centre effort available for just =A32.50 (or magazine exchange) from:

The Secretary, P.O. Box 15, Southport PR8 1GR.)

The latest and important news (Jan. 1999) is that the US Navy has refused to declassify documentation relating to its' advanced pancake saucer programme citing "National Security" as an excuse. The USAF is releasing hundreds of pages of documents on its' own Project Y and WS606A/B and we'll have to evaluate these first.

The bottom line; flying discs were terrestrial in origin. Nevertheless, the UFO community, and we, need to decide exactly how many of the early "disc" sightings can be taken seriously.....

Read the information below and if you require a full copy of my article with references then I can email it to you in MS Word 7.0 upon request.....

"Forces of Darkness.

As we have seen through declassified Counter Intelligence Corps documents from 1947 and through the recently-released previously TOP SECRET Air Intelligence Report (AIR 100-203-79) the story was perhaps more complex than admitted to in the Air Intelligence Digest; the US Navy clearly had developed a jet-powered flying disc based upon the work of Charles Horton Zimmerman.

A 'Project Sign' document dated 23rd June 1948 written by Colonel RD Wentworth, Acting Chief of USAF Intelligence, noted the existence of an "X-plane" built by Chance-Vought.

It also referred to experiments underway within the Navy Engineering Division into low aspect ratio aircraft and what was described as 'boundary layer control'. The obvious point to make is that the sleek, metallic design of most reported discs is good evidence of low aspect ratio design.

Chance-Vought, initially based in Bridgeport, Connecticut, developed a circular wing aircraft of low aspect ratio during the Second World War for the US Navy. This was the V-173 and

became better known as the XF5U-1 'flying flapjack'. A more advanced version, known as the 'pancake' was built but, according to official sources, never flew and only underwent taxiing tests.

The official story has recently been thrown into serious doubt through the release of these previously classified documents and through interviews conducted with personnel involved in the development of jet-powered 'pancakes' and through information received by former combat veteran and USAF journalist Jack Pickett.

In early 1998 I spoke with Thomas C. Smith, who graduated in Engineering from Penn State University during the Second World War and later worked upon the more advanced XF5U-1 for Chance-Vought at the Bridgeport facility in 1945/46. Working with a Top Secret clearance he recalls seeing test flights of the circular aircraft where STOL characteristics were clearly demonstrated. In addition he worked upon the skins for the jet-powered version.

(At that time, the immediate postwar years, aircraft were changing from propellers to jet engines; in terms of more advanced designs and example of this might be said to be the XB-35 Northrop flying wing. It used props but these were soon replaced by jets and the aircraft was re-designated the YB-49.)

Smith, a lucid and successful man who became President of the Woodstream Corporation before his retirement, was absolutely clear that the discplane flew on numerous occasions and he noted that locals who saw the aircraft were impressed by its' ability to fly at very low speeds. This gave the impression of a 'hovering disc' to many witnesses.

The STOL (short take-off and landing) requirement is important and there may be little difference between STOL and proposed VTOL (vertical take-off and landing) aircraft in practice.

We are now sure that the jet-powered version existed. The evidence, from official sources is clear on this point:

"Domestic flying wing type aircraft observed in various aspects of flight might be responsible for some of the reported flying objects, particularly those described as disks and rough cigar shapes. (See Appendices "C" and "D".) Among those which have been operational in recent years are the XF5U-1 ("Flying Flapjack") developed by Chance-Vought, the Northrop B-35, and the turbo-jet powered Northrop YB-49."

In addition to this:

"The above tends to indicate that some type object has been seen and the possibility exists that the object or objects seen are conventional domestic devices, such as weather balloons, test rockets, or jet-equipped aircraft with pancake or flying wing configurations."

Information presented in "The Aeroplane" magazine - dated March 19th 1948 - makes a number of remarkable statements. The article, one of a three part series entitled "The Biology of the Flying Saucer", deals with the subject from an entirely technical point of view and its' author, A.S Weyl, is clearly an expert in his field. He states, on page 338;

"The Real Flying Saucer?"

Since this experimental type was produced [XF5U-1, TM], further progress has been made in the development. It seems that axial-flow gas turbines have been installed, and it is quite possible that a combined propulsion with thermal jet and airscrew rotor is already under test. With this, for slow flight (take-off, climb and landing), the rotors are driven by the gas turbines, while at high speed the rotors are declutched and feathered and pure jet propulsion is used. This would, incidentally, explain the extraordinary ability of the reported 'Flying Saucers' to be able to fly very high and fast, and also to hover, ascend and descend with practically no forward speed."

Despite raising doubts about 'squadrons' of these aircraft in operation (!), he makes a further important point;

"For operation with gas turbines a speed range from zero (i.e. hovering flight) to more than 500mph has been claimed for the Chance-Vought-Zimmerman helicopter aeroplane. Technically, there is little reason to doubt that such an amazing speed range can be attained with the combination power plant mentioned."

A clear picture is therefore emerging even if this type of evidence is leading to a hysterical response from elements of the UFO community - given over as it is to tales about aliens and abductions.

The discs came from planet earth!

The development of the flying pancake continued well into the 1960s and Jack Pickett was able to confirm to Bill Rose and David Windle that the four discs that he saw at MacDill Air Force Base in 1967 had the markings "X" (experimental) and "UL". The UL indicates construction by a joint team of Bell and Vought before 1962. Pickett, having seen the discs at MacDill by accident was taken aside by USAF Intelligence personnel and debriefed by a senior officer. He was further tasked to reveal the true nature and identity of the discs in his own USAF publication (Pickett worked on USAF periodicals after retirement from active service). The story was killed at the last minute after an advanced disc crashed at Avon Park Air Force Base in Florida that year. The desire to 'come clean' after 30 years was not popular at the highest levels and it is clear that the order to continue the cover-up came from the Pentagon.

We are now convinced that the early Pancakes had something approaching a heel-shaped platform and it is interesting to note how early saucer reports relate to such an aircraft. In addition, the McMinnville, Oregon, photographic case of 1950 - said by even some skeptics to be impossible to dismiss - seems to indicate the activity of a jet-powered aircraft similar to the 'Pancake'. The protuberance at the back would appear to be a tailfin.

Given the clear involvement of the US Navy the UFO reports resulting from the 'Operation Mainbrace' joint military exercise of September 1952 can also now be explained. We might expect to see advanced, classified and experimental aircraft during such a major exercise and not only could an X-plane be tested. The response of fairly reliable military witnesses would also have been of interest, especially in light of the CIA's desire to use flying saucers for 'psychological warfare' - evidence for which emerged that year (see appendix).

CIA documents made available via the Freedom of Information Act in 1978 and subsequently make it quite clear that there was something real behind reports from the USSR regarding Soviet aims and intentions in the field of advanced aircraft. Beyond the speculation and paranoia of US military reports it seems that German scientists captured by the Soviet Union and materiel recovered by 'Operation Osvakim' led to the development of various advanced technology projects. Several CIA documents relating to Soviet 'unconventional aircraft' are reprinted in the Appendices.

Given the levels of concern about developments within the Eastern bloc (a memorandum to the Director of the CIA dated 4th October 1955 notes a detailed report of a discplane in Czechoslovakia) then the Air Intelligence Digest report takes on a greater significance.

AID relates to 'Project Y' - a USAF requirement for a VTOL discplane utilizing no runway and able to operate from 'dispersed' (and hidden) bases. The design work was undertaken by the AVRO Special Projects Group at the company factory at Malton, Ontario, a state-of-the-art facility. The SPG was headed up by John C Frost, an eccentric Englishman noted for this remarkable aircraft designs. Having worked for De Havilland after the war Frost was said to be a visionary. He did, however, get his ideas for flying disc aircraft from "a group of Germans" after their transportation to the USA under the terms of 'Operation Paperclip', the more successful counterpart to 'Ovaskim'.

Frosts' counterparts were Jim Chamberlain and Dr. Richard Miethe - a German aviation expert and former colleague of rocket pioneer Werner von Braun from Kummersdorf days. Miethe has

become a legendary and near mythical figure within Ufological circles - partly because so little is known about him. Recent years - our investigations and the technical research of aviation and photographic expert Bill Rose - have allowed us to get a better idea of Miethe's work.

Despite admissions by none other than Dr. Alexander Flax (former secretary to the US Air Force) on American TV that Miethe had worked for the USAF in the postwar period skeptics still claim that German circular wing technologies, demonstrated at their most basic by the Messerschmidt AS6, are a 'Nazi UFO myth'. Nevertheless, our investigations have uncovered the following information made public by reporters working on an article for "France Soir";

On 7th June 1952 the 'Dusseldorfer Nachrichten' carried an article entitled "Flying Saucers - German V-7". The Dusseldorfer borrowed it directly from the French paper. Part of the article quoted a German engineer, Dr Richard Miethe; "I dare to state that flying saucers which appear in the sky were constructed in Germany according to my own specifications..."

So two separate strands of highly classified Research and Development appear to have been underway within the US during the 1950s. The Air Intelligence Digest appears to have been examining the lesser known and more radical discplane=85.

This introduction and reprint is the second in a series of reports into flying disc technologies. The big 'UFO' lie is that 'we' did not have the capability to build such vehicles. Perhaps this taste of the truth will encourage you to come to different conclusions.

Finally, consider this; The 'Project Silver Bug' technical report released to elements of the Defence technical and intelligence community in February 1955 can be seen as a natural follow on from the AID report reprinted below.

The role of ATIC - Air Technical Intelligence Centre at Wright-Patterson AFB, focal point for so many 'UFO' myths - was pivotal. From the earliest days of official USAF interest in collecting and analysing flying saucer and 'UFO' reports there were constant denials of knowledge from ATIC regarding either the nature or origin of the objects reported. It was ATIC who were involved in 'Silver Bug' - the project which we now believe led to the development of a classified operational discplane tested at Papoose Lake, Nevada from 1955-6 onwards with the possible designation D-5A. This fact has led many us to conclude that the ATIC official studies ending with 'Blue Book' were little more than;

1) a front for the development and operation of a small number of secret discplanes tasked to assist in the defence of both the US Distant Early Warning (DEW) systems and the Northern NATO borders from the late 1940s. 2) A US anti-Soviet counter-intelligence operation.

The reliable testimony of Jack Pickett, and others who choose to remain in the shadows, indicates at least a thirty year line of development relating to US discplanes. So far we have scratched only the surface of this cover-up=85=85

Tim Matthews - January 27th 1999"

Tim Matthews - author of "UFO Revelation - The Secret Technology Exposed?", out on February 18th!!

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 04:58:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 11:39:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Roger's Rhyme #1

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:05:58 -0500
>From: Scott Caput <scaput@shadow.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Roger's Rhyme #1

>>Roger Evans
>>From: moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com
>>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:52:13 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Roger's Rhyme #1

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Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 07:45:49 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 12:00:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:49:30 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:09:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps
>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

><snip>

>>Actually, those film scraps came from Philip Mantle, via Reg,
>>and are from the same strip as the samples I have. They are
>>copy film, not camera original, and therefore meaningless.

>>All they can tell is what we already know, the copy film is pre-
>>1955 in origin.

>Bob-

>As I recall, the producer of the Channel 4 production in Great
>Britain in 1995 was sent more "samples" of the alleged film than
>anyone else. I have written to him, but got no response, and
>have no idea what kind of testing (if any) that he might have
>pursued. Do you know how much film he had been sent, and
>whether or not he has pursued that angle at all.

Yes. I'm drawing a blank on his name at the moment. Anyway, he
has a large film can full of film scraps. He showed them to me
in Paris when we were both there to appear on the French TV
program about the film. I only had a brief look at it, but it
appeared to be more of the same. Just a guess, but I think if
all his scraps were spliced together he might have a couple of
feet of film. Ahh, yes, it comes to me --- John Purdy. He never
has returned my calls, so I have not been able to discuss
anything with him.

>You also commented in another post that Hesemman gave Ray the
>undeveloped film that he'd been given in Roswell, and that Ray
>allegedly had it developed. While it would be possible to run
>the film through the developing process, taking care to mix the
>chemicals properly for the type of film involved, what would
>have prevent cosmic radiation from fogging the film over the
>years. If that film was stored away in someone's home, it
>wouldn't have been protected from such radiation, and it would
>(according to some of your earlier statements) become so fogged
>that it would be useless.

Two differences primarily. This was not Super XX but a much
slower film and therefore would be less subject to fogging.
Also since it was in a metal cartridge I would assume that the
metal would block some background radiation. The film did show
significant fogging, but the edge markings were clear and images
would have shown if there were any. The portion of the film Ray
returned to Mike was completely blank.

Bob

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Re: UFO Communication?

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 04:46:59 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 12:13:46 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Communication?

>From: Real Arsenault <aviano291@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO Communication?
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 15:06:51 PST

>Larry,

>Magnetic light deflectors has been used for the past 20+ years
>by the scientific communities; please see the URL below for
>details (GSI research center)

I got nowhere with the site address below, it led in all sorts
of confusing directions, and I found nothing pertinent.

><http://www.milliyet.com.tr/e/1998/12/27/engtool.html>

Is there some path I need to take to get to the pertinent part?
This site got me nowhere.

I must ask the same question again. Are you saying that light
itself is deflected by a magnetic field, rather than some source
device, or reflector, which could easily be magnetized?

- LH

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 08:03:46 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:17:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 14:02:23 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Hi Bob,

>My only exposure to 16mm has been in the professional arena. I'm
>curious who made these cameras and if they were spring wound or
>electric driven. The reason I ask is they sound like great crash
>cams! Based on the description you gave, I was simply trying to
>help get a clearer picture of the format in question, since you
>mentioned the unusual pitch of the film's sprocket holes. Sorry
>I'm not as familiar with the amateur formats as you are. I
>certainly wasn't doubting your word, just trying to get more
>info...

The cartridge load 16 mm cameras were originated by Kodak as a way to lock the user in to Kodak film, since that was the only film available in the cartridges. Kodak made a number of different models of these cameras, and Bell & Howell also made some. Other camera companies may also have made cameras to accept these cartridges. They were also easier for amateurs to use since there was no film threading involved. The military used them as well, and I have seen some cartridge load cameras with military markings at photo flea markets now and then.

I did not say anything about unusual pitch of sprocket holes. The spacing of sprocket holes changed at some point in the 50s (I have the exact data somewhere) when Kodak went to a new system to make the holes. It had changed a few times earlier as well. By using a special guage Kodak can determine the rough age of film from this spacing.

Bob

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 08:05:06 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:25:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 14:02:23 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>I'm curious who made these cameras and if they were spring
>wound or electric driven.

Sorry, missed that. The only ones I've seen are spring driven.

Bob

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Joachim Koch <AchimKoch@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 11:18:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:39:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:41:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>There was a Kodak cartridge of old film which Mike Hesemann
>bought from a lady in Roswell which was supposed to contain
>images of the crash site. It was unprocessed film.

>Unfortunately, Mike gave it to Ray for processing, and later
>got back a short portion of the film. The part which had
>actually gone through the camera was missing from what Ray
>returned to Mike, and has never been accounted for.<

Hi Bob,

please try to answer my questions regarding the above quote.

- 1.) Did you attend this deal of M. Hesemann with the Lady? If not, who told you about this? Do you know the Lady? Who is she?
- 2.) "...Unfortunately, Mike gave it to Ray for processing,..."
Could you please give me a kind of timetable for this? When did the "unfortunate giving of the material" happen?
- 3.) What did M. Hesemann do to get back the missing parts of "his" film scraps? Did he start a lawsuit against Santilli?

Bob, I would appreciate very much if you would answer this.

Because: M. Hesemann still distributes(promotes)a video of the "Alien Autopsy" here in Germany claiming that the video shows the pictures as they came down from the reels of the original film without any cut, reel by reel. Of course, without the tent footage.

We have definite proof by the expertise of a reliable film producer from Munich, Bavaria, that this claim is not true. His expertise shows clearly, that the video consists of scraps of videos because the fading in and out, shown several times, is hoaxed while on the other hand some abrupt changes of the scene as they happen from time to time could never have done in this way by a film camera.

If this video, which M. Hesemann offers to the public, is only a copy of Santilli's video then this would imply that the whole thing was done on video in first place - and everyone who's telling stories about "original film reels/canisters)" must be asked: Have you seen them?

The story of a canister of unprocessed film (so I don't know what it is - maybe nothing) bought from "a Lady", handed over to a Mr. Santilli (why to Santilli in England and why not to Mr. Illobrand v. Ludwiger to MUFON-CES or to G.E.P. here in Germany?) without doing anything to secure the whole thing (imagine: it is supposed to be material about the crash site from Roswell!) and getting back not the same what once was delivered but continue to promote video material from the same man - sorry - this stinks to heaven (as we say here in Germany)!

By the way, I forgot to ask you: do you know anyone who ever has seen the whole (claimed) amount of reels?

Cheers

Achim Koch
International Roswell Initiative, Germany

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 99 11:29:24 PST
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:42:18 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 02:02:26 +0100 (MET)
>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>To: updates@globalseve.net

>>Source: "alt.ufo.reports".

>>Stig

>>From: "Gerard Vanderleun"
>>gerard.vanderleun@generalmedia.com
>>Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports
>>Subject: 1999 UFO ALIEN ABDUCTION CONFERENCE
>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:49:06 -0500
>>ef: news.get2net.dk alt.ufo.reports:26306

>>The Intruders Foundation Presents

>

>>THE 1999 UFO ABDUCTION CONFERENCE
>>- WHAT WE KNOW AND HOW WE KNOW IT -

>>On Saturday, April 10, 1999, New York City will be the site of a
>>day-long national conference on the UFO abduction phenomenon.
>>Four of America's most respected UFO researchers - Budd Hopkins,
>>Stanton Friedman, David Jacobs and Jerome Clark - will welcome
>>the public to a cutting-edge presentation of current evidence
>>for the reality and possible future of alien abductions.

>Not all the evidence. Only that which they want you to hear. You
>will notice that there are no speakers or information offered
>about alternatives to these specific people's opinions. How
>cutting edge can it be without alternative explanations being
>offered.

>>The conference is planned as both a crash course in the ongoing
>>UFO abduction phenomenon - what we know and how we know it - and
>>an illustrated presentation of the latest research findings.

>It will only be a crash course in belief structure and it will
>not contain the latest findings. Only those findings which they
>want you to hear. In an upcoming book by Kevin Randle (me), Russ
>Estes, and Dr. William P. Cone, we take a long and hard look at
>the abduction phenomenon as it exists today. We can find some
>alternative explanations and we offered to share these at the
>conference, but the organizers were uninterested in that. They
>are only interested in promoting alien abduction as if it is a
>proven fact and refuse to answer hard questions about it.

Kevin,

I am afraid that none of the above makes much sense to me. First
of all, the organizers of any conference on any subject have the
right to invite exactly whom they want to invite, and to have
represented any point of view they endorse, feel comfortable

with, or consider important. If you're not happy with the views expressed at the Intruders conference, hold your own damn conference.

Second of all, unless you are claiming telepathic powers, I don't think you know what I'm going to say, and I resent the implication that I am involved in some sort of misleading propaganda effort.

And third of all, I look forward to reading your book. I just hope that it's better than other books which have sought reductionist explanations for this peculiar phenomenon. What we all need, really, is a book by Eddie Bullard -- than whom no one knows more about the abduction maze or has so balanced a view -- on the subject.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 12:17:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:44:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 23:08:01 -0500
>Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 10:25:09 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 08:20:40 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Hi James,

Great info!

However, previously I had written:

>>If the info about Santilli processing the film is true, then it
>>should be fairly easy to find the lab that did the work.

Your response was:

>We already know who it's claimed carried out the work. As Bob
>Shell will no doubt recall, he confirmed having been informed,
>"Film to video transfer was done in London by Rank".

My statement above wasn't related to the transfer of the film to video. It was related to the processing of the undeveloped film. If Santilli had 15 undeveloped cans of this stuff (as previously suggested), then it would have needed special handling due to its unique processing requirements; i.e. different chemicals, tests, lower temperatures, etc. This should be easy to find since the number of labs that process B&W are fewer, anyway. This would have been a big deal to any one of them.

Moving on, you offered:

>Following a discrete enquiry, Rank clarified that any such
>specialist work would be carried out by Rank Video Services in
>London and suggested speaking to Roy Liddiard, the senior
>manager there.

>Familiar with the 'alien autopsy' film, Roy categorically and
>formally refuted any suggestion his laboratory had been involved
>and noted that even if another specialist laboratory had
>processed the 'alien autopsy' film, he would have expected to
>have heard something 'on the
>grapevine'.

Are Rank Laboratories the only place in London that a Rank transfer could be achieved? I ask this for a very specific reason:

The statement "The film was transferred in London by Rank" doesn't necessarily mean that the actual "Rank Laboratory" had to be the one that did it. Virtually all modern transfer facilities, either in England or in the States, uses a Rank Cintel transfer device or the equivalent. It is common in the industry to say that "film was transferred by Rank", even in a city where Rank Laboratories do not exist and even in a facility where a Philips equivalent was being used instead of an actual

Rank Cintel! "Transfer by Rank" generally refers to the process and not the Lab, itself.

Of course, if Santilli says that the "Rank Laboratories" did the transfer, then that is totally different as he is designating an actual place of business and not just a process.

Continuing, you offered this info from Bob Shell:

>"When I asked Ray who had done the copying of the original film
>to a 16 mm dupe, he said that he wasn't sure.

Again, some clarification is in order, here. Bob is clearly talking about who made the 16mm dupe of the original film and not who transferred the original film to video. While I'm certain that any lab could do both, they are two totally different processes.

More importantly, this info is in apparent conflict with Bob's earlier statement that the "testing" of the film was useless since it was from copy film and not camera original, even though the "vintage" was identified as either 1947 or 1967. If Bob already knew that the 16mm dupe was done by Santilli via Rank, or any other lab, then the issue of having it tested for "vintage" makes no sense at all. Furthermore, how could the "vintage" be even as old as 1967 if the dupe had just been made? Certainly the lab wasn't using 30 year old dupe stock!

Steven had written:

>>I believe that Santilli also said the "film" was very fragile and
>>had to be transferred to video a frame at a time, which may be the
>>"processing" that he has referred to in some statements.

However, Santilli claimed:

>"After hearing the story I was taken to the cameraman's house
>and viewed the footage. The cameraman had one reel of film that
>he was able to show on an old projector. He moved the projector
>over to a wall and projected the image on the wall itself".

Bob Shell had previously offered:

>"The film Ray/Volker have is, according to them, extremely
>brittle. If the pieces I have indeed come from this film, it is
>far too brittle to be projected. That is why I assume a later
>copy is what was projected".

There seems to be another conflict of info here. In an October post on the subject, I asked Bob Shell if he had inspected the framelines of the camera original. Bob replied:

>No, he does not have the camera, and it would not matter much
>if he did since Santilli has never released any camera original
>film. The short pieces I have are all from copy prints.

Here Bob indicates he has no camera original; only copy print material. But in the above, Bob offers:

>If the pieces I have indeed come from this (the original) film, it
>is far too brittle to be projected.

Perhaps Bob can explain. Do you have camera original or not?

For the record, any film that can be printed can be transferred on a Rank Cintel. Both processes use 'roller transport' for moving the film. In fact, the Rank is more gentle than a film printer since the Rank needs no "teeth" to align the film. There would be no need to transfer "one frame at a time" under any circumstance.

Thanks for the info, James. Considering the research you've done, perhaps you could put together a simplified time line contrasting what Santilli says happened against what you think really happened.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Chat with Stephen Bassett

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Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:49:03 -0500
Subject: Chat with Stephen Bassett

The Politics of UFOS - Just where do we stand?

Lobbyist Stephen Bassett is founder of Paradigm Research Group, which provides professional support for ufological organizations such as Stargate, Enterprise, Mission, and CSETI.

Join Mr. Bassett and the Politics of UFOs staff on Sunday, January 31, at 6 PM Pacific Time for updates on Joseph Firmage; the effect of the end of the impeachment process and the need for leadership and funding to represent the people's interest in this matter, insightful comments on main stream media developments, programs, and interviews which are impacting the politics of disclosure; and more! This chat is available through <http://communities.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: Greenwood on MJ-12

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 13:00:24 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 21:04:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Greenwood on MJ-12

>From: Ryan S. Wood <rswood@igc.apc.org>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 19:35:48 -0800
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 10:35:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: Greenwood on MJ-12

[Non-Subscriber Post]

>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 21:43:56 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
>Subject: Greenwood on MJ-12
>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Greetings,

I must say this is quite a reaction to the announcement the next UFO Historical Revue. Seems to me that Barry's audience compared to Art Bell's is infinitesimal. The flea stings the elephant!

>Dear Mr. Aldrich:

>In the interest of clarity let me respond to your
>comments in CAPS and hopefully ease your mind and others
>about the authenticity efforts by Wood & Wood around the MJ-12
>documents. Our focus is on quality, thoroughness and validation.

>Jan Aldrich writes:

>>>The MJ-12 Saga Continues, Greenwood Addresses New MJ-12
>>>Documents In The Next UHR

>>>Once again, extraordinary claims are being made involving
>>>a number of documents shoved into Tim Cooper's mail box.

>REALLY, WHAT CLAIMS ARE THOSE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS
>THEMSELVES?

That they are authentic. Of course, if they are authentic all the material, ie events in the documents are true. The documents represent extraordinary events.

>>>These second generation MJ-12 document highly promoted by
>>>Dr. Robert Wood and his son attract new people to the MJ-12
>>>morass. The Woods claim that by looking at the content of the
>>>documents they can determine the authenticity of the material.
>>>Provenance is irrelevant to these proponents.

>This is statement is inaccurate. we are looking at
>all aspects of authenticity, typography, content, style
>chirography, provenance

Glad to hear it, but again that establishes nothing conclusive on authenticity. Fakery can be established, however.

>and difficulty in fakery.

This is silly. After six weeks training most military clerks can produce military documents. The idea that it is difficult to mimic someone's style or load documents with obscure facts is ludicrous. One only has to look at the Howard Hughes and Hitler

forgeries, which were indeed first certified by experts to see that. As far as producing type fonts and other items I guess the implication is that there were no forgeries until computers came along.

>in no way are we focusing on only a few elements. Now
>you may believe that we are because that is all the
>information you have seen or understood.

Of course, the content of the documents involves all these things mentioned about. Unless you find flaws, this tells you little about the authenticity of the documents.

>Let me say that we have hundreds of pages of further
>detailed analysis that we have not yet published.

>On the provenance front, Tim Cooper just agreed to take
>a lie detector test on The Mike Jarmus Show after Bob
>Durant Asked him to.

I think no one disputes that Tim Cooper found the documents in his mail box or got information for the shadowy Cantwheel. This establishes nothing about the provenance of the documents.

>>All doubt has been
>>answered about the MJ-12 documents, or so we are to believe.

>Were do you get that impression? There are still many man
>years of additional work to be done. do you want some
>assignments?

Now, if you re-read what you wrote below it seems to me that is exactly what you are saying: that in your two year study you have checked all possible serious objections and you have foreseen all the problems. So which is it? Man years of further analysis or everything already so neatly established that nearly all serious objections have been foreseen and answered.

>How about find every soldier in the 9393 TSU (400+) in 1947
>and interview them or their children. There are other
>less daunting tasks as well.

It would seem that this answer the above question, but why go to that trouble based on questionable documents.?

>>>So while most of ufology does not yet accept the extravagant
>>>claims for the new MJ-12 documents, there are many new people
>>>who find these documents compelling.

>
>Excuse me, Aldrich...Most of ufology? Who are you to
>speak for ufology? Did you do a survey and have
>a majority opinion?

My statement was based on the discussions on UFO Updates and other places. I was not implying that it was based on a survey of everyone who considers himself a ufologist.

>The documents are actively
>>>promoted on Art Bell and on other radio shows, and on the
>>>Internet.

>This is a good thing. It allows everyone to read and
>understand for themselves.

>>>Barry Greenwood will devote the next UFO Historical Review to
>>>problems and flaws in the new MJ-12 documents. It will probably
>>>be in the mail next week.

>
>We look forward to any serious objections, I doubt very
>much that any objection that may be raised we have not
>already heard of before. Very likely we will have already
>performed a detailed analysis that addresses serious
>objections.

>
>Remember that we have been studying and researching
>these documents for nearly two years.

>
>It is sad in my mind that Greenwood has not contacted us
>to further clarification of his opinions and investigations
>So that the ufo community can continue to have the
>best possible information discussed in public forums
>such as UHR.
>>>
>>>UHR, P. O. Box 176, Stoneham, MA 02180, \$15/year US, \$20/year
>>>outside the US.

UHR should be out in a few days; so you will get your wish. In the meantime here are some of my objections:

1. Provenance. These document all appeared in people's mailboxes or came from shadowy figures. Recently, the workings of MJ-12 are expounded in fictional works, because it is okay for people with security clearance to discuss classified information as long as it is in the form of fiction. This last is poppycock!

If you can't establish provenance, nearly all other work is a waste of time and effort. Hoaxers and forgers can create just about anything. These documents are at least second or third generation copies. Most efforts to determine a cut and paste job is wasted.

The origin of the documents cannot not be established. What's to say rather than chronicles of real events created in some government office, they would the work of people in trying fool someone?

2. Security Markings. Top Secret is not Secret with the word "Top" stuck in front of it. Silly statement, but it is necessary to drive home the point that Top Secret material is handled completely different than other material.

It seems that there is almost complete *ignorance* of the proper procedures for handling Top Secret in the UFO community. There is certain such among the MJ-12 advocates. So much so that they debunk the use of Top Secret Control Numbers and other Top Secret procedures. For those who wish to know the procedures here they are:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar380-5/vii.htm>

This section for Army Regulation 350-5 describes generally the procedure for handling Top Secret information. Specific implementation instruction are elsewhere.

[Some people who have actually had clearance try to exploit the UFO public's ignorance with tall-tales, but that's another tale which has been told elsewhere.]

Ah, but the MJ-12ers say, this is an Army procedure, every agency has their own. Beside that, procedures have changed over the years. This is more exposition of the *ingnorance* I mentioned. Each agency may implement the instructions with some variations but their results must be the same.

Documents must have control numbers, a unique number that is used for the continuous accountability in that office. All of the MJ-12 documents are missing this vital item. Most are missing other required items.

Ah, but the retort comes, these documents originated years ago.

Yes, and despite the debunking by MJ-12 advocates of the Top Secret control procedures, the procedures have remain little changed since the post-World War II era. This is something that the great MJ-12 researchers seem to have missed in their extensive research.

A document cover properly exhibiting Top Secret control information may be found at:

<http://www.iufog.org/project1947/fig/1948air.htm>

The SOM 1-01 should have displayed similar markings on the cover: a Top Secret control number and the which of copy of the total number of copies.

Why is this? Because the fabricators of MJ-12 did not even know

the proper Top Secret control procedures. They thought that Top Secret documents were controlled and maintained just as the lower Secret and Confidential documents.

(For those really interested, I can provide a sample of declassified Top Secret documents from the era. They show the Top Secret control numbers, implementation of the procedures in different fashions and how TS control numbers sometimes get obliterated during the declassification/FOIA process. Send me a self address 55-cent stamped (or international reply) and a #10 (business) envelope--don't request this by E-mail--and I will provide you with samples.)

Instead of the "difficulty of fakery," how about "the silliness of content," because the silliness of some of these documents should be readily apparent:

SOM 1-01, for example.

Berliner provide the change sheet for the publication. Are there any indications in the text of the changes being made?

There are none!

If MJ-12 is composed of the brightest and the best minds around how come they can't figure out:

- o That the recovery team has to guard against overhead observation
- o How to establish an exclusion area (something typical for the Army, but probably not for a Sergeant in the Air Force)
- o Prevention of taking souvenirs
- o Actual procedures, equipment, and specially trained personnel needed to accomplish a recovery?

The manual does tell one how to construct a box, something could have been referred to SOM reader in another publication.

BTW The "TO" number on the manual's cover refers to an Air Force technical manual. If someone wanted to do research on the item for authenticity purposes, they would find the Air Force Technical Order index for 1954 and look up the number. My bet is that it belongs to a packing manual! [Not doubt with multiple changes through the years--another avenue of investigation. Since the manual came from Kirkland, is there anyone else we know who was associated with Kirkland? --Just a thought.]

The silliest thing in the SOM 1-01 is the cover story for the recovery operation being a downed satellite! In 1954 there were not satellites. The purpose of the cover story is to keep the press and presumably foreign intelligence agents away. If it was announced in 1954 or even in the late 1950s after some satellites were launched that a satellite had come down it would cause a sensation and attract every reporter every spy around. Such a cover story would cause both the press and spies to redouble their efforts to find out what was going on! What a *stupid* cover story! Multiple Jerks-12!

One could go on, but what is the point? Manuals of this type are supposed to establish standards of performance, detail how procedure are done and establish equipment, personnel and training necessary to accomplish the tasks. This manual is an outright failure in these regards; it does, however, tell one how to construct a shipping crate.

MJ-12 seems a red-herring dragged across the track of ufologists which takes us far away from the study of UFOs.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Looking Back At 50 Years Of Ufology

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 13:18:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 21:17:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Looking Back At 50 Years Of Ufology

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 18:10:01 +0000
>From: Anthony Chippendale <ufo-net@clara.net>
>To: discuss-ufo@onelist.com
>Subject: Looking Back At 50 Years Of Ufology

>As we prepare to enter the new Millenium it is time that we all
>stood back and looked at what we have accomplished during the
>last 50 or so years of UFO research - nothing. We have
>investigated sightings, abductions, mutilations and crop
>circles. We have gathered numbers and statistics and analysis'
>of UFO sightings, but we have not actually achieved anything.

Anthony -

It depends on what you mean by "achievement". In this context,
my definition of achievement has several components:

- 1) Collection, preservation and dissemination of historical data
by and among researchers.
- 2) Dissemination of said information among the general public
and the scientific community.
- 3) Improvements in the gathering of new case information and the
analyses applied to that information.
- 4) Dissemination of that information to researchers, the general
public, and the scientific community.
- 5) Development, dissemination and use of classification systems
for UFO reports which emphasize patterns available in historical
and modern data.
- 6) Development of methods for rapid peer review of new cases,
analyses, and ideas.
- 7) Development of publication and funding resources for serious
research - within the UFO research community.
- 8) Clarification of the status of classic and non-so-classic
incidents through reinvestigation and archival research,
including the
discovery / rediscovery of hoaxes.

Let's examine the results.

- 1) Efforts such as Project 1947's archival research and
cataloging efforts, FUFOR sponsored historical research and
publications, the work of Loren Gross, the efforts to find and
consolidate important collections of UFO publications and
papers, have all contributed to this goal.
- 2) Jerry Clark's new 'UFO Encyclopedia' & 'UFO Book', Peter
Hassall's 'NZ Files', Brookesmith's collections, republication
of the 'UFO Evidence', and von Ludwiger's 'Best UFO Cases:
Europe' all are recent steps to the attainment of this goal. The
publication of catalogs and reports on the web has increased
greatly, widening the audience for serious UFO data.
- 3) A limited degree of new focus on gathering quantitative

information from UFO sightings has begun to emerge. Ted Phillips' renewed activity in physical trace investigation and analysis, efforts by Vallee to estimate the physical parameters (especially energy output) of UFOs, and the efforts of individual investigators to gather more solid distance, size, and speed information, have all shown promise. This area, however, continues to lag behind others, due to the nature of field investigation and the ability of FIs to devote sufficient effort to single cases.

4) This area continues to lag far behind, though there are some hopeful signs. The emergence and evolution of Internet communities (such as this List) where experts and laypersons mix, and where current and historical case information can be repeatedly and thoroughly debated are a hopeful sign.

Nevertheless, emphasis on sensational and unverified aspects of the phenomenon, such as abduction claims, implants, films/videos/documents of anonymous or unknown provenance, and paranormal cases, remains the primary focus of the conventional media with regard to UFOs. This is also reflected in the pages of many of the more popular UFO related media. To some extent, this situation has seen a sharp worsening since the late 1960s/early 1970s, when scientists seemed to show a willingness to look more openly at UFO data.

5) Relatively little effort has been exerted in this area. Most classification systems have been simple and superficial, and few are more than single level. The original Vallee classification system has been brought more in line with the Hynek system has added categories for anomalies, and has tried to regularize its dimensions, largely (IMO) to the detriment of its expressiveness. Such systems have been a personal area of focus for me, and I have developed three classification systems with a behavioral slant. This remains one of the weakest areas of UFOlogical science.

6) Again, the Internet is wreaking change in this area. New cases and theories are dissected and dealt with in a matter of days, weeks, or months, where years were formerly needed. At the same time, final dissemination of these results still lags behind, except in mail list archives.

7) The situation in terms of publication remains slightly improved, but there are still not enough resources available. FUFOR has emerged as an important funder of programs, but direction of research money remains sporadic, and the amount remains small.

8) Researchers continue their efforts in this area, however many databases either lack definitive status for their cases, or the definitive status remains undisseminated, or, worse, databases are removing cases found to be hoaxes. However, authors continue the tradition of discussing problematic or refuted cases in their books.

Others may define achievement in other ways. For instance, I suspect there are many who define achievement as reduction in conflict and increasing unanimity of opinion. Personally, I believe that it is far too early for that to occur. We have spent about 50 years collecting and disseminating cases of uneven quality and data depth. This has been important, and the efforts to catalog that data are an important first step to the development of the more robust and expressive classification systems which are needed to frame overarching hypotheses. Free form efforts at theorization are both essential and yet have the potential to do harm within and without ufology. Little except the continued development of peer review mechanisms can be used to improve the quality and applicability of new hypotheses.

>We ufologists spend most of our time arguing about cases and >incidents. We argue on the Internet, on TV, and in the numerous >UFO/Paranormal periodicals that are published across the globe. >Unfortunately, we have not gained anything.

I would disagree with this, for the reasons stated above. If anything, we need higher levels of debate, and we need more credible researchers involved in these debates. If the nonsense is to be ejected from this field, it will only be accomplished by free, unfettered, and focused debate. From that, hopefully, will emerge a foundation of stronger hypotheses which are

supportable from the existing data.

We also need to keep in mind the nature of our subject of study. UFOs remain elusive and unwilling to perform in cue. Therefore we must, like ornithologists, deal with the self-willed nature of the phenomenon, and the fragmentary and distorted data which results.

>It is time for us to step back and look at the data that we
>have, I do not mean analyse it, I mean look at it, look for
>clues and patterns that might tell us something about the
>activities of the aliens.

Good data gathering, analysis, classification, and the formulation of testable hypotheses are the only routes that will eventually attain this goal. Unfocused "looking" is not going to help.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
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Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 14:29:21 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 21:31:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:49:30 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:09:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps
>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

><snip>

>>Actually, those film scraps came from Philip Mantle, via Reg,
>>and are from the same strip as the samples I have. They are
>>copy film, not camera original, and therefore meaningless.

>>All they can tell is what we already know, the copy film is pre-
>>1955 in origin.

>Bob-

>As I recall, the producer of the Channel 4 production in Great
>Britain in 1995 was sent more "samples" of the alleged film than
>anyone else. I have written to him, but got no response, and
>have no idea what kind of testing (if any) that he might have
>pursued. Do you know how much film he had been sent, and
>whether or not he has pursued that angle at all.

>You also commented in another post that Heseman gave Ray the
>undeveloped film that he'd been given in Roswell, and that Ray
>allegedly had it developed. While it would be possible to run
>the film through the developing process, taking care to mix the
>chemicals properly for the type of film involved, what would
>have prevent cosmic radiation from fogging the film over the
>years. If that film was stored away in someone's home, it
>wouldn't have been protected from such radiation, and it would
>(according to some of your earlier statements) become so fogged
>that it would be useless.

>Any thoughts?

>Steve

Hi Steven, Hi Bob,

The film scraps obtained by Derrel Sims and Dr. Roger Leir have
images of military cadets(?), players on a football field, etc.

These film scraps were forwarded to the Technical Research and
Development labs in Montreal of the National Film Board of
Canada for tests. Their analysis report contained 11 very
interesting facts about these film scraps. Fact 4 was that:

"All samples are cellulose triacetate film, but are not
camera-originals."

The assistant director of this research lab is willing and able

to resolve the issue of the age of the actual Alien Autopsy film for free. We will continue to wait for Ray Santilli to decide what to do.

Below is a comment from Dr. Roger Leir to your (Steven's) UFO UpDates post. It mentions Ray Santilli's reply to the NFB findings on the film scraps.

Interesting, I did not know he had given film to others. He sent me a direct e-mail in which he said he did not believe the report we sent him. Well that's okay. He can never complain that we weren't true to our word.
Roger

Nick Balaskas

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Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

From: Dave Ledger <dledger@cableinet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 19:08:46 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 21:43:14 -0500
Subject: Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 15:09:40 +1100
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Mike Farrell <mikefarr@midcoast.com.au>
>Subject: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

>Hello UpDates List,

>I just got a funny feeling listening to all this talk about the
>"200 questions" and the reputations, credibilitiy, and
>accountability implied. Do you all remember what happened to Dr.
>Paul Bennewitz. If not, look in any good UFO book for
>references.

Dear Errol, Mike and fellow List members,

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Farrell for making one of the best, rational and constructive posts to this list, that I have seen in a long time. Perhaps if we all took a similar approach and ended the in-fighting, we would all make a little more progress instead of chasing our tails and doing very little to advance the sincere research of ufology.

I thank you all for your time,

Take care all,

>From your friend in bonnie Scotland,

Dave Ledger (UFO Scotland)

P.S: Mr Stephens, I am still awaiting your reply if possible <G>

On Wed, 27 Jan 1999 15:09:40 +1100 Mike Farrell wrote:

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If you see someone without a smile.....give them one of yours :)

Posted by: Dave Ledger (mailto:UFOSCOT@cableinet.co.uk)
VISIT "UFO SCOTLAND" AT:
<A HREF="<http://wkweb5.cableinet.co.uk/dledger/index.htm>">UFO
Scotland.
ICQ pager <http://www.mirabilis.com/4851425>

THE TRUTH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!.....BUT HOW FAR?
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"The sands of time are trickling away from our dear mother Earth and yet we continue to fight amongst ourselves and destroy our natural enviroment,leaving all the mess for our children and their children's children to inherit when we're gone."

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CUFORG Web Site Update

From: **Ian Darlington** <cuforg@interweb-design.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:54:14 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 21:45:31 -0500
Subject: CUFORG Web Site Update

Dear List,

Just to let you know the Cornwall UFO Research Group Web site has finally been updated - it now includes a photo gallery of a anomalous objects and phenomena.

<http://www.interweb-design.co.uk/cuforg/>

We will soon begin emailing the quarterly newsletter to those in the exchange programme - sorry for the break.

Any researchers wishing to join the programme, please contact us for further details.

Regards,

Ian Darlington.
Editor/Webmaster 'Skywatchers'.

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Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 15:58:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 21:56:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@virgin.net>
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 17:11:38 -0000
>Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 13:22:02 -0500
>Subject: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

>Issue 5 "Down To Earth Magazine" out now, the Magazine for
>today's ufologist =A32.00 per issue

Roy

You have a very interesting magazine but I have a query on the report entitled "Three sided mystery" apparently written by you which appeared in issue 2.

In the report you state that two witnesses see a large flying triangle and then drive to Great Munden, Herts. You then state that the week that followed the deserted country lanes around Great Munden were closed for road works and state that this was a 'business like response' from the MOD. The query I have is that the road closures commenced on the 1st October 1997, and the large triangle was witnessed some 3 weeks earlier. This discrepancy alters the whole implication of your article, can you explain why this wasn't picked up during your investigation?

Following the report you have included the 'Elufon comment' which was again by yourself. Do you comment on your own articles or was the original article written by someone else?

In those comments you state "I can assure the reader that the military are aware of the Extra-Terrestrial Triangle and are tracking this craft whenever they get the chance". Have you got in your possession government documents that back up your assurances, or was this purely your opinion?

Thanks, Tony

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One of Santilli's Statements circa July 1995

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 22:27:18 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 22:49:57 -0500
Subject: One of Santilli's Statements circa July 1995

All,

As there seem to be a number of newer UpDates members who weren't around when the AA film erupted onto the scene here's one of Ray's replies to a series of questions asked by James Easton, Ray gives a brief "history" of the film together with details of the number of reels and stock types.

If you FTP into my machine adm2.ph.man.ac.uk and log in as anonymous with your email as password you can find a bunch of "large" text files in the roswell sub dir there, with a generic file name of ALL-xxx.txt, these are digests of many of the dialogs going on at the time on alt.paranet.ufo newsgroup and others, relating to the AA film. In there you can follow the trail identifying the "phone and curley cord" and "the clock", "surgical instruments" AND how they should be held!. It's all interesting stuff.

Neil.

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06-Jul-95 18:48:23
Sb: #93080-#Disturbing Developments
Fm: Ray Santilli *****
To: James Easton *****

James,

The only disturbing development is that I am often credited for saying things that are just not true.

Around July of 1993 (I do not have the date to hand) I was working in the US on a music programme. The programme was based on the development of Rock'N' Roll and the fear it was creating in the establishment. As a result of our research I came across a freelance cameraman of the 50's who was used by Universal News because of a union strike at the time. He filmed many young up and coming stars.

We purchased of him around 5 minutes of film, paid him cash, no paperwork it was all very simple. As a result he then asked us if we were interested in buying other footage. He then relayed the story we now all know.

We agreed to meet him at his house and for the first time viewed the footage.

Although I agreed to buy the footage if everything checked out I did not have the available CASH to give him and was not able to raise it through normal means.

During this time I had contacted Philip Mantle in order to find out as much as I could about Roswell, I acknowledge that I may have said to Philip at the time that the film was already purchased (standard practice when you do not wish someone to circumvent you for the product).

To cut a long story short. I did not come up with the money and

kept up a strained relationship with the cameraman with promises. Eventually he just gave up on me and refused to take my calls, At the end of 1994 I re-established contact, this time with the money, the transaction was finally concluded in January.

Please ask Colin Andrews for detailed information regarding the Chinese that came with him to my office, I can't remember their names.

The Cameraman was sent from Washington.

The Cameraman processed the film at his lab.

The autopsys were conducted in Dallas.

20 reels of positive safety print, 1 reel of scrap, 1 reel of neg

On leaving, in 1952 the cameraman was able to take anything that was deemed his property, There was no security, no checks he was able to take what he wanted (I know it sounds strange).

The reels were not labelled with a discription of their contents. Just numbers.

On part of the tent footage there is a date board which was added after (it continues after the footage is over) It could be the date of process (we don't know).

Its lam, I may have missed some questions there may be spelling errors but thats it for now.

Regards,

Ray

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Neil Morris@Home.
Email: Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk

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Re: Open Letter To IUR Readers

From: Wendy Connors <ProjectSign@email.msn.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 12:46:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 22:12:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Open Letter To IUR Readers

>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Open Letter To Iur Readers
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:32:25 -0000

>Dear All,

>This is an important response to an article that recently
>appeared in the IUR journal entitled "Alfred Loedding; New
>Insight On The Man Behind Project Sign" (IUR Winter 1998 Volume
>23, Number 4, pp.3 - 28).

>I read with interest the recent article featured in this
>excellent and improving journal. The article in question,
>written by Wendy Connors and Michael David Hall, is of a
>particularly high standard but totally fails to mention certain
>points of importance.

Thank you Tim for your illuminating look into your research. It was very interesting.

However, I would like to address your concerns regarding our article on Alfred Loedding. The IUR article was intended to introduce Alfred Loedding to the ufological community and outline, briefly, his contributions to the first official investigation of unidentified flying objects under the auspices of Project SIGN. Unfortunately, the article, as to your view, did not go far enough. It was never meant too for several reasons. First, space in CUFOS' fine publication (IUR) is limited and necessitates editing. Secondly, Mr. Hall and myself will be writing a complete and factual book detailing Alfred Loedding's life and the development of low aspect ratio, VTOL, etc. aircraft. This endeavor takes a great deal of time and not all family members have been interviewed as yet, but we are working on this aspect as quickly as possible. To date, new information has been obtained and is being reviewed and discussed between Mike and myself. This information will be released to our peers as soon as practical.

Interviews with surviving members of the Project SIGN team continue at this time. New information has been obtained as to how the AAF/USAF operated during this time frame and takes time to assess. This information, in an synopsis form, is constantly shared with several Lists and are available to anyone who asks. Mike and I do keep several items confidential until such time as secondary confirmation can be obtained.

As to your work in research regarding low aspect ratio work involving the development of flying disc-type aircraft under the aegis of the U.S. military, you are correct in your assumption that some work was being done during this time frame (1947/48/49). Alfred Loedding had prepared actual working models of disc-type aircraft that were tested at Wright Field. However, the entire story as to whether these type aircraft went beyond models and a singular flying model, is still open to interpretation. We feel that to speculate that the military had functioning disc-type aircraft in abundance to account for all sightings, is just not true. Albeit, even today, if the military

had disc-type aircraft in development there is no documentation, etc. that shows such craft were in sufficient numbers to account for all such sightings of UFOs today. Mike and I are extremely cautious in our research. We, of course, are not above making a few errors as we go along, however, you will not find in our work sheer speculation, but speculation that is based upon enough documentation, etc. to warrant a best-guess scenario. As our research progresses we find that we have to adjust our previous views and are sure that this will continue well into the future.

If you, or anyone on the Lists wish to know more about Alfred Loedding and the 1947 Flying Disc Wave, our general book entitled: Alfred Loedding and the Great Flying Saucer Wave is available. Cost is \$21.95 post paid domestically and \$27.00 Foreign orders from: Wendy Connors, P.O. Box 8552, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198. We are almost out of copies, so orders should be sent asap. We have not made a decision on whether to reprint at this time.

Thank You,

Wendy Connors

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<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/InterLink.html>

Tim Matthews - January 27th 1999"

Tim Matthews - author of "UFO Revelation - The Secret Technology Exposed?", out on February 18th!!

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Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 17:01:51 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 04:55:29 -0500
Subject: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

Have any of you sometimes wondered if there is any way we could cause a few SETI scientists to open their minds a bit, so as to include searching for any ETI who would be aware of our existence and perhaps interacting with us? I recently tried this using SETI's favorite Drake equation as the vehicle. Sometimes you can gain a scientist's attention if you point out an inconsistency in a favorite equation they use. And it helps if you can feed in even one simple equation of your own. So that was my approach. However, it's been nearly a week now and I haven't heard back from any SETI person. But maybe that was due to my finding no e-mail address to use other than <info@set-inst.edu> mentioned in SETI's website. If you should know of a more relevant SETI e-mail address I could send it to, please let me know.

For those who haven't run into Drake's equation, it goes like:

$N = R_x \cdot f_p \cdot n_e \cdot f_c \cdot f_i \cdot f_c \cdot L$ (N is a product of all these factors)

where N is the No. of civilizations in our galaxy whose radio emissions are detectable from Earth; R_x is the rate of formation of suitable stars,... L is the "lifetime" of communicating civilizations.

Notice that they leave out all civilizations that no longer utilize radio wave communications, plus other possibilities, though they allow L to be as large as millions of years.

Jim Deardorff

PS, FYI the letter I sent out is given below:

Dear SETI Spokesperson:

Do you know of anyone in the SETI organization who is interested in investigating the incompleteness and inconsistency of the Drake equation? If so, I'd like to get into contact with them if you should think they might find it mutually beneficial.

What I have in mind is this. If N_d is the "N" of the Drake Equation (d stands for Drake), then it is evident that N_d refers only to those civilizations in our galaxy whose means of communication have not evolved much beyond the use of radio waves. Omitted then are the number of more advanced civilizations, N_{adv} , whose communication capabilities have rendered radio-wave communications essentially obsolete. Since most of these N_{adv} presumably possess large L (lifetime), it seems inconsistent that the L within the Drake Equation includes their presumed large L values while N_d itself excludes them by searching only through radio-wave telescoping.

In addition, we may add in N_s = No. of civilizations in our galaxy without more advanced means of communications but whose radio-wave emissions we do not detect because they are too distant. Thus

$N_{tot} = N_d + N_{adv} + N_s$

Since it is not implausible that $N_{adv} \gg N_d$, we should be interested in N_{adv} , at least if there is any way that we could detect them. Now

$N_{adv} = N_i + N_n + N_{un}$,

where

N_i = No. of advanced civilizations in the galaxy that are aware of our own civilization and interacting with us in some way,

N_n = No. of advanced civilizations in the galaxy that are aware of our own civilization but are not interacting with us in any way, and

N_{un} = No. of advanced civilizations in the galaxy that are unaware of the existence of our own civilization.

Thus $N_{tot} = N_d + N_i + N_n + N_{un} + N_s$.

(N_{tot} could be extended further, of course, by considering any ETI who possess inter-galactic travel capabilities.)

Of N_{tot} , it is obvious that N_i should be of greatest interest to us. They are of the kind discussed by J.A. Ball (1973) in his "zoo hypothesis," or mentioned by Kuiper & Morris (1977) regarding knowledge-seeking advanced ETs who may be covertly observing us, or by E. R. Harrison (1981) in his "embargo" hypothesis, or by J. Barrett (1983) in his "Laboratory" hypothesis, or by Sagan & Newman (1983) in discussing ETI who would treat an emerging civilization delicately, or in my own "leaky embargo" hypothesis (QJRAS 27 (1986)), etc.

The search for N_i has of course been ongoing for several decades within the area of ufology. The scientific review panel convened by astrophysicist Peter Sturrock last fall, which examined the evidence presented by seven UFO investigators, provided a fresh start towards investigating N_i .

Thus my search for persons within your organization interested in N_i seeks those who are not afraid of the "UFO" word, and who also can allow that the ETI involved could be far advanced over us in their intelligence and in the strategy they may have of dealing with much less advanced civilizations, not to mention their great headstart in science & technology.

Sincerely,

James W. Deardorff
Research Professor Emeritus
Oregon State University

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Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 18:41
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 05:07:34 -0500
Subject: Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 15:09:40 +1100
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Mike Farrell <mikefarr@midcoast.com.au>
>Subject: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

>The fact is, Richard Hoagland single-handedly drove home the
>point that NASA does indeed deserve it's acronym "Never A
>Straight Answer". And if you want to argue that point, it still
>doesn't dismiss the fact that public perception of such agencies
>is sorely lacking in Trust and Confidence. We all know that
>where's there's smoke, there's usually fire! NASA has not been
>completely honest and responsive to the citizens that began and
>still pay for it's missions. Most NASA activity is now
>classified military priorities.

It's a shame that I have to reply to your Hoagland-like
mentality. I don't understand why you say NASA means "Never A
Straight Answer". Give me some examples!

Also, there's not one cent of the NASA budget that is
appropriated as "classified military priorities". Not one cent!
If you want to know where the NASA budget goes, the information
is easily available - and not a black budget! The money goes
to: International Space Station, Space Shuttle, Mars Surveyor
Program, Discovery programs, New Millenium programs, EOS,
Astrobiology, etc.

I have worked for NASA for 10 years, and now as a contractor for
3 years. I am an insider. I know the truth. <g>

Roger R. Prokic
Telecom Design Lead
Mars Surveyor Program
Lockheed Martin Astronautics
Denver, Colorado USA
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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 21:11:58 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 05:29:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 08:03:46 +0000
>Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:17:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 14:02:23 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>The cartridge load 16 mm cameras were originated by Kodak as a
>way to lock the user in to Kodak film, since that was the only
>film available in the cartridges.

<snip>

>I did not say anything about unusual pitch of sprocket holes.
>The spacing of sprocket holes changed at some point in the 50s
>(I have the exact data somewhere) when Kodak went to a new
>system to make the holes. It had changed a few times earlier as
>well. By using a special guage Kodak can determine the rough
>age of film from this spacing.

Sorry, Bob. My mistake. I misunderstood your previous post which
read:

>I submitted the portion which had been processed to Eastman
>Kodak for identification, and they verified that it had been
>correctly developed, and from the edge markings and sprocket
>spacing (which changed at several points) positively
>identified it as 1945 production.

I took the the phrase "(which changed at several points)" to
mean, literally, just that. I could not understand why the pitch
would change or be different within the same strip of film! As
you can imagine, the only thing that would come close to
matching that description would, in fact, be unsplit regular
8mm. It would have been 16mm wide but with twice as many
sprocket holes!

Now I understand. Thanks. :)

Was there anything usable (that Santilli didn't keep!) <G>

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:32:36 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 05:24:58 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

Dear Kevin Randle and List...

Regarding your views on the upcoming UFO conference by the Intruders Foundation....

A little surprised to read your comments here and on UASR, Kevin. Even Gripple won't use these bitter grapes for our fresh wine.

Isn't there enough room in ufology for differing points of view? And isn't there sufficient venue for an organization to present their side of the issue, without having to invite everyone with a varying perspective? Cripes Kevin, they would need a room the size of Yankee Stadium for all the dissenters.

I opened with an opine, "A little surprised!" Actually, I am more than a little surprised and more than a lot disappointed. Because this to me, is just one more example of the division which intrudes on the research. It is an oxymoron as well.

This is a strange and wonderful business, this UFO research.... is it not? I'm strange and you're wonderful, but only because our points of view differ. Otherwise we're both wonderful, eh?

Nuts and sour grapes make up your menu. Mine has a steady diet of gruel. But I'm regular as rain in London and, I can live with myself and my points of view. Can you?

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 18:28:54 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 05:32:59 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

[...]

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>alternative explanations and we offered to share these at the
>conference, but the organizers were uninterested in that. They
>are only interested in promoting alien abduction as if it is a
>proven fact and refuse to answer hard questions about it.

Kevin,

I would be most interested in hearing more about the new
research and alternative explanations. When is the book coming
out?

What is the specialty of Dr. William Cone? Is he an MD or PhD?

Perhaps you could share some highlights of the new research with
this list.

Thanks,
Rebecca

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Re: Greenwood on MJ-12 - Corrections

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 22:34:54 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 05:51:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Greenwood on MJ-12 - Corrections

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 13:00:24 -0800
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Greenwood on MJ-12

There are several mistake in the previous post:

>"The origin of the documents cannot not be established.
>What's to say rather than chronicles of real events created
>in some government office, they would the work of people in
>trying fool someone?"

This paragraph should read:

The origin of the documents cannot not be established.
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in some government office, they are the work of people in
trying fool someone.

>"This section for Army Regulation 350-5 describes generally
>the procedure for handling Top Secret information. Specific
>implementation instruction are elsewhere."

The Army Regulation above is 380-5 not 350-5.

Finally:

>"The SOM 1-01 should have displayed similar markings on the
>cover: a Top Secret control number and the which of copy of the
>total number of copies."

And this paragraph should read:

The SOM 1-01 should have displayed similar markings on the
cover: a Top Secret control number and which copy of the total
number of copies (ie copy 1 of 3 copies).

There are others, but these are the worst.

--
Jan Aldrich
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<http://www.iufog.org/project1947/>
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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 00:47:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 06:19:32 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 02:02:26 +0100 (MET)
>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>To: updates@globalseve.net

>>Source: "alt.ufo.reports".

>>Stig

>>From: "Gerard Vanderleun"
>>gerard.vanderleun@generalmedia.com
>>Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports
>>Subject: 1999 UFO ALIEN ABDUCTION CONFERENCE
>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:49:06 -0500
>>ef: news.get2net.dk alt.ufo.reports:26306

>>The Intruders Foundation Presents

>>THE 1999 UFO ABDUCTION CONFERENCE
>>- WHAT WE KNOW AND HOW WE KNOW IT -

>>On Saturday, April 10, 1999, New York City will be the site of a
>>day-long national conference on the UFO abduction phenomenon.
>>Four of America's most respected UFO researchers - Budd Hopkins,
>>Stanton Friedman, David Jacobs and Jerome Clark - will welcome
>>the public to a cutting-edge presentation of current evidence
>>for the reality and possible future of alien abductions.

>Not all the evidence. Only that which they want you to hear. You
>will notice that there are no speakers or information offered
>about alternatives to these specific people's opinions. How
>cutting edge can it be without alternative explanations being
>offered.

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>KRandle

Hello Kevin, hi All,

The truth of the situation is this:

A. Greg Sandow called me and told me of your interest/offer to participate in the conference. We both thought it was a great idea and we thought it would lend 'balance' and alternative points of view to the presentation.

B. We both brought it up at the very next business meeting. Not only did we bring it up, we pitched it because we both felt you would be a good addition.

C. The only reasons it was rejected are the following:

1. We had already invited Dave Jacobs, Stanton Friedman and Jerry Clark. (Stan and Jerry need to be flown in.)

2. We are working on a shoestring and we couldn't afford to fly in a third speaker!

Period!

Are you suggesting a conspiracy or an attempt to keep you out because of your views? Nothing is farther from the truth. You are welcome to verify any of what I have said here with either Greg Sandow or Budd Hopkins.

If any of the prior commitments hadn't already been made, Greg and I were prepared to argue for your inclusion but we can't afford to bring you in as well.

That's the truth.

Sincerely,

John Velez, Webmaster IF-AIC (IF Conference organizer)

jvif@spacelab.net
INTRUDERS FOUNDATION/ABDUCTION INFORMATION CENTER
<http://www.if-aic.com>

"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 23:27:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 06:47:17 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

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Kevin,

You made your offer directly to me, and I was sympathetic to having you appear. Others weren't. I see the point you're making now, and I can see how it's reasonable to you.

On the other hand, this conference isn't meant as the last word in scientific discussion of abductions, and in fact isn't meant to be a conference in the scientific sense of the word, as the abduction conference at MIT was. It's a presentation of certain views to the public, and can be as opinionated as it wants.

In any case, Jerry Clark will be making a presentation, and he's far from a hard-core abduction believer. We can count on him to summarize a good balance of views, both pro and con. In fact, as the moderator of the conference, I'll insist on it.

If you'd like to formulate a question for me to ask the participants in the final panel discussion, I'll be happy to consider asking it. I'm also looking forward to reading your book.

Best,

Greg Sandow

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 00:46:33 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:03:59 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 99 11:29:24 PST

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

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>>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 02:02:26 +0100 (MET)
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>>proven fact and refuse to answer hard questions about it.

>Kevin,

>I am afraid that none of the above makes much sense to me. First
>of all, the organizers of any conference on any subject have the
>right to invite exactly whom they want to invite, and to have
>represented any point of view they endorse, feel comfortable
>with, or consider important. If you're not happy with the views
>expressed at the Intruders conference, hold your own damn
>conference.

Absolutely correct. However, when they suggest that they will be
telling us what we know and how we know it, they invite those
who may not agree with them to point out that some viewpoints
and information might not be presented. I was merely suggesting
that this conference, based on those invited to present
information, have already expressed, in other arenas, books,
articles and conversations a specific point of view. No one who
holds a contrary point of view is on the schedule.

>Second of all, unless you are claiming telepathic powers, I
>don't think you know what I'm going to say, and I resent the
>implication that I am involved in some sort of misleading
>propaganda effort.

I didn't claim telepathic powers. Instead, I suggested, based

on the past history of those speakers, that a certain point of view will be in evidence. Are you suggesting that there will be a contrary point of view? Are you suggesting that you are going to suggest that some abductions might be the result of well established psychological pathologies? Are you going to suggest that some abductees might have invented their tales for the attention that it brings them?

Please note that I have not suggested that all abductees have psychological problems or have invented their tales. I'm only suggesting that some do, a point that we, in the UFO community, are reluctant to mention.

>And third of all, I look forward to reading your book. I just
>hope that it's better than other books which have sought
>reductionist explanations for this peculiar phenomenon. What we
>all need, really, is a book by Eddie Bullard -- than whom no one
>knows more about the abduction maze or has so balanced a view --
>on the subject.

>Jerry Clark

Well, no one has stopped Eddie Bullard from writing that book. Instead we looked at about 200 or 300 abductions, looked at various other scientific and psychological phenomena, and made some observations that should have been obvious.

However, please note here that I have not suggested that all abductions can be explained by a single answer. I have not suggested that those claiming abduction suffer from any psychopathology. But I have also noted that those doing abduction research have made, at least one, basic mistake. Contrary to what has been said, the AMA has not endorsed hypnosis.

KRandle

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Re: RAMS: NASA The Lies

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 00:43:16 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:10:47 -0500
Subject: Re: RAMS: NASA The Lies

>From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: RAMS: NASA The Lies
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:26:07 PST

>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 10:47:10 +0000
>>From: "Robert A.M. Stephens" <sti3818@montana.com>
>>To: UFO Updates Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>,
>>Subject: RAMS: Re: NASA The Lies

>>'JM' wrote:

>>Okay, 'JM', whoever you are, at the request of Peter Gersten,
>>here goes.

>>>To Mr. Robert A. Stephens:

>>Good start. No calling me a 'xxxxsucker'. Thank you.

>G'day Mr.RAMS, Mr.Gripple & List,

>I forgot to mention that in Puerto Rico maybe it would stand for
>a goatsucker.

>'Nuff of the trivia, back to your squabbles . . .

Dearest Leanne... List and other entities lurking....

Dr. Gripple here. I understand how much you all love me. And I
love you too. Really, I do!

And I do not wish to imply that in addressing your
latest post, Leanne....

>G'day Mr.RAMS, Mr.Gripple & List,...

That you meant it was _I_ to whom Mr. RAM-a-LAM referred in his
post.....

I can assure you that the "JM" to which Mr. Ram'a'lam refers, is
definitely not MOI!

Honest.

In fact, ever since Mr. Fromage said positive things about RAM,
I refuse to enter the frey... fray.... foofoo.

Whatever.

Just for the record folks... "No, No, No, well it aint me Babe,
it aint me you're lookin for, Babe!"

It was another JM. "I was only robbin' the register! I hope ya
understand." In UpDates, if you're JM, and you're out on the
streets, you're gonna draw the heat.....

In the unlikely event you do not know what the hell I am talking

about, pick up a copy of The Ballad of Hurrricane Rubin Carter
by Bob Dylan and you will see how someone like Hurrricane, and a
champion such as me, could get blamed for sumpin' that he never
done.

Put in a prison cell but one,
time,
he cuda been,
the champion
of the world-uh.

Thank you and good Gripplin'
Gesundt... height!

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Re: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 01:07:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:14:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:50:04 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Area 51 - The Alien Interview

>I suspect that DirecTV refers to the satellite television
>company through which the original was recorded.

>Is your video of the entire 'Alien Interview' program (which was
>sold through the mail), or the program 'Strange Universe' which
>was referenced in the post that Errol mentioned?

>To my knowledge, the entire 'Alien Interview' was never shown on
>television, and the 'Strange Universe' show was designed to hype
>it and sell more copies.

Steve,

The copy I have includes opinions and statements by Robert Dean, Shawn Morton, Art Bell, David Adair (who claims to have worked on a propulsion system), and Tom Coleman, President of Rocket Pictures, who received the initial call from "Victor".

Steven Williams, who played a black "deep throat" on the X-Files, narrates the presentation. We see "Victor" in shadow being interviewed by someone. There are also black and white re-enactments concerning EBE-1 and EBE-2. As for the Alien Interview, it is first run without any word from anyone. Then "Victor" explains what is unfolding during the playback. Also, a review of the tape by Jim Dilettoso. There are also a couple of Special Effects experts (Rick Baker included) who give their opinions about the alien. This is what my copy consists of. I'd like to know the date of airing. If unable to find, will mark down closest date possible. In any event, thanks for the help.

Michel

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Re: A Tale from Africa

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 02:17:51 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:21:58 -0500
Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa

>From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: A Tale from Africa
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 20:22:15 PST

>G'day List,

>(Aside) Have we stumbled on the real cause of the Irish
>"Troubles" here? <g>

>All those young boys expressing their sexuality/gender
>frustrations by over-compensation -> running around as adults
>blowing each other up under the veil of (dare I touch the
>subject again?) religious differences? <g>

>Oh dear . . . what will Mr. Mortallaro think of me now? <g>

>Regards,
>Leanne];-)

Dearest Leanne, Blow up dolls and other List members... In
answer to your question.....

Nuttin' honey.... I been drinkin Gripple!

So as not to incur your or other's wrath, the term "Nuttin'
Honey" is used here in the good ol' US of A in our beloved
commercial for Nuts 'n' Honey cereal.

"Whatcha eatin' " asks the hubby of his wifey.

"Nuttin' honey!" is the answer. Just aks (I is originally fum
the Bronks) ... just aks my wife. She'll tell yous I got nuttin,
honey!

Oh, and BTW, it's Dr. Mortellaro

But hey, we don' need no estinkin titles!

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Missing CIA Documents on www.foia.ucia.gov

From: Ed Fouche <fouche@connecti.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 23:28:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:31:13 -0500
Subject: Missing CIA Documents on www.foia.ucia.gov

Dear List:

I was visiting the CIA's Freedom of Information Act Web Page doing some research on Released UFO documents. To my surprise, not one of the 50 documents I tried to open worked. I also noticed dozens of "Deleted" files.

I also searched >UFO< and none of the documents came up?

Anyone have any information on what's going on?

CIA FOIA WEB PAGE: <http://www.foia.ucia.gov/frame2.htm>

The result:

CGI Error

The specified CGI application misbehaved by not returning a complete set of HTTP headers. The headers it did return are:

Samples:

1. NEW DCD CASE (DELETED) - UFO RESEARCH Pub Date:April 2, 1976 Pages:0002
2. DCD CASE (DELETED) - UFO RESEARCH (DELETED) Pub Date:April 25, 1976 Pages:0004
3. CASE (DELETED) - UFO RESEARCH/ORD REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (DELETED) Pub Date:June 24, 1976 Pages:0002
4. CASE (DELETED) - UFO RESEARCH Pub Date:April 13, 1976 Pages:0002
5. UNTITLED (23 SEPT (DELETED) WITH PERSONAL REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE UFO SIGHTED Pub Date:September 23, 1976 Pages:0002
6. UNTITLED (ORD FOR TRAINING NEEDS LOAN OF FILM - UFO-FACT OR FANCY) Pub Date:April 9, 1967 Pages:0001
7. UNTITLED (ASKS WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON REF CORRESPONDENCE) Pub Date:May 13, 1957 Pages:0001
8. UNTITLED (RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM DAVIDSON ASKING INFORMATION ON UFOS) Pub Date:April 25, 1957 Pages:0002
9. UNTITLED (REFER FLYING SAUCER LETTER DAVIDSON. COPY OF ATIC LETTER NOT RECEI Pub Date:August 4, 1957 Pages:0002
10. UNTITLED (DAVIDSON WANTS A VERBATIM TRANSLATION OF THE 'SPACE' MESSAGE AND THE Pub Date:December 17, 1957 Pages:0002
11. UNTITLED (CONTACT WITH LEON DAVIDSON WAS PERSON-TO-PERSON, HE IS DOING AN ARTI Pub Date:December 19, 1957 Pages:0002
12. SUPPORT (DELETED) FROM (DELETED) (DISCUSSES DAVIDSON'S ARTICLES AND PAGE 13-V Pub Date:January 30, 1958 Pages:0002

13. UNTITLED (BELIEVE ESTABLISHED AGENCY CHANNELS FOR FILM UFO-FACT OR FANC Y) Pub Date:April 9, 1967 Pages:0001

14. UNTITLED (DCI HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM LEON DAVIDSON REQUESTING INFOR MATION Pub Date:April 24, 1957 Pages:0001

15. UNTITLED (ON BASIS OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH ATIC, WE INFORMED DCI'S OF FICE T Pub Date:August 19, 1957 Pages:0001

16. UNTITLED (WE INFORMED YOUR OFFICE THERE IS NO TRANSLATION AVAILABLE NOR IS TH Pub Date:December 18, 1957 Pages:0001

17. UNTITLED (DAVIDSON SENT A COPY OF HIS ARTICLE TO THE PENTAGON) Pub Date:February 4, 1958 Pages:0002

18. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OBSERVED ON IRAN/USSR BORDER Pub Date:August 12, 1957 Pages:0002

19. 1. (DELETED) 2. POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT 3. (DELETED) Pub Date:October 21, 1959 Pages:0003

End Document 278.

Edgar Rothschild Fouche
Author of "Alien Rapture"
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Re: Open Letter To IUR Readers

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:38:02 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:39:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Open Letter To IUR Readers

>From: Wendy Connors <ProjectSign@email.msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Open Letter To IUR Readers
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 12:46:47 -0700

>>From: Tim Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
>>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Open Letter To Iur Readers
>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:32:25 -0000

>>Dear All,

>>This is an important response to an article that recently
>>appeared in the IUR journal entitled "Alfred Loedding; New
>>Insight On The Man Behind Project Sign" (IUR Winter 1998 Volume
>>23, Number 4, pp.3 - 28).

>>I read with interest the recent article featured in this
>>excellent and improving journal. The article in question,
>>written by Wendy Connors and Michael David Hall, is of a
>>particularly high standard but totally fails to mention certain
>>points of importance.

>Thank you Tim for your illuminating look into your research. It
>was very interesting.

>However, I would like to address your concerns regarding our
>article on Alfred Loedding. The IUR article was intended to
>introduce Alfred Loedding to the ufological community and
>outline, briefly, his contributions to the first official
>investigation of unidentified flying objects under the auspices
>of Project SIGN. Unfortunately, the article, as to your view,
>did not go far enough. It was never meant too for several
>reasons. First, space in CUFOS' fine publication (IUR) is
>limited and necessitates editing. Secondly, Mr. Hall and myself
>will be writing a complete and factual book detailing Alfred
>Loedding's life and the development of low aspect ratio, VTOL,
>etc. aircraft. This endeavor takes a great deal of time and not
>all family members have been interviewed as yet, but we are
>working on this aspect as quickly as possible. To date, new
>information has been obtained and is being reviewed and
>discussed between Mike and myself. This information will be
>released to our peers as soon as practical.

This is very vital and I totally support what you're doing. I do
realise the slow pace of research!

>Interviews with surviving members of the Project SIGN team
>continue at this time. New information has been obtained as to
>how the AAF/USAF operated during this time frame and takes time
>to assess. This information, in an synopsis form, is contantly
>shared with several Lists and are available to anyone who asks.
>Mike and I do keep several items confidential until such time as
>secondary confirmation can be obtained.

>As to your work in research regarding low aspect ratio work
>involving the development of flying disc-type aircraft under the
>aegis of the U.S. military, you are correct in your assumption
>that some work was being done during this time frame

>(1947/48/49). Alfred Loedding had prepared actual working models
>of disc-type aircraft that were tested at Wright Field. However,
>the entire story as to whether these type aircraft went beyond
>models and a singular flying model, is still open to
>interpretation. We feel that to speculate that the military had
>functioning disc-type aircraft in abundance to account for all
>sightings, is just not true. Albeit, even today, if the military
>had disc-type aircraft in development there is no documentation,
>etc. that shows such craft were in sufficient numbers to account
>for all such sightings of UFOs today. Mike and I are extremely
>cautious in our research.

Absolutely and I'm sure we both agree on that. Of course we still have this most unfortunate situation whereby both the USAF and US Navy, to name but two, have adopted an obstreperous attitude in regard to the release of information on their projects.

We know that Dr. Richard Miethe was at Wright-Patt from the late 1940s and that he was involved in discussions relating specifically to USAF discs with representatives of the AVRO company in 1951 and 1952 but try getting official documentation on that! We know that it exists having asked some specific questions via FOIA - but still they hide behind their classifications and 'National Security'.....

>We, of course, are not above making a
>few errors as we go along, however, you will not find in our
>work sheer speculation, but speculation that is based upon
>enough documentation, etc. to warrant a best-guess scenario. As
>our research progresses we find that we have to adjust our
>previous views and are sure that this will continue well into
>the future.

I well understand this. I have to say that when I read articles like yours, Michaels' and Jans' it makes me annoyed to see all the usual rubbish put out by British documentary teams of the UFO subject. The work you are collectively doing is most important and shows that Ufologists can adopt an academic approach to these difficult questions.

>If you, or anyone on the Lists wish to know more about Alfred
>Loedding and the 1947 Flying Disc Wave, our general book
>entitled: Alfred Loedding and the Great Flying Saucer Wave is
>available. Cost is \$21.95 post paid domestically and \$27.00
>Foreign orders from: Wendy Connors, P.O. Box 8552, Albuquerque,
>New Mexico 87198. We are almost out of copies, so orders should
>be sent asap. We have not made a decision on whether to reprint
>at this time.

I shall order a copy when I've been paid!

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Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 05:55:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:14:57 -0500
Subject: Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!
>From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@earthlink.net>
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 18:41

>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 15:09:40 +1100
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: Mike Farrell <mikefarr@midcoast.com.au>
>>Subject: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

>>The fact is, Richard Hoagland single-handedly drove home the
>>point that NASA does indeed deserve it's acronym "Never A
>>Straight Answer". And if you want to argue that point, it still
>>doesn't dismiss the fact that public perception of such agencies
>>is sorely lacking in Trust and Confidence. We all know that
>>where's there's smoke, there's usually fire! NASA has not been
>>completely honest and responsive to the citizens that began and
>>still pay for it's missions. Most NASA activity is now
>>classified military priorities.

>It's a shame that I have to reply to your Hoagland-like
>mentality. I don't understand why you say NASA means "Never A
>Straight Answer". Give me some examples!

The disappearance of live video feeds after STS-48?

<snipped, with respect to Mr Prokic, a distracting appeal to
authority indicating an unsupported 'inside' knowledge based on
an, at best and likely, superficial relationship. I myself had a
similar relationship with the government for over two decades
involving cutting edge aviation subjects and hardware, and never
so much as heard a vague 'bupkus' regarding what we all found
out later to be so, or what was really going on>

Trying hard not to be a conspiracy nut, I still think we do
ourselves a disservice to employ a philosophy, ludicrously
appealing, that there is no conspiracy at all! Never A Straight
Answer seems the time honored policy of any bureaucracy, and
is only gently chiding to an administration as close to the
obviously twitchy stuff as NASA is. I think it likely that
most are guilty of far more than we blithely suspect. Besides, I
am suspicious of, and on my guard against blind 'worship' for
any institution that seems, with every breath, to be
demonstrating the opposite of what's required for this
taxpayer's appreciation!

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MJ-12 documents & The Norfolk Regiment Tale

From: William Chalker <bchalker@ozemail.com.au>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 23:10:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:19:35 -0500
Subject: MJ-12 documents & The Norfolk Regiment Tale

I am following the discussion about the new "MJ12" documents with interest and I hope that the debate about them can remain intelligent and directed towards determining the legitimacy of the material. Already there are significant efforts underway at determining their validity. The Woods team have indicated some interesting information. Others following the publication of the documentation and discussion of these efforts to date have expressed concern.

While the material is intriguing, the manner in which they surfaced surely begs extreme caution and careful discussion and reasoned debate. The experience with the original MJ12 material from 1987 suggests that the reality will be far different and a lot of valuable effort will be consumed in overly passionate debate about the pros & cons of the debate.

I hope cooler heads will prevail, but given the less critical elements of the ufological movement in recent years and their capacity to accept everything without much question, I'm a little pessimistic.

I don't profess to have examined the documents in a great deal of depth and I'll leave that up to those with greater resources than mine, but the presence of the Norfolk story is to my mind particularly troubling and suggestive of an authorship of the 1st Annual report of MJ12 as post 1965 and not the circa 1954 as suggested by the document. The account described in the MJ12 document of the alleged Norfolk 1915 incident is in fact consistent with the version that first appeared in 1965 with the statement from ANZAC veterans describing their experience. The 1965 account, much repeated many times since then in the UFO literature, got the Regiment wrong. The MJ12 document states the same error and uses the same language as the 1965 statement. Contemporary documentation circa 1919 etc describes a lesser but more tragic mystery with the correct regiment. If the document was authentically from circa 1954 it would be expected to more consistent with contemporary 1915-1919 documentation, particularly official documentation.

I would be certainly interested in how those working closely on authenticating these documents reconcile this apparent problem. If it cannot be reconciled the implication is that the 1st Annual report of MJ12 was written after 1965 and not around 1954 as implied, and by implication is a fabrication.

Paul Begg has documented his detail investigations of the 1915 Norfolk saga in his book "Into Thin Air". Murray Bott of NZ has circulated some of the original 1965 New Zealand material.

Regards,

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Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 06:12:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:22:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 17:01:51 -0800 (PST)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Have any of you sometimes wondered if there is any way we could
>cause a few SETI scientists to open their minds a bit, so as to
>include searching for any ETI who would be aware of our
>existence and perhaps interacting with us? I recently tried this
>using SETI's favorite Drake equation as the vehicle. Sometimes
>you can gain a scientist's attention if you point out an
>inconsistency in a favorite equation they use. And it helps if
>you can feed in even one simple equation of your own. So that
>was my approach. However, it's been nearly a week now and I
>haven't heard back from any SETI person. But maybe that was due
>to my finding no e-mail address to use other than
><info@set-inst.edu>mentioned in SETI's website. If you should
>know of a more relevant SETI e-mail address I could send it to,
>please let me know.

<snipped interesting and, I'll bet, likely embellishment on the Drake equation>

I'm not surprised you never heard from anyone. Your idea regarding the equation points in the shadows of the other 98% that science refuses to consider or quantify because it doesn't predictably repeat, isn't observable, or is not in line with a comfortable theory or conveniently conceived paradigm <g>.

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:54:02 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:26:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 11:18:29 -0500
>From: Joachim Koch <AchimKoch@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Hi Bob,

>please try to answer my questions regarding the above quote.

>1.) Did you attend this deal of M. Hesemann with the Lady? If not, who told you about this? Do you know the Lady? Who is she?

No, I was not present during the deal, and do not know who the lady is. Mike Hesemann told me about it. He said her husband had come home one day with the film, put it in the closet, and told her never to do anything with it as long as he was alive. He told her that it proved what crashed was not a weather balloon.

>2.) "...Unfortunately, Mike gave it to Ray for processing,..."
>Could you please give me a kind of timetable for this? When did the "unfortunate giving of the material" happen?

I don't know. I think this all happened in 1995, but may be wrong. I did not consider it all that important when it happened.

>3.) What did M. Hesemann do to get back the missing parts of "his" film scraps? Did he start a lawsuit against Santilli?

Ask Mike about that. I don't know what, if anything, he did.

>Bob, I would appreciate very much if you would answer this.

>Because: M. Hesemann still distributes(promotes)a video of the "Alien Autopsy" here in Germany claiming that the video shows the pictures as they came down from the reels of the original film without any cut, reel by reel. Of course, without the tent footage.

>We have definite proof by the expertise of a reliable film producer from Munich, Bavaria, that this claim is not true. His expertise shows clearly, that the video consists of scraps of videos because the fading in and out, shown several times, is hoaxed while on the other hand some abrupt changes of the scene as they happen from time to time could never have done in this way by a film camera.

I don't know who your film producer is from Bavaria, but it sounds to me like he has been to one Oktoberfest too many.

This is pure nonsense, and you can quote me on it.

There is nothing in this film footage inconsistent with the original having been shot on a 16 mm camera, and many indications that it was.

>If this video,which M.Hesemann offers to the public, is only a copy of Santilli's video then this would imply that

>the whole thing was done on video in first place - and everyone
>who's telling stories about "original film reels/canisters)"
>must be asked: Have you seen them?

>The story of a canister of unprocessed film (so I don't know
>what it is - maybe nothing) bought from "a Lady", handed over to
>a Mr. Santilli (why to Santilli in England and why not to Mr.
>Illobrand v. Ludwiger to MUFON-CES or to G.E.P. here in
>Germany?) without doing anything to secure the whole thing
>(imagine: it is supposed to be material about the crash site
>from Roswell!)and getting back not the same what once was
>delivered but continue to promote video material from the same
>man - sorry - this stinks to heaven (as we say here in Germany)!

Again, don't ask me, ask Mike.

>By the way, I forgot to ask you: do you know anyone who ever has
>seen the whole (claimed) amount of reels?

Yes, Ray Santilli, Gary Shoefield, Maria O'Neill, etc.

But no one outside of Santilli's circle.

Bob

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:58:48 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:28:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Perhaps Bob can explain. Do you have camera original or not?

>For the record, any film that can be printed can be transfered
>on a Rank Cintel. Both processes use 'roller transport' for
>moving the film. In fact, the Rank is more gentle than a film
>printer since the Rank needs no "teeth" to align the film. There
>would be no need to transfer "one frame at a time" under any
>circumstance.

>Thanks for the info, James. Considering the research you've
>done, perhaps you could put together a simplified time line
>contrasting what Santilli says happened against what you think
>really happened.

For the record, I do not now have, have never had, nor ever seen
any camera original film in this incident.

The film delivered by the cameraman to Santilli is old copy
film, in very bad shape. This was copied onto another 16 mm
film to assemble the broken strips. Some of the film had both
edges rotted off so had to be copied frame by frame, I was told.

The video was made from this new 16mm dupe.

Bob

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Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 08:07:05 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:31:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>Below is a comment from Dr. Roger Leir to your (Steven's) UFO
>UpDates post. It mentions Ray Santilli's reply to the NFB
>findings on the film scraps.

> Interesting, I did not know he had given film to others.
> He sent me a direct e-mail in which he said he did not
> believe the report we sent him. Well that's okay. He can
> never complain that we weren't true to our word.
> Roger

>Nick Balaskas

This doesn't make any sense! Roger certainly knew that Ray had given film to me, to Philip Mantle, to John Purdy, etc. I showed Roger my film samples in North Carolina at the MUFON conference several years ago.

It appears that Ray has given Roger additional material beyond what came from Philip, since the material mentioned above is definitely from the "junk reel" Ray mentioned in the past.

Ray doesn't want to acknowledge that he does not have, and has never had, any camera original film, just the copy print material foisted off on him by the cameraman (who apparently told him it was camera original material).

This accounts for the biggest discrepancy in the cameraman's tale, how he could make off with all this film without anyone noticing. I speculated several years ago that he had, in fact, made an unauthorized copy prior to shipping the original film off to Washington. This is what he sold to Ray, and Ray was duped into thinking he had the original material.

This could also account for Capt. McAndrew's comment to me that he had seen the same film in Air Force archives.

Bob

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Re: Missing CIA Documents on www.foia.ucia.gov

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:06:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:34:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Missing CIA Documents on www.foia.ucia.gov

>From: Ed Fouche <fouche@connecti.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Missing CIA Documents on www.foia.ucia.gov
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 23:28:45 -0600

>Dear List:

>I was visiting the CIA's Freedom of Information Act Web Page
>doing some research on Released UFO documents. To my surprise,
>not one of the 50 documents I tried to open worked. I also
>noticed dozens of "Deleted" files.

>I also searched >UFO< and none of the documents came up?

>Anyone have any information on what's going on?

>

>

>CIA FOIA WEB PAGE: <http://www.foia.ucia.gov/frame2.htm>

Ed-

I wish the CIA had followed the lead of other agencies and used the .pdf format for their documents, but they chose to use CGI scripting to spoon feed the data in graphic format.

I submitted an FOIA request for all UFO related material that they have posted to the web site and obtained more than 900 pages of documents. I'm working with FUFOR to organize those documents so they can be distributed on CD-ROM, but that work is just beginning and I have no target date for a release.

In the meantime, I would keep trying their site. I got the same errors when I first tried to access the information and the next day it worked fine. I believe the problem relates to their server and is an intermittent problem.

Steve

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: **Rob Irving** <RobIrving@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:14:30 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:36:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 23:08:01 -0500
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

James,

>One obvious problem was the absence of conclusive evidence,
>although no preceding claims of 'non-terrestrial contact' had
>provided this!

<snip>

>Are there any preceding or subsequent cases which,
>comparatively, come close to providing so much scientifically
>grounded substantiation?

>Overall, surely enough to merit consideration as 'best evidence'
>ever.

>You won't see it in the top 10...20...30... though!

>Why is that?

Interesting question. It seems to me that in the ET-school of ufology, the reason hokey evidence is allowed to co-exist so contentedly with more likely evidence is because as soon as the evidence becomes too interesting to ignore the subject will be appropriated by institutional science and better minds than are currently available to it. A disaster for some.

The rejection of this 'best evidence' (by believers, anyway), I think, emerged from a genuine fear that it was real. If it were real, a lot of self-conferred authorities, pseudoscientists and hucksters would be trampled in the rush for understanding.

Rob

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:13:13 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:39:39 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:32:36 EST
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>Dear Kevin Randle and List...

>Regarding your views on the upcoming UFO conference by the
>Intruders Foundation....

>A little surprised to read your comments here and on UASR, Kevin.
>Even Gripple won't use these bitter grapes for our fresh wine.

Sour grapes? I was merely making an observation about the nature
of the conference that I thought should be made.

>Isn't there enough room in ufology for differing points of view?
>And isn't there sufficient venue for an organization to present
>their side of the issue, without having to invite everyone with
>a varying perspective? Cripes Kevin, they would need a room the
>size of Yankee Stadium for all the dissenters.

Yes, there is room for differing points of view. That was what I
was trying to point out. There are differing points of view.

>I opened with an opine, "A little surprised!" Actually, I am
>more than a little surprised and more than a lot disappointed.
>Because this to me, is just one more example of the division
>which intrudes on the research. It is an oxymoron as well.

So, if I read this correctly, only research that agrees with
your point of view is of value and that which does not is "just
one more example of the division which intrudes on research."

>This is a strange and wonderful business, this UFO research....
>is it not? I'm strange and you're wonderful, but only because
>our points of view differ. Otherwise we're both wonderful, eh?

>Nuts and sour grapes make up your menu. Mine has a steady diet
>of gruel. But I'm regular as rain in London and, I can live
with >myself and my points >of view. Can you?

Of course I can live with my point of view. But don't I have the
right to suggest that the make up of the conference is
advocating a point of view and that alternative points of view
are out there? Can't I suggest that alien abduction is not an
established fact without having it suggested that "nuts and sour
grapes make up your menu"?

I expected negative responses but this sort is not what I
expected.

KRandle

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:28:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:42:28 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 00:47:18 -0500
>Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 06:19:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

Previously, John had written:

>The truth of the situation is this:

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>Jerry Clark. (Stan and Jerry need to be flown in.)

>2. We are working on a shoestring and we _couldn't afford_ to
>fly in a third speaker!

>Period!

>Are you suggesting a conspiracy or an attempt to keep you out
>because of your views? _Nothing_ is farther from the truth. You
>are welcome to verify any of what I have said here with either
>Greg Sandow or Budd Hopkins.

>If _any_ of the prior commitments hadn't already been made, Greg
>and I were prepared to argue for your inclusion but we can't
>afford to bring you in as well.

>That's the truth.

Hi John,

If Kevin Randle were to fly himself in, would he be welcome to
address the conference? Certainly there should be a little time
available.

Just a thought...

Roger Evans

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:17:09 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:43:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?
>Date: Thu, Jan 28, 1999, 10:29 AM
>

>Was there anything usable (that Santilli didn't keep!) <G>
>
>Later,
>
>Roger Evans

No. What Mike got back was just the blank unexposed part of the film.

Bummer.

Bob

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:36:22 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:48:56 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 18:28:54 -0800 (PST)
>From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> Kevin,

> I would be most interested in hearing more about the new
> research and alternative explanations. When is the book coming
> out?

Late April. It's called 'The Abduction Enigma'.

>What is the specialty of Dr. William Cone? Is he an MD or PhD?

Dr. Cone is a psychologist with more than twenty years of experience as a clinician. He serves of the staff of several hospitals and has conducted a great deal of research into the abduction phenomena.

>Perhaps you could share some highlights of the new research
>with this list.

This is the most difficult of the questions because much of the new research is somewhat complicated and without a proper foundation is going to sound extreme or will be rejected out of hand. (Note to myself: Now I sound like Gary, though the difference is, the book has been accepted by a publisher and if they maintain the schedule, it will be available to all soon.)

It does contain a lengthy discussion of hypnosis as an investigative tool, suggesting many of the pitfalls of hypnotically recovered testimony. The suggestibility of the subject, for example, is something that we, as researchers, do not seem to fully understand. What we see as a simple question to gather more, and sometimes obscured, information, could be a "demand" for information that the subject simply doesn't have. To continue to probe for that information can induce a point where the subject "invents" that information to satisfy the researcher.

This is why some states now prohibit witnesses who have been hypnotized (questioned under hypnosis about the crime) from testifying. It is simply too easy to implant information even by the most careful of questioners.

There is also a section that expands on my MUFON presentation of a couple of year ago. In that, I suggested that pop culture has included all the elements of alien abduction. If we look to science fiction, we can find everything we find in alien abduction repeatedly. Some of the more recent of the abduction scenarios, such as the suggestion of genetic engineering and manipulation are rare but they do exist. The 1960s movie, 'Village Of The Damned', based on an earlier book, 'The Midwich Cuckoos'* suggested the abduction of women for the purpose of creating a genetic hybrid, for example, is out there. We simply cannot dismiss these parallels, but must be able to account for them.

I'll try to add more about this later, but the entire context of the book is needed to understand some of the points of view.

KRandle

*A cuckoo is a bird that lays its eggs in another's nest so that bird with incubate and care for its young. The title refers to this and is not suggesting that those with contrary beliefs are "cuckoo."

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:40:55 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:51:54 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 00:47:18 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

<snip>

>Hello Kevin, hi All,

>The truth of the situation is this:

>A. Greg Sandow called me and told me of your interest/offer to
>participate in the conference. We both thought it was a
>_great_idea_ and we thought it would lend 'balance' and
>alternative points of view to the presentation.

>B. We both brought it up at the very next business meeting.
>Not only did we bring it up, _we_pitched_it_ because we both
>felt you would be a good addition.

I certainly appreciated this.

>C. The _only_ reasons it was rejected are the following:

>1. We had _already_ invited Dave Jacobs, Stanton Friedman and
>Jerry Clark. (Stan and Jerry need to be flown in.)

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>fly in a third speaker!

>Period!

>Are you suggesting a conspiracy or an attempt to keep you out
>because of your views? _Nothing_ is farther from the truth. You
>are welcome to verify any of what I have said here with either
>Greg Sandow or Budd Hopkins.

Nope. I was attempting to make the simple point that not all
points of view will be covered. That's all.

>If _any_ of the prior commitments hadn't already been made,
Greg >and I were prepared to argue for your inclusion but we
can't >afford to bring you in as well.

Again, I appreciate that.

KRandle

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Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 10:12:04 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:56:23 -0500
Subject: Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!
> From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@earthlink.net>
> Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 18:41

>> Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 15:09:40 +1100
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> From: Mike Farrell <mikefarr@midcoast.com.au>
>> Subject: 200 Questions-Remember Bennewitz!

>> The fact is, Richard Hoagland single-handedly drove home the
>> point that NASA does indeed deserve it's acronym "Never A
>> Straight Answer". And if you want to argue that point, it still
>> doesn't dismiss the fact that public perception of such agencies
>> is sorely lacking in Trust and Confidence. We all know that
>> where's there's smoke, there's usually fire! NASA has not been
>> completely honest and responsive to the citizens that began and
>> still pay for it's missions. Most NASA activity is now
>> classified military priorities.

> It's a shame that I have to reply to your Hoagland-like
> mentality. I don't understand why you say NASA means "Never A
> Straight Answer". Give me some examples!

> Also, there's not one cent of the NASA budget that is
> appropriated as "classified military priorities". Not one cent!
> If you want to know where the NASA budget goes, the information
> is easily available - and not a black budget! The money goes
> to: International Space Station, Space Shuttle, Mars Surveyor
> Program, Discovery programs, New Millenium programs, EOS,
> Astrobiology, etc.

> I have worked for NASA for 10 years, and now as a contractor for
> 3 years. I am an insider. I know the truth. <g>

I've been reading the mail on the subject of NASA for months now
and finally see my way clear to a comment or two. I had been
associated with NASA since 1966 and thru about 1988 or so. My
association was as an employee of contractors as well as
consultative. I always look for that black buck, as I like to
call it. I never found one. Not there.

Nor did I ever see even a hint of cover-up. Not to say it does
not exist, just that old snoopy drawers (me) never picked up on
anything even remotely resembling NASA holding out.... it is
just not their charter. It isn't their style either. That
insult belongs to the military.

In my opinion at least, too much credit is given them for
holding out, although I am sure they (the military) have held
out substantially, we assign them more credit and brains than
they deserve.

What programs? Mostly unmanned exploratory stable platforms for
astronomical spacecraft and some manned missions... I was the
one that used to enjoy getting VIP's sick on the simulated Lunar
Rover in that radar dome at Gremlin Airtrash. One VIP actually
launched his lunch vector style right onto the moving belt
simulating the lunar surface. You know, the one that covers a

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hollow globe with a SAAB two stroker inside for mobility?

Gesendt

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:46:07 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 12:00:37 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 23:27:29 -0500

<snip>

>Kevin,

>You made your offer directly to me, and I was sympathetic to
>having you appear. Others weren't. I see the point you're making
>now, and I can see how it's reasonable to you.

Thanks. Many don't seem to understand that point.

>On the other hand, this conference isn't meant as the last word
>in scientific discussion of abductions, and in fact isn't meant
>to be a conference in the scientific sense of the word, as the
>abduction conference at MIT was. It's a presentation of certain
>views to the public, and can be as opinionated as it wants.

Absolutely, but let's be honest in the promotion of that point
of view. The organizers have the right to invite whomever they
please, and to exclude whomever they please. And they can be as
opinionated as they please. I was merely attempting to suggest
that this conference will lack a certain balance.

>In any case, Jerry Clark will be making a presentation, and he's
>far from a hard-core abduction believer. We can count on him to
>summarize a good balance of views, both pro and con. In fact, as
>the moderator of the conference, I'll insist on it.

Who could ask for more? No, I'm not being sarcastic here, I mean
that.

>If you'd like to formulate a question for me to ask the
>participants in the final panel discussion, I'll be happy to
>consider asking it. I'm also looking forward to reading your
>book.

I may send along a question or two. Thanks again.

KRandle

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Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:23:19 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 12:03:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 17:01:51 -0800 (PST)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Have any of you sometimes wondered if there is any way we could
>cause a few SETI scientists to open their minds a bit, so as to
>include searching for any ETI who would be aware of our
>existence and perhaps interacting with us?

Why don't you join the SETI mailing list? There are many SETI scientists on the list.

Just send an email to MajorDomo@sni.net with the following in the body of the message:

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subscribe seti your_email_address
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After you are accepted, I am sure they will be more than pleased to hear of your brilliant suggestions and deal with them appropriately.

Be prepared to be educated.

<snip>

>James W. Deardorff
>Research Professor Emeritus
>Oregon State University

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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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UHR on MJ-12

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 10:16:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 12:11:44 -0500
Subject: UHR on MJ-12

An advanced copy of Barry Greenwood's article on MJ-12 just arrived. Barry has allowed a quote:

"Curiously, the Woods, in their 1998 speech, raise the most question about the (1952 Eisenhower) Briefing Paper (not one of their Cooper releases but the 1987 release). They say, 'it seems reasonable to conjecture that the Eisenhower Briefing Document might have been a cleverly crafted piece of disinformation aimed at the Soviets, and therefore the only document presented here that is 'not entirely genuine', even though it contains much that is precisely true.'"

"Yet the Briefing was wholeheartedly endorsed as genuine by the original team of researchers, Moore, Shandera, and Friedman, and still is by Friedman. Whose years-long, professional detailed analysis is correct? Or might we create a new category of document authenticity: the falsely genuine!"

In perusing chapter 8 of Friedman's book, TOP SECRET/MAJIC, we find that Timothy Cooper supplied Friedman with copies of several new MJ-12 documents a number of years ago, including a February 1948 "Memorandum for the President" by Roscoe Hillenkoetter, a September 25, 1947 memo to President Truman from General George Marshall and a July 9, 1947 Turman to Twining memo. The later two were included in the Woods' document package presented at Omega [The Omega Conference in Connecticut], and called genuine. Friedman appeared to be noncommitted to those documents, but he was clearly not impressed with the 1948 document, saying that it was 'really a doctored version of a memo that would have been sent to President Roosevelt during World War 2.'

"This document was one of the first sent to Friedman by Cooper, the same as the Woods' papers. Yet the 1948 document was not included in the Woods' analysis. Why? They can't claim ignorance of it because it was quoted in Friedman's 1996 book, in the midst of the Woods' years-long investigation. Did they not want the public to know that some the supply from Cooper/Cantwheel were transparent fakes that couldn't make the cut. Some of the supply? Yes, there were other problem papers."

"Friedman alluded to 'another bunch of documents' from Tim Cooper (TOP SECRET/MAJIC, pgs 158-9) condemning one September 27, 1947 document as an outright fraud, and adding that 'several other items were retyped and slightly changed versions of old memos and letters.' Neither were these Cooper/Cantwheel documents dealt with in the Woods' analysis. Why?

"Smells like a cover-up to me!"

--

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PS In my last correction I just substituted one horror for another.

>The origin of the documents cannot not be established.
>What's to say rather than chronicles of real events created
>in some government office, they are the work of people in
>trying fool someone.

Perhaps this is better:

The origin of the documents cannot be established. Rather than
chronicles of real events created in government offices; they
could be forgeries created by hoaxers wishing to fool people.

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 99 10:43:04 PST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 12:14:44 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 00:46:33 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 99 11:29:24 PST

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>>>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
>>>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 02:02:26 +0100 (MET)
>>>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>>Source: "alt.ufo.reports".

>><snip>

>>Second of all, unless you are claiming telepathic powers, I
>>don't think you know what I'm going to say, and I resent the
>>implication that I am involved in some sort of misleading
>>propaganda effort.

>I didn't claim telepathic powers. Instead, I suggested, based
>on the past history of those speakers, that a certain point of
>view will be in evidence. Are you suggesting that there will be
>a contrary point of view? Are you suggesting that you are going
>to suggest that some abductions might be the result of well
>established psychological pathologies? Are you going to suggest
>that some abductees might have invented their tales for the
>attention that it brings them?

For crissake, Kevin. Since clearly you can't be bothered to
learn my actual views before criticizing them, I am almost
tempted to respond sarcastically. Oh, what the hell, why not?

NO, Kevin. I believe that no abductions "might be the result
of well established psychological pathologies." NO, Kevin, I
don't believe in the existence of hoaxes. I believe that
without exception, every single abduction story recounts
an actual instance of intervention by alien entities.

>Please note that I have not suggested that all abductees have
>psychological problems or have invented their tales. I'm only
>suggesting that some do, a point that we, in the UFO community,
>are reluctant to mention.

I've got my serious hat again. I would sure like to know what
this last sentence means, other than that apparently you're not
reading the UFO literature much. For the past decade and a
half, ufologists have furiously debated the meaning,
significance, and nature of the abduction phenomenon. Some of
this debate, in case you haven't noticed, has taken place on

this very list. Many ufologists have argued for conventional or quasiconventional psychological explanations for abduction reports, and there has been a huge amount of discussion, a good part of it highly critical, about the utility of hypnosis. Ufologists have written entire books arguing skeptical views. Therefore, your assertion that ufologists refuse to recognize possible "psychological problems" of some abductees is simply as unfounded as some of the critical attacks on the Roswell incident that you have so eloquently refuted.

In point of fact, the "psychological problems" of some abductees have been demonstrated empirically; see, for example, the crucial paper by Rodeghier, Goodpaster, and Blatterbauer ("Psychosocial Characteristics of Abductees," JUFOS 3, 1991). Have you read it?

Frankly, Kevin, given your evident ignorance of the history of ufology's interaction with abduction phenomenon (not to mention your ignorance of the views of individual ufologists such as the undersigned), I am naturally concerned that your forthcoming book will merely recycle arguments familiar to others if not to you. The critical views themselves have been the subject of vigorous criticism and controversy, much of it covered in the pages of (for example) IUR and JUFOS (see, for example, Stuart Appelle's "The Abduction Experience: A Critical Evaluation of Theory and Evidence," JUFOS 6, 1995/1996, for a crash course on the many different approaches and hypotheses that have figured in ufologists' discussion of the phenomenon).

I hope that your book advances this discussion, but so far, based on what you've said here, I see no reason to be wildly optimistic.

Jerry Clark

P.S. Those of you who may be interested in my actual views on the abduction phenomenon are referred to the discussions in The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., pp. 221-24, 388-90, and 841-43. I think it is fair to say that where the phenomenon in general is concerned, I am an agnostic. My views, in fact, are close to those of Eddie Bullard and David Hufford.

I might add here, by the way, that the abduction phenomenon and I go back a long way. I investigated my first case in the early 1970s.

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Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 08:17:58 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 12:18:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 17:01:51 -0800 (PST)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Have any of you sometimes wondered if there is any way we could
>cause a few SETI scientists to open their minds a bit, so as to
>include searching for any ETI who would be aware of our
>existence and perhaps interacting with us? I recently tried this
>using SETI's favorite Drake equation as the vehicle.

Have you ever heard of SETI in the optical spectrum?

Visit the following site:

<http://www.coseti.org>

Dr. Stuart Kingsley has been searching the optical spectrum for quite sometime and making a case for optical SETI.

Also, in the science section of the New York Times the following appeared on 1/26/99 as pasted to the SETI mailing list by Larry Klaes:

>>>Here is the text of THE NEW YORK TIMES piece (in the quickest way I
>>>can send it) from the SCIENCE section of 26 January 1999:

>>>The Search for E.T.

>>>The search for extraterrestrial intelligence, or SETI, has usually
>>>involved the ears, not the eyes. Most such projects collect and
>>>analyze radio emissions from the heavens for patterns or other signs
>>>that may indicate an alien origin.

>>>There have always been a few diehards, however, who have argued that
>>>an otherworldly civilization may be just as likely to use light waves
>>>as a means of signaling their existence to the rest of the universe.

>>>In fact, some of these proponents argue, given Earth's technological
>>>history, an advanced civilization may be more likely to use a laser,
>>>say, than a more-primitive radio transmitter.

>>>Now, the Planetary Society, a nonprofit group that has long backed the
>>>hunt for alien life, is sponsoring three new optical SETI programs.
>>>Two projects -- one at the University of California at Berkeley, the
>>>other at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics -- are
>>>looking for very brief light pulses from nearby Sun-like stars.

>>>The third project, also at Berkeley, is examining data from several
>>>observatories' searches for planets outside the solar system in the
>>>hope of finding a steady, extremely narrow-frequency beam of light.

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Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 08:17:58 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 12:21:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 17:01:51 -0800 (PST)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Have any of you sometimes wondered if there is any way we could
>cause a few SETI scientists to open their minds a bit, so as to
>include searching for any ETI who would be aware of our
>existence and perhaps interacting with us? I recently tried this
>using SETI's favorite Drake equation as the vehicle.

Have you ever heard of SETI in the optical spectrum?

Visit the following site:

<http://www.coseti.org>

Dr. Stuart Kingsley has been searching the optical spectrum for quite sometime and making a case for optical SETI.

Also, in the science section of the New York Times the following appeared on 1/26/99 as pasted to the SETI mailing list by Larry Klaes:

>>>Here is the text of THE NEW YORK TIMES piece (in the quickest way I
>>>can send it) from the SCIENCE section of 26 January 1999:

>>>The Search for E.T.

>>>The search for extraterrestrial intelligence, or SETI, has usually
>>>involved the ears, not the eyes. Most such projects collect and
>>>analyze radio emissions from the heavens for patterns or other signs
>>>that may indicate an alien origin.

>>>There have always been a few diehards, however, who have argued that
>>>an otherworldly civilization may be just as likely to use light waves
>>>as a means of signaling their existence to the rest of the universe.

>>>In fact, some of these proponents argue, given Earth's technological
>>>history, an advanced civilization may be more likely to use a laser,
>>>say, than a more-primitive radio transmitter.

>>>Now, the Planetary Society, a nonprofit group that has long backed the
>>>hunt for alien life, is sponsoring three new optical SETI programs.
>>>Two projects -- one at the University of California at Berkeley, the
>>>other at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics -- are
>>>looking for very brief light pulses from nearby Sun-like stars.

>>>The third project, also at Berkeley, is examining data from several
>>>observatories' searches for planets outside the solar system in the
>>>hope of finding a steady, extremely narrow-frequency beam of light.

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Re: Missing CIA Documents On www.foia.ucia.gov

From: Remo Ponti <rponti@geocities.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 17:35:37 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 12:25:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Missing CIA Documents On www.foia.ucia.gov

Ed Fouche wrote:

>was visiting the CIA's Freedom of Information Act Web Page
>doing some research on Released UFO documents. To my surprise,
>not one of the 50 documents I tried to open worked. I also
>noticed dozens of "Deleted" files.

Attention: the word "deleted" that appears in the heading of the document means that the case number in the related CIA document was censored before the release of the document (also the witness names are deleted in these documents). I.e: If you open the first document you'll find that the word after the word "case" has been deleted.

>I also searched >UFO< and none of the documents came up?
>Anyone have any information on what's going on?

I can open all the documents (from Italy!!!): maybe the errors you got could be caused by a temporary connection problem. Pay attention that some docs are very big!

>The headers it did return are:
>1. NEW DCD CASE (DELETED) - UFO RESEARCH Pub
>ate:April 2, 1976 Pages:0002

I've opened this document without problems.

Remo Ponti (CISU - Italy)

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 12:33:52 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 12:40:57 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:13:13 EST
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:32:36 EST
>>To: updates@globalseve.net
>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>Dear Kevin Randle and List...

>>Regarding your views on the upcoming UFO conference by the
>>Intruders Foundation....

>>A little surprised to read your comments here and on UASR, Kevin.
>>Even Gripple won't use these bitter grapes for our fresh wine.

>Sour grapes? I was merely making an observation about the nature
>of the conference that I thought should be made.

>>Isn't there enough room in ufology for differing points of view?
>>And isn't there sufficient venue for an organization to present
>>their side of the issue, without having to invite everyone with
>>a varying perspective? Cripes Kevin, they would need a room the
>>size of Yankee Stadium for all the dissenters.

>Yes, there is room for differing points of view. That was what I
>was trying to point out. There are differing points of view.

>>I opened with an opine, "A little surprised!" Actually, I am
>>more than a little surprised and more than a lot disappointed.
>>Because this to me, is just one more example of the division
>>which intrudes on the research. It is an oxymoron as well.

>So, if I read this correctly, only research that agrees with
>your point of view is of value and that which does not is "just
>one more example of the division which intrudes on research."

>>This is a strange and wonderful business, this UFO research....
>>is it not? I'm strange and you're wonderful, but only because
>>our points of view differ. Otherwise we're both wonderful, eh?

>>Nuts and sour grapes make up your menu. Mine has a steady diet
>>of gruel. But I'm regular as rain in London and, I can live
>>with >myself and my points >of view. Can you?

>Of course I can live with my point of view. But don't I have the
>right to suggest that the make up of the conference is
>advocating a point of view and that alternative points of view
>are out there? Can't I suggest that alien abduction is not an
>established fact without having it suggested that "nuts and sour
>grapes make up your menu"?

>I expected negative responses but this sort is not what I
>expected.

Kevin, List, Leanne, entities lurking...

Kevin, not to belabor the points, but the reason for my surprise is several-fold. First, I read most if not all your publications and feel they are worth the read. Even enjoyed a few. However your words sounded to me as if they were Gripple Country vine rejects.

IF that is incorrect, accept my appologies. If it isn't, go fish. Just kidding, which is hard to do sometimes. IF you've been following all the threads here, I was murdered by the Secret Government in 1969 or 1970. But I can't prove that, see? Makes sense only if you've been drinking.

Anyway, I have always been sensitive to my perception of vinegar when it comes to people I admire and love. In this case, having had experiences (which have not been verified by hypnosis, because I wish to remember first and later, affirm with hypnosis, when my courage allows it), having the perception of the experience, I am more sensitve than an exposed nerve on a molar.

Mia culpa. But just for this one time. Humble pie gives me tummy aches.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@virgin.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 17:09:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 15:44:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 15:58:14 -0500
>From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'
>To: updates@globalserve.net <updates@globalserve.net>

>>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@virgin.net>
>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 17:11:38 -0000
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Jan 1999 13:22:02 -0500
>>Subject: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

>>Issue 5 "Down To Earth Magazine" out now, the Magazine for
>>today's ufologist =A32.00 per issue

>Roy

>You have a very interesting magazine but I have a query on the
>report entitled "Three sided mystery" apparently written by you
>which appeared in issue 2.

>In the report you state that two witnesses see a large flying
>triangle and then drive to Great Munden, Herts. You then state
>that the week that followed the deserted country lanes around
>Great Munden were closed for road works and state that this was
>a 'business like response' from the MOD. The query I have is
>that the road closures commenced on the 1st October 1997, and
>the large triangle was witnessed some 3 weeks earlier. This
>discrepancy alters the whole implication of your article, can
>you explain why this wasn't picked up during your investigation?

>Following the report you have included the 'Elufon comment'
>which was again by yourself. Do you comment on your own articles
>or was the original article written by someone else?

>In those comments you state "I can assure the reader that the
>military are aware of the Extra-Terrestrial Triangle and are
>tracking this craft whenever they get the chance". Have you got
>in your possession government documents that back up your
>assurances, or was this purely your opinion?

Hi All,

Well it's good to see you back in action Tony after your little
break.

Now then, what was it you recently informed me of? Oh yes
"On-board encounters are happening here in the UK". Right' maybe
you could inform the whole list as to where and when these
events are taking place? I think most researchers especially
those who are very sceptical on ET visiting us would be thrilled
to learn that you have seen, heard about on board encounters.

Couple of questions for you:

- 1.) You told me that on-board encounters are happening in the
UK. Were you witness to these or is this just hearsay?
- 2.) Are you saying that you are in fact the person who is having
on-board encounters in the UK?

- 3.) Would you like to share with this list your evidence of on board encounters in the UK?
- 4.) Are you therefore informing the UFO Research Community that you know of individuals who are having on board encounters?
- 5.) On Board Encounters meaning? Perhaps you could explain what these are?
- 6.) Seeming your sceptical nature of the FT's origin, could these be Military on board encounters? Or does your training enable you to differentiate?
- 7.) Tony I wonder why you did not pick up on this so called discrepancy when you posted it on the UFO Compuserve Forum(1997)? This really is a great ploy that you keep using, and well I and the rest of ELUFON do admire you for trying. (Quote of the year 1998) "Never heard of it man"

I think you should address your question to the last editor of the magazine who had editorial control, I think you know her quite well, she if I remember also contributed to this article, in fact I would say she had a lot to do with the article facts, as it was her who had the sighting! Oops should I have said that..... But like the good old chap that you are, I doubt if we will ever hear the last of you, occasionally rambling on about back issues of the magazine, which you read....(I'm glad it shows we are grabbing the attention of our readers!! Issue 5 out now, go buy it) ooh say about mid 97, and have suddenly found fault with it, my god you do take some time to retrieve your pigeon hole messages.....well you certainly stored this one for a long time.....what other exciting things are going on in your life right now Tony?

Oh yes my humble opinion on our beloved Flying Triangle? Documents you say, you want documents, you hear that everyone Tony Spurrier wants evidence do you hear!!! He wants evidence that the Flying Triangle is of ET origin. Firstly do you think that the Government(S) would give me documents saying:

Dear Mr Roy Hale:UFO Researcher of the Century:

We are writing this letter to you today, because we at theGovernment feel that you are the only UFO researcher in the World who warrants this secret information. Which is the following:

There is an Extraterrestrial Flying Triangle visiting the world especially the UK. We hope that you will keep this information tucked away for safe keeping, and we would hope that you will never inform or show anyone else this letter. Doing so could lead to you being given a heavy fine.

Yours Sincerely,

Government BOD 1.....DEPT: E.T. / F.T./U.F.O./For your eyes only:

And yes I love commenting on my own articles I love it, because it makes me feel good inside, and I re-read the comments over and over and over again, and I keep saying to myself this is great, how do I do it each other month, it's called "Love thyself Therapy" you should try it, it really works.

Now if you dont mind I am going back to my REMOTE VIEWING to see if I can work something out!!!

A poem for my friends:

THE OWL: {Judith Gallant}

Who is that? you ask,
He's the watcher of the wood
Silent,swift and deadly

Happy day's to all on the list.....

Roy..

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--[For The Record]-- STS-80 NASA Footage

From: Skywatch International Inc. <skywatch@ltlb.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 04:55:29 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 07:20:15 -0500
Subject: --[For The Record]-- STS-80 NASA Footage

From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 1999 11:33 AM
To: encounters@confirmation.net
Subject: STS-80 NASA footage

Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that you will be airing footage from the STS-80 shuttle Discovery from Dec 1, 1996. This footage was first recorded by my friend, John Maxfield of Sacramento, Calif. He notified me within days and sent me a copy of his VHS recording from NASA Select Channel 22 in Sacramento.

I showed this footage to the public for the first time at the UFO Congress in Laughlin, Nevada in January 1997. John and I arranged to send a copy to Village Labs and Dr. Jack Kasher for analysis. A segment was aired on Fox News in Phoenix in 1997, but we never got a response to our request for analysis.

Eventually, I called Richard Hoagland who had hear about the recording and we agreed to send a S-VHS copy to him for analysis. We never got our analysis. The next thing we knew, he was advertising copies of this footage for sale.

I believe that when your program airs, John Maxfield will not be acknowledged for what he attentively caught on tape in 1996.

Having been in UFO research for over 40 yeears now, I know how the trails get lost and wanted to set the record straight on how this footage came to light.

Sincerely,

Bill Hamilton
Executive Director
Skywatch International, Inc.

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Re: A Little Virtue For A Maddening Situation

From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:21:29 PST
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 07:24:22 -0500
Subject: Re: A Little Virtue For A Maddening Situation

>From: Scott Krause <SKrause272@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 00:48:53 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: A Little Virtue For A Maddening Situation (R.A.M.S)

>(ebk- I know this is alittle of topic, but not far <g>)

>After posting for the second time to this list, I have finally
>got some fan mail. In this mail I was called "stupid" and a
>"fool". (don't worry Mr. Stephens, I won't tell them it was you
><g>) I guess it's true when they say it's good to feel loved
><g>. So I thought a little virtue from the "Teachings of
>Buddha" was in order:

>A fool who thinks that he is a fool is for that very reason a
>wise man. The fool who thinks that he is wise is called a fool
>indeed.

Gday Scott & List,

One more thing to note when dealing with this list:

"There's no fool like an old fool".

It comes in handy sometimes <g>

Regards,

Leanne];-)

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Re: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:23:27 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 07:27:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 10:44:30 -0800 (PST)
>From: Scott LeGrand <varelse@best.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

>Well, Robert Stephens' 200 questions imply Mr. Hoagland never
>had any professional status.

>I can at least confirm that he once worked for 'Star and Sky'
>magazine.

>Harlan Ellison recounts a brief conversation with him at JPL in
>'An Edge in My Voice' - now available as the 2nd half of
>'Edgeworks 1', on page 39, while they both watch data come in
>from Voyager 1 as it reaches Saturn.
>
>

Scott,

I once went to JPL, donned an anti-static suit, entered the
clean room, and took pictures of the Hubble Telescope in its
infancy.

Eat your hearts out, List members!

My interviews and pictures from same subsequently appeared in
several publications.

Does that render my status professional, given that I was a
freelance writer at the time? I suppose it does in one sense.
But my point is that JPL has always had a PR department willing
to live up to its name.

Gaining an entree via same, however, doesn't necessarily render
you a space professional, NASA consultant, or anything else of
the sort. It simply means that you made a polite request, had
some publishing credentials to back up your claims, and were
consequently granted access to then ongoing projects and
personnel.

The professionalism in this instance was wholly JPL's. The
entire time I was there I couldn't keep from muttering to
myself, "Jeez, I can't believe they're letting me do this!" I
was actually straddling the HT, with the Galileo (Jupiter) probe
sitting next door.

Hate to eat up bandwidth, but if anyone's interested, I'd be
happy to upload a couple of pictures from my visit. Just don't
call me a JPL or NASA confidant, professional or critic, like
Hoagland. IMHO, the latter is a certifiable basket case who
either knows better or is completely delusional or totally
maniacal. Apart from anything Mr. Robert Stephens has to say
about the issue, one way or the other.

My two cents,

Dennis

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 13:58:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 07:40:09 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:28:07 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 00:47:18 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 06:19:32 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>The truth of the situation is this:

>>A. Greg Sandow called me and told me of your interest/offer to
>>participate in the conference. We both thought it was a
>>_great_idea_ and we thought it would lend 'balance' and
>>alternative points of view to the presentation.

>>B. We both brought it up at the very next business meeting.
>>Not only did we bring it up, we pitched it because we both
>>felt you would be a good addition.

>>C. The only reasons it was rejected are the following:

>>1. We had already invited Dave Jacobs, Stanton Friedman and
>>Jerry Clark. (Stan and Jerry need to be flown in.)

>>2. We are working on a shoestring and we couldn't afford to
>>fly in a third speaker!

>>Period!

>>Are you suggesting a conspiracy or an attempt to keep you out
>>because of your views? Nothing is farther from the truth. You
>>are welcome to verify any of what I have said here with either
>>Greg Sandow or Budd Hopkins.

>>If any of the prior commitments hadn't already been made, Greg
>>and I were prepared to argue for your inclusion but we can't
>>afford to bring you in as well.

>If Kevin Randle were to fly himself in, would he be welcome to
>address the conference? Certainly there should be a little time
>available.

Hi Roger,

That would have been a possibility two weeks ago. We have since
added Carol Rainey to the schedule (she is giving a talk on the
role of the media re: UFOs and abductions) and as a result the
schedule is now full. Carol is also 'local' and doesn't require
special travel arrangements.

It's only a one day conference. If there was more time, and

Kevin was willing to pay his own way, I don't see why he couldn't/shouldn't speak at any conference sponsored by IF. In fact he could have compensated himself by selling some of his books at our table during the event. There's more here than meets the eye though Roger. There was more than a little vitriol in Kevin's post about the conference. There are several conferences each year and 'for some reason' he has chosen to come out publicly and single out our event labeling it biased or one sided. I've never seen him post complaints about any conferences that he has participated in, or any others for that matter. How many of the conferences that have taken place could be considered "well balanced" in terms of presentation of opposing points of view? Not many I'm sure. But for some reason Kevin feels it's his duty to warn everyone about how biased ours is.

I don't quite get it, but then there it is. In spite of many differences of opinion and belief I have always liked and respected Kevin. This particular outing of his has me a bit baffled however. I am sorry that he has adopted this "negative" view of our event. Just three weeks ago he was asking to be invited as a participant. He seemed more than willing to associate himself and his name with us and our conference. Now, he's knocking us all over the internet.

Go figure! <G>

Peace,

John Velez

jvif@spacelab.net
INTRUDERS FOUNDATION/ABDUCTION INFORMATION CENTER
<http://www.if-aic.com>
"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 10:13:53 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 07:33:42 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:36:22 EST
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>I would be most interested in hearing more about the new
>>research and alternative explanations. When is the book coming
>>out?

>Late April. It's called 'The Abduction Enigma'.

I'll certainly look for it.

>>What is the specialty of Dr. William Cone? Is he an MD or PhD?

>Dr. Cone is a psychologist with more than twenty years of
>experience as a clinician. He serves of the staff of several
>hospitals and has conducted a great deal of research into the
>abduction phenomena.

I'm not in the medical profession, so my thoughts are just that
-- thoughts. However, I would like to know if Dr. Cone might
have conferred with any neurologists because it seems to me, in
my uneducated way of thinking, that there could be some
neurological answers -- perhaps conditions, syndromes, diseases,
etc., that we aren't even yet aware -- to some abductions
stories.

>>Perhaps you could share some highlights of the new research
>>with this list.

>This is the most difficult of the questions because much of the
>new research is somewhat complicated and without a proper
>foundation is going to sound extreme or will be rejected out of
>hand. (Note to myself: Now I sound like Gary, though the
>difference is, the book has been accepted by a publisher and if
>they maintain the schedule, it will be available to all soon.)

I understand about the complicated nature of these things, but
I'm just really curious about an idea I've been toying around
with for a while and that is Munchausen's and Munchausen's by
Proxy (I'm sure I've misspelled that). Are there any comparisons
made to these syndromes by Dr. Cone?

>It does contain a lengthy discussion of hypnosis as an
>investigative tool, suggesting many of the pitfalls of
>hypnotically recovered testimony. The suggestibility of the
>subject, for example, is something that we, as researchers, do
>not seem to fully understand. What we see as a simple question
>to gather more, and sometimes obscured, information, could be a
>"demand" for information that the subject simply doesn't have.
>To continue to probe for that information can induce a point
>where the subject "invents" that information to satisfy the
>researcher.

Kevin, this is something I can speak of first-hand. I was
regressed and I do have some false memories as a result. These
memories aren't significant and I know the hypnotist did not
implant them -- I created them. I didn't mean to, of course, the

object was to try to get answers. Now, I'm stuck with these self-created anachronisms in these other memories that simply won't go away.

It didn't take me long to realize just how difficult things could have been for me, if I had created some other kind of false memory.

>This is why some states now prohibit witnesses who have been >hypnotized (questioned under hypnosis about the crime) from >testifying. It is simply too easy to implant information even by >the most careful of questioners.

And sometimes the information isn't even implanted, the mind just creates it, as happened in my case.

>There is also a section that expands on my MUFON presentation of >a couple of year ago. In that, I suggested that pop culture has >included all the elements of alien abduction. If we look to >science fiction, we can find everything we find in alien >abduction repeatedly. Some of the more recent of the abduction >scenarios, such as the suggestion of genetic engineering and >manipulation are rare but they do exist. The 1960s movie, >'Village Of The Damned', based on an earlier book, 'The Midwich >Cuckoos'* suggested the abduction of women for the purpose of >creating a genetic hybrid, for example, is out there. We simply >cannot dismiss these parallels, but must be able to account for >them.

I'll let Jerry argue with you about your pop culture theory, because, I thought that presentation was excellent.

Did you complete you PhD, btw? If so, congratulations.

>I'll try to add more about this later, but the entire context of >the book is needed to understand some of the points of view.

Appreciated and thanks!

Rebecca

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Re: Missing CIA Documents on www.foia.ucia.gov

From: Scott Hale <sh5259a@american.edu>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 14:06:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 07:46:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Missing CIA Documents on www.foia.ucia.gov

>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:06:54 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Missing CIA Documents on www.foia.ucia.gov

>Ed-

>I wish the CIA had followed the lead of other agencies and used
>the .pdf format for their documents, but they chose to use CGI
>scripting to spoon feed the data in graphic format.

>I submitted an FOIA request for all UFO related material that
>they have posted to the web site and obtained more than 900
>pages of documents. I'm working with FUFOR to organize those
>documents so they can be distributed on CD-ROM, but that work is
>just beginning and I have no target date for a release.

>In the meantime, I would keep trying their site. I got the same
>errors when I first tried to access the information and the next
>day it worked fine. I believe the problem relates to their
>server and is an intermittant problem.

Steve,

There was a CIA UFO CD-ROM put out a year ago by some small time
media company. I can't remember the specifics but I'll look
around for it. It might have all the documents you are thinking
about indexing. I also have a CD burner if you need any
assistance.

Best,
Scott Hale

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Re: MJ-12 documents & The Norfolk Regiment Tale

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:41:31 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 07:50:06 -0500
Subject: Re: MJ-12 documents & The Norfolk Regiment Tale

>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 23:10:10 -0800
>From: William Chalker <bchalker@ozemail.com.au>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: MJ-12 documents & The Norfolk Regiment Tale

BRAVO, Bill Chalker!

It is very refreshing to see that this fatal flaw in the new majestic papers was detected by others. Barry Greenwood's latest UHR discusses this alleged incident in full with references. It is compelling documentation that the writers of the new majestic papers, allegedly circa 1950s, were aware of only the _PULP UFO_ literature from the mid 1960s - the only, I repeat, the only place where this myth version of the Norfolk Regiment tale appears, a truly majestic blunder by the creators of these alleged documents.

<snip>

>Paul Begg has documented his detail investigations of the 1915 >Norfolk saga in his book "Into Thin Air". Murray Bott of NZ has >circulated some of the original 1965 New Zealand material.

Also, I may add the following reference for those that do not have access to the book above:

Fortean Times 27, Autumn 1978, pps. 35-38, "The First-Fourth Norfolk & The Kidnapping Cloud" by Paul Begg.

In this article, Paul Begg also exposes the whole myth for what it is. Too bad the creators of the majestic papers only had a rudimentary knowledge of UFO history and apparently had to rely on mid-1960s pulp myth to brief the President of the United States in the 1950s!

In the introduction to their "authentification" of the majestic papers, on Joe Firmage's web site, the authoritarian team of Woods and Woods write after their exhaustive and monumental research into the documents:

"...and then is followed by three detailed annexes in the back containing 56 relevant facts."

How true! And the relevancy points to fakery and a majestic hoax on the UFO community by those that do not have their ducks lined up as far as UFO history goes and have to rely on pulp UFO stories from the mid 1960s!

Thank you, Bill Chalker.
Thank you, Barry Greenwood.
And thank you Paul Begg and Fortean Times

Ed Stewart

Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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.

-----oo00-(_) -00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 15:14:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 07:58:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:58:48 +0000
>Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:28:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Previously, I had asked:

>>Perhaps Bob can explain. Do you have camera original or not?
>>For the record, any film that can be printed can be transferred
>>on a Rank Cintel. Both processes use 'roller transport' for
>>moving the film. In fact, the Rank is more gentle than a film
>>printer since the Rank needs no "teeth" to align the film. There
>>would be no need to transfer "one frame at a time" under any
>>circumstance.

Bob replied:

>For the record, I do not now have, have never had, nor ever seen
>any camera original film in this incident.

>The film delivered by the cameraman to Santilli is old copy
>film, in very bad shape. This was copied onto another 16 mm
>film to assemble the broken strips. Some of the film had both
>edges rotted off so had to be copied frame by frame, I was told.

>The video was made from this new 16mm dupe.

In a related Post to Nick Balaskas Bob offered:

>Ray doesn't want to acknowledge that he does not have, and
>has never had, any camera original film, just the copy
>print material foisted off on him by the cameraman (who
>apparently told him it was camera original material).
>
>This accounts for the biggest discrepancy in the cameraman's
>tale, how he could make off with all this film without
>anyone noticing. I speculated several years ago that he
>had, in fact, made an unauthorized copy prior to shipping
>the original film off to Washington. This is what he
>sold to Ray, and Ray was duped into thinking he had the
>original material.

>This could also account for Capt. McAndrew's comment to me
>that he had seen the same film in Air Force archives.

Hi Bob,

Mucho thanks.

This info certainly fills in a lot of blanks (for me, anyway)
regarding the issues about "camera original" and Santilli's
claims of having the film "transferred one frame" at at time. I
must admit, if the above info is true, it would certainly go a
long way toward validating Santilli's claims about how he got
the stuff.

Still, I'm a bit suspicious about his statements regarding

"development of the film" and "processing of the reels". After all, if he bought 15 cans of undeveloped film, as suggested in Mr. Easton's post, then there's a piece missing to this puzzle. What you say about him (the cameraman) making a secret dupe print makes the most sense, if Santilli's claims are true.

Just for the record, has it been determined that the film Santilli bought is a dupe because the film stock is recognized as such? Or was this determined by the "wind" of the film; i.e. which side the emulsion is on? Did you check the pieces you have to see if it's an "A-wind" or a "B-wind"?

If the cameraman did quickly make a secret copy for himself, it probably was a contact print and not an optical print. Therefore, the emulsion on the print that Santilli bought (and gave you pieces of) would be on the opposite side than if it were original film from either a field camera or optical printer. This is assuming, of course, that Santilli is truthful that what he gave you is directly from what the cameraman sold him.

Likewise, if Santilli then had an optical made of this dupe film, then the resulting dupe original would the same wind as camera original (assuming they did not shoot through the base), but not subsequent contact prints, of course. If Santilli's final prints from his "new dupe original" have the emulsion on the same side as camera original, then either a generation is missing or Santilli started from camera original.

I know this sounds confusing. But give it some consideration. Do you follow what I'm getting at?

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Sean Jones <seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 20:07:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:04:12 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:32:36 EST
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>But I'm regular as rain in London

>Jim Mortellaro

Jim, I'm aghast, how dare you slander our great capital :-)

On a serious note, I'd like to stay out of this one as it is entirely personal, IMHO, and one which ruffles feathers instantly if you even dare to suggest that there might be other things to explain some alleged abductions.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.
Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>
UFO page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 23:28:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:23:31 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 99 11:29:24 PST

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 02:02:26 +0100 (MET)
>>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>Not all the evidence. Only that which they want you to hear. You
>>will notice that there are no speakers or information offered
>>about alternatives to these specific people's opinions. How
>>cutting edge can it be without alternative explanations being
>>offered.

<snip>

>>It will only be a crash course in belief structure and it will
>>not contain the latest findings. Only those findings which they
>>want you to hear. In an upcoming book by Kevin Randle (me), Russ
>>Estes, and Dr. William P. Cone, we take a long and hard look at
>>the abduction phenomenon as it exists today. We can find some
>>alternative explanations and we offered to share these at the
>>conference, but the organizers were uninterested in that. They
>>are only interested in promoting alien abduction as if it is a
>>proven fact and refuse to answer hard questions about it.

<snip>

>I am afraid that none of the above makes much sense to me. First
>of all, the organizers of any conference on any subject have the
>right to invite exactly whom they want to invite, and to have
>represented any point of view they endorse, feel comfortable
>with, or consider important.

Jerome,

Please note that we are talking about a proven investigator,
with lots of credentials, and about to publish a book on the
subject of abduction.

If things happened the way Kevin Randle implies they happened...
THAT conference is, in my opinion, suspicious.

You are perfectly correct in stating that the organizers have
the right to invite whom they want to invite. But, isn't that a
straw man argument? Of course, they have the right to endorse
the point of view they want. But isn't that the real problem
with ufology in general and abductions in particular: turning
one's back on analysis and advocate "opinions" instead?

<snip>

>If you're not happy with the views
>expressed at the Intruders conference, hold your own damn
>conference.

The best argument in years.

You win a cookie on that one.

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 14:05:37 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:31:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 08:17:58 -0800
>From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 17:01:51 -0800 (PST)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Have you ever heard of SETI in the optical spectrum?

>Visit the following site:

><http://www.coseti.org>

>Dr. Stuart Kingsley has been searching the optical spectrum for
>quite sometime and making a case for optical SETI.

Thanks for this suggestion, and also the one to join the SETI
mailing list.

To Alfred Lehmberg, who wrote:

>I'm not surprised you never heard from anyone. Your idea
>regarding the equation points in the shadows of the other 98%
>that science refuses to consider or quantify because it doesn't
>predictably repeat, isn't observable, or is not in line with a
>comfortable theory or conveniently conceived paradigm <g>.

Yes, there's no point indeed in wasting time on the 98%. But
it's the other 2% whom it's sometimes worth trying to seek out.

And Ed Stewart wrote:

>Obviously, Professor Jim Deardorff's contention that SETI only
>looks for radio waves was spoken from personal ignorance of
>what SETI programs do and don't do.

>Ed Stewart

I was speaking in reference to Drake's equation and SETI's use
of it on their website. There they listed N as the number of
civilizations in our galaxy whose radio emissions are
detectable. So that's their slant on it; I don't recall that
Drake himself made that limitation, though radio emissions are
his thing.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 18:20:28 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:36:22 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 99 10:43:04 PST

<snippety do dah>

Jerry -

I am surprised at the angry tone of your missive. Haven't you suggested to others that there are two letters - the one you write in the heat of passion and the one you send?

If you are concerned that the book will examine many of the issues discussed here and elsewhere, there will have to be a recapitulation of that earlier information in case not all are as informed as you.

If you want to trade journal cites, then let me throw in, for laughs if for no other reason, "Tolerance of Ambiguity and the Perception of UFOs" by Houran, Perceptual and Motor Skills, 1997, 85, 973-974. How about "An Assessment of Contextual Mediation in Trance States of Shamanic Journeys" by James Houran, Rense Lange, and Michelle Crist-Houran, Perceptual and Motor Skills, 1997, 85, 59-65. How about "Measured Personality Characteristics of Persons Who Claim UFO Experiences," by June Parnell, Psychotherapy in Private Practice, Vol. 6(3) 1988 (though this might be too old by your standards).

All this means is that I have looked at the literature in great detail, including the psychological journals. Like Greg Sandow, I have read nearly every article on UFOs that shows up in the literature, and like Greg, I was surprised at the lack of first-hand investigation. The point, however, is that yes, we looked at all of this.

My questions to you were merely a request for information because I don't like having my points defended by others. Yes, I'm sure that you will be thoughtful and intelligent, and that you will cover the material as you see it. But it will be your point of view and not mine, and I have seen, in the past, that sometimes some things gets lost in the translation.

And of course the Intruders Foundation can invite whomever they want and they can promote whatever point of view they want. But when you move into a public arena, then you invite questions and comments and that is what I did.

I'm very sorry that it has angered you to the point it has. It was not my intention to suggest any sort of a conspiracy on the part of John Velez, Greg Sandow or Budd Hopkins. It was, however, my intention to suggest that the list of speakers and researchers was not balanced, in my opinion and here you can't argue because it is my opinion. You can suggest that my opinion is wrong, but you can't argue my opinion, which is what I have offered.

And if you want to have a contest as to who first investigated an abduction, then you win. I didn't look at any of them, with

any sort of interest until sometime around 1972, and made my first, long term investigation of a case in 1974.

But you know as well as I that the face of abduction has changed since it was first reported by the Lorenzens and John Fuller, and the other pioneers. In fact, if we read Fuller's book carefully, we find that the face of the abductors has also changed from the first telling to those we hear today.

Jerry, take it easy. I just offered a contrary point of view.

KRandle

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Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 18:40:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:40:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'

>From: Roy Hale <roy.hale@virgin.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Taking the Heat Out Of 'The Heat'
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 17:09:03 -0000

>Hi All,

>Well it's good to see you back in action Tony after your little
>break.

>Now then, what was it you recently informed me of? Oh yes
>"On-board encounters are happening here in the UK". Right' maybe
>you could inform the whole list as to where and when these
>events are taking place? I think most researchers especially
>those who are very sceptical on ET visiting us would be thrilled
>to learn that you have seen, heard about on board encounters.

Hi Roy

It's good to see you're are still conforming to those rules of
defending disinformation.

>Couple of questions for you:

>1.) You told me that on-board encounters are happening in the
>UK. Were you witness to these or is this just hearsay?

Ok, to answer your question 1...

I was present when a witness remote viewed a craft, this was
then corroborated by another individual who witnessed the same
craft.

>2.) Are you saying that you are in fact the person who is having
>on-board encounters in the UK?

No, I am not the person who is having these "experiences".

>3.) Would you like to share with this list your evidence of on
>board encounters in the UK?

See reply to question , however, IMO I prefer to think of this
as reasons for continuing to investigate this contact method
rather than calling it evidence.

>4.) Are you therefore informing the UFO Research Community that
>you know off individuals who are having on board encounters?

No you have publicised this, but yes I know of individuals who
are having these "experiences".

>5.) On Board Encounters meaning? Perhaps you could explain what
>these are?

Both witnessed described seeing a craft in the same area, being
in the craft at different times, seeing the same interior etc.

>6.) Seeming your sceptical nature of the FT's origin, could
<these be Military on board encounters? Or does your training

>enable you to differentiate?

Answer to part one, I am unaware of anyone who has remote viewed the inside of an FT.

Answer to part two, what training are you talking about?

>7.) Tony I wonder why you did not pick up on this so called
>discrepancy when you posted it on the UFO Compuserve
>Forum(1997)? This really is a great ploy that you keep using,
>and well I and the rest of ELUFON do admire you for trying.
>(Quote of the year 1998) "Never heard of it man"

No, I hadn't noticed the discrepancy in early 1998 (not 1997)

What ploy are you talking about?

>I think you should address your question to the last editor of
>the magazine who had editorial control, I think you know her
>quite well, she if I remember also contributed to this article,
>in fact I would say she had a lot to do with the article facts,
>as it was her who had the sighting!

My understanding is that the previous editor was purely in charge of the layout of the magazine. Do you change others articles as the current editor?

Yes, and the previous editor and the other witness have agreed that your article is incorrect.

>I doubt if
>we will ever hear the last of you, occasionally rambling on
>about back issues of the magazine, which you read.....

The last issue wasn't what I'd call a bumper crop circle edition, I saw only one report on crop circles.

>what other exciting things are going
>on in your life right now Tony?

I'm flattered that you ask, anything in particular you want to know? If so you can email me.

>Oh yes my humble opinion on our beloved Flying Triangle?
>Documents you say, you want documents, you hear that
>everyoneTony Spurrier wants evidence do you hear!!!

You stated publicly in your comments that you can assure the reader, how do you justify your statement? Again you seem to have used another rule of defending disinformation.

>And yes I love commenting on my own articles I love it, because
>it makes me feel good inside, and I re-read the comments over
>and over and over again, and I keep saying to myself this is
>great, how do I do it each other month, it's called "Love
>thyself Therapy" you should try it, it really works.

Surely if you've written the article correctly you wouldn't need to comment on it as you would have made your point already. I assume you do have an English language qualification! Anyway, my understanding is that you didn't write the report but you put your name to it because the author thought the intelligence services would get him!

With regards to contact work and your openness to talk about it, would you like to discuss your contact methods you describe as 'by advanced electronic means', and the experiences you have had?

Thanks, Tony

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From: Alain Stauffer <astauffer@infomaniak.ch>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 01:15:32 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:01:38 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

Hello!

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>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:36:22 EST
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>a couple of year ago. In that, I suggested that pop culture has
>included all the elements of alien abduction. If we look to
>science fiction, we can find everything we find in alien
>abduction repeatedly. Some of the more recent of the abduction
>scenarios, such as the suggestion of genetic engineering and
>manipulation are rare but they do exist. The 1960s movie,
>'Village Of The Damned', based on an earlier book, 'The Midwich
>Cuckoos'* suggested the abduction of women for the purpose of
>creating a genetic hybrid, for example, is out there. We simply
>cannot dismiss these parallels, but must be able to account for
>them.

This is of course correct and very interesting. But the
parallels can be applied to the UFO phenomenon as a whole, and
not only to the abductions. The french writer Bertrand Meheust
had showed this weird coincidence between the science-fiction
stories and the real UFO sightings in his book Science-fiction
et Soucoupes Volantes, in the late '70. This publication led a
number of searchers to think that the source of the phenomenon
was actually the SciFi culture - which is obviously a very quick
conclusion and cannot easily explain the materiality of a lot of
UFO manifestations.

Nevertheless, the parallels can be precisely established and the
similarity of the descriptions that can be found both in the
fiction and in the real world is an aspect of the phenomenon
that certainly should be accounted for, but first deeply
investigated.

After all, the Titanic tragedy had been perfectly described in a
novel some twenty or thirty years earlier as well.

Have a good day

Alain Stauffer

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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Ted Viens <drtedv@freewwwweb.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:36:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:41:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:26:59 EST
>To: Updates@Globalserve.net
>Subject: Keeping Secrets

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 12:14:52 EST
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:51:03 -0500
>>Subject: Keeping Secrets

><snip>

>>I was, in 1970, working on a project called NAGS. This was the
>>acronym for Naval Advanced Guidance System. It was one of the
>>means by which a Polaris Poseiden warhead would guide itself
>>towards target(s), as these were MIRV or multiple warheads.

>>The security at the facility was very, very strict. You needed a
>>top secret clearance just to get into the work area. And that
>>work area was guarded 24 hours a day. Beyond the human
>>security, you needed a special badge and code access to get
>>thru the door.

>>If there was anything about this project that was critical, it
>>was security. About three months after I became one of the
>>Electro-Optics engineers on the project, and after numerous
>>security briefings by the military, by the project management,
>>by the company reps, by everybody, an article appeared in
>>Aviation Week and Space Technology which outlined exactly what
>>this project was all about ...

>That's why it's called "Aviation Leak".

>>... including the top secret portions, which threatened corporeal
>>[sic] punishment and a cruel death to anyone on the project
>>who leaked information, even by accident.

>Does Mr. Mortellaro expect us to take this statement at face value,
>or is it a joke? "Corporal punishment and a cruel death" for
>accidental leaking of information?

>Jim, can you cite one single documented instance in which
>punishments such as this have been authorized or applied in the
>United States of America? I'm obviously not talking about the
>Rosenberg spy case, or the execution of NAZI agents during World
>War II. Please be specific with as many examples as you can find,
>or cite the applicable section of U.S. law authorizing such things.

>On the other hand, just since the end of the Cold War there have
>been a number of widely publicized real spy cases involving even
>such things as our wartime nuclear target list and sub operations
>codes where people have received prison terms. None have
>received "corporeal punishment" or "cruel deaths". The old KGB,
>on the other hand, was rumored to have thrown Soviet citizens who
>were our double agents, alive, into a basement furnace at Lubyanka
>Prison in Moscow.

Wake up people. Did someone declare this List or most any other

forum on the internet a rigorously enforced example of rhetorical debate?

Do we all abandon our real life experiences (however shallow and infrequent they may be) and only discuss these issues in light of our idealised visions of how life might be?

Sure, legal statute for violation of national security may not prescribe public flogging and execution, but that doesn't stop some hot shot captain from leading a security seminar and promising the audience that if they violate their oath, they just might get their nuts cut off and find their bones decorating some desert landscape.

I mean, sheeeesh, _real_ life is sometimes messy and unfair...

Bye... Ted..

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Re: Open Letter To Art Bell

From: Ted Viens <drtedv@freewwwweb.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 19:09:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:15:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Open Letter To Art Bell

Apologies for the delay in posting. I am days behind in reading UpDates...

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:21:32 +1100
>From: Barbara Sagan <bbjc@ozemail.com.au>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Open Letter To Art Bell

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 09:17:13 +1100
>From: Barbara Sagan <bbjc@ozemail.com.au>
>To: Art Bell <artbell@aol.com>
>Subject: Open Letter To Art Bell

>Dear Mr. Bell,

>The nation is waiting for your response tonight:

- >1. When will you have Hoagland-Stephens Debate?
- >2. If Stephens wins, will he replace Hoagland as permanent guest
> on your show?
- >3. Now that we know that Hoagland is a fraud, what about Dames?
- >4. Art, you are a genius, your ratings are going up and up
> did you plan all that?

How corny... I feel trite in reminding the readers that Art Bell is an entertainer. His programs are entertainment. The bottom line for his guest is that they be entertaining. Hoagland is a somewhat pompous orator. His glib, gregarious, self-serving, mildly coercive speaking skills, common to functional psychotics colored by influences of schizophrenia and paranoia, are very entertaining to a wide spectrum of the nighttime audience.

Robert A. M. Stephens is basically an uncoordinated, easily diverted whiner. What few perceptive and valid points he might raise drawn in the bulk of the shallow and poorly stated issues he offers. Basically, he's a jerk.

Now, which of these men would a responsible host have on his late night entertainment show?

Bye... Ted..

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Jim Dilettoso: Retraction-Apology Required from

From: Jim Dilettoso <jim@villagelabs.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 18:57:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:52:48 -0500
Subject: Jim Dilettoso: Retraction-Apology Required from

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Mr Korff,

Regardless of what you think of me, regardless of what you think of what I do, or how I do it,

You are not allowed by law to publish lies.

Mr. Korff, you claim to be a journalist, investigate the facts, adhere to a journalistic code of ethics then you state (among other things) in a widely circulated e-mail which was written by you "it has been proven in court records that Jim Dilettoso swindled/conned investors out of millions of dollars"

This information is false. It never happened.
No investor complaints.
No lawsuits from investors.
No accusations of fraud from investors or anyone.
Only you.

Where did you get that information?
Where are the court records of which you speak?
Who gave you that information that you have circulated as fact?

In fact you take great care to circulate your e-mail lies and pretend that it is news and then... You submit them to search engines so that they will be found when people search my name.

I just received a call from someone who is soliciting my expertise in the computer field. Just because it is the way things are done, he submitted my name to the Alta Vista and Yahoo search engines.

What he got was that 8 out of 10 were documents created, posted, distributed, by you.

The documents are a series of e-mails and responses orchestrated by you with certain and specific information about Jim Dilettoso.

This information is false: created by you to defame me.
Your actions and refusal to comment to me are interesting.

I demand that you answer the above questions concerning the source of information that you have globally submitted as fact.

Jim Dilettoso

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Abduction Hypotheses [was: 1999 UFO Alien]

From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 22:18:19 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:00:37 -0500
Subject: Abduction Hypotheses [was: 1999 UFO Alien]

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
To: updates@globalserve.net
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

Kevin wrote:

>>In an upcoming book by Kevin Randle (me), Russ
>>Estes, and Dr. William P. Cone, we take a long and hard look at
>>the abduction phenomenon as it exists today. We can find some
>>alternative explanations and we offered to share these at the
>>conference, but the organizers were uninterested in that. They
>>are only interested in promoting alien abduction as if it is a
>>proven fact and refuse to answer hard questions about it.

Hmmmm... Kevin, I guess it's just a tiny quibble about semantics,
but I wonder about your choice of the word 'explanations', as
opposed to 'hypotheses..'

I've read some of your books and think you've made some nice
presentations on nuts & bolts UFOs. If I recall correctly, I
don't believe you have ever claimed to have been abducted by
aliens. Neither have I. However, I do know a bunch of people
who have had anomalous experiences which fall into this
category.

The only conclusion I have been able to draw is that other
people have different experiences than I have. I wouldn't claim
to speak with any authority about the experiences of a rape
victim, or the holocaust, and I'm uncomfortable doing the same
for my alien abductee friends.

The 'explanations' I have heard put forth in the past almost all
presume a form of mental illness, which makes me a bit
uncomfortable. More to the point, most 'explanations' offered
haven't been endorsed by the victims themselves.

You can ignore the abduction phenomenon, that is if it ain't
happening to you. The evidence for the phenomenon is at the same
level as the proffered by my Christian friends who claim their
faith is valid because Christ has touched them in their lives. I
note that Christ is a 2,000 year old dead Jew, and has never
touched my life, and can easily dismiss their proposal. The
same thing can be said about the abduction phenomenon. Ignore
it, it has nothing to do with Roswell, nuts & bolts UFOs, and
any physical evidence which might be related to it. Without
having been personally abducted by an alien, I don't know how
much you or I can really say about the subject.

Nevertheless, the popular hypotheses are....

- (1) Aliens flying from outer space, taking folks away.
- (2) Interdimensional beings, from other aspects or higher
aspects of reality, interacting with humanity.
- (3) Spiritual beings, angels/demons, which is just another way
of restating #2.

(4) Liars.

(5) Suffering from a variety of forms of mental illness.

(6) People convince themselves of these experiences due to cultural overlay and/or hypnotic suggestion.

(7) The product of altered states of consciousness, analogous to those achieved through the consumption of psychoactive compounds. It is a fact that states of consciousness can be altered, from a wide variety of influences, including manipulating biochemistry, fasting, yoga, consumption of delicious foods, holy chemicals, or electromagnetic influence in the temporal lobe. Consideration of these facts might allow someone to conjecture that abduction experiences are the product of an altered state of consciousness, without correlation to physical reality.

(8) Most of #7 but with a touch of the paranormal, along the lines of stigmata, so that physical evidence can be reflected in the body.

(9) Any combination of the first 8 in addition to stuff my stupid little Homo sapiens monkey brain can't even conceptualize.

(10).....add you own 'explanations', or hypotheses as you will. Lord knows I have, but none of them seem to wholly address the concerns of my friends who have been abused by these experiences.

Like I've said in previous messages, whenever I get abducted by aliens, contacted by Jesus, or have a Roswell UFO crash in my front yard, I'll be sure to give you a more refined hypothesis based on my new set of experiential data.

John

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Ted Viens <drtedy@freewwwweb.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 22:56:48 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:06:09 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:13:13 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:32:36 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>Dear Kevin Randle and List...

>>Regarding your views on the upcoming UFO conference by the
>>Intruders Foundation....

>>A little surprised to read your comments here and on UASR, Kevin.
>>Even Gripple won't use these bitter grapes for our fresh wine.

>>Sour grapes? I was merely making an observation about the nature
>>of the conference that I thought should be made.

>>Isn't there enough room in ufology for differing points of view?
>>And isn't there sufficient venue for an organization to present
>>their side of the issue, without having to invite everyone with
>>a varying perspective? Cripes Kevin, they would need a room the
>>size of Yankee Stadium for all the dissenters.

>>Yes, there is room for differing points of view. That was what I
>>was trying to point out. There are differing points of view.

<snip>

>>I expected negative responses but this sort is not what I
>>expected.

Kevin,

The failure is not with the readers but with the writer. Perhaps
it was late when you composed your first response, perhaps you
were weary.

The apparent intent and the received impression was that you
were faulting and diminishing the conference for not meeting
your standards of broad mindedness and expressing your views.

The most of us see the conference as sufficiently balanced if
still rife with those with whom we perhaps have become too
familiar.

The more callous in the fringes of our group would consider this
an opportunistic chance to promote your new book.

However, I have enjoyed your current works and look forward to
another book from you.

Bye... Ted..

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Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 07:54:12 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:16:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 14:05:37 -0800 (PST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 08:17:58 -0800
>>From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 17:01:51 -0800 (PST)
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>>Subject: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

<snip>

>To Alfred Lehmborg, who wrote:
>>I'm not surprised you never heard from anyone. Your idea
>>regarding the equation points in the shadows of the other 98%
>>that science refuses to consider or quantify because it doesn't
>>predictably repeat, isn't observable, or is not in line with a

>Yes, there's no point indeed in wasting time on the 98%. But
>it's the other 2% whom it's sometimes worth trying to seek out.

<snip>

. . . Not what I said. I contend that to follow the preceding
suggestion may be to consume the rind, while throwing the melon
away. Science isn't the end -- it may be a good beginning.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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money orders to me, Alfred Lehmborg
(cut out the lawyers, they got their's) at:
304 Melbourne Drive, Enterprise AL, 36330. Strict records kept.

"Only thin, very light envelopes with a return address will be
accepted <g>." ~~~ \$225.00 pledged -- \$125.00 collected ~~~

"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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Abduction - The Issue Of Reality [was... 1999 UFO

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:55:29 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:31:29 -0500
Subject: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality [was... 1999 UFO

>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 20:07:13 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Sean Jones <seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 20:32:36 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>But I'm regular as rain in London

>>Jim Mortellaro

>Jim, I'm aghast, how dare you slander our great capital :-)

>On a serious note, I'd like to stay out of this one as it is
>entirely personal, IMHO, and one which ruffles feathers
>instantly if you even dare to suggest that there might be other
>things to explain some alleged abductions.

True Sean.....

The experience leaves one exceedingly disturbed, is entirely too realistic and remains in the memory longer than the worst of recurring dreams. IF it continues off and on over a lifetime, the results of such a personal encounter are fascinatingly personal. It is like getting raped, altho being a guy, I can never truly relate to that.

I do not even begin to understand what, how and why, I only know this... to the experienter, it is more real than real. Very real.... very, very real.

I have been having a dialog with some others in the same boat. The most recent discussion led to the issue of reality. We have all had recurring dreams. Dreams often leave you with a "feeling." The feeling left is real enough, but there is the knowledge that the feeling, while very real, is the remnant of a dream experience.

The experienter of this abduction phenom is also left with a real feeling. However the reason for the feeling is not a dream. There is always, or most of the time anyway, the knowledge, firm and unshakeable, that there was no dream. This was something experienced. I wish I could relate it more clearly than this. An example.....

I was a rather bright little guy growng up. I knew instinctively that there was no Santa Claus. I understood that Captain Video was a story. Even at age 3, 4 and thereabouts. My realization of what was real and what was imagined was very distinct. My parents always knew that I had a pretty good grip on reality.

But from a very young age, I distinctly remember being able to glide along a long, round corridor. I was always in the company of some others behind and in front. I floated above the floor and every step I took was impossibly long... many many times my

height.

The experience was so real, that I would practice, at age 4, standing on the bathroom scale, looking at the needle, knowing with no doubt whatever, that I could become weightless by concentrating hard.

Of course, not having Grippe then, I was not able to do so. But the memory is still with me today, just as real, just as vivid, just as strongly compelling now, as it was 51 years ago... like it was last night.

Associated with that memory is the knowledge that i was able to float thru the window, fly up to the "hospital" over my house in an ambulance of strange design, to a structure which even today, precludes my being able to look up at any structure without the gravest of phobic fear... make that terror.

I am Thomas the doubter. Show me, let me see it, understand it, look at it, define it and categorize it. Let me see the damned equation. No? Then it does not exist.

Why then this predeliscion over a belief system including ascended masters (saints?) and God? Beats the shit outa me. Except that I have arrived at it on what remains of my intellect.

Steven Hawking was able, thru physics and cosmology, come to the conclusion that God can exist in the reality of mathematics and physics.

Logic when confronted by emotion, has not a chance in this reality.

Dr. Gesundt.
A very old fool for my age.

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:53:20 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:51:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 15:14:17 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>Just for the record, has it been determined that the film
>Santilli bought is a dupe because the film stock is recognized
>as such? Or was this determined by the "wind" of the film; i.e.
>which side the emulsion is on? Did you check the pieces you
>have to see if it's an "A-wind" or a "B-wind"?

It has been determined because all of it has the distinctive
signature of the Bell & Howell printer used to make the copy
prints. It also has a soundtrack (blank).

>If the cameraman did quickly make a secret copy for himself, it
>probably was a contact print and not an optical print.
>Therefore, the emulsion on the print that Santilli bought (and
>gave you pieces of) would be on the opposite side than if it
>were original film from either a field camera or optical
>printer. This is assuming, of course, that Santilli is truthful
>that what he gave you is directly from what the cameraman sold
>him.

No, the cameraman claims he made the copies himself on a copying
machine in the base lab.

>Likewise, if Santilli then had an optical made of this dupe
>film, then the resulting dupe original would the same wind as
>camera original (assuming they did not shoot through the base),
>but not subsequent contact prints, of course. If Santilli's
>final prints from his "new dupe original" have the emulsion on
>the same side as camera original, then either a generation is
>missing or Santilli started from camera original.

>I know this sounds confusing. But give it some consideration. Do
>you follow what I'm getting at?

Yes, I follow you, but it doesn't matter in this case.

Bob

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:26:20 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:47:24 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 23:28:17 -0500
>Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:23:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

Previously, Serge had offered:

>You are perfectly correct in stating that the organizers have
>the right to invite whom they want to invite. But, isn't that a
>straw man argument? Of course, they have the right to endorse
>the point of view they want. But isn't that the real problem
>with ufology in general and abductions in particular: turning
>one's back on analysis and advocate opinions instead?

Very well said, Serge.

Best wishes,

Roger Evans

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some recent TV series (Dark Skies, The X-Files, etc.) have all prominently featured or mentioned Roswell in the development of their story-lines. A plethora of new books with Roswell in their titles hit the book stores in time to try to cash in on the "Roswellmania" of 1997: Beyond Roswell, UFO Crash at Roswell, The Roswell File, and with at least one, The Day After Roswell, making it to the New York Times best-seller list.

Case Closed?

Now, a year-and-a-half after those heady days, one may justifiably ask, what has become of Roswell? As the song sung by Peggy Lee laments, "Is that all there is?" No longer on evening news broadcasts, is anything going on, or have things reverted back to where they were prior to the anniversary? That would be a sleepy little desert town proudly proclaiming, "Howdy, from the Middle of Nowhere!", according to one pre-anniversary post card. Hardly. In the town of Roswell, it can be reported that new motels continue to spring up at a brisk pace to handle the anticipated continuous stream of visitors to the International UFO Museum there.

Roswell is now included as a "must-see" stop in most tour packages to New Mexico and west Texas solely because of the alleged 1947 incident. At the UFO Museum itself, besides its own tour office, a growing research library and a regular schedule of lectures, the exhibits continue to be expanded and updated as new information is developed, and plans for a new, multi-million-dollar facility on the edge of town are moving along. Recently, the Museum welcomed its 500,000th visitor. More and more in the minds of the public, the mere mention of the town's name is becoming synonymous with UFOs. But what of the Roswell Incident itself? Is it over, passe or, less likely, solved? Has the Fat Lady, because of the continued absence of verified "hard evidence", coupled with the passage of so many years, finally sung on this one?

Disappointment

In 1994 and 1995, the U.S. Air Force offered up its first official comments concerning the Roswell Incident since Gen. Roger Ramey held his infamous afternoon press conference on July 8, 1947 during which he "emptied the Roswell saucer" by contriving to "identify" the wreckage retrieved from the J.B. Foster Ranch near Corona, NM by W.W. "Mac" Brazel [which was later described by Maj. Jesse A. Marcel as being, "not from this earth"] as nothing more than the prosaic remnants of a neoprene rubber weather balloon and its attending aluminum-foil, rawin-type, radar target.

This time, the Air Force finally admitted that their original weather balloon story was wrong, that the wreckage was really that of a neoprene rubber weather balloon and an aluminum-foil, rawin-type, radar target [yes, Sports Fans, you read it correctly] used in a then TOP SECRET project (Project Mogul) which was attempting to detect Soviet atomic bomb detonations by means of constant-level, balloon-borne acoustic sensors. While the project was indeed TOP SECRET, the mundane equipment used in it was not and was easily recognizable to military people and civilians alike. In the end, the project was a failure as the first Soviet atomic detonation was detected two years later in August of 1949 by atmospheric chemical analysis - not by acoustics.

In 1997, right before the beginning of the festivities in Roswell (the timing was no accident in our opinion), the Air Force staged a press conference announcing the release of a follow-up report concerning the Roswell Incident which was designed to try to counter the rumors of alien bodies reportedly found at the alleged 1947 crash site [the 1994 and 1995 Air Force reports did not address this issue at all]. They should have left well enough alone. By claiming that stories of alien bodies were probably attributable to high-altitude parachute tests using anthropomorphic mannequins (i.e., "dummies") conducted by the Air Force ten years after the Roswell Incident, the Air Force and their eager supporters lost a lot of credibility in the on-going debate. Reporters present at the press conference were taken aback in amused disbelief upon hearing this latest official "explanation" of Roswell, and the so-called "Dummies from the Sky" hypothesis still evokes howls of derisive laughter from both Roswell proponents and skeptics

alike. Unfortunately, the long-anticipated Government Accounting Office's (GAO) report on Roswell, released in 1995, was inconclusive.

Tasked by New Mexico Congressman Stephen Schiff to try to locate a "paper trail" pertaining to the 1947 Roswell events to see if the documents relating to it were properly handled and classified, it was only able to discover and report that all of the documents from the Roswell base encompassing the time-frame of the 1947 incident had been destroyed without apparent authority. With the death of Congressman Schiff in early 1998, the case lost an important public advocate in the halls of Congress, and the momentum gained for official involvement in the case seemed to have waned.

Renewed Energy and Commitment

In the Spring of 1998, the two authors met for the first time in several years and agreed on the need to continue an aggressive, proactive Roswell investigation, especially now, with an increased sense of urgency since witnesses seemed to be "dropping like flies" at what is now becoming an alarming rate. At some point in the not too distant future, there will be no first-hand witnesses left to interview. Even now, we are talking with an increasing number of children and grand children of deceased principals. We also felt that the case, as it currently stands, is still incomplete and probably not entirely correct [and we are not talking here about Project Mogul which had and has absolutely no bearing on the Roswell events of July, 1947].

Believing that there was yet more to learn about those long-ago events, the authors agreed to collaborate and, as a result, made two research trips to New Mexico in 1998, one in May and one in October, for the purpose of "mining" for new witnesses and re-interviewing old witnesses. Contrary to finding a stale, over-plowed landscape populated with well-worn paths and dry holes, we were assuredly impressed by the number of new leads that we were able to obtain, as well as some surprising new twists in the testimony of "old" witnesses. Right now, we believe that we are on the verge of a new, or at least a modified, Roswell timeline and in possession of more leads than we can ever hope to follow in our lifetimes, given our present resources. The following is the authors' first collaborative effort and represents our consensus as to where we believe the Roswell investigation will be heading as we approach the new millennium.

The Search for Physical Evidence

No aspect of the Roswell investigation has been more frustrating and less fruitful than the efforts of Roswell investigators to turn-up or, in some cases, try to pry-loose "a piece" of irrefutable hard evidence with "out-of-this-world" properties that can be traced back to the 1947 incident. Time and again, hopes are raised only to be dashed when the alleged possessor of such an item cannot or will not deliver at the moment of truth; or the claimed hard evidence turns out to be a complete fiction (or, to be charitable, a "misunderstanding") when the claim is investigated more closely; or when an artifact actually does get into our hands, it turns out instead to be an exotic piece of jewelry [such an example can now be seen adorning a wall at the UFO Museum in Roswell].

During the Roswell Anniversary Days of 1997, Derrell Sims and Paul Davids held an all too brief news conference to offer up a piece of metal that they claimed came from the Roswell crash via the all too familiar "unnamed source". They claimed that tests had been performed on the artifact in question which suggested an extraterrestrial origin for it and that, additionally, there were other such pieces then being tested "at respected universities" throughout the land which would no doubt also prove to be of extraterrestrial "etiology". Dr. Roger Leir, a member of that team, assures us that ongoing tests have also proved positive. Unfortunately, in the year-and-a-half since the press conference, Paul Davids has yet to learn the identity of the "unnamed source". Not good.

In 1996, paranormal radio talk show host, Art Bell, came into possession, again from an anonymous source, of small bits and pieces of metal claimed to have come from the Roswell crash. Metallurgical tests were performed, and the bits and pieces of

metal, known collectively as "Arts Parts", seemed to be made mostly of aluminum but with a dash of a few other trace metals for good measure. Is that it? Where do things stand now? It's been three years now. More tests? Anybody heard? No follow through. Fade to black.

When Roswell researchers obtain a lead that involves claimed physical evidence, all other leads automatically go to the back of the "queue" until the lead is exhausted (unfortunately, usually as indicated above). However, we are confident that such physical evidence is "out there" somewhere, and one of these days, hopefully, sooner rather than later - more rather than less, our frustrations will be rewarded. At present, our investigation is in possession of several such leads that we hope will bear fruit:

1. We are presently trying to enlist the cooperation of a first-hand witness who claims to have actually held a piece of something similar to Frankie Rowe's "memory metal" in his hands within the past two years. We have gotten as far as having the witness agree to meet with us personally to try to coordinate with the owners of the artifact to let us examine it. It is quite conceivable that by the time you are reading this we will be meeting with all parties concerned.

2. We know of a retired MP (military policeman) whom we will call "Dutch" who claims to have a piece of the Roswell wreckage stored in his attic for safe keeping and who will supposedly give up the piece to civilian investigators when he dies. But when we talked to him, although in his late 70's, he sounded like he was still in pretty good shape. How long do we sit around and wait and do nothing? [and we are NOT remotely suggesting anything like a Kevorkian intervention here, folks].

3. We have spoken several times to a relative of a well-known Roswell personage who claims to know of parties who have pieces of the Roswell crash material. When pressed further, he identified one of them as none other than himself. When asked for its provenance, he stated that it came, not from the craft, but from "one of the bodies" from the crashed craft and that it is currently being analyzed by degreed professionals in the appropriate forensic fields. He claims that the artifact is not a tissue or fabric sample, but "something else". He plans on going public with this and other Roswell-related "evidence" in his possession in 1999. We shall see.

4. There are several "proactive" steps that we are planning to take to try to secure physical evidence originating from the 1947 Roswell crash. These are in the formative stages at the moment as each requires resources outside the normal resource-range of most Roswell investigators, including us.

The first project involves a full-scale archaeological "dig" at the Foster/Brazel Ranch, site of the so-called "debris field". Everyone agrees that something came down there in July, 1947 (even the Air Force agrees). The argument, of course, is about just what came down. Archaeological consultants to our investigation have told us that if pieces of whatever came down in Brazel's pasture on that fateful day had lain on the desert floor for even a period as short as one day, there is an excellent chance that rodents of one sort or another [the area is inhabited by prairie dogs and jack rabbits] would have carried pieces of it into their nests. We know that whatever the debris was, there were many, many small pieces of it scattered, according to Jesse Marcel, over an area 3/4 mi. long by several hundred feet wide. We also know that the material had lain on the desert floor for not one but for at least four days, maybe longer, ample time for eclectic rodents to conduct their business. Having been to the Brazel site several times, rodent holes as well as small sink holes indeed are in evidence [see photos]. We are also encouraged to learn from our archaeological consultants that what we seek (whatever it turns out to be) should in all likelihood be waiting for us at a depth of no more than 18 inches in soil that they term, "pack rat midden".

The second project is also located at the debris field site located on the former Foster/Brazel Ranch. A half-dozen or so first-hand witnesses have reported a long, fresh "gouge" or "skid marks" running for some distance amongst the debris that wasn't there prior to July, 1947 [the thought being that whatever caused the debris also caused the "gouge"]. The "gouge"

was reported to have been visible at least for a few years after 1947 by several eye-witnesses, including Bill Brazel, Jr. and Gen. Arthur Exon who flew over the site in 1949. It is not visible today, having been filled-in by deposits laid down by wind erosion, heavy summer rains and livestock traffic over the ensuing years, but we know its former location from living eye-witnesses. We also know from geologists with whom we have spoken that we may be able to obtain a "fingerprint" of the former "gouge", if there ever was such a deformation of the landscape, by using a device known as a "GPR" (Ground Penetrating Radar) which traverses the target area and produces a readout or "fingerprint" of anomalies depending upon the depth of the strata being diagnosed. Results from such a test would amount to either positive or negative physical evidence, corroborating or not corroborating this aspect of the Roswell Incident. The problem, of course, is securing the use of a GPR instrument for our purposes. At present, we have an offer from a national laboratory for the loan of such equipment and have had a meeting with a major university to sponsor and participate in such a project.

The third project resulted from a "town meeting" that we held in Corona, NM in October, 1998 seeking informants and/or information relating to the 1947 incident. One of the items to come out of the meeting was confirmation of a story that we had heard before but could not "pin down", a story of a young fellow who lived in the Corona area at the time named Fred Miller [he was killed in Viet Nam in 1967]. Young Fred, according to friends of his, had somehow obtained a number of pieces of the Roswell debris from one of the crash sites and had shown pieces of it around to a number of locals [confirmed by surviving eye-witnesses]. As told to us, a piece of the "memory metal" that Fred had in his possession had somehow made its way to the senior prom one June night at Corona High School a year or so after the incident [where, according to eyewitnesses, it was passed around for amusement]. Word had it that Fred "stashed" all of his Roswell material, as well as anything else he did not want others to find - including some stolen or contraband items - in his "personal cave". The problem was and still is that there are many, many caves in the Corona area - too many and too dangerous (rattlesnakes like to set up shop in them) to try to examine for our purposes. To cut to the chase, on our most recent trip to New Mexico, we were able to identify "Miller's Cave". Do we have any brave spelunkers out there?

Deathbed Confessions

In courts of law, so-called "deathbed confessions" are accorded special weight and consideration from other testimony because of the belief that when a person knows that he or she is checking out for good, that person will want, in the end, to have consciences cleared and truth to be his or her lasting legacy. Perhaps the most significant "deathbed confession" to date in the Roswell investigation has been that of the former Provost Marshal at the Roswell Base in 1947, Maj. Edwin Easley. When first interviewed by Roswell investigator, Kevin Randle, all Easley would say was that he couldn't discuss the Roswell Incident, that he was still sworn to secrecy. Over and over, Easley would repeat that same phrase to each question that Randle asked. Sometime thereafter, while on his deathbed, he in fact confirmed to family members his participation in the recovery of an extraterrestrial spacecraft and crew ["Ohhhhhh, the creatures!"].

Just before he passed away in 1994, former Roswell base adjutant in 1947, Maj. Patrick Saunders, wrote on a copy of The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell (1994) that he sent to the book's authors, Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt, this cathartic statement, "This is the truth, and I still haven't told anyone".

As participants in the Roswell events of 1947 expire at an increasing rate, it should be expected that we encounter more confessions of the "deathbed" variety as time passes, and such is indeed the case. A woman whose husband was an MP stationed at Roswell in 1947 relayed to us the information that her husband, on his deathbed four years ago, "confessed" to guarding the perimeter - but not picking up the debris - at the Foster/Brazel ranch site, while another woman told us that her husband, during the last year of his life, in 1995, finally told her of his involvement in the events. After seeing a show on TV that featured the Roswell Incident, she at last asked him, "Well,

Dear, is it true?" He answered, "Well, I suppose that it's time I should tell you. I've been meaning to for a long time".

He had been a cook with the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell in 1947 and confirmed to her that he was simply grabbed one day and told to report to Building #84 (a hangar) on the base. He was given a gun and told to stand guard at the hangar with other similarly confiscated base personnel. While on guard duty, he stole a look inside the hangar long enough to see debris scattered about and "small bodies" being prepared for shipment elsewhere. Asked if she believed her husband when he told her this, the woman stated without hesitation or reservation, "Absolutely, he was telling truth to me when he knew he didn't have much longer." In another case, the granddaughter of someone involved in the Roswell events (at this point, we do not know in what capacity he was involved) contacted us to say that her grandfather had just passed away and had left "documents" pertaining to Roswell that would prove something extraordinary had happened there in 1947.

As this is being written, we have been negotiating for several months to receive copies of some of these alleged documents prior to making an expensive trip for a personal interview and to review the originals. Finally, as this is written, we are aware of a former officer who was stationed at Roswell in 1947 who is terminal and knows it. He has told his family that he would like to make a statement concerning Roswell but at a time of his own choosing. We have been in touch with the family who has assured us that they will let us know when it is time.

Reluctant Witnesses

To qualify as a "reluctant witness", one must be believed to possess information about the Roswell events, either by being involved directly, tangentially, or by being a relative of someone who was, or by other means, and refuse to discuss it at all (e.g., by citing a security oath, or by giving what is believed to be false and misleading statements). By far, the most famous (or infamous) of the "reluctant witnesses" still out there - at least according to Roswell proponents - is the former base Counter Intelligence Officer, Sheridan Cavitt, who accompanied the 509th's Intelligence Officer, Jesse Marcel, to the Foster/Brazel ranch to observe and retrieve material that Marcel would later describe as having an extraterrestrial origin.

In 1994, Cavitt confirmed his involvement in the Roswell Incident for the first time to the Air Force's Col. Richard Weaver at the same time he was still denying his involvement to civilian Roswell investigators. Cavitt told Weaver that what he saw on the Foster Ranch that day in 1947 were the immediately recognizable remnants of a weather balloon and radar target which they retrieved in short order. Cavitt's account, therefore, is in conflict with those of other credible eye-witnesses to the same events as well as with his own prior statements of non-involvement.

The aforementioned Edwin Easley originally qualified as a "reluctant witness" but then ceased to be so described when he gave up his defense of, "I can't talk about it.", and finally "came-clean". We currently have a number of such witnesses still out there who refuse to talk, but for whom we can only hope that they will someday relent and tell us what they know.

Such a witness is a former member of the 1395th Military Police Squadron stationed at Roswell in 1947. When located living in Pennsylvania near one of the co-authors, he confirmed that, yes, he was stationed at Roswell in 1947 and, yes, he was indeed involved in recovery activities there ["You mean that thing that crashed into the side of a hill? Yes, I was involved, but that's all I'm going to tell you."]. When asked why, he replied, "I'm retired military, and I like things the way they are." End of conversation.

Another fellow's name was passed along to us as a first-hand witness still living in Roswell. According to our intermediary, he drove a truck on the base in '47 when he drove right into the recovery activities at the hangar (Bldg. #84). After seeing the debris and the bodies, he was grabbed, stood spread-eagle against the wall and threatened with his life. When questioned in person, all he will tell us today is that he does not want to

talk about it. Asked if he would ever consider talking about it, he replied that he wasn't sure, but that he was sure that he wasn't ready to talk about it now. Wonderful.

Still another fellow, a former MP stationed at Roswell in '47 (confirmed by the base yearbook), gave us a preliminary statement one evening after a lecture about being shown one of the recovered bodies. Later, when contacted by telephone for a follow-up interview, he denied being the person we were seeking (because of his peculiar voice inflections, we knew we had the right person). Nice.

There is yet another witness, still living at the relatively young age of 58 years-old, whose identity is known to all Roswell investigators. He saw everything and could solve this case for everyone tomorrow [and put all of us out of our misery in the bargain]. The problem is: we know who he is and where he is, but no one has interviewed him as yet. Not for lack of trying, however. He has the knack of being able to "disappear" every time an investigator gets near, so far with a 100% success rate. How long can his luck continue? We keep trying and hoping and are open to suggestions.

Finally, we received an E-Mail from a gentleman who claimed that his wife is friends with a woman whom she met when both worked at Walker AFB (formerly Roswell Army Air Field) in Roswell in 1960. According to the gentleman, his wife said that the woman told her that she had been a nurse stationed at Roswell AAF in 1947 and was there "when the little bodies were brought in to the base hospital". In a follow-up phone call to the gentleman and his wife, the wife made it clear to us that her friend, who is still living, will deny everything if ever confronted with this information. As things now stand, we only know the alleged nurse's first name and the name of the town in which she resides: Frustration City.

New Witnesses, Old Witnesses and a New Crash Scenario

In addition to locating new witnesses to the Roswell events of 1947 [about 20 in number and still counting], our investigation has made a special effort to keep in touch with "old" witnesses, such as Bill Brazel, Jr., Walter Haut, Glenn Dennis, Frank Kaufmann, Frank Joyce, Frankie Rowe and Jack Rodden, people who have already gone on record with their stories. By revisiting their testimony with them when we are in Roswell, we have been able to glean new bits of information from them concerning those long ago events which, when combined with the new information that we are developing from the "new" witnesses, is causing us to reconsider some prior conclusions as to what occurred, where it occurred and when it occurred. Without giving the store away here, a future article will suggest a new Roswell crash sequence while answering the nagging question as to why the military kept "Mac" Brazel in "custody" for so long.

The Smoking Gun?

Mention must be made here of a recent development in the case which is not a result of our own investigation [although we are now participating - but more about that at another time]. It concerns several photographs taken of General Roger Maxwell Ramey in his Ft. Worth office on the afternoon of July 8, 1947 at his hastily-convened press conference during which he announced to the world that what was recovered on the J.B. Foster Ranch the day before by the Roswell AAF's Intelligence Officer was "really" a misidentified weather balloon and an aluminum-foil radar target [see discussion above under "Disappointment"].

It has been known by Roswell investigators for years that, in all of the Ramey photographs that were taken that day, he is shown in each as kneeling on one knee beside the remains of a decaying weather balloon and a ripped-up [but an otherwise pristine, off-the-shelf] radar target strewn about the floor of his office. In each photo, Gen. Ramey is shown holding what appears to be a teletype message in his left hand as if it had just been given to him prior to the start of his press conference.

In all but one of the Ramey photos (did he realize his mistake?), the hand-held teletype appears to be blank, but in the one photo (the first one taken?) it is obvious that,

although somewhat crumpled in his hand, the memo appears to contain writing. Under low magnification, it can be seen that individual sentences are distinguishable from one another on the memo, but their constituent letters or words cannot be made out [it is interesting to point out that we had already attempted to interpret the text of the Ramey memo in 1990 when we requested Richard Haines to computer-analyze the photograph; but back then, Dr. Haines was only able to identify a few individual letters].

Today, combining extreme magnification with the latest computer-enhanced analytical techniques, several teams of photographic analysts remarkably claim to have been able to "decipher" parts of sentences [i.e., actual words] on the exposed portion of the Ramey teletype. While the teams are not in total agreement at this time as to what the entire memo says [e.g., one team claims to see the word "Magdalena", while someone else reads it as "Roswell"], a single, glaring phrase is clear to all who have had an opportunity to view an enhanced picture of the memo, and in our opinion constitutes a "smoking gun". There is no dispute whatsoever that the phrase, ". . . victims [emphasis ours] of the wreck . . . forwarded to Ft. Worth, Tex.", can be seen on the Ramey memo and, to us, indicates that a weather balloon - Project Mogul or otherwise - was NOT what crashed and was recovered at Roswell in July of 1947.

The memo, in our opinion, appears to have originated with Gen. Ramey and probably went to either Col. William Blanchard, commander of the 509th Bomb Group based at Roswell which was under Ramey's direct command or to higher authorities in Washington, D.C. The apparent "Ft. Worth connection" is also especially interesting to us now since a new source to our investigation had been leading us in that direction before news of the Ramey memo analyses surfaced.

What is needed now is for at least two independent investigations with no affiliations to Roswell, Roswell witnesses or the various Roswell investigations to conduct their own objective and impartial analyses of the Ramey photo/memo and to publicly present their findings, whatever they may be. Interestingly, the usual cast of Roswell debunking characters, including the U.S. Air Force [all of whom accept the Project Mogul balloon "explanation" for Roswell], has, to date, been strangely silent concerning the Ramey memo.

Who "in the know" back in 1947 could have ever imagined that Roger Ramey, "point-man" for the Roswell coverup, might one day a half-century later have unwittingly provided us with the key to unlock the door to the ultimate secret? Oh, irony of ironies. Go figure.

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>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
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>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

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>>If Kevin Randle were to fly himself in, would he be welcome to
>>address the conference? Certainly there should be a little time
>>available.

>Hi Roger,

>That would have been a possibility two weeks ago. We have since
>added Carol Rainey to the schedule (she is giving a talk on the
>role of the media re: UFOs and abductions) and as a result the
>schedule is now full. Carol is also 'local' and doesn't require
>special travel arrangements.

In talking with friends yesterday, and discussing Roger's idea,
I suggested that it would now be "too late" for such a plan to
work.

>It's only a one day conference. If there was more time, and
>Kevin was willing to pay his own way, I don't see why he
>couldn't/shouldn't speak at any conference sponsored by IF. In
>fact he could have compensated himself by selling some of his
>books at our table during the event. There's more here than
>meets the eye though Roger. There was more than a little
>vitriol in Kevins' post about the conference. There are several
>conferences each year and 'for some reason' he has chosen to
>come out publicly and single out our event labeling it biased
>or one sided. I've never seen him post complaints about any
>conferences that he has participated in, or any others for that
>matter. How many of the conferences that have taken place could
>be considered "well balanced" in terms of presentation of
>opposing points of view? Not many I'm sure. But for some reason
>Kevin feels it's his duty to warn everyone about how biased
>ours is.

In many of those conferences the agenda is out there for
everyone to see. If Richard Boylan is the conference organizer,
then it is clear to everyone that nothing considered "negative"
will be presented. All New Age philosophy will be endorsed and
all evidences of scientific thought will be rejected.

The IF conference seemed to one that was going to be
scientifically oriented. I thought it would be a good arena in
which to introduce some thoughts about the abductions with an
eye to helping some of those who believe they might have been
abducted and who are looking for some answers.

>I don't quite get it, but then there it is. In spite of many
>differences of opinion and belief I have always liked and
>respected Kevin. This particular outing of his has me a bit

>baffled however. I am sorry that he has adopted this "negative"
>view of our event. Just three weeks ago he was asking to be
>invited as a participant. He seemed more than willing to
>associate himself and his name with us and our conference. Now,
>he's knocking us all over the internet.

It is not a negative view but a simple statement to suggest that, in my opinion, a little balance could be used. The list of the speakers (and here I may again irritate Jerry Clark) seemed to have all come down on a single side in the debate. I have read each of the books produced by the participants and can guess at the direction they will take. I thought a cautionary hand might round out the picture. That was really all that I thought.

As for knocking you all over the internet, isn't that something of an exaggeration? I personally posted my message twice, both times to closed discussion lists. I have not posted it to any of the open news groups, and in fact, haven't looked at any of those in several months.

I also knew, when I posted the comments, that they would invoke a number of nasty responses (not that I would consider that written by John Velez nasty) and they have. It is clear that many don't want to see anything that suggests an alternative answer to any aspect of the abduction phenomena. When, in North Carolina, I suggested only that we must do better than suggest "there are no traditional sci-fi gods and devils" that correspond to the abduction phenomena, there were those who heard me attacking abductees. All I was saying was that we could, if we looked, find various elements of the abduction phenomena in science fiction and pop culture, and that we had better find ways of dealing with that information rather than simply dismissing it.

I'm sorry that so many took my comments as negative when they were only a suggestion for some balance. Greg Sandow has suggested that Jerry Clark (truly the historian of the UFO phenomena) will provide that balance. I would, of course, have preferred to make the argument myself, but that is not to be.

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>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:23:11 EST
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

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>Jerome,

>Please note that we are talking about a proven investigator,
>with lots of credentials, and about to publish a book on the
>subject of abduction.

>If things happened the way Kevin Randle implies they happened...
>THAT conference is, in my opinion, suspicious.

>You are perfectly correct in stating that the organizers have
>the right to invite whom they want to invite. But, isn't that a
>straw man argument? Of course, they have the right to endorse
>the point of view they want. But isn't that the real problem
>with ufology in general and abductions in particular: turning
>one's back on analysis and advocate "opinions" instead?

Serge,

No, it's not a straw-man argument, and Kevin himself has since
acknowledged that conference organizers on any subject can
invite, or not invite, whomever they choose, without being
singled out for criticism.

I have no idea what you mean by "turning one's back on analysis"
to "advocate `opinions' instead." Agree or disagree with them,
Hopkins and Jacobs have spent much time analyzing the abduction
phenomenon. Their opinions are not snatched out of thin air but
come from a considerable amount of personal investigation and
reflection. My opinions, right or wrong, come out of analysis
and investigation. So, for that matter, do Stan Friedman's.

Jerry Clark

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 99 11:10:08 PST
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:27:08 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 18:20:28 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 99 10:43:04 PST

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>Jerry -

>I am surprised at the angry tone of your missive. Haven't you
>suggested to others that there are two letters - the one you
>write in the heat of passion and the one you send?

Kevin, I apologize if I sounded angry. I was merely annoyed at what seemed to me your ignorance of or disregard for my particular position on the abduction question, which is not the same as Hopkins's or Jacobs's (though I like and admire both of them and am proud to call them friends). My writing on the subject of the general phenomenon has always been carefully qualified and nuanced, to reflect the agnosticism that is, in my judgment, the only intellectually defensible posture any of us can take at this juncture. Even Phil Klass understands that my position is not synonymous with the abduction-literalist view.

That said, my friend, let us go on to more cordial and productive discussion. And of course I look forward to reading your book.

All best,

Jerry Clark

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:42:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:31:37 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 18:20:28 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>And of course the Intruders Foundation can invite whomever they
>want and they can promote whatever point of view they want. But
>when you move into a public arena, then you invite questions and
>comments and that is what I did.

Speaking only for myself, I'd welcome -- with loud cheers -- a
serious conference that considered all sides of the issue. If
somehow we could get responsible believers and responsible
skeptics together, talking about the same things, and truly
engaging each others' points, that would be a dream come true.
Especially if we had some neutral scientists involved...

Greg Sandow

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Abduction - The Issue Of Reality [was: 1999 UFO]

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:43:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:39:56 -0500
Subject: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality [was: 1999 UFO]

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 23:28:17 -0500

>But isn't that the real problem
>with ufology in general and abductions in particular: turning
>one's back on analysis and advocate "opinions" instead?

Where abductions are concerned, the skeptics are even more guilty of that than believers. Note: this is NOT a comment on Kevin, who's thoughtful about everything he does.

But typically abduction skeptics don't even mention the full range of possible abduction evidence -- for instance, the claim made by some abduction investigators that abductees corroborate even tiny unpublished details in each others' reports. Note again: I'm not insisting that this claim is correct, or that it means abductions are real. More research needs to be done. I am saying that abduction skeptics rarely (if ever) mention it.

Documentation: Philip Klass, UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game; the NOVA episode on abductions; the 1996 volume of the journal Psychological Issues, entirely devoted to abductions; Robert Sheaffer's [hope I spelled his name right] new book on UFOs; a recent book of collected UFO pieces (one on abductions) from the Skeptical Inquirer; many skeptical posts here, etc., etc., etc.

If anyone knows of an abduction skeptic who mentions this pro-abduction argument, even scathingly, I'd love to know about it.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:22:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:42:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:53:20 +0000
>Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:51:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 15:14:17 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Previously, I had asked:

>>>Just for the record, has it been determined that the film
>>>Santilli bought is a dupe because the film stock is recognized
>>>as such? Or was this determined by the "wind" of the film; i.e.
>>>which side the emulsion is on? Did you check the pieces you
>>>have to see if it's an "A-wind" or a "B-wind"?

Bob replied:

>It has been determined because all of it has the distinctive
>signature of the Bell & Howell printer used to make the copy
>prints. It also has a soundtrack (blank).

Weren't there field cameras capable of producing both optical
and magnetic soundtracks on the raw footage? I've got an old
Auricon that will produce a blank optical sound track on camera
original stock. What distinctive signature of the Bell & Howell
printer are you referring to? I'm not arguing, here; just
curious.

Moving on, Bob stated:

>... the cameraman claims he made the copies himself on a copying
>machine in the base lab.

I'm confused. I thought you previously said that the cameraman
fooled Santilli into believing the footage was camera original.
At least that's the impression I got from the following post you
offered which read:

>Ray doesn't want to acknowledge that he does not have, and
>has never had, any camera original film, just the copy
>print material foisted off on him by the cameraman (who
>apparently told him it was camera original material).

When did the cameraman admit that he lied to Santilli about the
footage? Was it before or after the testing of the footage?
Wouldn't Santilli have recourse in such an event?

Also, do you know the following info:

Was the film Santilli bought an "A-wind" or a "B-wind"?

Was it originally (by the cameraman) copied onto actual dupe
stock or was it simply copied onto camera grade B&W reversal?

Thanks,

Roger Evans

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Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:16:00 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:47:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 14:05:37 -0800 (PST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>I was speaking in reference to Drake's equation and SETI's use
>of it on their website. There they listed N as the number of
>civilizations in our galaxy whose radio emissions are
>detectable. So that's their slant on it; I don't recall that
>Drake himself made that limitation, though radio emissions are
>his thing.

The factor in the Drake equation you mention refers to the number of extraterrestrial civilizations that have achieved the level of technology to be able to communicate with other extraterrestrial civilizations. That question is all that it refers to.

You miss the main point about the Drake equation. It is only a WAG - a wild ass guess. It is not a scientific formula. It is only used as a tool to make people think about the possibilities. Most of the questions it asks, we still don't have a clue as what the real factors are to be imputed. It only allows people to play a what if game about the realm of possibilities. One can derive both an optimistic or a pessimistic result depending on the factors selected. Most of the factors that anyone will pick are not based on real knowledge simply because we yet don't know.

There is no agreement among SETI scientists of what the answer should be. Every individual will choose their own factors.

As a consequence, both optimistic and pessimistic results derived from the Drake equation are nothing but a WAG, never a scientific solution to govern a scientific program. There is no consensus what the output from the Drake equation should be.

The Drake equation does not influence the procedural searches or ways of conducting research by the SETI community.

To make more of the Drake equation than what it is designed to do, to make people think, is ludicrous and only shows the ignorance of the individual that tries to interpret the Drake equation otherwise.

Your "solutions" to the Drake equation are just as relevant as anyone elses, wild ass guesses! They have nothing to do with reality, SETI operations, or how the SETI research community conducts science.

Ed Stewart

Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

From: Dan Syes <dsyes@micron.net>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:25:32 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:16:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 18:23:27 -0600 (CST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

>Hate to eat up bandwidth, but if anyone's interested, I'd be
>happy to upload a couple of pictures from my visit. Just don't
>call me a JPL or NASA confidant, professional or critic, like
>Hoagland. IMHO, the latter is a certifiable basket case who
>either knows better or is completely delusional or totally
>maniacal. Apart from anything Mr. Robert Stephens has to say
>about the issue, one way or the other.

Dennis,

I'd love to see the photos. If they are too big for this forum,
please mail them direct to me.

Thanks!

Eating my heart out....(your an evil man!) :-)

Dan

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:39:52 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:18:46 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>From: Ted Viens <drtedv@freewwwweb.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 22:56:48 -0600

>Kevin,

>The failure is not with the readers but with the writer. Perhaps
>it was late when you composed your first response, perhaps you
>were weary.

>The apparent intent and the received impression was that you
>were faulting and diminishing the conference for not meeting
>your standards of broad mindedness and expressing your views.

You are probably correct about the writer failing to communicate a point as well as it could be. I was attempting to point out that, in my opinion, contrary to what had been stated by the conference organizers, and based solely on the list of speakers, that part of the question might not be addressed. They had suggested it would be about what we know and how we know it. I was suggesting that it might have a limited scope answering the question (or questions) because of the participants invited and we should just be aware of that.

>The most of us see the conference as sufficiently balanced if
>still rife with those with whom we perhaps have become too
>familiar.

>The more callous in the fringes of our group would consider
>this an opportunistic chance to promote your new book.

Or maybe as a reverse way of promoting the conference because most of the dialogue has been about the conference.

>However, I have enjoyed your current works and look forward to
>another book from you.

Thank you.

KRandle

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality [was: 1999]

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:53:44 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:31:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality [was: 1999]

>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 10:13:53 -0800 (PST)
>From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:36:22 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>I'm not in the medical profession, so my thoughts are just that
>-- thoughts. However, I would like to know if Dr. Cone might
>have conferred with any neurologists because it seems to me, in
>my uneducated way of thinking, that there could be some
>neurological answers -- perhaps conditions, syndromes, diseases,
>etc., that we aren't even yet aware -- to some abductions
>stories.

To properly research a question many avenues must be explored,
and, of course, we walked down those avenues. Dr. Cone's
participation was a bonus because of his broad background in
psychology and his knowledge about the various psychopathologies
that can induce hallucination and delusion (many of which are
physical or chemical and can be reversed with proper treatment).

>>>Perhaps you could share some highlights of the new research
>>>with this list.

>>This is the most difficult of the questions because much of the
>>new research is somewhat complicated and without a proper
>>foundation is going to sound extreme or will be rejected out of
>>hand. (Note to myself: Now I sound like Gary, though the
>>difference is, the book has been accepted by a publisher and if
>>they maintain the schedule, it will be available to all soon.)

>I understand about the complicated nature of these things, but
>I'm just really curious about an idea I've been toying around
>with for a while and that is Munchausen's and Munchausen's by
>Proxy (I'm sure I've misspelled that). Are there any comparisons
>made to these syndromes by Dr. Cone?

Certainly all of the above have an aspect of it. The work of
Michael Persinger concerning his Temporal Lobe seizures research
also provides some interesting insight into belief structure as
opposed to physical reality.

>>It does contain a lengthy discussion of hypnosis as an
>>investigative tool, suggesting many of the pitfalls of
>>hypnotically recovered testimony. The suggestibility of the
>>subject, for example, is something that we, as researchers, do
>>not seem to fully understand. What we see as a simple question
>>to gather more, and sometimes obscured, information, could be a
>>"demand" for information that the subject simply doesn't have.
>>To continue to probe for that information can induce a point
>>where the subject "invents" that information to satisfy the
>>researcher.

>Kevin, this is something I can speak of first-hand. I was
>regressed and I do have some false memories as a result. These

>memories aren't significant and I know the hypnotist did not
>implant them -- I created them. I didn't mean to, of course, the
>object was to try to get answers. Now, I'm stuck with these
>self-created anachronisms in these other memories that simply
>won't go away.

In some cases induced rather than implanted might be a better
word.

>It didn't take me long to realize just how difficult things
>could have been for me, if I had created some other kind of
>>false memory.

>>This is why some states now prohibit witnesses who have been
>>hypnotized (questioned under hypnosis about the crime) from
>>testifying. It is simply too easy to implant information even by
>>the most careful of questioners.

>And sometimes the information isn't even implanted, the mind
>just creates it, as happened in my case.

>>There is also a section that expands on my MUFON presentation of
>>a couple of year ago. In that, I suggested that pop culture has
>>included all the elements of alien abduction. If we look to
>>science fiction, we can find everything we find in alien
>>abduction repeatedly. Some of the more recent of the abduction
>>scenarios, such as the suggestion of genetic engineering and
>>manipulation are rare but they do exist. The 1960s movie,
>>'Village Of The Damned', based on an earlier book, 'The Midwich
>>Cuckoos'* suggested the abduction of women for the purpose of
>>creating a genetic hybrid, for example, is out there. We simply
>>cannot dismiss these parallels, but must be able to account for
>>them.

>I'll let Jerry argue with you about your pop culture theory,
>because, I thought that presentation was excellent.

Thank you, and I believe you understood the point of it as well.

>Did you complete you PhD, btw? If so, congratulations.

Instead of working on the dissertation. I'm hung up in the
results chapter which requires a good description of the
statistical analysis of the raw data. Which is the best
statistical method to use (I think, in this case, the multiple
regression and the chi-squared) and then how to explain all the
results in the proper format... not necessarily so they can be
understood, but making sure the typeface is right, the font size
is proper, the page numbers appear where they are supposed to
be, that no words are misspelled, and that the margins are set
correctly. Ah, the frustration of graduate work.

>>I'll try to add more about this later, but the entire context
>>of the book is needed to understand some of the points of view.

>Appreciated and thanks!

KRandle

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From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:02:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:34:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:22:27 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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>printer are you refering to? I'm not arguing, here; just
>curious.

The original was supposedly shot on a Filmo 70 hand crank camera, so should not have had a sound track. The Bell & Howell printer leaves a white area on both sides of the film frame when making the copies, and this film has that.

This is old news, Roger, and I'm sorry if I don't recall all the little details of things that happened in 1995. But we had a number of motion picture experts verify about the B & H printer at the time.

>Moving on, Bob stated:

>>... the cameraman claims he made the copies himself on a copying
>>machine in the base lab.

>I'm confused. I thought you previously said that the cameraman
>fooled Santilli into believing the footage was camera original.
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>offered which read:

AFTER we proved to Santilli that it was copy film he asked the cameraman and he said something like "of course it is copy film, I made the copies myself on the printer at the base lab." Whether Ray has tried to get recourse for the deception I do not know.

>Also, do you know the following info:

>Was the film Santilli bought an "A-wind" or a "B-wind"?
>

Honestly, I don't recall at this point.

>Was it originally (by the cameraman) copied onto actual dupe
>stock or was it simply copied onto camera grade B&W reversal?

Apparently it was copied onto dupe film since the only edge codes on it are those printed through from the original.

Bob

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Researchers Study New Mexico, Mars

From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:23:32 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:37:32 -0500
Subject: Researchers Study New Mexico, Mars

Researchers Study New Mexico, Mars

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By CHAKA FERGUSON

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) -- Deep in the subterranean reaches of the Spider Cave, there is little to sustain life. No sunlight, little water and few nutrients make this one of the most hostile environments in the world.

Yet somehow, scientists have found microscopic creatures dwelling in the eternal darkness. By probing the nooks and crannies of the Spider Cave, they hope to answer a question for the ages: Is there life on Mars?

NASA planetary scientists are eager to review the findings.

"The work is very relevant to Mars because we know the surface of Mars is as dead as a doornail and any life there -- if it exists -- would live underground," said Chris McKay, a planetary scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif.

Spider Cave, in Carlsbad Caverns National Park, feels as if it might be on another planet. Dripping stalactites protrude from the cave's ceiling, reaching out like great tentacles. And gaping pits -- like giant moon craters -- are scattered haphazardly across the cave floor. The silence is as deep as the darkness.

The cave got its name from the thousands of daddy longlegs that once inhabited its entrance.

Caves are isolated ecosystems low in organic nutrients. But the microbes in the Spider Cave can survive without sunlight and thrive on the basic elements -- such as iron, manganese and sulfur -- found in the cave walls. Researchers have found similar microbes living in other remote places -- polar caps, ocean bottoms and mountain tops.

Scientists think life might be able support itself on a planet like Mars by feeding on underground chemicals, similar to the way bacteria in the Spider Cave survive, said Penelope Boston, part of a team of University of New Mexico researchers who have been studying the cave for four years.

Wearing elbow and knee pads and toting hard hats with spotlights, scientists trek to the Spider Cave's research site by hiking down a mile-long, winding trail and over rugged terrain into a canyon. That's the easy part.

They then descend 10 feet to the first narrow opening and worm through a tight, 50-foot passage, no more than 3 feet wide and 2 feet high in some places.

"It's like being born again," quips geology student Justin Pearce.

After the first belly crawl, the cave opens into an intricate web of passages that run up to four miles in every direction. A marked trail keeps cavers from getting lost inside the bewildering maze.

The search for microscopic organisms may not have the appeal of the search for intelligent life, but NASA's McKay said it's just as important.

``If you look at our own planet Earth, for half of its history, life was microscopic,'' McKay said. ``It's the first step to more complicated life.''

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Re: Sandow: UFO Research Teeters Between Science

From: Sean Jones <seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:49:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Sandow: UFO Research Teeters Between Science

>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
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>Subject: Sandow: UFO Research Teeters Between Science And Insanity
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>Source: The Village Voice,

><http://www.villagevoice.com/features/9904/sandow.shtml>

>Stig

>Mind-Body Problem

>by Greg Sandow.

>UFO research teeters between science and insanity

<huge snip for brevity>
>Tell us what you think.

>editor@villagevoice.com

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Thanks for posting this article Stig.

Gary, what can I say, :-) What a lovely sane article about and insane subject. Keep up the good work.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Re: Abduction Hypotheses

From: Kevin Randle KRandle993@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:58:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypotheses

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Abduction Hypotheses
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 22:18:19 -0600

>Hm... Kevin, I guess it's just a tiny quibble about semantics,
>but I wonder about your choice of the word 'explanations', as
>opposed to 'hypotheses..'

Of course. Hypotheses is a much better word.

>I've read some of your books and think you've made some nice
>presentations on nuts & bolts UFOs. If I recall correctly, I
>don't believe you have ever claimed to have been abducted by
>aliens. Neither have I. However, I do know a bunch of people
>who have had anomalous experiences which fall into this
>category.

Have not claimed to be abducted, have not claimed to have seen
super-secret reports by various military organizations, have not
claimed to have witnessed the craft or bodies. Have interviewed
a bunch of people who believe they have been abducted. Have
talked to, interviewed, and discussed the topic with those who
investigate abductions.

>The only conclusion I have been able to draw is that other
>people have different experiences than I have. I wouldn't claim
>to speak with any authority about the experiences of a rape
>victim, or the holocaust, and I'm uncomfortable doing the same
>for my alien abductee friends.

>The 'explanations' I have heard put forth in the past almost all
>presume a form of mental illness, which makes me a bit
>uncomfortable. More to the point, most 'explanations' offered
>haven't been endorsed by the victims themselves.

>You can ignore the abduction phenomenon, that is if it ain't
>happening to you. The evidence for the phenomenon is at the same
>level as the proffered by my Christian friends who claim their
>faith is valid because Christ has touched them in their lives. I
>note that Christ is a 2,000 year old dead Jew, and has never
>touched my life, and can easily dismiss their proposal. The
>same thing can be said about the abduction phenomenon. Ignore
>it, it has nothing to do with Roswell, nuts & bolts UFOs, and
>any physical evidence which might be related to it. Without
>having been personally abducted by an alien, I don't know how
>much you or I can really say about the subject.

If we accept the idea that we must have had the experience to
comment on it intelligently, aren't we suddenly rejecting
science to a certain extent? It isn't necessary to have the
experience to understand it. Research is based on the idea of
the outside observer. If we have interviewed hundreds of
abductees, then can't we comment intelligently on the
information recovered?

And, if we can't, then isn't the work of Hopkins, Mack, Jacobs,
et.al (and I've used those three for no other reason than they
have been among the most vocal, I could have easily included,

Carpenter, Smith, Sprinkle, for example) going to waste? I don't think any of them claim to have been abducted either (though Sprinkle has, as has Richard Boylan).

I believe that we can comment, intelligently on the things we haven't experienced. While I did not live through the Civil War, I can understand the hardships of the soldiers and the motivations of them by studying history, reading their journals and diaries, and reading the newspapers from the time. That is all part of research.

>Like I've said in previous messages, whenever I get abducted by >aliens, contacted by Jesus, or have a Roswell UFO crash in my >front yard, I'll be sure to give you a more refined hypothesis >based on my new set of experiential data.

If the UFO crashes in your front yard, or even the back, please let me know.

KRandle

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'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

From: Alex Heard <ahheard@wired.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:53:43 -0500
Subject: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

Greetings:

This is a general message to participants in this forum. My name is Alex Heard; I'm an editor at Wired magazine and the author of Apocalypse Pretty Soon, a new book about American subcultures at the turn of the millennium. Two chapters in the book are UFO-related, and I think you'll find them interesting and entertaining. One is about the Unarius Academy of Science, the famed UFO-oriented religion in Southern California. Another concerns Dr. Steven Greer, a contactee who takes groups of people out at night to try and "initiate" contact with extraterrestrials. (I first wrote about Dr. Greer years ago in Outside magazine, an article that is still distributed by the Fund for UFO research.) I approached these stories with an attitude of friendly skepticism and, I hope, good humor. Please let me know what you think.

Excerpts from the book -- dealing with other aspects of the millennium, including "Earth Changes" and the far right -- are available in the February 1999 issues of Wired and Outside. I also have a web site where I'll keep track of millennial and futuristic groups as the year 2000 approaches.

Please take a look. The Web address is:

<http://www.apocalypseprettysoon.com>

Thanks very much for looking this over. Feel free to write or call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Ralf Zeigermann <kag15@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 21:28:28 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:00:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 15:14:17 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:58:48 +0000
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 11:28:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>If the cameraman did quickly make a secret copy for himself, it
>probably was a contact print and not an optical print.
>Therefore, the emulsion on the print that Santilli bought (and
>gave you pieces of) would be on the opposite side than if it
>were original film from either a field camera or optical
>printer. This is assuming, of course, that Santilli is truthful
>that what he gave you is directly from what the cameraman sold
>him.

Hi all,

This is all getting a bit funny now. I can imagine the
'cameraman' developing the film in a tent, but quite honestly I
simply can't imagine him making a duplicate in a tent(!). As far
as I know you need some more bits and pieces of equipment for
dupes than just a tank...

So if we are talking about a 16mm duplicate here, who made it?

Cheers,

Ralf

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Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 16:38:45 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:04:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 08:07:05 +0000
>Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>This could also account for Capt. McAndrew's comment to me
>that he had seen the same film in Air Force archives.

>Bob

To Bob and List:

This is one of the most important informations that you have made, it seems to me.

And here is a simple question:

Did capt. McAndrew tell you, even rougly, when he saw that "same film" in the Air Force archives?

At least, did he see it before, or after the release of the film by Santilli?

If he saw it after, it would not be worth mentioning since, very soon, thousands of copies were distributed worldwide: it could be any of these copies!

So, I suppose he meant that he had seen it before. Then, I don't see many possibilities:

1) The AA footage is an authentic military film,

or

2) It is a fake made by the military, or a related agency. (In this case, it could well be a fake close to a real one).

In both cases, Santilli had only a copy of it, and was of course unable to give a foot of original film for datation, but this is not a key point in this context. It could have been shot any time.

3) Here is another possibility: captain McAndrew lied to you!

Then the question is: why?

Is he another Richard Doty??

If so, what about the "Roswell Report, Case Closed" authored by the same?

The third hypothesis does not seem to make much sense, so that we are back, most probably, to 1) or 2).

Anybody has an idea about the correct answer?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Abduction Hypotheses

From: Sean Jones <seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk>
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Abduction Hypotheses [was: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conf...]
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 22:18:19 -0600

<huge snip>

>(10).....add you own 'explanations', or hypotheses as you
>will. Lord knows I have, but none of them seem to wholly
>address the concerns of my friends who have been abused by these
>experiences.

John, no insult but you have missed two alternatives that have solicited investigation.

10) Sleep disorder's/paralysis.

11) Astral travel/ OOBE's.

Both offer credible possibilities.

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>aliens, contacted by Jesus, or have a Roswell UFO crash in my
>front yard, I'll be sure to give you a more refined hypothesis
>based on my new set of experiential data.

BTW you missed out the proverbial "landing on the lawn". Unless you are a keen gardener who would be extremely dissed at such an event :-)

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

From: Sean Jones <seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:15:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:55:29 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality [was... 1999 UFO Alien...]

Hi Jim

>>On a serious note, I'd like to stay out of this one as it is
>>entirely personal, IMHO, and one which ruffles feathers
>>instantly if you even dare to suggest that there might be other
>>things to explain some alleged abductions.

I know I said I wouldn't comment of this but.....

>True Sean.....

>The experience leaves one exceedingly disturbed, is entirely too
>realistic and remains in the memory longer than the worst of
>recurring dreams. IF it continues off and on over a lifetime,
>the results of such a personal encounter are fascinatingly
>personal. It is like getting raped, altho being a guy, I can
>never truly relate to that.

I do not doubt for one instant just how disturbing such an event
would/can/is be.

>I do not even begin to understand what, how and why, I only know
>this... to the experiencer, it is more real than real. Very
>real.... very, very real.

>I have been having a dialog with some others in the same boat.
>The most recent discussion led to the issue of reality. We have
>all had recurring dreams. Dreams often leave you with a
>"feeling." The feeling left is real enough, but there is the
>knowledge that the feeling, while very real, is the remnant of a
>dream experience.

When I was a child I used to have a recurring dream about
floating around outside my house at that time. I know about such
a things as Astral travel <can't do it now I'm all grown up :-(
> but it could still have been a dream...

>The experiencer of this abduction phenom is also left with a
>real feeling. However the reason for the feeling is not a dream.
>There is always, or most of the time anyway, the knowledge, firm
>and unshakeable, that there was no dream. This was something
>experienced. I wish I could relate it more clearly than this. An
>example....

This feeling, could it be as intangible as "faith" but just as
convincing?

>I was a rather bright little guy growng up. I knew instinctively
>that there was no Santa Claus. I understood that Captain Video
>was a story. Even at age 3, 4 and thereabouts. My realization of
>what was real and what was imagined was very distinct. My
>parents always knew that I had a pretty good grip on reality.

>But from a very young age, I distinctly remember being able to

>glide along a long, round corridor. I was always in the company
>of some others behind and in front. I floated above the floor
>and every step I took was impossibly long... many many times my
>height.

>The experience was so real, that I would practice, at age 4,
>standing on the bathroom scale, looking at the needle, knowing
>with no doubt whatever, that I could become weightless by
>concentrating hard.

I believe that levitation has been proved and to apply it to something I
mentioned earlier, could it only have been a dream?

>
>Of course, not having Gripple then, I was not able to do so. But
>the memory is still with me today, just as real, just as vivid,
>just as strongly compelling now, as it was 51 years ago... like
>ti was last night.

>
>Associated with that memory is the knowledge that i was able to
>float thru the window, fly up to the "hospital" over my house in
>an ambulance of strange design, to a structure which even today,
>precludes my being able to look up at any structure without the
>gravest of phobic fear... make that terror.

With no insult intended or suggested.

Did you know that childhood fears can pervade even unto retirement?

>
>I am Thomas the doubter. Show me, let me see it, understand it,
>look at it, define it and categorize it. Let me see the damned
>equation. No? Then it does not exist.

That's a shame really, but I can see where you are coming from.

>
>Why then this predeliction over a belief system including
>ascended masters (saints?) and God? Beats the shit outa me.
>Except that I have arrived at it on what remains of my
>intellect.

My belief in God has nothing to do with my intellect, only my
"gut feeling". So I am in awe that you can believe by intellect,
again no insult intended or suggested.

>Steven Hawking was able, thru physics and cosmology, come to the
>conclusion that God can exist in the reality of mathematics and
>physics.

Steven Hawking is a genius without a doubt, so if he says God
can exist how can people doubt it :-)

>Logic when confronted by emotion, has not a chance in this
>reality.

That's for sure :-)

>Dr. Gesundt.
>A very old fool for my age.

Jim you are only as old as the woman you feel, or you are only
as old as you feel, take your pick :-). Me, on some days I feel
a hundred, not bad considering I'm only a third of that.

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Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
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Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:16:00 -0800
>From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 14:05:37 -0800 (PST)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>>I was speaking in reference to Drake's equation and SETI's use
>>of it on their website. There they listed N as the number of
>>civilizations in our galaxy whose radio emissions are
>>detectable. So that's their slant on it; I don't recall that
>>Drake himself made that limitation, though radio emissions are
>>his thing.

>The factor in the Drake equation you mention refers to the
>number of extraterrestrial civilizations that have achieved the
>level of technology to be able to communicate with other
>extraterrestrial civilizations. That question is all that it
>refers to.

However, the SETI web site has put their own spin on it, and lets N be the number of civilizations in our galaxy whose RADIO emissions are detectable. Go check it out. Since even SETI scientists can acknowledge the probability that a large fraction of ET civilizations would be thousands or millions of years past the stage where they had first developed radio communications, with emissions powerful enough to reach nearby stars, the deficiency in the SETI website version of Drake's equation should be obvious -- ETI would have developed much more efficient methods of communication.

>You miss the main point about the Drake equation. It is only a
>WAG - a wild ass guess. It is not a scientific formula. It is
>only used as a tool to make people think about the
>possibilities.

That is a given, Ed. Each of several components within it are arguably uncertain by huge factors. The real point is, SETI scientists nevertheless like to couch their SETI research within the framework of some equation, and the Drake equation is the best they have. Go check out their website to see where it's mentioned that those working on particular grant projects are doing research that fits into this component or that within Drake's equation; e.g., a biologist may be working on some detail within molecular biology that could lead to an improved estimate of the factor f_c , which is the fraction of life-supporting planets where life actually develops (assuming no alien seeding). Therefore one way to approach such scientists is through Drake's equation.

There may be some small fraction of them who could understand how plausible it is that ET civilizations, advanced millions of years over us, would have long since discovered us, rather than us becoming the first to discover them. And that the science and technology of ETI would have gone way past the stage where their space flight would be restricted by rocketry and relativity,

etc.

Jim Deardorff

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Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:43:26 -0500

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>But typically abduction skeptics don't even mention the full
>range of possible abduction evidence -- for instance, the claim
>made by some abduction investigators that abductees corroborate
>even tiny unpublished details in each others' reports. Note
>again: I'm not insisting that this claim is correct, or that it
>means abductions are real. More research needs to be done. I
>_am_ saying that abduction skeptics rarely (if ever) mention it.

The problem with this is that these researchers refuse to give us the details of the tiny unpublished details, claiming (with some logic) that if they did so it would 'contaminate' future reports. Consequently we have to take this all on trust.

--
John Rimmer
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Abandon hope all ye who press "enter" here.

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

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Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:23:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:43:26 -0500

>>But isn't that the real problem
>>with ufology in general and abductions in particular: turning
>>one's back on analysis and advocate "opinions" instead?

>Where abductions are concerned, the skeptics are even more
>guilty of that than believers. Note: this is NOT a comment on
>Kevin, who's thoughtful about everything he does.

I consider myself a skeptic and that doesn't mean I'm a
nonbeliever. By contrasting skeptics being more guilty than
believers, you are suggesting I'm a nonbeliever.

>But typically abduction skeptics don't even mention the full
>range of possible abduction evidence -- for instance, the claim
>made by some abduction investigators that abductees corroborate
>even tiny unpublished details in each others' reports. Note
>again: I'm not insisting that this claim is correct, or that it
>means abductions are real. More research needs to be done. I
>_am_ saying that abduction skeptics rarely (if ever) mention it.
>Documentation: Philip Klass, UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game;
>the NOVA episode on abductions; the 1996 volume of the journal
>Psychological Issues, entirely devoted to abductions; Robert
>Sheaffer's [hope I spelled his name right] new book on UFOs; a
>recent book of collected UFO pieces (one on abductions) from the
>Skeptical Inquirer; many skeptical posts here, etc., etc., etc.

>If anyone knows of an abduction skeptic who mentions this
>pro-abduction argument, even scathingly, I'd love to know about
>it.

Should skeptic claim that this is a fact? Should he/she say "it
is claimed..." or what?

I'm just guessing here, but perhaps Brookesmith mentions
something similar in his abduction book? Doesn't he interview
Betty Hill who says something about abductees getting together
at group meeting and comparing notes?

I'm not saying that abductees don't corroborate tiny unpublished
details and I'm not saying that they incorporate details from
other accounts into their own stories, but it is a possibility
in some cases, no?

I need to organize my thoughts a little more clearly on this,
but the days of abductees claiming to have no prior knowledge of
abductions stories are over, IMO. And if my opinion is correct,
it would appear to me that it would be very difficult to
establish tiny details from abductee accounts if one wanted to
study that particular aspect.

Rebecca

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From: pharabod@in2p3.fr
Subject: Russian plasma stealth?

In attachment is an alleged Russian ITAR-TASS agency release about a new way of obtaining stealthiness, via the use of "plasma". They say that it's or will be far better than the US Lockheed Skunk Works or Northrop way.

J. Pharabod

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Russian Low Observability Technologies Data Released

Russian Scientists Created Revolutionary Low Observability Technologies

Moscow, January 20. Nicolai Novichkov, ITAR-TASS information agency

Research team of the Research Center named after M.V. Keldysh has developed new technologies allowing dramatic decrease in aircrafts' radar observability. Russian approach to low observability (LO) technologies is completely different from US Stealth and offers complete furtiveness of the protected object at a significantly lower price. An exclusive interview about these technologies was conducted by Nicolai Novichkov, ITAR-TASS with director of the Center, academic of Russian Scientific Academy Anatoliy Kortelev.

As academic explained, American approach to LO (Stealth technology) applied on B-2, F-117A, and fifth generation fighter F-22 "Raptor" is based on the following principles. The airframes of these aircrafts are designed to minimize their radar cross section (RCS), avoid all possible elements of the structure, which could reflect electromagnetic radiation. In order to minimize reflected radiation radio absorbing materials (RAM) are also applied to the surface of the structure. The main drawbacks of the Stealth technology are its negative effects on the flight and agility characteristics of the stealth aircrafts.

Russian scientists approach the issue from the other direction. They proposed to create a plasma formation around protected object, which prevents radars from seeing it. Thus, aerodynamical characteristics of the plane itself do not suffer. Without interfering with technical characteristics the artificially created plasma cloud surrounding the plane guarantees more than hundred times decrease in its observability.

The physics of plasma protection can be described as following. If an object is surrounded by a cloud of plasma, several phenomenas are observed when the cloud interacts with electromagnetic waves radiated by enemy radar. First, an absorption of electromagnetic energy occurs in the cloud, since during plasma penetration it interacts with plasma charged particles, pass onto them a portion of its energy, and fades. Second, due to specific physical processes, electromagnetic wave tends to pass around plasma cloud. Both of these phenomenas results in dramatic decrease of the reflected signal.

Static and flight experiments proved the effectiveness of this technology. The first generation devices, producing plasma field surrounding an aircraft and decreasing reflected signal were created in the Center. Later, a possibility of creating second generation advanced systems (capable of not only decreasing reflected signal and changing its wavelength, but also producing some false signals) was discovered. Such systems significantly complicate determination of actual aircraft's speed, its location and leads to development of completely new approaches to LO provision, unachievable to conventional Stealth technology. Furthermore, the weight of the systems developed in Russia do not exceed 100 kg, and power consumption ranges from kilowatts to tens of kilowatts.

Advances in development of the third generation LO systems allowed to clear the systems of first and second generation for export, commented academic Anatoliy Kortelev.

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Editorial

Well here we are, one issue away from the magic 100, and another new editor. Some of you might know me, my name is Sean Jones.

Dave has asked me to create this issue of the ezine because he doesn't want the ezine to become stale and boring so he feels that varying the editor will provide a nice change each issue. Hopefully this will mean that the ezine will stay fresh and exciting. I certainly hope so.

The number of sightings seems to have fallen off a little this year, but there is usually a seasonal low around the beginning of the year anyway, so we'll just have to wait and see just what develops.

Another thing of interest to look for this year will be a decline in crop circles. Why a decline you ask. Well what with Matthew Williams and Paul Damon coming clean last year and the Farmers Digest program on BBC1 a few weeks ago debunking the whole issue I honestly believe that the phenomenon will be dramatically reduced this year. Hopefully enough to see only genuine crop circles and no fakes or copycat circles. We will have to wait and see just what happens on that front of ufology this year. Watch this space as we will keep you informed of any developments.

We have yet another packed issue, chock full of interesting and varied news from the world of ufology, so with no more waffle from me, lets be away.

UK 1

Source: ITV Teletext News
Publish Date: Friday 8th January 1999

Show planned for Dolly parting

Dolly, the world's first cloned sheep, is to be stuffed and put on display after her death, it has been revealed.

The Roslin Institute team which created her has made a deal with the National Museums of Scotland to preserve the sheep for future generations.

Dr Mark Shaw, the NMS keeper of geology and zoology, said Dolly was a "20th century scientific icon".

[UK 2]*****

From: "Robert Newton" <Isaac@gravity7.freemove.co.uk>
Subject: UFO Sighting

A friend of mine says he saw a black triangle flying at about 40-50 ft at about 20-30 mph at 6-7pm last night, outside St. Ives near Liskeard, Cornwall. It had no hump, characteristic of stealth aircraft but had conventional looking lights at the rear corners. It flew level for a few seconds and then accelerated at a steady rate at a 40 degree angle nearer to Liskeard until out of sight. Did anyone else see anything?

[UK 3]*****

uk.ufo.nw says: Readers may be interested in these files with regards to the British Airways near miss at Manchester airport, mentioned below...

UFO 'BUZZED' AIRLINER AT MANCHESTER AIRPORT

A British Airways passenger jet had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object while landing at Manchester Airport in January 1995. The Boeing 737, flight BA5061, with 60 people on board, was overtaken at high speed by a wedge-shaped craft as the plane descended through 4,000ft on the final stages of a journey from Milan.

This zip file contains a Real Audio file interview with the 1st Officer Mark Stuart and a text file containing the official CAA report and numerous newspaper articles.

File size = 100Kb

Send your request to: ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk

In the subject area of your mail put:

REQUEST BRITISH AIRWAYS SIGHTING

[UK 4]*****

From: "Terry W. Colvin" <fortean@primenet.com>

Close encounters focus attention

Two close encounters with a triangular flying object have focused attention on LoFLYTE reconnaissance planes ...

On 7 June 1996, at about 6 pm, an Aer Lingus jet had a very close encounter some 9,000ft (2,750m) above Stevenage, about 30 miles (48km) north of London. The aircraft was en route from Dublin to London's Stansted airport, when the pilots were forced to take evasive action after spotting an unidentified object hurtling towards them. The object flashed past the right-hand side of the jet seconds later, only some 200-300 yards (180-275m) away and 100ft (30m) below. Both pilots reported seeing what looked to be a red aircraft with blue and white stripes - one of the pilots believing it might have been of military origin. This possibility was dismissed after the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) comprehensively ruled out a Red Arrows Hawk, the similar Gnat, or an unregistered, ex-military aircraft.

Although an extensive search of radar recordings and radio transcripts failed to produce corroborative evidence, the CAA conceded that the pilots saw something and agreed in some detail on their descriptions. The identity of the intruder was, however, "impossible to assess" and "likely to remain a mystery".

There are obvious parallels between this incident and the 6 January 1995 airmiss near Manchester airport. On that occasion, First Officer Mark Stuart "instinctively ducked" as wedge-shaped object seemed destined to collide head-on with the British Airways Boeing 737. The unknown object streaked past the aircraft's right-hand side, so fast that it could only be described as dark coloured, with what might have been a black stripe visible along its side. Commercial Air Transport Airmiss Report No. 2/95 affirmed: "There was no known traffic in the vicinity at the time and no radar contacts were seen."

As the Aer Lingus encounter also featured the absence of corroborative radar tracks, the CAA concluded: "This meant that members could feel reasonably certain that what had been seen was not an aeroplane."

Yet the previously-published Manchester airmiss report noted: "The lack of a radar contact is not necessarily unusual if weather suppressers are in use on radar, particularly if the object generates a poor radar response. In these conditions the radar can interpret a non-transponding (primary) contact as weather, and therefore disregard it." In either event, neither bore the hallmarks of a conventional aircraft.

One candidate cited for the Aer Lingus incident is the LoFLYTE (Low Observable Flight Test Experiment) hypersonic aircraft, a triangular-shaped 'waverider'. A revolutionary design enables it to 'surf' on a high pressure shock-wave field, generated as the aircraft travels faster than the speed of sound. When a prototype was unveiled on 2 August last year, the LoFLYTE was warmly received in some quarters as a likely explanation for UFO sightings around the globe.

In a widely reported article, Maurice Chittenden wrote in The Sunday Times: "Since 1990 there have been unexplained reports of flat, wedge-shaped objects seen by pilots near air force bases in California and as far afield as Belgium."

The notoriously sceptical Mr Chittenden now believed that "those UFO sightings might have a simple explanation after all: a secret, triangular-shaped aircraft that can fly at more than twice the speed of Concorde". This sounded promising and Belgian TV news reports announced the long-awaited explanation for the 1989/90 flap.

There is, however, one point which appears to have been swept aside in the enthusiasm to embrace the LoFLYTE theory. The only LoFLYTE which had rolled off the production lines was an 8ft 4in (2.5m) remotely-piloted model.

After the unveiling, Topher Kersting, Marketing Coordinator for Accurate Automation Corporation, a prime contractor for the joint NASA and US Air Force project, confirmed: "The next version, pending the successful completion of the forthcoming flight test, is intended to be a 23ft (7m) unmanned remotely piloted vehicle capable of hypersonic flight. What is beyond that is anybody's guess."

On 16 December, the conceptual 100in (2.5m) model had its maiden flight at Mojave Airfield, California, and remained airborne for 34 seconds, reaching an altitude of about 150ft (46m) before experiencing flight-control difficulties and an undignified landing. Speculation abounds that a full-size version is already in operation, but it is at odds with such evidence.

Kersting also confirmed that the photograph released by Accurate Automation Corporation was a computer generated Photoshop(TM) composite, created by a colleague and himself. "Just because you see a picture on a cloud background doesn't mean that the plane has flown," he cautioned.

In the United States, the Center for the Study of Intelligence recently published a newly declassified document entitled A Die-Hard Issue: CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90.

Author Gerald Haines, the National Reconnaissance Office historian, claims that many UFO sightings could be explained by the CIA's top secret U-2 spy-plane. Checking with the Agency's U-2 Project Staff in Washington, Air Force investigators were able to confirm this, but to protect the spy-plane's secrecy were forced to explain the sightings as natural phenomena.

The Royal Air Force and the US Air Force are represented on the Joint Airmiss Working Group, which investigates incidents in UK airspace. If a UK airmiss did involve a known, highly classified aircraft, could its existence be acknowledged, or like the U-2, would its continued secrecy override all other considerations? It seems all we can deduce with some certainty is that the LoFLYTE project isn't likely to be responsible for any UFO reports.

At least, not yet.
J.E.

[UK 5]*****

uk.ufo.nw says: Readers may remember in the last issue we printed Graham Birdsall's editorial from the latest issue of UFO Magazine. In the editorial he mentions that he recently had an article printed on the front page of the Yorkshire Evening Post newspaper regarding RAF Menwith Hill.

We would like to thank the reader who sent us in the url for that news paper and also David Hartshorne, Head of Library for the YEP who sent us Graham Birdsall's article.

Source: Yorkshire Evening Post newspaper Publish Date: 17th November 1998

Spys base links up with space

WATCHING THE WORLD: The Menwith Hill base

THE US communications base at RAF Menwith Hill is to play a front line role in a "Star Wars" system to warn the Americans of ballistic missile launches anywhere on earth. New radomes at the base on the outskirts on Harrogate will be directly linked to

American infra-red eyes in space and will be operational by the millennium. The change of direction at the controversial listening centre has been confirmed by the Ministry of Defence. Previously the only comment about the erection of the two new radomes - the distinctive golfballs which can be seen at the base - has been local concern about the extension of the area of the base. Today Civil Liberties expert Norman Baker, Liberal Democrat MP for Lewes in Sussex, said the plan "compromised Britain's sovereignty". He claimed the adaption of the communications base as a super- early warning centre was proof the Government had become unable to control the activities of the base. He said: "In the EEC there are already major worries over revelations that Menwith Hill can monitor communications throughout the European Union and America could use that information for their economic advantage. This step outside common communications is very worrying." In a written Parliamentary question Mr Baker asked the Secretary of State for Defence "when the two radomes which are to be part of the space-based infra red system will be constructed." A written reply from Armed Forces Minister Mr Doug Henderson said: "Construction of the two radomes at RAF Menwith Hill is due to begin in November 1999 and is scheduled for completion in February 2000. The radomes will support the new US Space Based Infra-Red System, providing early warning of ballistic missile launches." A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence refused to comment further on activities at Menwith Hill. Mr Baker said his further Parliamentary questioning showed 1,370 American personnel were now on the base. He said: "I believe this is a raid on our sovereignty and the Government can no longer control what happens at Menwith Hill. We are now being used as Airstrip 1 in the missile issue." Command A spokeswoman for the Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases, better known as the Menwith Hill peace campaigners, said: "We are appalled and outraged, but it is not a surprise. It moves Menwith Hill to a totally different level. "It was a major target as a command and communication centre, but its new role makes it even more important. This is another huge reason why Menwith Hill should not be here and why at the very least it should be accountable." Graham Birdsall, editor of Ilkley-based Quest Communications, an organisation which monitors earthly aerial movements, space phenomena and reports of UFOs, said: "I am not that concerned about the function of monitoring what happens on the planet. What I find fascinating is the emphasis that this programme gives to monitoring deep space. "That will be its capacity and it is slightly ironic bearing in mind years of denial about space reports of unidentified craft."

[UK 6]*****

Science Logic and the FTL debate.

Many things have been said about travelling at speeds faster than light but is it really possible? Science fiction stories since the sixties have theorised the mechanics of faster than light drive, but science has always stood solidly behind Einstein because of $E=MC^2$, which basically says that the speed of light is the speed limit of the universe. What I am going to bore you with now is why I believe popular science is wrong and the old science fiction stories are in my opinion, right.

What is not well publicised by the various mental giants of today's popular science is that quite often in the past big name scientist's have been either mistaken or totally wrong about some things. These self same scientists would have the great unwashed general public, that's you and me, believe that science is never wrong. Now I could make this article a massive debate about the number of times scientists have been wrong in the past (and present) but that really isn't my intent at the moment. Suffice it to say that scientist have made enough mistakes in the past for me to be able to confidently say they are bound to make some more mistakes now and in the future.

I'm sure you have all heard or read about hyperspace and warp drive (who hasn't seen Star Trek or Star Wars?) and that to exceed the speed of light you need some sort of device that circumvents the known laws of physics. This is certainly the most likely method of exceeding light but is it the only one? I'm not so sure. Another thing you might have heard a little about is tachyons. It has been theorised (but not proved according to some learned friends of mine) that tachyons travel faster than light and thus appear to us mortals to travel back

in time. Now a little while back Gunter Nimtz at the University of Cologne(1) transmitted a signal of a Mozart's Symphony No40 in a photon beam and they measured the time taken and "proved" that it was some 4.7 times faster than light. I'm sure some of you have heard about this but have you heard about Nichola Tesla? He performed a similar test back in the twenties that sent a signal at twenty seven times faster than light! (2)

Surely now you would have thought that popular science would take this into account and say "well perhaps faster than light is possible" but no popular science is still rock solid behind Einstein, seems the man was never wrong, but ah! He was. Did you know he made a blunder which he called his great mistake?(3) No? Well even the man made "God" of today's popular science made mistakes. Now I don't mean to mock the man, not at all, I just want to point out to the people that would have you believe that he was the greatest that even the vaunted Einstein made mistakes too.

Now today's science says that to exceed the speed of light is not possible because of the amount of energy it would take and that matter is affected by these extreme speeds which makes it impossible for a solid object to travel faster than light. But. My argument is Are the scientists saying faster than light is not possible just because they don't know how to do it? Take an example and compare it with this scenario. Just two weeks before Neil Armstrong landed on the moon there was many popular scientists of the day saying that it was not possible to leave the confines of this glorious planet that gives us mortals life. But if we was to take the information back a hundred years into our past and tell the scientists of the day about man walking on the moon what do you think they would say? In my opinion they would say that it is not possible and then come up with information which they believe correct as to why it is not possible. I think that we are still in the same situation. Until some fantastic engineer or amazing piece of technology falls into our hands that shows that faster than light travel is possible scientists will say that it is not possible.

Exceeding the speed of light is not possible because it violates all the known laws of physics. I have been told this most emphatically by several educated and very intelligent people. BUT my answer to that is what about the laws of physics that we don't yet know? What about new discoveries that are found each day? Do they all reinforce current scientific thinking or do some challenge it? Science is continually being updated with new discoveries each day and why is it that scientists are still saying that certain things are impossible? Is it because they will have to re-write their books from scratch or because they are afraid of that the universe is bigger than they first thought? By the way did you read in a magazine a little while back about science has just had to issue a statement about the size of the universe, they were wrong!(4)

Also another point about the planetary system that we live in, NASA scientists are not sure about the gravity outside Pluto's orbit. No I don't mean the Disney character I mean the planet. It was recently announced that Pioneer 10 and 11 have slowed down in space. "We've been working on this problem for several years, and we accounted for everything we could think of," says NASA planetary scientist John Anderson. So far he and other scientists have not found any reason for the spacecrafts "wierd behaviour". They are beginning to think that it must be "extra gravity" - and that would send a lot of theoretical physicists back to the drawing board.(5) Now it looks like not even NASA knows all about the galaxy that we live in, so what about the rest of the universe.

Stanton Friedman, nuclear physicist, has shown how faster than light travel need not be necessary due to time dilation at near light speed, but that's okay for the travellers but what about the people they leave back home? The people back home won't feel the time dilation so to them their intrepid travellers will be gone for a life time, will that be a realistic form of travel between the stars, after all that is the whole reason for travelling faster than light. The distance between stars makes visiting them damn nigh impossible unless we can exceed the speed of light and get to them in a "reasonable" travelling time.

I am not a scientist and I feel that science has been

wrong in the past and undoubtedly it will be wrong in the future, and I still feel that science is wrong about faster than light travel being possible. Do you?

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Source's

(1) Photon speed testing done by Gunter Nimtz at the University of Cologne (Source New Scientist April 1995)

(2) Quote from UFO Updates <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/dec/m01-025.shtml>

Re- Mars MARCI EDL Movie, by Mike Christol + The Zeneth Factor Video

(3) Einsteiens "Great mistake". (Still tracking the *exact* quote)

Any person who can supply the quote, could you please email me directly at

<quote@tedric.demon.co.uk>

(4) Universe size statement, source Scientific American

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/>

(5) UFO Magazine Jan1999

[UK 7]*****

>From Vash@geocities.com

Source The Daily Telegraph 7th Jan 1999

Mission Sets Out To Find Water on Mars

The hunt for water on Mars has begun in earnest, with a fleet of Nasa spacecraft and seed-like mini-sensors heading for the red planet at 17,400 miles per hour.

The Mars Polar Lander was launched from Cape Canaveral on Sunday and will join the Mars Climate Orbiter, launched in December, and the Global Surveyor already in orbit around the planet.

"People like Herschel and Schiaporelli saw ice caps appearing and receding on Mars 200 years ago", said Professor Colin Pillinger of the Open University, where a team is also working on experiments for a Mars probe. "Now we're going to find the real scientific truth about ice on Mars."

The space fleet is the result of a change in Nasa thinking. "There was a period of going through the solar system, one mission at a time, visiting planets here and there," said Pillinger. "Then they realised a series of shots to one location would save on development costs because 90 to 95 per cent of the cost of a mission is taken up with development. Make a second one and its almost free".

Global Surveyor and Climate Orbiter will survey landing sites, then guide the Lander down to the edge of the Southern Ice Cap, a region seen from aerial survey to have a curious layered land-form. The orbiters will then form a high-speed communications relay from Mars back to Earth.

The Lander carries a suite of sensors and imaging devices as well as a 6ft-long robot arm equipped with a camera. Directed by ground control, the arm will dig a trench, then load a tiny sample into a mini-oven that will rapidly heat the soil. Scientists hope that vapour released by the soil will finally reveal the presence of water on Mars.

Polar Lander is also carrying a tiny microphone, which will send the first audio signals back to Earth from the Martian landscape.

Article by John Pratty.

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A coded greeting to aliens is to be beamed into space by scientists from a radio telescope in the Ukraine.

It will contain a greeting, a description through maths and physics of who we are, and a request for a reply.

In 1974 the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico blasted a similar message towards the constellation Hercules.

[W 4]*****

From: bernhard.nahrgang@ob.kamp.net (Bernhard Nahrgang)

Source: MUFON Date Posted: January 5, 1999 Subject: Injuries caused by ufo claims woman's life

MUTUAL UFO NETWORK 103 OLDTOWN RD. SEGUIN, TX 78155

December 30, 1998

For Immediate Release:

INJURIES CAUSED BY UFO CLAIMS WOMAN'S LIFE

Betty Cash, one of three people injured in a UFO close encounter near Huffman, Texas, on December 29, 1980, died on the 18th anniversary of the event, in Birmingham, Alabama. She had been in poor health ever since the encounter. At the time of the event, Mrs. Cash operated her own businesses near Dayton, Texas.

Betty Cash, along with Vickie Landrum and grandson Colby Landrum, encountered a huge UFO accompanied by military helicopters on a dark road in the east Texas Piney Woods. They were exposed to radiation from the object, which caused extreme medical problems such as burns, eye damage, hair loss, diarrhea, and vomiting. Although they and others observed a large number of military helicopters along with the UFO, the U.S. Government refused to acknowledge the event or assist them in any way.

After the encounter, Betty Cash was hospitalized and treated for burns and the other maladies. The extent of the injuries was so great, she was forced to close her businesses and never worked again. Her life became a series of hospital stays, many of them in intensive care. Eventually, she developed cancer, which was successfully treated. In November 1998, Mrs. Cash suffered a stroke. On December 29, during her recovery, an unusual turn of events claimed her life.

Mrs. Cash was a hero in the fight against government UFO cover-ups and brought hope to other victims of UFO incidents. She was devoted to family and friends and never allowed her illness to prevent her from helping others to cope with the trauma of UFO close encounters.

For further information, contact John Schuessler, MUFON's Deputy Director of Administration, and primary investigator of Mrs. Cash's UFO incident, at (303) 948-6224, FAX (303) 948-6225, or e-mail at: schuessler@mho.net.

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Real-life X-File? Computer pioneer quits to chase UFOs

By Andrew Quinn

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 9 (Reuters) - In the X-Files it would be called the case of the CEO and the UFO.

Joe Firmage, who at the age of 28 has made not one but two mega-fortunes as a computer pioneer in California's Silicon Valley, has quit the \$2 billion company he helped found to

promote what he calls ``the most important news event in 2000 years'' -- his belief that many of today's scientific advances came from space aliens.

``Why would a young, successful CEO risk his reputation on something this fantastic?'' Firmage told Saturday's San Francisco Chronicle in announcing his departure from USWeb/CKS (Nasdaq:USWB - news), an Internet marketing and consulting company based in Santa Clara, California.

``Because I believe so much in this theory. And I am in a unique position to communicate an extremely important message. I have the money, credibility, scientific grounding, and faith.''

Firmage has been dubbed the ``Fox Mulder of Silicon Valley'' after the hero of the ``X-Files'' television series, and his own beliefs seem strangely parallel to the dark mix of UFO contact and government conspiracy that lie at the show's core.

Backed by his immense resources, Firmage has sought to prove a variety of theories regarding UFOs, including one which holds that many recent scientific advances including semiconductors, fiber optics and lasers can be traced to a purported alien spaceship crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947 that was covered up by the government.

``Outright rejection of the evidence without comprehensive review of the research in print across hundreds of books is close-minded, unscientific and indeed irresponsible in the extreme,''' Firmage wrote in one recent essay.

``It is also quite understandable given decades of government disinformation which, right or wrong in its genesis and continuation, was specifically designed to create a 'giggle factor' surrounding the subject.''

Firmage's credentials as a UFO buff are matched by his track record as a computer industry entrepreneur.

A physics major at the University of Utah, Firmage was 18 when he formed his first company, Serius, which specialized in writing computer operating system codes. That was sold to Novell in 1993 for \$24 million, and Firmage served as Novell's vice president of networking strategy until 1995 when he left to form USWeb.

That company, which helped companies to develop Internet strategies, completed a merger with CKS Group Inc. last month to form a \$2.1 billion powerhouse that employs 1,950 people.

During the merger, however, Firmage was edged out as CEO by a board of directors who did not see eye to eye with him on the UFO issue. Now, Firmage says, he is leaving the company for good to pursue his beliefs.

``I want to ensure that the company is not impacted in any negative way,''' Firmage told the Chronicle, adding that he was not pressured to give up his job as chief strategist.

Robert Shaw, who took over as CEO of USWeb/CKS, said Firmage himself had suggested the move ``given the market exposure associated with his outside interests.''

``Joe is a visionary and he should be quite proud of what he accomplished. This move should demonstrate to the public and the employees that he's always put the interests of the company first,''' Shaw told the newspaper.

Firmage has already laid the groundwork for a campaign to publicize his UFO beliefs. He has set up the International Space Science Organization to promote his views, sunk \$3 million into an endeavor dubbed ``Project Kairos'' aimed at preparing humanity for alien contact, and posted a 600-page manifesto, entitled ``The Truth'', on his website (www.thewordistruth.org).

Included in ``The Truth'' are new documents from a source Firmage calls the ``Deep Throat of Cyberspace'' which he claims back up his space alien theories.

One of the documents is a purported 1947 memo from President Harry Truman to Secretary of Defense James Forrestal that sets

up a secret U.S. government operation dubbed ``Majestic Twelve'' to investigate extraterrestrials.

Another is an alleged June 1947 letter from Albert Einstein and Robert Oppenheimer to scientist Vannevar Bush giving advice on how to deal with alien visitors.

Firmage's departure from USWeb/CKS was greeted with a shrug by many of his Silicon Valley contemporaries, who have long scoffed at his otherworldly beliefs.

``I've met a bunch of the valley's pioneers, and none of them I know are aliens,'' said John McLaughlin, a Silicon Valley historian. ``The valley was built on ingenuity and hard work.''

Even Silicon Valley's ``official'' UFO organization, the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute which is partly financed by high-tech heavyweights from Microsoft, Hewlett-Packard and Intel, is not lining up behind Firmage.

``Roswell has repeatedly been discounted as nothing more than a military experiment,'' SETI Institute President Frank Drake told the Chronicle. ``It is constantly exploited by obsessive types who want to believe. If it's not Santa Claus, then it's aliens.''

Firmage, however, was unperturbed by the lack of support from the high-tech world.

``It's the Flat-Earth society mentality all over again, and I'm here to prove my theory is real,'' he told the newspaper. By Andrew Quinn

UK-UFO-Network Note Joe Firmage's web page can be found at:
www.thewordistruth.org *****

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Source: ITV Teletext News Publish Date: Tuesday 12th January 1999

New Russian Mig fighter

Russia: A new Mig fighter jet, conceived in response to the latest US combat aircraft, has been unveiled.

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Source: Hubble telescope mailing list From: "Nicholas Blachford" <minator@hearit.demon.co.uk> Date Sent: Thursday 10th December 1998

Extraterrestrial Civilisations: Coming of age in the Milky Way

If civilizations exist around other stars they are likely to be just emerging across our Galaxy right now: like an apple orchard suddenly maturing and ripening in the autumn sun.

So concludes Space Telescope Science Institute theorist Mario Livio, in a paper to be published in the Astrophysical Journal.

Livio emphasizes that his theoretical work doesn't necessarily mean extraterrestrial civilizations really do exist, but it shows they cannot be dismissed either.

We would be a lonely, isolated quirk of cosmic evolution if intelligent life forms appear on a planet at some random time in the parent star's life, say some theorists.

Instead, Livio makes the case for a possible causal link between the sun's lifetime and the appearance of intelligent life on earth. This link should hold true for sun-like stars elsewhere in the universe: offering an equal opportunity for intelligent life to arise elsewhere in space.

The second part of his case is based on the possibility that carbon -- the fundamental building block of life as we know it -- may not have been widely available until the universe was about 1/2 its present age.

This means that, given the added billions of years more required for biological evolution, intelligent carbon-based life didn't make an appearance any earlier than roughly 3 billion years ago.

He points out that before the universe could make life like us, it has to make carbon atoms. The carbon was created by nuclear fusion in the hearts of early stars, and then ejected when the stars lost their outer gas layers and left their cores behind as white dwarfs.

Livio calculates that carbon production may have peaked only two billion years before the sun and earth formed, based on estimates of the star formation rate made with Hubble Telescope and other ground-based telescopes.

Though life first emerged on earth a few hundred million years after its formation, it took a vastly longer time - nearly 3 billion years - for the first multi-celled organisms to appear. It took almost another billion years before life emerged from the sea onto the land.

The earliest humans appeared less than 4 million years ago - at about the halfway point in our sun's lifetime. If this were purely coincidental, other theoreticians have argued, then it would take much longer than the life of a star for most civilizations to arise. And so it would be unlikely extraterrestrial civilization would come about at all. We would be alone in the universe: reduced to a novelty - or accident - of the cosmos.

Because sunlight provides far more energy for life than other chemical processes, biological evolution is intimately linked to the sun's behavior, Livio maintains. For example, the complex evolution of our atmosphere is interrelated with the sun. Our planet's atmosphere had to develop ozone to block out destructive UV radiation from the sun before animals could emerge on the land

Likewise, he says, other civilizations should have emerged not much sooner or later than about halfway through their parent star's life cycle. That is, around stars like our sun, or slightly cooler, that live healthy long stable lives and release enough energy to nurture life on accompanying planets.

If Livio is correct, and the Galaxy may be blooming with new civilizations, then where are they? Why haven't they visited us?

Livio cautions that his work does not prove the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations, but points out that earlier conclusions that they do not exist may be premature.

He says that that it's also risky to think civilizations would colonize the Galaxy. "This assumes we have even the vaguest understanding of the psychology of extraterrestrial civilizations."

He adds: "It's impossible to imagine the thinking of a civilization which might have evolved a million of years ahead of humans. We could be about as uninteresting to them as an amoeba is to us. Actual proof will have to await advances in biology and astronomy."

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Source: Sightings On The Radio Publish Date: 7th January 1999
From: bernhard.nahrgang@ob.kamp.net (Bernhard Nahrgang)

Experts Estimate 125 Billion Galaxies In The Universe

A U S T I N, Texas - Looking back in time at a tiny section of sky, the Hubble Space Telescope found there may be 125 billion galaxies in the universe, about 45 billion more than the last best estimate, astronomers reported today.

The new number was based on observations by the orbiting telescope's Deep Field camera last October, when it looked at a speck-sized area of the southern sky, taking what amounts to a visual core sample of the heavens.

The Hubble telescope took a similar view of the northern sky in 1995, and then estimated that there might be 80 billion galaxies in existence.

Harry Ferguson of the Space Telescope Science Institute, which studies Hubble findings, said the southern observations looked a bit further into the past than the northern ones, and managed to detect dimmer objects in space, which accounts for the higher galactic count.

12 Billion Light Years Away

The Deep Field-South project looked 12 billion light years away in distance, back in time to a period perhaps one billion years after the theoretical big bang that astronomers believe created the universe. Hubble's glimpse of the southern sky took in an area that would appear to be "about the size of a grain of sand held at arm's length," Ferguson told reporters at the American Astronomical Society meeting in Austin. But in that small segment of the sky, the telescope spied 620 galaxies. Scientists extrapolated from that sample to theorize that there might be 125 billion galaxies over the whole sky. "Anybody could have predicted it," Ferguson said, stressing that by looking further back in time, it was expected that more galaxies would turn up.

Weird-Shaped Galaxies

Ferguson and other astronomers at a news conference acknowledged that some of the newly detected galaxies were oddly shaped, unlike the symmetrical Milky Way that contains Earth and other more familiar galaxies that are shaped like spirals and ellipses. These newly-spied galaxies appeared to be a disorganized collection of loosely-bound lumps. One astronomer likened their shape to a Danish pastry with raisins and another called one group of these galaxies "a pastry shop." The notion that there might be more galaxies than originally thought is grist for astronomers trying to figure out how the universe developed, especially in its earliest stages, Ferguson said.

Perhaps Ghost Galaxies, Too

Because these observations by Hubble could see very faint objects whose light made its journey toward Earth billions of years ago, it probably counted so-called ghost galaxies in its estimate. Ghost galaxies are tiny, and consist of large amounts of mysterious dark matter. Since astronomers believe that 90 percent of the universe may be made up of dark matter, that makes the ghosts worth studying and new astronomical instruments make this possible. A light year is the distance light travels in a year, about 6 trillion miles.

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Source: ITV Teletext News Publish Date: Saturday 16th January 1999

NSA ban Furbies

The National Security Agency has banned Furbies from its Forte Meade premises in Maryland, USA.

The Furby, Christmas's must-have-toy resembles an owl, with tufts of hair between its huge pink ears.

But because it can repeat what it hears, NSA officials were worried that "they'd start talking classified," one Capitol Hill source said.

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abduction can be very traumatic.1 Such recovery should not be attempted without a support system securely in place. This support system might consist of a spouse, family member, friend, co-worker, another experiencer, or a combination of any or all of these. I was fortunate to have a very supportive husband, and open-minded friends and family members.

The initial shock (for me) was a shattering of my world-view. I had never given credence to stories of aliens abducting human beings, and had no desire to be a part of those who said aliens had abducted them. The urge to remain in denial was very strong, and was exacerbated by the secondary wounding that occurs when family and/or friends respond with disbelief or denial.2

Once you finally accept the reality of the alien presence, it becomes necessary to explain its presence -- to somehow humanize its motives -- and this becomes the final area of contention. Sadly, it is contention with no answers -- only opinions. What follows are my opinions, based on my experiences with this alien presence.

There appear to be three sub-groups of believers in the alien abduction phenomenon. These sub-groups consist of those who believe the aliens are: 1) benevolent, 2) neutral, and 3) malevolent. My encounters have been primarily neutral in nature, and my current stance is one of wary neutrality.

I am not a channeler, and have received no information from the entities, except during face-to-face encounters. The messages I have received from them have primarily consisted of short platitudes, and have been designed to facilitate their end results with the least interference from me. (Examples are: No harm will come to you, Do not fear, Its not the time to know.) Other messages have indicated that the beings are immeasurably more ancient than the human race, and that they have been here interacting with us far longer than we realize. I have sensed several concepts related to their relationship with humans:

- 1) They have indicated annoyance when persistently questioned about details they dont wish to divulge. Usually, such persistent questioning by me has led to the leader rendering me unconscious. (During this process, the leader normally has made eye contact with me, and through his stronger mental force of will is able to cause me to black out.
- 2) On occasion, the leader has indicated an almost-human sense of humor. During one encounter, the leader hugged me, and in response to my plea to remember to send me home, it responded, These humans -- as long as weve dealt with them, and they never seem to learn! (I guess he/it was in a good mood that evening!)
- 3) By far, the message with the most impact that Ive received has been, This is how we breed. What are the implications of this statement, if literally true? What are they breeding? What are their motivations? What are their plans for the stock (human/alien/hybrid?) theyre breeding? These are questions that demand answers.

While none of my experiences has indicated overt malevolence on the part of the aliens, neither has any experience convinced me of their benevolence, nor the need for their interference in human lives. I feel strongly that there is a true core experience involved with every human touched by the alien abduction phenomenon, and that each of us incorporates the experience into our lives utilizing our own personal psyche. No matter how we choose to decide on the entities ultimate motivations, the hard truth remains that we are being forcibly removed from our consensus reality by something alien, we are being quasi-medically examined on a physical and mental level, and we are powerless to prevent the abductions. Were the perpetrators human, would we have any difficulty in recognizing the wrongness of their actions?

I have often been asked, But hasnt the experience made you grow? and, Doesnt that growth prove its benevolent? My answer is, Yes, I have grown emotionally and spiritually. However, I attribute the growth to my inner resources; not to an alien creature whose interference in my life created turmoil. I would no more thank a devastating accident for occurring in my life, regardless of the growth caused by my survival of a traumatic

event. We must learn to differentiate between outcome and catalyst, or we will forever run in fear as victims, or worship at the feet of a false god.

I have no idea where these entities come from -- whether they are extraterrestrial, interdimensional, time-travelers, or a form of earth-life that has always existed side-by-side with humans. Perhaps all that really matters is that they are here -- now -- and we need to deal with them.

Whatever these aliens are -- wherever they come from -- cant we meet them, not as children, not as supplicants on our knees begging for an end to our ills, but instead on equal footing, standing eye-to-eye, as responsible adults?

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Re: Abduction Hypotheses

From: **Leanne Martin** <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:23:36 PST
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:41:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypotheses

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Abduction Hypotheses [was: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conf...]
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 22:18:19 -0600

<snip>

>(10).....add you own 'explanations', or hypotheses as you
>will. Lord knows I have, but none of them seem to wholly
>address the concerns of my friends who have been abused by these
>experiences.

>Like I've said in previous messages, whenever I get abducted by
>aliens, contacted by Jesus, or have a Roswell UFO crash in my
>front yard, I'll be sure to give you a more refined hypothesis
>based on my new set of experiential data.

G'day John & List,

My point 10 of your great list:

Dreamstates brought on by the pressures of modern life where the dreamer is struggling (via analogy) with powerlessness fealt in day-to-day life. A powerlessness, real or imagined, in dealing with authority figures, bureaucrats, politicians, religious leaders & etc.

Regards,
Leanne];-)

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

From: **Leanne Martin** <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:37:26 PST
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:43:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:55:29 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality [was... 1999 UFO Alien...]

>The experience leaves one exceedingly disturbed, is entirely too
>realistic and remains in the memory longer than the worst of
>recurring dreams. IF it continues off and on over a lifetime,
>the results of such a personal encounter are fascinatingly
>personal. It is like getting raped, altho being a guy, I can
>never truly relate to that.

<snip>

>Dr. Gesundt.
>A very old fool for my age.

G'day Jim (& List),

A nice read Jim (btw - sorry for miss spelling your name the other day - I realised it as soon as I hit 'Send').

In all seriousness . . .

Do you know whether you needed a lot of hospital visits as an infant? What have your parents told you of your first two years of life? Were you a premature baby who needed life support?

It strikes me as a possible cause of your dream as a toddler. I can understand if you see this as too intrusive.

Does anyone know of any correlation between being a prem-baby and 'abduction' experiences?

Regards,
Leanne];-)

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UFO TV Program On Channel 4 (UK) Next Monday

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 00:04:15 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:46:04 -0500
Subject: UFO TV Program On Channel 4 (UK) Next Monday

Forwarded from the newsgroup "uk.rec.ufo".

Stig

From: mhubbard@notmyaddress.seeheaders.gov (Mike Hubbard)
Newsgroups: uk.rec.ufo
Subject: UFO TV programme on Channel 4 next Monday.
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 17:42:53 GMT

From: www.channel4.co.uk website:

Monday 1st February.

20.00 RIDDLE OF THE SKIES

Is There Anybody Out There?

The idea that unidentified flying objects may be craft from another world is considered by many to be the fantasy of a lunatic fringe - it's a subject that sharply divides sceptics from believers. And yet, there are thousands of UFO witnesses world wide - including pilots, air traffic controllers and military personnel - who are convinced it is the most likely explanation of a strange phenomenon. How absurd is this belief? What kind of evidence underpins it? Is it worthy of serious study? Following a close encounter with a UFO in 1990 the Royal Belgian Air Force thinks it is. Featuring some fascinating footage including that of unidentified flashing lights outside a NASA shuttle, in *Is There Anybody Out There?* scientists, astronomers, astronauts and cosmonauts acknowledge that we are most probably not alone in the universe, while two reputable physicists and an Air Force general think it highly likely that ET is already here and there are strange happenings in space that remain unexplained.

Riddle of the Skies combines tantalisingly ambiguous footage with the eyewitness accounts of distinguished scientists and astronauts, all braving the stigma of confessing belief in life elsewhere. Boston University professor and former NASA scientist FAROUK EL BAZ describes unexplained events on the moon observed by one Apollo astronaut. In another bizarre incident, astronauts witnessed flashes of light outside their shuttle. Their tense radio conversation reveals nervous uncertainty - "Who'd be taking pictures?" asks one. In Puerto Rico, astronomer SETH SHOSTAK scours deep space using the world's largest radio telescope. As part of the NASA initiated programme SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) Shostak and his team may be our best chance of making contact. "The vastness of the cosmos," he says "is a lot of real estate and this isn't the only galaxy where anything interesting is happening." And there are over 50 billion other galaxies. Astronaut STORY MUSGRAVE spent 30 years with NASA and has been on six missions. Though he is adamant that he has never found any proof, he's open to the idea of advanced civilisations out there. "I believe that they are so advanced that they are even doing interstellar travel."

Colonel ANDRE AMOND of the Belgian army recounts the

extraordinary events of 1990 when hundreds of separate UFO sightings were recorded. He and his wife witnessed a UFO hovering over his car one night. "There were three triangular yellow lights and a pulsing central light," says Amond, "The object flew away very fast." Recorded on film and tracked on radar, these unidentified flying objects even evaded Air Force jet fighters. The conclusions made then were that these were not meteorological phenomenon or experimental aircraft. In this case at least, extraterrestrial activity cannot be entirely excluded.

Since rumours of alien spacecraft emerged from Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, UFOs have increasingly been the subject matter of grainy, hand-held, out-of-focus 'proof'. The proliferation of video cameras has multiplied the often absurd evidence. Riddle of the Skies however presents footage of a far more convincing nature. The accounts of Soviet cosmonauts and NASA astronauts describing strange objects seen in space are accompanied by mission footage, showing some extraordinary and inexplicable formations around the Earth.

Next week's programme The Evidence on Earth features pilots, air traffic controller and high ranking military officers talking openly about their experiences with UFOs.

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"Snooker is not the most exciting of sports. Robot snooker, on the other hand, is right up there with nude power boat racing". - The voice of desperation, or it might have been Jeremy Clarkson.

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Re: -=[For The Record]= STS-80 NASA Footage

From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 15:07:06 PST
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:47:48 -0500
Subject: Re: -=[For The Record]= STS-80 NASA Footage

>From: Skywatch International Inc. <skywatch@ltlb.com>
>To: "discuss" <discuss@unix.ltlb.com>
>Subject: (Skyopen) FW: STS-80 NASA Footage
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 04:55:29 -0600

>From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@hotmail.com>
>Sent: Thursday, January 28, 1999 11:33 AM
>To: encounters@confirmation.net
>Subject: STS-80 NASA footage

<snip>

G'day List,

This takes me back to John Ratcliffs rant of last week - I now know I don't want to get a Hoagland rant with lots of little Hoagies running around as they will probably try to sell it from under me. <g>

Regards,
Leanne];-)

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Re: Roswell 1999 - Renewed Perspective?

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 20:12:51 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:50:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell 1999 - Renewed Perspective?

>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:51:26 -0500
>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Roswell 1999 - Renewed Perspective?

At the risk of starting another fire storm, I just have a couple of clarifications for Tom Carey's piece about the status of the continuing Roswell investigation.

>1. We are presently trying to enlist the cooperation of a
>first-hand witness who claims to have actually held a piece of
>something similar to Frankie Rowe's "memory metal" in his hands
>within the past two years. We have gotten as far as having the
>witness agree to meet with us personally to try to coordinate
>with the owners of the artifact to let us examine it. It is
>quite conceivable that by the time you are reading this we will
>be meeting with all parties concerned.

I sure hope this isn't a reference to Royal MacKenzie, the police officer who suggests that while in Roswell, he happened to overhear a couple of long-time residents talking about the case. They finally showed MacKenzie the piece of debris.

>Just before he passed away in 1994, former Roswell base
>adjutant in 1947, Maj. Patrick Saunders, wrote on a copy of The
>Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell (1994) that he sent to the
>book's authors, Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt, this cathartic
>statement, "This is the truth, and I still haven't told anyone".

This isn't quite accurate. Saunders did write on multiple copies of the book that it was the truth (as we have discussed on Updates in the past) but I didn't learn about it until about eighteen months after he died. One of those who received the book wrote to me about it. Naturally, I would have contacted Saunders again to learn as much as I could, but he was dead. Instead I talked to the friends, the widow, and corresponded with a daughter who lives in Spain.

KRandle

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TASS Story On Russian Plasma Stealth Confirmed

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 02:49:35 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:52:12 -0500
Subject: TASS Story On Russian Plasma Stealth Confirmed

Source:

<http://www.ufomind.com/military/aircraft/skunkworks/mailling/msg02038.shtml>

Stig

Skunk Works Mailing List

Re: Russian plasma stealth?

From: "Allen Thomson"
Subject: Re: Russian plasma stealth?
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:23:58 -0700

Sam Kaltsidis said:

>I've also removed those annoying carriage returns,
>but haven't fixed the spelling errors.

>BTW: What's up with all the spelling mistakes? Did
>this really come from a news agency?

>Author=Philip Kaploun
>Russian Low Observability Technologies Data
>Released
>Russian Scientists Created Revolutionary Low
>Observability Technologies
>Moscow, January 20. Nicolai Novichkov, ITAR-TASS
>information agency

<everything snipped>

>Translation by Philip Kaploun.

Novichkov is a well-known and respected aerospace reporter. Most of the text has the typical look of stuff that has been almost-translated into English from Russian, but some of it makes me think Kaploun may be more familiar with French than English terminology (e.g., "furtiveness" instead of "stealthiness"). Or maybe he was doing it from a French almost-translation of the Russian original

"pharabod@in2p3.fr" who broke the story to the Skunk Works list is French, so maybe he got the story from AFP (Agence France-Presse).

Stig

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UFOMIND: Getting closer to Element 115 [news]

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 03:06:47 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:54:29 -0500
Subject: UFOMIND: Getting closer to Element 115 [news]

From: campbell@ufomind.com (Glenn Campbell, Las Vegas)
Subject: UFOMIND: Getting closer to Element 115 [news]
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 16:21:26 -0800
To: ufomind@lists.best.com

Via: [withheld by request]@llnl.gov

>From LLNL's own NEWSLINE:

----- Begin Press Release -----

Subject: Russia-Livermore Scientists may have produced elusive heavy element 114

A Russian-Livermore experiment at Russia's Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna may have produced the long-sought element 114, according to news reports out of Russia.

The Dubna accelerator fired calcium-48 atoms into a Livermore supplied target of Plutonium-244 in a 40 day experiment that wrapped up at the end of December 1998. Detectors picked up signs of a single atom of a heavy element, tentatively identified as 114, by a tell-tale sequence of alpha-particle emissions followed by a spontaneous fission, due to decay of the atom and the subsequent decay of its daughters".

Livermore nuclear chemist Ken Moody spoke with caution about the experiments. "these are very interesting findings," he said. "The analysis we are doing now should tell us how to interpret the results."

"If confirmed, the synthesis of element 114 will create an important new opportunity to study the physics of extremely heavy elements," said Energy secretary Bill Richardson. "creating 114 has long been a goal of Nuclear Physicists. It is significant that this latest experiment is an international effort, a collaborative project involving Russian scientists at Dubna, and American scientists from DOE's Lawrence Livermore National Lab".

Livermore's participation was supported by Laboratory Directed Research and Development. Moody and collaborators Ron Loughheed, John Wild, Nancy Stoyer and Mark Stoyer of the Analytical and Nuclear Chemistry division supplied the plutonium target and participated in the design and implementation of the experiments, and the subsequent data analysis. They have worked in the highly competitive field of heavy element synthesis at the three world's major centers for such research, in Berkeley, Dubna and Darmstadt, and are careful not to count chickens prematurely.

Still, they agree it is an exciting time. Synthesizing element 114 is a long sought goal because of theoretical predictions that it will be part of an "island of stability" in an ocean of instability. Lighter (but still extremely heavy) elements like 108 last only thousandths of a second before falling apart. The observations at Dubna suggested a 30-second lifetime for the 114

candidate, a veritable Rock of Gibraltar compared to some of its more ephemeral neighbors.

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>I'm sorry that so many took my comments as negative when they
>were only a suggestion for some balance. Greg Sandow has
>suggested that Jerry Clark (truly the historian of the UFO
>phenomena) will provide that balance. I would, of course, have
>preferred to make the argument myself, but that is not to be.

>KRandle

Kevin,

As you may or may not be aware, I will be hosting the next National UFO Conference here in San Antonio, to which I hereby extend an official invitation. Would you like to speak about your abduction book?

We can put you up and pay for your airfare. (Hopefully, via Southwest Airlines, but not absolutely necessary.)

Conference dates haven't been finalized yet, but will probably be sometime in June. Details to follow.

As a bonus, I'll be leading guided tours to the site of Whitley Strieber's "Secret School" in the Olmos Basin. Worth the price of admission alone!

You can respond privately or via the thread.

Dennis Stacy

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Martian Chronicle

Mars may well be the next great frontier. But what kind of world should we make there?

By John Tierney

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A couple of years ago, after hearing an engineer named Robert Zubrin rhapsodize about his plan for a privately financed expedition to Mars, I tried out the idea on America's masters of marketing. I sent an outline of the scheme to Bill Gates, Ted Turner, Barry Diller, Peter Uberroth, television executives such as ABC's Roone Arledge and NBC's Don Ohlmeyer, the leaders of DreamWorks, and a long list of other people whose names tend to be accompanied by the word visionary. I wasn't asking for money, just for their thoughts on how humanity's interplanetary adventure could be packaged profitably, but most of them didn't even want to think about it. Except for a few enthusiasts, they couldn't imagine how you could make the trip interesting enough to pay the bills. How could you hold the audience for such a long trip to such a desolate place?

"Personally," Barry Diller explained, "I don't care about going to Mars."

Personally, I did. But I didn't presume to know as much about the mass audience as Diller and his fellow moguls. They knew how short the public's attention span could be; they remembered how quickly people had gotten bored with the Apollo program. What, really, was the point of going to Mars? If the idea made any commercial sense, why wasn't someone working on it? I wondered if Zubrin was hopelessly unrealistic--until this past summer, when he managed to get 700 people from 40 countries to travel to Boulder, Colorado.

Officially, it was the founding convention of the Mars Society. Unofficially, it was the Woodstock of Mars, a horde of scientists, entrepreneurs, schoolteachers, lawyers, writers, engineers, college students, musicians, computer geeks, and assorted hustlers wearing "MARS OR BUST" buttons. They ranged from space hobbyists to the president of a company working on a privately financed mission to survey an asteroid. They debated the cost of spaceships and whether to power the Mars land rover with a nuclear reactor. They bought Mars trinkets and pictures. They analyzed details ranging from the proper Martian calendar

(there are dozens of competing systems) to the mechanics of creating a breathable atmosphere on Mars.

And they cheered Zubrin, who is one of the more riveting engineer-orators in history. A short man with intense dark eyes and a passionate speaking style--he can bring to mind Savonarola--he railed at the stagnation that would afflict humans without a frontier to conquer. He extolled the Europeans who crossed the Atlantic 500 years ago to find freedom in the New World and the Africans who left the comforts of the tropics 50,000 years ago for the cold, harsh regions where they were forced to develop the tools that made civilization possible. "Humans did not leave paradise because they ate of the tree of knowledge," he proclaimed. "They ate of the tree of knowledge because they left paradise." The audience gave him a two-minute standing ovation.

In some ways it was reminiscent of the passion for space back in the 1960s, but not even the moon landings had ever aroused such a zealous corps of volunteer mission planners. These people wanted much more than another Apollo program, whose achievements they dismissed as "flags and footprints." Their heroes were from earlier eras of exploration: Columbus, the Pilgrims, Lewis and Clark, the settlers of the American West. As they put it in their society's founding declaration, "The settling of the Martian New World is an opportunity for a noble experiment in which humanity has another chance to shed old baggage and begin the world anew."

They were dangerously close to utopianism--which at first seemed odd, given that Zubrin and a good many of the others are libertarians. Ordinarily, libertarians are too busy opposing politicians' utopian schemes to be preaching their own. But as they fantasized about casting off the chains of earthly governments, the Mars-libertarian connection began to make sense. Mars gives libertarians a rare chance to be for something, to present a grand vision of freedom instead of merely trying to fend off the latest excesses of big government. Building the future is a splendid alternative to the drudgery of deregulating and privatizing the present. Spaceships and extraterrestrial colonies evoke the sort of emotions inspired by cathedrals in the Middle Ages--or, to use a more recent example, by modern architecture in The Fountainhead.

Libertarians can appreciate Mars in a way that Barry Diller and his fellow moguls can't. A desolate planet free of earthly institutions is more appealing to libertarians than it is to the corporate elite, just as the New World was more appealing to the Pilgrims and other contrarians than it was to the European aristocracy. It will take some doing to settle Mars, but libertarians have a crucial advantage. They're not expecting government bureaucrats to do the job. They know better than to count on NASA.

Four decades after the Lewis and Clark expedition, the American West had been mapped by trappers and was being rapidly settled by farmers. It has now been nearly four decades since the first explorers went into space, and what do we have to show for it? Chiefly two government programs that have created lots of jobs and produced massive cost overruns: the space shuttle and the space station. Rick Tumlinson, the president of the Space Frontier Foundation, is grateful that NASA did not exist in Thomas Jefferson's day.

"Suppose," Tumlinson says, "that when Lewis and Clark returned from their trip, Jefferson had told them, 'Mr. Clark, you develop a Conestoga shuttle. Mr. Lewis, I want you to build a national cabin.' And 30 years later they had three or four Conestoga shuttles, and they were just beginning to build the national cabin. That's where we are today."

Admittedly, space poses more logistical challenges than the American West. But NASA has shown a genius for complicating those challenges. It is burdened not only by bureaucratic inefficiency and pork barrel politics (every superfluous job means votes in someone's congressional district) but also by the public's aversion to risk. Private explorers can afford to fail and risk lives; NASA's leaders are expected by politicians and the press to prevent any loss of life or damage to "national prestige." They're forced to avoid another Challenger

disaster at all costs.

"The cost of space travel ought to be declining with new technology, but it's not," says Edward L. Hudgins, director of regulatory studies at the Cato Institute. "About three decades after the Wright brothers' flight, the commercially viable DC-3 was flying. But today the cost of placing payloads into orbit on the shuttle is 10 times higher than it was during the Apollo program. By contrast, in the past 20 years the cost of airline tickets per passenger mile has dropped by 30 percent, and the cost of shipping oil has dropped 80 percent."

NASA's profligacy became absurdly obvious in 1989, when the agency was asked by President Bush to plan a mission to Mars. It responded with a \$400 billion proposal to build a 1,000-ton interplanetary spaceship the length of a football field, which would have carried all the fuel for the return voyage. It would have been assembled in orbit because it was too large to be launched from Earth--"the battlestar Galactica," as Zubrin dubbed it. At the time he was an engineer at Martin Marietta Astronautics and a member of an informal group called the Mars Underground that met occasionally to dream of interplanetary travel. He and a colleague at Martin Marietta, Donald Baker, came up with an alternative to NASA's battlestar Galactica by adopting the philosophy of Roald Amundsen, the entrepreneurial Norwegian who explored the polar regions early this century.

Besides winning the race to the South Pole, Amundsen was the first person to sail the Northwest Passage, which he accomplished by avoiding the mistakes of the British Navy. As the NASA of its day, the Royal Navy in the 19th century sent one lavishly provisioned expedition after another in search of the Northwest Passage, but the large ships kept getting stuck in the Arctic ice, and when the food ran out the men had to return home (or perish, as many of them did). Amundsen, who was financing his own expedition, bought a small fishing boat and took a crew of just six. Unable to bring huge stores of food, he learned to live off the land by hunting caribou as he maneuvered the small boat through the ice all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"Amundsen's expedition was a brilliant example of a small group of explorers succeeding on a shoestring budget," Zubrin says. "Lewis and Clark's was another. Before their journey, armies with big baggage trains had failed to make any significant penetration in the American West. But Lewis and Clark managed to cross the continent with just 25 men."

To reach Mars, Zubrin proposed replacing NASA's huge ship with a vessel small and light enough to be launched directly from Earth. It would not need to carry fuel for the return trip because the Martian explorers, like Amundsen, would exploit local resources: the carbon dioxide in the Martian atmosphere, which when combined with hydrogen brought from Earth, could be converted to methane and liquid oxygen to fuel the return voyage. Zubrin built a machine to demonstrate how easily it could be done, and eventually NASA adopted his idea. It redesigned the Mars mission, lowering the cost estimate from \$400 billion to \$55 billion, and is contemplating a trip sometime after 2010.

But Zubrin, who's now the president of his own firm in Boulder, Pioneer Astronautics, has pared down NASA's plans to come up with a still cheaper mission. He figures that within a decade a private entrepreneur could get to Mars and back for a mere \$5 billion. He's been promoting this idea in lectures and in a book, *The Case for Mars*, that has been translated into half a dozen languages and attracted letters from thousands of Mars enthusiasts around the world. (See "Spaceship Enterprise," April 1997.)

Other engineers estimate the cost of a private mission might be more like \$10 billion, maybe up to \$20 billion, but even at those prices the trip is not an absurdly extravagant dream. NASA's budget for a single year is \$13 billion. For the estimated cost of building and operating the space station, \$100 billion, you could send a fleet of Zubrin's ships to Mars. By NASA standards, the cost of a private Mars mission is chump change.

But by venture capital standards, it's a lot of money for a

highly speculative endeavor. To pay for the mission, Zubrin and members of the Mars Society have been analyzing the financing techniques of pre-NASA explorers and looking for new ideas. Some possibilities:

The Mars Prize. Zubrin tried selling this idea during a dinner with then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who got so enthusiastic that the meal lasted for four hours. But Gingrich never followed through on the proposal, which calls for Congress to promise \$20 billion to the first explorers who reach Mars and return. In case that prize isn't enough to interest entrepreneurs in such a risky all-or-nothing venture, Zubrin also envisions offering smaller bonuses for achieving technical milestones along the way, like sending the equipment for making fuel to Mars.

Prizes have been used in the past to spur public-private ventures in exploration. Fifteenth-century Spanish and Portuguese rulers offered financial inducements to captains who ventured down the African coast and across the Atlantic. In the 19th century, the British Parliament offered cash awards for reaching the North Pole and for venturing westward into the Arctic ice: a prize of [sterling]5,000 for reaching 110 degrees west, double that for reaching 130 degrees, and triple that for 150 degrees.

For politicians, the most appealing aspect of the Mars Prize is that they could reap the publicity of announcing it without having to pay for it immediately. They could present themselves as both patrons of exploration and opponents of make-work government programs. NASA would surely object to the proposal, and so might libertarian purists, who could argue that there's no need for the public to finance any kind of Martian adventure. But to some extent, the knowledge gained from Martian exploration would be a public good; so would the national glory, for whatever that's worth. And there's always the preservation-of-the-species argument: By supporting the exploration of a potential new home, the public is buying insurance against Earth's becoming uninhabitable.

The Mars Prize would certainly be more defensible than NASA's current monopoly on public funds for space exploration. Still, there's no reason the trip must be financed by the government. Entrepreneurial explorers have long profited from the fortunes and egos of...

Rich Patrons. In 1911, William Randolph Hearst offered a \$50,000 prize to the first person to fly across America in less than 30 days. Calbraith Perry Rodgers immediately set out to win it in a plane called the Vin Fiz, named after a carbonated grape drink manufactured by his sponsor, the Armour Meat Packing Company. He endured 15 accidents on the way from New York to Los Angeles, one of which landed him in the hospital for a month. He didn't meet the deadline--it took him 84 days--but he did complete the trip. Other prizes have been offered for human-powered flight (a \$200,000 award claimed in 1978, when the Gossamer Albatross flew a mile) and for the first manned, completely reusable spaceship (a \$10 million award, announced in 1996 by the X Prize Foundation, that has yet to be claimed).

The Mars Prize would be an expensive proposition, but modern-day Hearsts such as Bill Gates could afford to offer it. Or they could directly finance expeditions, the way wealthy gentlemen supported polar exploration at the start of the century. Robert Peary, for instance, was bankrolled by the Peary Arctic Club, a group of businessmen who paid for the privilege of basking in his company and achieving geographic immortality. Peary and other polar explorers named mountains and glaciers after the American, British, and Norwegian plutocrats who financed the discoveries. Mars' most prominent features, like its 18-mile-high volcano and 2,800-mile-long version of the Grand Canyon, have already been named, but the first explorers there--and certainly the first settlers--could exercise their prerogative to assign new names.

The patrons of Arctic expeditions also sometimes paid to tag along for part of the trip. Peary brought wealthy sponsors on his ship; Frederick C. Cook was accompanied by a sportsman who wanted to hunt. The Mars mission--six months traveling there, two years on the surface, and six months back--might be too

grueling a vacation for the typical billionaire. But plenty of other people would pay for a chance to go along, and there's a clever way to get hold of their money.

The Mars Lottery. Perhaps the most promising new idea at the conference in Boulder came from someone outside the aerospace industry. Alex Duncan, a local resident with experience in the commodities business, proposed an international Mars Lottery, modeled on the lottery based in Lichtenstein that raises funds internationally for the Red Cross. A Mars Lottery could be headquartered anywhere and reach a global audience through the Internet.

Besides the usual cash prizes, which could be awarded fortnightly or monthly, the Mars Lottery would have two big selling points. First, participants would know that a portion of the proceeds was going to support a private expedition to Mars. Second, and more important, participants would be buying a chance to go themselves. Duncan proposed that all the winners of the regular drawings become eligible for a grand prize: a berth on the first ship to Mars, assuming that the winner of this grand drawing met the physical and mental requirements for the voyage. Duncan figures that the proceeds from this lottery could pay for the whole Mars mission within three to five years.

A variation on his scheme would be to give the winner of each regular drawing the option of trying out for the mission at the explorers' training camp, which would probably be in the Arctic (to simulate the frigid conditions on Mars). The leader of the crew could evaluate dozens, maybe hundreds, of different winners and choose one or two for the trip. This system would produce a better crew and also increase the appeal of the lottery, because each winner would be getting an Arctic adventure in addition to the cash prize.

Media and Marketing. The Summer Olympics last just three weeks and generate more than \$2 billion in fees from television networks and corporate sponsors. The three-year Mars mission has the potential to make much more money, possibly enough to pay for itself, solely with the revenue from media rights and corporate tie-ins.

Just as Henry Morton Stanley charged the expenses of his African journeys to the New York Herald, just as Sir Ernest Shackleton paid for his Antarctic voyages with best-selling books and international lecture tours, the Mars explorers could tap into the global appetite for adventure stories. And just as Shackleton exploited the new media of his day--at his lectures in 1910 he showed the first movies from the Antarctic--the Mars explorers could reach a paying audience through new cable channels and Web sites. The media coverage of the mission would attract the same kind of sponsors who pay to be part of the Olympics. Outdoor gear makers and high-technology firms would have a special incentive to have their logos and products associated with the adventure.

Although some sponsors would be reluctant to get involved with a project that could fail spectacularly and fatally, others (especially those selling products to young males) would be attracted by the aura of danger. But the dangers must seem worthwhile; the mission shouldn't come off as a pointless stunt. If the trip appeared to be just a longer version of Apollo 11, another enterprise that left nothing but flags and footprints, it would be less appealing to the audience--and therefore to potential sponsors. That's one reason that Zubrin and his disciples focus on analogies with Columbus instead of Neil Armstrong. The vision of Mars as the New World lends the first trip gravitas.

But why would anyone, especially a libertarian devoted to free markets, believe that a Mars colony would be a good investment? The first humans on Mars will encounter horrific dust storms, temperatures of minus 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and an unbreathable atmosphere. If they stood on the Martian surface without a pressurized suit, their blood would expand and burst out of their veins. Why would it pay to stick around?

At first glance, Mars has none of the commercial opportunities that drew the first Europeans to America. Columbus, who was financed by merchants as well as by Queen Isabella, crossed the

Atlantic with the intention of making money. Even after his first goal, a trade route to the Orient, proved unattainable, there were other attractions for investors. The Spanish conquered the natives and took home gold; the French and Dutch set up trading posts in North America to acquire furs.

Mars offers no such inducements, unless you count the souvenir value of its rocks. Otherwise the minerals in its crust appear to be of little value. Science fiction writers like to imagine humans profitably mining asteroids and other planets, but there's no looming scarcity of minerals on Earth. The prices of metals and most other natural resources have been falling for millennia. Unless the prices here rise dramatically, or the cost of interplanetary shipping plummets, space miners won't be able to profitably export Mars' resources in the foreseeable future.

But Mars does have some resources of local value: water, carbon dioxide, and real estate. It contains as much dry land as all the continents on Earth, and the leaders of the Mars Society have big plans for it. They want to "terraform" Mars by injecting chlorofluorocarbons into its atmosphere and setting off a runaway greenhouse effect. As the planet thawed, the atmosphere would thicken with carbon dioxide released from melting ice caps and soil. Add some trees and plants to convert the carbon dioxide into oxygen, and before long humans could be breathing comfortably as they strolled in shirt sleeves on the green planet.

This scheme sounds outlandish today, but there was a time when Europeans couldn't imagine settling the American wilderness either. The Spanish and French leaders, as well as the officials of the Dutch West India Company, didn't initially emphasize permanent settlements of families. They sent mainly single men--soldiers, traders, and trappers--on temporary assignments to extract resources. America was a nice place to exploit, but you wouldn't want to live there.

"From the Spanish point of view," Zubrin says, "the only parts of the Americas that were valuable were the places with civilized Indians that could be taxed. They dismissed the rest as a howling wilderness. The British had a different notion of where wealth comes from. They created farms and towns in New England, turning the wilderness into a domain where social reproduction could occur."

The British settlers, motivated by a yearning for religious freedom, eventually outnumbered and expelled the Spanish, French, and Dutch from most of North America. Isolated from Europe, they created new kinds of communities with new kinds of liberties. "Humanity needs room to play and experiment with ideas in human governance," Zubrin says. "In 1776 Thomas Paine wrote, 'We hold it in our power to begin the world anew.' So they did, and so do we. People will endure the risk and hardships of emigrating to Mars if, like the colonists in America, they can find a higher level of freedom."

Zubrin has come up with 16 new rights he would like to see on Mars, such as the right "to build, develop natural resources, and improve nature," and the right to practice an occupation without a license. "The Martian frontier could be like the frontier in the American West, where you didn't need a license to be a doctor," Zubrin says. "If you got good results, you had a clientele. If you had bad results, you were lynched."

His fellow libertarians have come up with their own bills of rights for Mars, which are being debated on the Mars Society's Web site (www.marssociety.org). What kind of property rights should there be on Mars? Should euthanasia and narcotics be legal? Do Earthlings even have the right to discuss the rights of future Martians? There's a certain absurdity to the debate--and to the very existence of the Mars Law and Governance Task Group--but also a certain glamour. If you're going to conduct a theoretical argument about something as arcane as occupational licensing, you may as well set it in outer space.

Meanwhile, back on planet Earth, the more mundane question remains: Who pays for the first trip? At its founding convention, the Mars Society resolved to raise \$1 million to establish its own training base in the Arctic, on Canada's

Devon Island, and it's also planning to send its own instrument along on a NASA spacecraft in 2003.

"We might want to send along a balloon that will float above Mars with a camera attached to it," Zubrin says. "We could market that for its entertainment value and advertising revenue. Maybe you couldn't pay for the whole mission with that revenue, but the Mars Society membership would pay for the difference. It's the Jacques Cousteau model: You combine membership dues with commercial revenues from films and documentaries. As you take one little step after another; you build up your credibility to raise the \$5 billion for the manned mission."

Already a few entrepreneurs are looking to launch their own missions into space. Two companies, hoping to tap the adventure travel market, have announced plans to build space planes that will take customers for a brief ride just outside the atmosphere. Another firm, Space Dev, has raised \$20 million as part of its plan to send scientific instruments to survey an asteroid and sell the data to scientists. But the Mars mission requires investment of another order of magnitude, and even enthusiasts like Zubrin aren't sure the private sector will take the risk anytime soon. As he hopes for a private mission, he's also lobbying for an old-fashioned NASA program.

"I'm a hard libertarian about rights on Mars, but not about getting there," he says. "With something as risky as Mars, it would be useful for the government to absorb some of the up-front costs. Spanish merchants weren't willing to back Columbus' first trip without royal involvement. Lewis and Clark were funded by the U.S. government--and then, as soon as they came back and said there's beaver there, John Jacob Astor's people did their own private exploration that ultimately was much more extensive than the government's. The American government also stimulated the private sector by setting up forts in the frontier, which attracted peddlers who established trade routes in the area. If the government set up a research base on Mars, it would stimulate private competition to lower the costs of delivering cargo."

Once the cost of transport to Mars dropped, real estate speculators might begin to see the planet's potential. One member of the Mars Society, Richard Allen Brown, has proposed that a private company divide Mars into a million plots, each 25,000 acres, and sell bonds giving a 100-year option on each plot. By charging \$20,000 for each bond, the company could raise \$20 billion. It would invest this capital conservatively and use the income, about \$1 billion a year, to finance the exploration and settlement of Mars over the course of a century. If you bought a bond and the land eventually became valuable, you (or your heir) could exercise the option to trade in the bond for a deed to the land. If after 100 years the option still hadn't been exercised, your heir could redeem the bond for the original capital investment of \$20,000.

Mars bonds would not be for the timid investor. Even if the land did become valuable, there's no guarantee that your deed to the land would be recognized, because for now there's no internationally recognized method of claiming land in outer space. The vagaries of space property law make a another great topic of discussion among Mars Society members. (See "A Little Piece of Heaven," November.) But then, the first investors in the New World did not have secure property rights either.

"People in England were buying and selling Kentucky back in the 1600s, when it might as well have been Mars," Zubrin says. "No British citizen had been there, and it wasn't clear that British law would prevail--the French and Spanish had claims there too. But the king of England would sell patents to a nobleman, who would sell pieces to capitalists willing to speculate on the British. They'd hire someone to survey it, and then, if there were good prospects, they'd sell the land at a profit or start developing it by sending in settlers."

It's conceivable that the interplanetary version of the French and Indian War would be a conflict between rival companies or countries trying to claim Martian real estate. Perhaps more likely, the war could pit speculators against those who wanted to preserve Mars from capitalist development. Already a handful of countries (not including the United States) have signed a

treaty declaring all extraterrestrial bodies to be "the common heritage of mankind," as Antarctica is treated today. The scientists who are now fighting to keep Antarctica pristine--which generally means excluding every money-making activity except for their research projects--would probably try to preserve Mars for themselves too. Environmentalists who now demand the preservation of malarial swamps and frozen tundras probably would find reason to preserve Mars in its "natural" state.

In fact, Zubrin's development plans even provoked some opposition at the founding convention of the Mars Society. Environmentalists in the audience rose to object when he declared it our species' Manifest Destiny to terraform the Martian environment. But Zubrin managed to quell the opposition, and get another ovation, by explaining that the Red Planet would become a green haven for terrestrial species whose habitat might one day be endangered.

"We must protect billions of our fellow creatures," he said. "Raccoons and maple trees can't get to Mars on their own. We have to help them there. Humans have eaten a lot of fish, and now we're going to repay the favor by taking fish to Mars. It's our duty to the biosphere."

It was a lovely moment, a developer outgreening environmentalists by nobly espousing the largest real estate project in history, and it illustrated why Mars is a no-lose proposition for libertarians. If colonizing the Red Planet ever becomes a practical possibility, we should be ready to get there before anyone else starts writing the rules. And even if colonization never becomes practical, even if Mars never becomes a free new world, just imagining it is good for the libertarian soul.

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Now that the holidays are over sightings are picking up particularly in Italy. December is a slow month for sightings around the world. I wonder if the UFO pilots take a holiday or do people just fail to notice them. This slow down might infer that many UFOs are actually secret aircraft, since many of our aircraft are deployed to the Iraq operation. I just returned from speaking at Mohonk Mountain Resort a beautiful place for a vacation, great food, and a wonderful staff. Several observed Triangle shaped UFOs in the area as recently as November 6, 1998. Other speakers were Ed and Lorraine Warren experts on the paranormal. They informed us that ghost, apparitions, poltergeists, angels and similar supernatural activities are at an all time high. Frequently unidentified lights, plasmas, and possible UFOs are also sighted in the vicinity or this activity. They have a great Website at: <http://www.warrens.net>.

NEW YORK

LA GRANGE, HUDSON VALLEY -- Kenny Young reports he received the following E-mail. On January 19, 1999, my fianc=E9e and I were driving home on a road we frequently travel Noxon Rd in LaGrange. We noticed two very bright lights through the trees. As we drove closer it looked like it was hovering over the road where it turns, as we came closer the two lights turned to three. A fourth light came on it appeared to be going down into the field as we got closer it moved over to the right of the road about 150 ft away. I think about 170 feet up. This was no airplane or helicopter as being in the US Army I know what they look like. I pulled the car over onto a side road to the left and got out to have a better look. The only sound I heard could be best described as a low hum. Three more cars approached from the Taconic State Parkway and slowed to look. Thanks to UFO Research <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>

NORTH CAROLINA

Terry W. Kimbrell writes, I am a Field Investigator for ISUR and noticed a "Blue Ridge Corridor" of UFO sightings. John Thompson suggested I ask advice from you on this theory. I am going to try compile the information on these sightings. It would make sense that as well as military remote training runs that something else is using these routes to make their runs to stay hidden in these Eastern Mountain ranges. In the last two years theirs been allot of reports have been coming out of the area of

the Western North Carolina Mountains. There was one last week. If you could help me with my research with suggestions it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks Terry Kimbrell
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Editor's Note: There does seem to be a fairly large number of sightings along the Eastern Mountain Range from Georgia to New York. This may indicate bases are hidden in the mountains or that low flying military aircraft are not identified. Something more mundane such as Earth lights and plasmas are also known to exist in these areas. Tom Sheets the Georgia MUFON State director states, "I am not sure we have enough solid cases to prove we have a UFO corridor." I suggest further research is needed and my files are available to you.

LOUISIANA

PLAIN DEALING=97ISUR reports Jerry J. Reich had a sighting on January 19, 1999, around 11:30 PM. Jerry states: "I noticed 5 bright lights over the tree line and I thought it was helicopters or weather balloons because they were stationary. The lights began to move in wavy motion so I knew it could not be helicopters. The lights some became brighter and some not as bright began going in different directions. I did not think they were balloons. We are familiar with aircraft since they fly over from an air force base that is only 30 miles away. Both my wife and I saw the lights for several hours. She became scared and went inside." (318)423-8029, 1298 Rocky Mt. Road Plain Dealing, La 71064 spider-tr071.proxy.aol.com Thanks to John Thompson and ISUR for the report.

COLORADO

CANON CITY-- At 5:40 P.M. on January 15, 1999, I saw a cluster of red lights moving together in the northeast sky. They were not a close cluster, but more spread out, maybe 6 or 7 large red lights. I was traveling down the Royal Gorge Highway as a passenger, when I noticed them. The driver did not see them but another friend asked if I had seen any lights. She described the same thing. She lives in a 13th floor apartment and said they appeared to land and blink out. Thanks to EDWARD W BURKE
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UFO FLAP SPREADS TO ALL REGIONS OF ITALY

On Saturday, January 9, 1999, at 10:30 p.m., a teenaged boy returning home in Cava dei Tirreni spotted "a black discoidal object" hovering above some houses. The saucer, he reported, had a diameter estimated at 10 meters (33 feet), emitted no sound, and showed no lights or colors of any kind. It circled twice over the town before flying away. On Monday, January 11, 1999, at 7:20 p.m., a fireball appeared in the sky over the city of Bologna, 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Rome. "The UFO crossed the sky for 15 seconds in a southeasterly direction." On Monday, January 18, 1999, at 5:30 p.m., a UFO appeared over Trecastagni, a town on the island of Sicily, described by witnesses as "a luminous object that crossed the sky going from the west to the south." "The group spotted the object near the peaks of Tre Monti on the outskirts of Trecastagni and took note of the luminous trail rising in the west. It crossed the sky, lighting up the clouds like the last burst of sunshine and then went in a southerly direction. Some witnesses spoke of one object with three lights and a luminous molten glow. Others spoke of a trio of luminous objects proceeding in formation. The object reportedly zigzagged and its speed was too fast for it to be a conventional jet." (See the Italian newspaper La Sicilia 1/19/99. Thanks to Gianfranco Degli Esposti e Alfredo Lissoni di Centro Nazionale Ufologico) UFO Roundup Vol. 4. #4 1/25/98 Joe Trainor Editor.

SIGHTINGS MORE LIKELY IN THE SUMMER AND FALL

Larry Hatch writes that he has found some surprising statistics regarding monthly distributions of UFO sightings. Out of some 16,870 events in my database where a definite month is known, one would expect roughly 8.3% of that number (about 1400 events) to fall into each month. The data for all years is lumped together. Instead, I find 6936 events in the first six months of the year [41.1%] and, the other 9934 listings [58.9%] in the last six months. A histogram shows slow activity right through June, then the count nearly doubles for July, slowly falling off

into November. December is quite slow, much like the months January thru June. In fact, if I throw December into a "slow" period of seven months, the anomaly is even greater: Dec thru June : Seven months averaging 1142 per month -vs- July thru Nov.: Five months averaging 1779 per month! This cannot be chance, no way with nearly 17,000 data points. Some seasonal effect is at work (or play) here. Major meteor showers tend to cluster in the last half of the year. But, I try to filter out fireball and night-light sightings unless they have some other outstanding attributes. To test for this effect, I ran the same histogram for various types of UFOs, namely Saucer/ovals, cigar/spindle types, deltoids, night-lights, fireballs and so forth. All types except Deltoids (triangles, boomerangs, etc.) gave the same general histogram in proportion! Interestingly, the Deltoids had a less marked end-of-year effect, and the curve was shaped differently. No, it's not meteors. I should add that the Geminid and Lyrid meteor showers occur in December and April, two of my slowest months. My busiest month, July, has no major meteor storms at all. Perhaps there is some demographic or other mundane explanation, but I am at a loss for what it might be. Naturally, I would like to believe that this effect is intrinsic to the UFO phenomenon itself, but someone should play devil's advocate here first. Best wishes: Larry Hatch Editors
 Note: The increase in sightings in the summer and fall months in the Northern Hemisphere may be explained by the fact more people are outdoors in warmer weather. Also, the UFO pilots may prefer to fly in warmer weather. The Deltoids may be secret military aircraft that fly on a fairly regular schedule.

GEORGIA COMMENTS

British Aviation expert Bill Rose writes, I pretty well solved the Troup County sighting for you. I believe the unknown aircraft was a B-1B "Lancer" which is a large supersonic bomber with a long delta winged shape. (with its wings folded) The aircraft is powered by four turbofan engines and optimized for low level flight and having photographed B-1Bs on several occasions from fairly close quarters, I can promise you they are very noisy beasts. It is also the case that the standard paint finish for the B-1B is a dark gray color. Having now had time to study a detailed map of the area and plot the course of this flight, I believe I can say without any doubt that this was a B-1B en route to Warner Robin AFB where the 116th Bomb Wing operate these aircraft. This aircraft was definitely not the Aurora, which is now thought to be a Mach 3+ reconnaissance version of the still secret A-17/FB-119A that is designed for very high altitude long range missions and would not perform very well in low speed/altitude situations. The B-1B may have been on a secret training mission when this sighting occurred. These aircraft are now capable of seeking out Scuds and this incident was just prior to the recent Gulf strikes. What does surprise me a little is the fact that nobody seemed to know that B-1B aircraft were operating from a major USAF base outside Macon! --Okay, well maybe you didn't want to use a solution to that puzzle! There simply isn't enough solid detail to draw any conclusions. Thanks to Bill Rose bill.rose@virgin.net

Editors Note: The witnesses seemed to rule out any standard commercial or military aircraft.

BOB DURANT PROPOSES "LIE DETECTOR" FOR MJ-12 FIGURE

UFO researcher and writer Robert J. Durant last night offered to contribute five-hundred dollars toward a polygraph examination of a key figure in the controversy over recently surfaced documents purporting to show early US government and military knowledge of extraterrestrial craft. The offer, made during last night's live broadcast of The Mike Jarmus Show, a short-wave radio and Internet program specializing in UFOs, the paranormal and unusual, was immediately accepted by scientist and physicist Dr. Robert M. Wood. Dr. Wood, with his son and engineer, Ryan Wood, are the two primary supporters of the authenticity of documents brought forward by California UFO researcher Timothy Cooper. The documents, as a whole, are referred to as "MJ-12" or "Majestic-12" material, so-called for the supposed secret government/military group controlling UFO investigation, information and "saucer" crash retrievals since the late 1940s, the existence of which the papers are purported to prove. Cooper, also appearing on the radio show, answered in the affirmative when asked by researcher Durant if he would be willing to submit to a polygraph examination. A short time later

Durant made the monetary offer to help secure the test and the Woods responded very positively. Cooper claims he received the material through his post office box over a period of time in the mid-90s from a man calling himself "Cantwheel." Cooper says he later met the elderly and mysterious Mr. Cantwheel, but that he has not been able to establish who, in reality, his source was. Physicist Friedman, a proponent of the "original" MJ-12 documents which surfaced nearly twenty years ago and are still controversial themselves, also appeared on the broadcast. Though Durant expressed some concern prior to the show as to Cooper's reliability, he made no specific charge on or off the air that Cooper's story was untrue, but emphasized the importance of checking sources in every way possible. Durant today sent a check for five-hundred dollars with a letter of understanding to Dr. Wood stating, in part, that the Woods "...will raise the additional amount required to carry out a 'lie detector' [polygraph] examination of Tim Cooper to determine if he has been honest in his claims regarding the various documents he has furnished to you." After the broadcast Durant pointed out that, with material as potentially important as this, every precaution should be taken to preclude fakery. The Mike Jarmus Show is heard internationally Sunday nights from 10 to 12 PM on WWCN, Nashville (5.070 short-wave) Website, <http://www.njpeople.com/mike>.

CAUS FILES A NEW FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT LAWSUIT

Continuing its legal battle under the Freedom of Information Act against government secrecy, attorney Peter A. Gersten, Executive Director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, Inc. (CAUS), a nonprofit Arizona activist organization dedicated to ending all secrecy surrounding this planet's contact with an extraterrestrial intelligence, announced today the filing of a new FOIA lawsuit. A 1998 CAUS lawsuit, still pending in the Federal Court in Phoenix, is against the Department of Army for documents involving the allegations of Col. Philip Corso in his book *The Day After Roswell*. This new lawsuit is against the Department of Defense for information about the alien craft seen in our skies. Gersten, who will be accompanied by a dozen eyewitnesses on the steps of the US District Court in Phoenix, has stated "its time someone in authority is held accountable and responsible for identifying these strange craft that are continually sighted in our skies and sometimes over populated areas. Its time we knew exactly what these objects are and more importantly, their purpose." He describes these craft as "either delta, boomerang, triangular or V-shaped; ranging in size from a house to a football field; moving very slowly or apparently floating; little or no sound; and with many lights including, on occasion, a red trailing light." Some of these objects, according to the CAUS director, were seen in the Hudson Valley in 1984 through 1987; in Phoenix, Arizona on March 13, 1997; in Salisbury, North Carolina from April-June 1998 and Sedona, Arizona on July 15, 1998, as well as countless other places. One eyewitness states that "I swear this craft just appeared over my head. I can say for certain I saw lights at each one of the three corners of the craft and at least one on each of the sides. I did see what appeared to be either a large light or a window directly in the center of the triangle. The eerie part was the silence for a craft hovering so close. It disappeared just as suddenly." "At a time when everyone is anxious about terrorist attacks, its alarming that no government or military agency appears concerned about these advanced craft that have unrestricted access to our skies." Thanks to CAUS: Peter A. Gersten, Ufolawyer@caus.org and Stephen Bassett

REFLECTIONS ON ROSWELL BY DAVE RUDIAK

FILER wrote to David Rudiak that I enjoyed reading his research on Roswell. It is excellent work. I have always felt Marcel was telling the truth. All my data indicates something crashed near Roswell not necessarily alien. However, they definitely went to great trouble to keep it secret. It was a very special aircraft either ours or alien. Knowing how the military works, it seems odd that they could release a story in Roswell and so quickly react in Fort Worth and Washington. I wonder if it wasn't a setup? They may have felt the word had gotten out, so first you tell the truth then take it away.

DAVE RUDIAK responds to my message stating: I didn't think that at first, but I now believe that's exactly what happened, though it was a daring gambit. However, I suspect coordination may have

been a little ragged between Roswell, Washington and Fort Worth, leading to some surprise when the announcement did go out from Roswell. Col. Blanchard may have had Haut release the story too early. That led to a scramble in Washington and Fort Worth. Until General Ramey got his weather balloon/radar reflector, he had to improvise. He began giving out descriptions by phone of what was supposedly in his office, though Marcel hadn't arrived yet. That led to his peculiar description of the object being 25 feet across. Dave Vetterick and I have been mulling this over and noticed the similarity to the Johnny McBoyle/Lydia Sleppy story, which went basically like this. McBoyle called Sleppy in Albuquerque saying that he had seen the military hauling off a "crushed dishpan" about 25 feet long and also that there had been discussion of small bodies being found. Sleppy said that when she tried to wire McBoyle's story to ABC News, the FBI cut her off. Then before she could phone in the story, somebody else had "scooped" them. That most likely was the AP bulletin of Lt. Haut's press release that went out at 2:26 PM Roswell time. An hour or so later Ramey was speaking to the Pentagon Army Air Force press room and talking about an object 25 feet across. Possibly what happened is that Ramey was quickly notified that some newsman (McBoyle) might have broken the story and given a 25 foot description of what was recovered. Ramey then hedged his bets by giving out the same description, though there was obviously nothing in the radar reflector photos that Bond Johnson took that could possibly lead Ramey to believe that it could be 25 feet across even if reconstructed. But in case McBoyle's story did leak out, they wanted to have a cover story for that as well. The 20-25 foot description continued to be put out well into the evening from the Pentagon, making it into a number of newspaper stories and also ABC radio news at 10:00 PM that night. It seems that attempts were made to deceive the FBI as well. The infamous FBI telegram indicates they were given a 20 foot description by Ramey's intelligence officer, but this was applied to the balloon instead of the radar reflector.

FILER: I don't really know what to think about RPIT debris findings. They are certainly trying hard and the message is a major find. I have seen a few of the symbols they talk about but wonder if it is just the way the material crinkles. Bond Johnson gave me the impression you were also seeing symbols?

RUDIAK: Not really. I think I wrote that maybe one piece looks like it might have something like symbols on it. And I've said I'm trying to keep an open mind about it. Maybe some "real debris" brought by Marcel got mixed in with the radar reflector, but basically what I see is a tinfoil radar reflector and a balloon at Gen. Ramey's feet. No cord or string makes me wonder about the debris. I'm most struck about the absence of such a description out on the Brazel debris field. A Mogul balloon train was held together with hundreds of feet of twine and fishing line, yet nothing like that was reported. Even Brazel in his RDR interview denied finding any. So what happened to it? If you read the Air Force Roswell Report, Lt. McAndrew noticed this anomaly and queried Professor Moore about it in his interview. Could the twine disintegrate in the sun, asked McAndrew? No said Moore. McAndrew dropped the subject, and not another word was mentioned in the entire Air Force report about it. It worked against a Mogul explanation, so the absence of line was swept under the carpet and not brought up in McAndrew's or Col. Weaver's summaries.

FILER Several other plane loads of debris were sent to various bases for analysis. By chance the most mundane including a RAWIN target reflector might have ended up in Ramey's office.

RUDIAK: I have trouble imagining that Marcel would bring predominantly tinfoil and rubber balloon junk to show to Gen. Ramey. The point of his debris samples would have been to show Ramey exotic debris.

FILER: By the way it was Newton in a sworn statement in the AF Roswell document that Major Marcel kept trying to point out alien writing on the debris in Ramey's office.

RUDIAK: This was never part of Newton's original story when first interviewed back in 1979. He also said back then that he had no idea why he was brought to Ramey's office other to identify a weather balloon, and he didn't find out about the flying saucer connection until sometime AFTER he left. Nor did he mention being questioned by Marcel. But in his 1994 AF

affidavit, he claimed he "giggled" at the so-called flying saucer the moment he walked into Ramey's office. Then in 1995 he told OMNI Magazine that Marcel practically chased him all over Ramey's office trying to get him to change his mind. Does this sound plausible to you? It doesn't to me. Instead it sounds like Newton has jumped on the debunking bandwagon. In contrast Marcel's service file has Ramey a year later calling him "outstanding" and command officer material, and also protesting his transfer saying he had nobody to replace him. It's rather difficult to believe Ramey would write these if Marcel behaved like the embarrassed idiot in front of him as Newton claims. Ramey through Dubose also recommended Marcel's Reserve promotion to Lt. Col. just four months after the Roswell events. Dubose indorsed Blanchard's superior evaluation of Marcel ten months afterwards. Again, none of these officers indicated in any way that Marcel had screwed up, but were instead praising him. Marcel then was posted to two top secret positions, the first one as Chief of a SAC foreign air intelligence division. (There is also correspondence between the SAC and the Pentagon where they are competing for his services.) I honestly do not understand how Marcel could get such a position, if he screwed up a rather simple balloon identification. Thanks to Dave Rudiak.

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A comprehensive introduction to Levengood's crop circle research is given in "High Heat" by David Perkins, which was published in Western Spirit Magazine May 1998 and can be found in "The Mysterious Valley" (Christopher O'Brien's site). URL:

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Stig

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The trees near the alleged "landing site" of Travis Walton's UFO have reportedly grown at an astounding rate since the 1975 incident outside of Snowflake, Arizona; much more than the trees outside of the "ring of influence." Mike Rogers, foreman of the lumber crew, and driver of the truck, (if you remember the movie) told me in a recent phone interview that Dr. Levengood and his assistant, Nancy Talbott, are documenting this anomalous growth for a possible TV special to be shown in the fall. Levengood, of crop circle fame, does not really believe in an alien influence and for this reason, among others, was chosen for the job...

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Majestic-12 Follies Returns (Barry Greenwood)

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MAJESTIC-12 FOLLIES RETURNS

(I had planned on a follow-up on long-duration meteors for this number of UHR, but recent developments on an MJ-12 revival warranted timely comment. The historical reason for this? The documents are claimed to originate from the 1940s through the 1960s, and are touted as genuine by believers in aliens visiting Earth.)

I was surprised to find in late 1998 that attempts were being made by several individuals, primarily a Dr. Robert Wood, an engineer, and his son Ryan, a marketing and sales specialist in the computer industry, to resurrect the MJ-12 controversy. They have claimed to have received new documents supporting the notion the U.S. government actually investigated alien spacecraft beginning in the 1940s, under the banner of "Majestic- 12, supposedly a panel of eminent scientists and government officials.

Readers familiar with this editor's involvement a decade ago recall that I had published information as far back as 1985, puzzling over the rumors of the possible existence of such a group. However, when physical evidence of the alleged group's reality surfaced in the form of documents leaked from the government by anonymous sources, I, and other researchers, had concluded that the rumors of MJ-12 were false. This conclusion was based upon months of detailed analysis of the papers, published in my previous journal, Just Cause, between 1987 and 1990. Much of the UFO community at the time balked at the suggestion that MJ-12 was a hoax and, despite the serious problems described by researchers familiar with government documents, happily endorsed MJ-12 as part of real history. This eventually led to books, a plot line in a TV series as well as film, lectures, etc.

As we all know, making outrageous claims in today's world is

fashionable, chic and rewarding. Even if such claims don't make piles of money for the perpetrators, at least they became a major topic of attention. And if they are orchestrated well, they can attract the media (the sponge in society that hungrily soaks up outrageousness!)

MJ-12 led to a prominent novelist, Whitley Strieber, producing a work (Majestic). It led to an appearance by its promoters on many television shows, including one of the top rated of its time (Nightline).

MJ-12 eventually lost steam due to the torrent of problems that became increasingly evident in the documents, the lack of any independent confirmation from even a single documented government source, and the lack of candor and cooperation of its "discoverers," primarily William Moore and Jaime Shandera. And that is not to mention the questionable claims of being an "unpaid government agent," along with other peculiar statements by William Moore in a 1989 speech given in Las Vegas (Just Cause, September 1989).

The key issue, the one overwhelming problem with the original papers was their lack of provenance. All the documents, save one, came from an anonymous source. The one document that was "discovered" at the National Archives by Moore and Shandera (the Cutler/Twining memo) was made known to the archives under such suspicious circumstances that the chief of the Military Archives Division was forced to issue a 10-point list of "problems" with the document in an official letter dated July 22, 1987. The rest of the documents were not even originals but were sent to the claimants on photographic film from which paper reproductions were made.

Anything, anything at all that issues from an anonymous source, particularly something claiming very unorthodox information, must be regarded with the highest degree of suspicion. If the source won't even reveal an identity, what don't you know about them, what do they hold back from you? What are the true motives of the source, not the assumed motives that the recipient ascribes to him. If you find a T-bone steak wrapped in brown paper sitting in your yard, do you take it in the house, cook and eat it without question? Unfortunately, that is what a lot of the reading public did with MJ-12.

MJ-12 claims quieted down in the 1990s, in spite of efforts by one of MJ-12's last vocal adherents, Stanton Friedman, to keep it alive. It remained dormant until 1998.

THE COMEBACK

I was told that on October 11, 1998, a father and son research team, Dr. Robert Wood and son Ryan, gave a speech at the Omega Communications UFO conference, in which they claimed to have new MJ-12 documents not previously made public. These documents were said to have come from another researcher, Timothy Cooper of California, who in turn received the documents in his post office box back in 1992 from a mysterious, unknown source named "Cantwheel," who was said to have since passed away.

It was an all-so-familiar scenario: anonymous sources sending sensational UFO stuff through the mail to little-known individuals for unstated reasons, much the same as in the original MJ-12. But this seemed to have no impact at all on the Woods as I was told that they had already endorsed the documents as authentic.

Sometime later I was informed by researchers Ed Stewart and Jan Aldrich that the documents were reproduced on the Internet. In late December, Stewart kindly sent me copies of the lot, along with a transcript of the Woods' speech, to see why they would come to such an extraordinary conclusion in light of the earlier destruction on MJ-12.

There are some 15 documents, or 96 pages, used in the Woods' study, well beyond what I can hope to deal with in this publication. So I will only deal with a selection of the most notable curiosities.

As with the original papers, I look at these new documents within the boundaries of the fact that they are from anonymous sources and, as such, are of very suspicious origin. Nothing is

taken for granted except that they are suspicious. When one looks at the papers once this is understood, the next question is are what you are seeing beyond any possibility of being faked? If you have no original document, no source, no official release authority, and if you know that authentic-looking fakes can be created through compute technology, photocopy forgery techniques (such as laying false text over a real, signed copy of a document, and then recopying the whole, whitening out the tell-tale seams of the overlay), or retyping whole documents using vintage equipment and blank letterhead stationery (an example of this in UFO history is the Straith letter hoax, perpetrated by Gray Barker and James Moseley, with some inside help from a supplier of State Department stationery), then any investigation of these documents must have a low degree of confidence in any positive conclusion.

The Woods even acknowledge this, to a point, in their speech, ".we admit that authenticity is never certain" (Speech transcript, page 4). Yet in the same speech, ".we're going to summarize why the documents are not fakes." Commenting on one document, the Oppenheimer/Einstein draft," the Woods say, ".there is one unusual authentication feature that ensures they are genuine." And further on, "We believe they're genuine." So there is little doubt about where the Woods are coming from in this investigation. Rather than be cautious about undocumented sources, they are opting to "believe" in the documents.

In their discussion of the "Interplanetary Phenomena Unit" document, describing crashed-disc recovery procedures, the Woods argue that a mention of John F. Kennedy being knowledgeable about a UFO recovery operation, due to his involvement with Naval Intelligence, is impressive to the document's authenticity. This because, according to the Woods, few knew of Kennedy's intelligence connection in 1947. They add, "So the person who wrote this, if it was in 1947, was one of perhaps 12 people in the country who knew this obscure fact." Do the Woods here have a concern about the document dating from 1947? If they do, they don't say why.

And certainly, if the document were written in 1947 by a government official, then we wouldn't be debating this at all. But it is as plausible that a more recent faker would have read a later book mentioning this and included it in his creation, at least one citation of which the Woods acknowledge exists. A hoaxer would have had many years to research his topic. For this unofficially released, source-unknown document, the Woods don't even raise the possibility that the later scenario could have occurred, and instead declare this information to be a "zinger," which according to the Woods, says almost by itself that the document is genuine. We are beginning to see an erosion of objectivity in these few examples.

In their discussion of the "Air Accident Report," an alleged document by General Nathan Twining describing the inside of the crashed remains of a flying saucer in detail, the Woods spend much time on document letterhead, logos, format and paper size being consistent with the era written (1947). In wondering about a couple of the logo details, "These two things are so obscure that unless you were digging around the National Archives, you wouldn't know to put this in a fake document. You must ask yourself, why go to all this trouble."

Did the Woods even consider that prior to the original release of the MJ-12 papers in 1987, there were a number of individuals who had the following things in common:

- 1) Spent long periods of time at the National Archives.
- 2) Were knowledgeable, as a result of the Archives visits, with government formats, letterheads, logos, dating styles, paper sizes, etc.
- 3) Were very knowledgeable about UFOs.
- 4) Who latter promoted MJ-12 as real.

In one case, I showed how one MJ-12 promoter, William Moore, in retyping unclear photocopies of green fireball documents for sale, changed the dating style of the original documents to his own peculiar dating style in four cases, which just so happened to be the same, non-standard dating style used in the original MJ-12 Briefing document (Just Cause, June 1990)!

Curiously, the Woods, in their 1998 speech, raise the most questions about the Briefing Paper (not one of their Cooper releases but the 1987 release). They say, 'it seems reasonable to conjecture that the Eisenhower Briefing Document might have been a cleverly crafted piece of disinformation aimed at the Soviets, and therefore the only document presented here that is not entirely genuine, even though it contains much that is precisely true.'

Yet the Briefing was wholeheartedly endorsed as genuine by the original team of researchers, Moore, Shandera and Friedman, and still is by Friedman. Whose years-long, professional detailed analysis is correct? Or might we create a new category of document authenticity: the falsely genuine!

In perusing chapter 8 of Friedman's book, Top Secret/Majic, we find that Timothy Cooper supplied Friedman with copies of several new MJ-12 documents a number of years ago, including a February 1948 "Memorandum for the President" by Roscoe Hillenkoetter, a September 25, 1947 memo to President Truman from General George Marshall and a July 9, 1947 Truman to Twining memo. The later two were included in the Woods' document package presented at Omega, and called genuine. Friedman appeared to be noncommitted to those documents, but he was clearly not impressed with the 1948 document, saying that it was "really a doctored version of a memo that would have been sent to President Roosevelt during World War 2."

This document was one of the first sent to Friedman by Cooper, the same source as the Woods' papers. Yet the 1948 document was not included in the Woods' analysis. Why? They can't claim ignorance of it because it was quoted in Friedman's 1996 book, in the midst of the Woods' years long investigation. Did they not want the public to know that some of the supply from Cooper/Cantwheel were transparent fakes that couldn't make the cut? Some of the Supply? Yes, there were other problem papers.

Friedman alluded to "another bunch of documents" from Tim Cooper (TS/Majic, pgs. 158-9) condemning one September 27, 1947 document as an outright fraud, and adding that "several other items were retyped and slightly changed versions of old memos and letters." Neither were these Cooper/Cantwheel documents dealt with in the Woods' analysis. Why?

Smells like a cover-up to me!

This particular situation is reminiscent of Moore, Shandera and Friedman's handling of MJ-12 in the 1980s. Then, too, documents were withheld. Does anyone recall the CIA "MJ- 5" document? Or others like it? They were ridiculous fakes, one of which was part of the original release of MJ-12 documents by William Moore in his "Focus" newsletter in 1987. I had pointed out numerous flaws in the document (Just Cause, September 1987, pg. 3). Thereafter, it was dropped, along with companion documents, from subsequent discussion by MJ-12 promoters. Why aren't they mentioned in Friedman's 1996 book?

There is also, in both the old and new MJ-12 documents, unaccountable censorship evident, text blacked out for no apparent reason. It is rather odd behavior for a government source, leaking highly-classified papers to get the truth out about alien contacts. How may one know the truth by deleting information? In the case of the old MJ-12 documents, William Moore subsequently admitted self-censoring his own releases, evidently to give them a more mysterious, governmental appearance. I wonder who may have done this to the new releases?

More needs to be said about signed documents. The Woods make much of the fact that signatures appearing in some of the papers look real. Indeed that is likely. The signatures may well be authentic for whom they are supposed to represent. However, the Woods pay astonishingly little attention to the likelihood that photocopy forgeries are responsible, especially given the conditions under which Tim Cooper, and then the Woods, received their copies (no originals, generations-removed photocopies). I had once investigated, while with CAUS, an alleged letter by a University of Chicago professor, on university letterhead, claiming knowledge of alien autopsies. After I sent the photocopied letter to the professor for comment, I had received a midnight phone call from the university's attorney, asking for

the source of the copy. The professor informed the attorney that someone had placed false text over a real, signed letter of his and recopied it. He was quite upset that his academic reputation would have been damaged if people believed what was written. It takes only minutes to create a document in this way, and it can be done to anyone at any time who has written and signed a document. A reason to doubt photocopied evidence from unknown sources? Here it is! Friedman cites the February 1948 memo as containing a handwritten Truman signature and Vannevar Bush initials, and calls it "doctored" (TS/Majic, pg. 159), establishing that photocopied forgeries did come from the Woods' source, Tim Cooper, and ultimately the mysterious "Cantwheel."

Many UFO adherents have shown more than a willingness to accept unsubstantiated statements attributed to an individual than substantiated statements probably from that individual. Albert Einstein is already on the record as having a disinterest in the UFO controversy, expressed shortly before his death.

In Exhibit 3 is a portion of a strange statement on extraterrestrial life, allegedly by two of the most prominent physicists in history, J. Robert Oppenheimer and Albert Einstein. Crude phrasing and spelling are attributed by the Woods in their analysis to "a secretary who couldn't spell." (Oppenheimer/Einstein document, pg. 4)

With an incompetent secretary injecting so much of herself into the text, Woods go on to claim, "Literary analysis compares favorably with other Albert Einstein pieces during period of interest." How can the Woods say that this crude piece of work is typical of Einstein writing, without providing any sort of substantiation whatsoever for this alleged comparative analysis, or claim it was Einstein at all if the secretary was such an incompetent writer? Did the document go to any Einstein authorities for comment? Any archive? Any library holding large amounts of Einstein writing? Imagine Einstein or Oppenheimer hiring a secretary who couldn't spell, given the precise language and computative requirements of a physicist! Imagine both approving of such a paper to be filed under their names (it was in MJ-12's files, according to the Woods). If Einstein were studying "Celestial" matters under such conditions, history would have been saddled with the famous formula:

E=MJ(2)!

Another astonishing statement from the Woods in this regard, "...forensic examiners find that errors present in documents tend to indicate authenticity instead of lack of authenticity." "Fakers usually try to make sure they're perfect." (!) So, the Woods are trying to convince us that the more errors a document contains, the more genuine it is! "Don't believe what makes sense and believe in nonsense" is the logical extrapolation from that. The only problem is that non-fakers try to make sure that their documents are perfect too.

So, if Albert Einstein has written a perfect document, we should doubt it in favor of the error-riddled nonsense that the Woods try to convince us is representative of one of the great minds of history?

Is this what UFO "research" claims to be now ?

What of the Eisenhower Briefing Document mentioned earlier. The Woods reject it as "not entirely genuine," due to its perceived errors (i.e. contradictions of fact with the new documents). I thought that errors indicated genuineness? What happened to that standard? It was rejected because it disagreed with the new documents, in which the Woods have chosen to believe. By what standard of fact do we judge the content of these documents. Both the Briefing Paper and the Woods' papers come from anonymous sources. How do the Woods know they don't come from the same source? (after all, someone is dipping into the master MJ-12 file and shooting the documents all over the place!) What happened to security for the, claimed, most closely guarded secret in world history? Or why doesn't it all go to CBS, NBC, New York Times, or even the Podunk Advocate to give the info some corporate clout with money to do a good investigation, instead of to measly UFOlogists who, as a group,

are no longer particularly respected or believed by outlets that could do the topic the most good?

If the documents come from the same source, then both sets of documents are supposed to be genuine. How do the Woods explain the contradiction of facts between the two sets in that case? There is evidence for linkage you know.

If the Cooper-supplied documents are genuine, then they draw information from the already-questioned Eisenhower Briefing. How do I know? Because in Friedman's "Top Secret/Majic (pg. 145) he cites a Cooper-sourced document, the 1948 Memorandum for the President, which the Woods inexplicably did not include in their analysis. The document references "092447" in the upper corner, a clear allusion to the so-called "So-called Classified Executive Order" (SCEO) listed as attachment to the Eisenhower Briefing. This was the Truman order initiating MJ-12. Friedman has already rejected this as a doctored version of a real, non-UFO memo. The SCEO, as I had discussed in my original MJ-12 report (Just Cause, September 1987), has no basis in fact, being a fantasy creation by Friedman to explain the presence of the suspect Truman document. Real executive orders follow a sequential numbering system, not a date-based system, and they may be classified as the president sees fit, rendering "SCEOs" as redundant. To date, after intense research, no MJ-12 proponent have established the existence of SCEOs in real life.

Another problem with the Woods' assertion about the Briefing being official disinformation: They say it could have been created to mislead the Russians. Yet it includes the SCEO in full and references it in the text. The Woods accept the SCEO as authentic, "...the two big concerns about the type and the signature: they've evaporated for Attachment A" (the SCEO). (the Woods speech, 1998)

But they don't explain why one of the most highly secretive documents in U.S. history is allowed to be given over to the Russians freely when it has never been made available, even 50 years later, to U.S. citizens. If the Russians have it, why should it be a secret anymore? It circulates in public now (by a "leak") but not a single agency can document its existence.

So, if the Woods say that the Briefing is not entirely genuine, we can't have confidence in what it says, despite Friedman's support of it. And if Friedman says some documents from the Woods' source are fraudulent, we can't have much confidence in that source of information, despite the Woods declaring their papers to be genuine. Both these parties support MJ-12 and are in serious conflict here! Why don't the Woods mention this in their analysis, or mention their "missing" documents?

But there is more to come!

A FATAL FLAW

One of the most detailed documents in the Woods' collection is "Majestic 12 Project - 1st Annual Report" (hereon referred to as the "Annual"). They express their belief that the document is genuine. That in the several years of study that Woods have performed, it has provided "no indication of fakery at all." Seventeen pages of "specific, checkable details" are described as the "mother lode" by the Woods. They add that it will take several man years to validate every phrase and claim. It didn't take that long to notice a curiosity about its content.

Important to this discussion is when the document was said to have been produced. It is undated. The Woods believe it to date from the summer of 1952. The inclusion in the panel list (see Exhibit 1) of Dr. Hugh Dryden as Director of Aeronautical Research, NACA, definitely places the document in the 1950s. Dryden served as Director from August 1947 through 1958 when NACA was absorbed by NASA. Also on page 16 is a reference that, "During recent NATO maneuvers, the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt has been trailed by numerous UFOs..." clearly making reference to the North Sea "Operation Mainbrace" naval maneuvers, during which UFOs were seen, and photographed, in September 1952. "Recent" doesn't place the document too much in time beyond that date.

The Annual discusses a series of UFO and other strange incidents in its "Annex C." One was particularly noteworthy as I had an interest in it as far back as the early 1970s. Exhibit 4 reproduces that portion of the Annual referencing the disappearance of the One Fourth Norfolk Regiment into a strange cloud:

Exhibit Four: Annual Extract

In the annals of warfare mass disappearances of soldiers and their equipment are rare but are on record. In the eighteenth century during the Spanish War of Succession, 4,000 soldiers were reported to have disappeared, together with their weapons and equipment (horses included). In 1885, about 600 French colonial soldiers disappeared near Saigon, French Indo-China, without a trace of them nor their equipment. On August 21 1915, members of the New Zealand Army Corps' First Field Company signed sworn statements that they saw the One Fourth Norfolk Regiment disappear in a unusually thick brown cloud which seemed to move and rise upward and vanished. There were no traces of the regiment nor their equipment. No explanation can be found in the historical records of the Imperial War Museum archives. In 1939, over 2,900 Chinese Nationalists troops were reported missing from their camp, just south of Nanking. Again, men, equipment, guns, were missing though camp fires and mess tents were undisturbed. During the Pacific campaign, there have been instances where whole platoons and larger units seemed to have disappeared without any sign of combat or a struggle. Men, equipment, weapons --- vanish without a trace. In all instances the disappearances occurred in tropical climate and in the heat of battle or near combat scenes.

But there was something seriously wrong with this!

The disappearance of the One Fourth Norfolk in Turkey during World War I has been a staple of UFO pulp literature for many years, having been cited pretty much as reproduced in the MJ-12 Annual through the 1960s and 1970s. Even recently I have seen it written up in tabloid papers. It was this kind of sensational treatment that led me and a friend to look into the tale for a brief time in 1972.

A former co-worker in my regular job who had emigrated from Britain to the U.S., and who was a British military history buff, was fascinated when I told him about the disappearance. He decided to send a letter to the Public Records Office in London, asking for confirmation of the details. His response, from J.L. Walford, dated June 9, 1972, said:

"According to the War Diary (WO 95/4325) for August 1915, the regiment underwent some light shelling on 14th August, but was otherwise entirely engaged on routine operations. No casualties are reported for the month."

I was rather surprised and disappointed that such an interesting story didn't seem to have any substantiation for the very strange disappearance of hundreds of men. I attributed the story to more sensation-mongering by writers on UFOs, and went on to other matters.

It was not until some years later that I discovered the source of the story. In purchasing back numbers of old UFO publications, I found that the first details on the disappearance of the One Fourth Norfolk were published in an affidavit signed by three former soldiers of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, Turkey. The festivities were held on April 25, 1965. (see "Spaceview" - a New Zealand UFO publication, September-October 1965, "Incident at Gallipoli" - where the affidavit was reproduced, and February-March 1966, "Research on 'Incident at Gallipoli'")

First reported in 1965?! There is more.

In August 1978, the magazine "Fortean Times" published a detailed investigation of the Gallipoli disappearance by Paul Begg. Begg had conducted extensive document research in an attempt to determine if the incident had occurred as written, using military sources most likely to be able to document what had happened. His results:

- 1) The First-Fourth Norfolk was not a regiment but a battalion within the Royal Norfolk Regiment.
- 2) The First-Fourth Norfolk did not disappear at Gallipoli in August 1915 or at any other time.
- 3) It was an undisputed fact that a sister battalion, the First-Fifth Norfolk did disappear, but not on the date or in the manner said to have happened to the First-Fourth.

Begg described the disappearance of the First-Fifth Norfolk from the "Final Report of the Dardanelles Commission, CMD 371" (1917) as an advance by the battalion on August 12, 1915 at 445 PM into a wooded area and amid a pitched battle, pushing the Turks ahead of them. The charge into the woods was the last heard of the First-Fifth battalion as a unit. "Not one ever came back," said the report.

However, according to Begg, they did not actually vanish. At the end of the war a soldier of the occupation, upon touring the battlefield, found an emblem of the Royal Norfolk Regiment. It was learned later that a Turkish farmer found decomposing bodies of British soldiers on his land upon returning after the battle. The bodies were dumped into a ravine where they were later discovered. Of the 180 bodies found, 122 were of the First-Fifth Norfolk. Other members of the battalion weren't found, but given battle conditions at Gallipoli, some possibly taken prisoner and others having returned to camp after the advance, not being lost at all, the lack of accounting for around 100 men is far from mysterious.

Begg asked the New Zealand Ministry of Defense about the story, whose representative, I.C. MacGibbon, responded, "if Reichardt and his fellow Gallipoli veterans saw a 'bread-shaped cloud of light grey color' lower itself into the path of the 1/5 Norfolks, why did they wait until 1965 before signing an affidavit to this effect?"

Finally, on the strange cloud. According to the Final Report of the Dardanelles Commission, a reference was made to an unexpected mist on August 21, that was unseasonable but otherwise not unusual. During an offensive that day the Sherwood Rangers advanced into the mist and were destroyed by Turks placed on the hills above the mist who had spotted the Rangers' advance.

The disappearance and rediscovery of the First-Fifth Norfolk is accurately recounted in Harold Wilkins' "Strange Mysteries of Time and Space" page 162 (1958). Wilkins was aware of the disappearance but his reporting in no way resembled the telling of the story in the affidavit.

It is apparent that the soldiers signing the affidavit had confused a number of real events (documented) for a weird tale (undocumented), not at all surprising at a 50th reunion of elderly soldiers.

The First -Fourth Norfolks did not disappear. The First- Fifth Norfolks did disappear on August 12, 1915. A strange mist did appear on the 21st, but no one disappeared.

Now in light of these facts, how is it that a 1952 MJ-12 document recounts a flawed version of a story, which was unknown before 1965, in fact a story unique to 1965, 13 years after the document's claimed authorship????? The MJ-12 version is based more upon 1960s UFO pulp and newsletter accounts than it is on historical record. And we can probably eliminate the original publication of the affidavit in "Spaceview" as a source because it cites the 28th of August as the date of the disappearance. In fact, I do recall seeing versions of the other disappearances mentioned in the MJ-12 Annual's page 13 in UFO pulp literature

that I had read during that era.

One cannot avoid the conclusion that the Annual is a complete fake. How is it that the Woods did not notice this in their years-long investigation? What does it say of the Woods' investigation? For all of the impressive appearance and content of the Annual, one small mention of an alleged 1915 disappearance brings it crashing down in a heap, an anachronism to the power of 12, MJ that is! Claims by the Woods about type style, language, format, security makings, signatures, and "zingers" supporting the documents now have a hollow quality. It makes one think that the legitimate use of such investigative techniques under more normal circumstances, and in more skilled hands, is worthless if they didn't work very well here.

But we should remember that, according to the Woods, errors tend to support authenticity. With that, this gaping error in the Annual must prove its reality beyond all shadow of doubt!

The Woods state that the Annual's discussion on control and denial is "possibly the most egregious outrage yet perpetrated on the world public." I can think of one other that comes close: the new MJ-12 document investigation by its supporters. For now, MJ-12 is again being promoted as genuine in lectures, on radio, on the Internet, and in a forthcoming book, with document copies being sold to an unsuspecting public.

An old adage applies here, "He who does not learn from the mistakes of history is doomed to repeat them!" A fantasy world of revisionist history is being promoted by the Woods, fed by unknown sources with suspicious paperwork. It remains to be seen how many more years it will continue to distract consumers from reality.

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- Exhibit One: The MJ-12 Annual [First Page]
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- Exhibit Three: Extract from the Oppenheimer/Einstein Document
- Exhibit Four: Annual extract [retyped into this essay]

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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.
-----oo00-(_)o00o----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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>Have any of you sometimes wondered if there is any way we could
>cause a few SETI scientists to open their minds a bit, so as to
>include searching for any ETI who would be aware of our
>existence and perhaps interacting with us? I recently tried this
>using SETI's favorite Drake equation as the vehicle.

<snip>

>For those who haven't run into Drake's equation, it goes like:

> $N = R_x \cdot f_p \cdot n_e \cdot f_c \cdot f_i \cdot f_o \cdot L$ (N is a product of all these factors)

>where N is the No. of civilizations in our galaxy whose radio
>emissions are detectable from Earth; R_x is the rate of formation
>of suitable stars,... L is the "lifetime" of communicating
>civilizations.

>Notice that they leave out all civilizations that no longer
>utilize radio wave communications, plus other possibilities,
>though they allow L to be as large as millions of years.

<snip>

>What I have in mind is this. If N_d is the "N" of the Drake
>Equation (d stands for Drake), then it is evident that N_d refers
>only to those civilizations in our galaxy whose means of
>communication have not evolved much beyond the use of radio
>waves. Omitted then are the number of more advanced
>civilizations, N_{adv} , whose communication capabilities have
>rendered radio-wave communications essentially obsolete. Since
>most of these N_{adv} presumably possess large L (lifetime), it
>seems inconsistent that the L within the Drake Equation includes
>their presumed large L values while N_d itself excludes them by
>searching only through radio-wave telescopes.

<snip>

I received a mailer from Frank Drake and the SETI Institute last
November soliciting funds, in which Drake writes:

"Advances in science and technology are putting SETI on the fast
track as never before. A team of world-renowned astronomers,
engineers, and technologists -- specially commissioned by SETI
Institute -- has proposed bold and exciting new SETI ventures
that will provide humanity with its best opportunity to make
contact.

"We urgently need to build a new generation of telescopes and
signal processors. We must harness the potential of optical
infrared technology. These may be what it takes to detect a
faint radio or a flashing infrared beacon sent our way from
another civilization."

So apparently SETI is considering expanding the search into the

infrared and perhaps other domains. Freeman Dyson, e.g., has pointed out for many years that the best signature of an advanced civilization might be in the infrared rather than radio spectrum. I think many readers are familiar with the "Dyson sphere" concept, in which an advanced alien civilization forsakes interstellar travel. Instead the most efficient way to expand a specie's lebensraum might be to break up their solar system and use it to construct an enormous, self-contained spherical shell around their home star, thus capturing 100% of the star's solar energy. If the shell were at present earth orbit, e.g., the living space would be approximately 10^{17} sq. miles compared to the paltry 2.5×10^8 sq. miles we currently have on earth's surface. In other words, building the sphere would give you the living space equivalent to colonizing 250 million other worlds. This would be the ultimate public works project.

Dyson's point here is that all we would likely see of this sphere is the infrared heat signature. Any radio wave communications (if they still were used) would probably be largely confined to the inside of the sphere.

>(Ntot could be extended further, of course, by considering any >ETI who possess inter-galactic travel capabilities.)

Not to mention any ETI who possess INTRA-galactic travel capabilities. In fact this is probably the single biggest shortcoming in the thinking of most SETIists, their assumption that interstellar travel is essentially impossible. Well, that's simply not true. Even barring some breakthrough propulsion FTL propulsion scheme, sub-light travel is definitely theoretically possible. It's not hard to dream up schemes (all very enormous and expensive in scope by present standards) in which 10 to 30% of light speed could be obtained. This places migration to nearby star systems on the order of a few decades. Now imagine humans or other alien species learning how to greatly extend their life spans to hundreds or even thousands of years. We humans are on the verge of understanding the aging process, slowing it down, stopping or even reversing it. With that done, migrations lasting a few decades would no longer seem so daunting, representing only a fraction of the total life span of any individual.

But SETI assumes that aliens remain forever confined to their home star system. Thus they generally restrict their searches to the most earthlike star systems, one's that would most likely evolve native life, rather than be colonized from beyond.

However, even one ancient, advanced, relentlessly colonizing and expanding alien species (think Borg) could explore and colonize every nook and crook of the galaxy in only a few million years. At that point, throw out the Drake equation, because they could be everywhere. Even if they colonized only sun-like star systems, there are at least 10 billion such systems within our galaxy. The nearest inhabited star systems could be very close indeed. But SETI people generally censor the whole idea of interstellar expansion and colonization.

Just to see how ingrained this thinking is in a SETIist like Drake, here's something else he wrote in his solicitation:

"The first half of the movie ["Contact"], for the most part, got the science right. But I'm amused when science fiction portrays interstellar travel in movies and on TV as a breeze. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"The best rockets now available travel at about 10 miles per second. Even reaching the nearest star system, Alpha Centauri at about 4.2 light-years distance, would take 75,000 years. There are about 1,000 stars like the Sun within 100 light-years of us. To investigate them all with spacecraft would take millions of years and vast amounts of money."

Stupid reasoning, no? About as dumb and narrow-minded as Drake's arguments dismissing eyewitness reports, which I took him to task for a few months ago. Among the things he rejected, e.g., where absolutely consistent reports for the past 200 years from fireball witnesses of hearing anomalous, instantaneous sizzling sounds from the fireballs. This was an interesting, anomalous phenomenon worthy of investigation. But Drake couldn't personally conceive of a physical mechanism, instead declared

that it violated the laws of physics, and proposed a nonsensical psychological explanation instead.

Little has changed nearly 30 years later. Now Drake is declaring that the best that can EVER be done with rocket propulsion, even after millions of years of human scientific advance, is our present-day 10 miles/second. Talk about a colossal failure of vision! I think Stanton Friedman would tell Drake they could do better than that 30+ years ago with the nuclear-powered rockets he was working on. NASA propulsion experts have all sorts of advanced, conventional propulsion schemes (no warp drives) on the drawing boards that can do vastly better than 10 miles/second. NASA director Goldin is even talking of the possibility of sending an interstellar probe in the next few decades utilizing one of these propulsion schemes, a giant laser-propelled sail. We're talking maybe 10 thousand, not 10 miles/second here folks.

We mere humans could probably accomplish this feat using known physical principles within the next century given the money and the will. But in Drake's SETI World (copyright 1999), humans and aliens will forever be limited to chemical rocket speeds.

>Thus my search for persons within your organization interested
>in Ni seeks those who are not afraid of the "UFO" word, and who
>also can allow that the ETI involved could be far advanced over
>us in their intelligence and in the strategy they may have of
>dealing with much less advanced civilizations, not to mention
>their great headstart in science & technology.

Jim, you just don't understand. No matter how intelligent or how great the headstart in science & technology, alien civilizations will always be limited to chemical rocket speeds. You have Frank Drake's expert opinion on that. Therefore, they could never show up here. So stop whining, pony up your \$25 to the SETI Institute, and let the Real Scientists show us how to search for those elusive aliens.

David Rudiak

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Ancient Irish Astronauts

Blather received this week a smattering of emails - actually we exaggerate, it was just the one - which accused us of undue sarcasm and a careless flexibility with 'the facts'. To assure the readership that we would never stoop to such heights, what follows is perhaps a Real and Factual Account of A Possibly Fictional Hypothesis.

Much ado has been made about the great 120m stainless steel spike which is soon to adorn the central island of Dublin's O'Connell St., but little has been made of its importance as a monument to the golden (or iron pyrite) age of Irish space travel. In the beginning, there was the 205ft (62.5m) great granite Wellington obelisk in the Phoenix Park - not a monument to rubberised footwear, as some folk are wont to think, but built as transportation for the reluctant Dubliner who favoured that infamous boot, the 1st Duke of Wellington (a.k.a. Arthur Wellesley, 1769-1852), when fears of a post-Napoleonic Interplanetary War were at their peak.

Unfortunately, though building commenced in 1817, the spacecraft (adorned with battle scenes cast from captured cannon) was not completed until 1861, some nine years after the Duke's demise. It was then thought too heavy to catapult beyond gravity's reach.

The next notable entry into the Hibernian Space Race was Michael 'The Big Fella' Collins (1890-1922), recently hyper-immortalised by actor Liam Neeson in one of those 'talkie' moving picture by esteemed local director Neil Jordan. Collins was one of the military blackguards (as opposed to the Black and Tans) behind the events leading to the formation of the Irish Free State in 1921. He subsequently served as Commander-in-Chief of the Irish army. Thanks to the negotiations between Eamon De Valera, Harry Boland and NASA, Michael Collins was the first Irishman in space, remaining in lunar orbit while his Apollo 11 colleagues Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong went walkabout on the moon. Some commentators reckon that Collins didn't survive the impact of the command module into the Pacific Ocean on July 24th 1969, while the majority accept that he met his end in B=E9alnaBl=Elth

(The Mouth of Flowers), near Bandon, West Cork, on August 22nd 1922. Discrepancies between many of the reports lead to suggestions from some quarters that the moon-landings were hoaxed by Sinn Féin - subject matter for a forthcoming tribunal in Dublin Castle.

This age of Irish Astronautism came to an end when Nelson's Pillar (illuminated by a Professor Gluckman in 1849, when men were men and electricians were professors) met a sticky end in 1966, a tragedy comparable to the 1986 Challenger Shuttle incident. The Pillar's exit from the centre stage of Dublin's skyward-looking lifestyle is far from a simple matter however, with various factions vying for and denying the notoriety of having done away with it on the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Rising, when Cork seer, astronaut and soldier Michael Collins performed his extraordinary powers of levitation for a waving and cheering populace outside the General Post Office on O'Connell St, then known as Sackville St.

[General Post Office and Nelson's Pillar (engraving by the Brocas family 1820)
(<http://www.blather.net/images/featured/issue2no36sackvillebig.jpg>)]

Of course, not many people know that Collins found plenty of time to frequent O'Heffner and Synge's *Playboy Club of Western Europe*, a late-night wine bar in the basement of Speranza's house in Lower Leeson St. It was here in the Playboy Club that Lady Hazel Lavery, Collins' fiancée Kitty Kiernan and a Chinese girl called Chango (clad only in myxomatosis-free bunny-hide, she soon left to inhabit the moon) were introduced to intergalactic society by The O'Heffner.

Today Ireland's contribution to space exploration is more subtle, with technological involvement in various projects, most notably the European Space Agency and the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies School of Cosmic Physics. The Institute was once lauded by his holiness Myles na gCopaleen for having proved that there were two St. Patricks and no God.

Dave (daev) Walsh
29th January 1999

NOTES:

Nelson's Farewell - The Dubliners song about the Nelson Pillar Space Project
<http://www.forst.uni-muenchen.de/~refo/poezio/nelson.html>

Two St. Patricks
<http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bj333/HomePage.flann.html>

Lepufology, rabbits and Chinese girls on the moon. To be found in *The New Inquisition*, Robert Anton Wilson
<http://www.rawilson.com>

European Space Agency
<http://www.esa.int/>

Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies School of Cosmic Physics
<http://www.cp.dias.ie/cosmic.html>

Wellington Obelisk
<http://www.archeire.com/archdublin/19thc/wellington.html>

The O'Connell Street Spike
<http://www.archeire.com/onsite/spike/index.html>

Michael Collins
<http://www2.cruzio.com/~sbarrett/mcollins.htm>

Michael Collins - the movie
<http://www.michaelcollins.com>

The General Post Office on O'Connell Street or Sackville Street as it

was then known.

<http://www.michaelcollins.com/cmp/al.html>

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

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>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:51:08 EST
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>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

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>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

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>>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:28:07 +0000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

><snip>

>>>If Kevin Randle were to fly himself in, would he be welcome to
>>>address the conference? Certainly there should be a little time
>>>available.

<snipped for brevity>

Kevin wrote:

>In many of those conferences the agenda is out there for
>everyone to see. If Richard Boylan is the conference organizer,
>then it is clear to everyone that nothing considered "negative"
>will be presented. All New Age philosophy will be endorsed and
>all evidences of scientific thought will be rejected.

Geez Kevin, you mentioned the "unmentionable one." EBK must have
been drowsy when this one came across his screen. The mere
mention of Heir Doktors name _usually_ elicits a loud
"hrrrump" from him. <G>

[Looked long, harrumphed, looked harrumphed and posted--ebk]

>The IF conference seemed to one that was going to be
>scientifically oriented. I thought it would be a good arena in
>which to introduce some thoughts about the abductions with an
>eye to helping some of those who believe they might have been
>abducted and who are looking for some answers.

We both know that there aren't very many reliable "answers"
available. I (and I don't think any of the invited speakers)
would ever presume to have or provide "answers" especially to
many of the larger questions. "Helping folks" or providing
information is what the website was set up to do. That isn't
what the conference is about, or geared for. Besides, in a
conference setting, trying to 'help' or to give answers (without
dealing with individuals and their specifics) would be a tough
act to pull off, and IMHO would be tantamount to 'recruiting' or
in some cases polluting/preconditioning the listeners. Contrary
to popular belief, in our work with individuals we avoid -any-
of that like the plague.

>It is not a negative view but a simple statement to suggest
>that, in my opinion, a little balance could be used.

That was strong language you used in that post Kevin. When you tell folks to expect a one sided presentation it would be hard not to take it as a negative slam. Maybe I'm just too close to it (conference) and I read more into your remarks than you may have intended, but it came off (to me) as a slam on the conference and the speakers.

>The list of
>the speakers (and here I may again irritate Jerry Clark) seemed
>to have all come down on a single side in the debate. I have
>read each of the books produced by the participants and can
>guess at the direction they will take. I thought a cautionary
>hand might round out the picture. That was really all that I
>thought.

If you had couched it in those terms in your original you never would have heard from me (or probably Jerry either!) You'll have to admit that the above paragraph is much more benign than the 'tone' of your original.

>As for knocking you all over the internet, isn't that something
>of an exaggeration? I personally posted my message twice, both
>times to closed discussion lists. I have not posted it to any of
>the open news groups, and in fact, haven't looked at any of
>those in several months.

Aw Kevin, now you're being coy. You've been around long enough to know that anything that is posted by someone as well known as yourself, will get reposted ad nauseum all over the place. And in no time flat! They don't call it the World Wide Web for nothing partner. In 24 hours a post from UpDates could have made it around the world at least three times. Yeah, it reaches a lot of eyes. And you know that. "Exaggeration?" I don't think so.

>I also knew, when I posted the comments, that they would invoke
>a number of nasty responses (not that I would consider that
>written by John Velez nasty) and they have.

No nastiness was intended by me Kevin. Although my 'first draft' is not the one that made it to the list. <lol> I'm glad it didn't. Those 'first reactions' can be murder if you hit the 'send' button too quickly. <G>

>It is clear that many don't want to see anything that suggests
>an alternative answer to any aspect of the abduction phenomena.

Get a snack Kevin, this is a lengthy response. <G>

I don't know if your use of the word "many" is accurate or a fair characterization. I have been waiting for years for any "other" plausible explanation. In point of fact, I'd rather think that I'm nuts! At least that way I can simply eat my Prozac (or gorilla biscuits, or whatever they're prescribing nowadays) than live my life with this. I could simply go and get help and help myself. It is my experience in working with others that that attitude is widely shared by abductees. (Most folks) would much rather believe they're nuts than believe abduction. But then I'm not crazy or imagining things. Many others feel the same way. Before I ever went to Hopkins I had my self evaluated psychologically. I'm not crazy or dysfunctional so, (for me) purely 'psychological' explanations just don't hold much water.

No one_ (as yet) has postulated anything that I (and many others) can consider as a viable "alternative" explanation for what has been happening to me, (us) and mine, (our loved ones.)

I'm not one of those that is basing their conclusions on nebulous, or half recalled material. I have had close up encounters with silent, glowing, hovering discs. Hours of "missing time," visits to emergency rooms where I am asked by E.N.T. specialists about the "surgery" I have had in my head, or my abdomen, (I have never had any surgery in my head or my gut!) Then there is the physical evidence that I have witnessed first hand among my family members time and again. That's an awful lot to dismiss as "media influence" or temporary psychosis or whatever.

I was there, I saw, I felt, I remembered. It happened. The moment someone can give me a (sensible) alternative explanation for any of the above, I'm open man. So far, no soap. No one

thing_ I have heard from anyone addresses -all- of the above.

What does make sense because it -fully- explains/fits
everything I have experienced over a lifetime is this;

UFOs (yep, I've seen em) manned by nonhuman beings, (yep, seen them too) are taking people, (yep, I've been taken) and performing "medical-like" procedures, (been dere done dat) among "other things" for reasons unknown. The encounters can leave physical traces, ie; marks, scars, ground traces, and even active bleeding afterwards. (been dere done dat!)

So you see, simplistic psychological or media explanations don't take into account the physical aspects. Media influence although it may be valid for someone born in the last couple of decades doesn't apply to me because I'm a fifty year old fart and when I was a kid my parents were poor and we didn't have a TV or go to movies much through my first 6 or 7 years of life. Yet I have -clear- childhood memories (that I have carried with me all my life) about 'little skeletons' that used to take me out of the house and up to the sky. My mother caught me slamming myself repeatedly into a wall when I was four or five because I was attempting to walk through it. I knew it was possible because I had done it with 'them.' We're talking 1953 Kevin. Show me "Greys" or "floating through walls/floors/cielings" or any number of other things that I have failed to mention in any "media" of the time. Remember, we didn't own a TV and the only movies I saw as small child were Disney flicks. (Davey Crockett and Dumbo etc.) No "Greys" in any of those. One other thing, have you noticed that the "alternative explanations" are all mutually exclusive? And no (one) of them explains all of the aspects of what is being (commonly) reported.

>When, in North Carolina, I suggested only that we must
>do better than suggest "there are no traditional sci-fi gods
>and devils" that correspond to the abduction phenomena,

There certainly are now. I agree. But it doesn't go far enough Kevin. It doesn't address fully conscious multiple witness UFO encounters/sightings, the physical aspects of abductions or any of the other reported phenomena. None of the alternates offered to date have addressed the 'whole.' Just parts. Bits and pieces.

Also, (and this is a big bone of contention with me)

None of them ever take into account that (some folks) may simply be telling the truth to the best of their ability.

That's why some folks get a little pissed. It's like being called a fool or a liar. Facts are facts, and the truth (whether you are able to prove it right away or not,) is still the truth. I don't know if you can understand where I'm coming from Kevin. I'm not selling anything. I can only go with what I clearly and consciously recall, and I can only try to report it in as unembellished a way as I can.

>there were those who heard me attacking abductees.

Hey man, don't feel bad. I'm an abductee and I've been called a skeptic! (By other abductees! <G>) And only because I believe that anyone going public should be 'willing' to substantiate their claims as best they can. (By being willing to submit to psychological/polygraph/medical or other forms of verification.) Private individuals have no such obligations. I get beaten to death for that little 'opinion.'

>All I was saying was that we
>could, if we looked, find various elements of the abduction
>phenomena in science fiction and pop culture, and that we had
>better find ways of dealing with that information rather than
>simply dismissing it.

There's really only one way to "deal with it" Give "it" credence over the reports of the experiencers. Doesn't make much sense when looked at in that light does it. It may be valid in (some) cases. But, it only serves to minimize what is being honestly reported by many credible individuals. Price is too high just to prove that (a few) are/may be influenced by media.

>I would, of course, have
>preferred to make the argument myself, but that is not to be.

My high school basketball coach used to say; "Buck up boys, there's always next year! <VBG>

Greg is a fair guy Kevin. Submit some questions for the 'panel.' I'm _sure_ Greg will use what he can during the discussion. I certainly have no objections to your having some input. Your work and reputation have earned you the right to be heard. We aren't out to deny you that. (Contrary to your original remarks about us and the conference.) <G>

Regards, and hopefully still on friendly terms,

John Velez

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Alfred's Odd Ode #291

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Apology to MW #291 (For January 30, 1999)

One pays a price for thinking thoughts, regarding ebbs and flows, of the inculcated gracelessness we know as "status quo". UFO's are surly counter to this *fog* that's been contrived; what the few can call a blessing, but by most is most despised. Its sullen grasp exceeds its reach, discounts a human contribution; it's the hunger and its gracelessness they employ for more confusion. This hunger and its gracelessness is the tool to be deplored (!) -- is the fuel for what reduces us, and what drives us to the floor.

Most pray for some stability (which they'll have at any cost). They'll let the *man* run rampant -- never worry what's been lost. They'll eat the pap the *man* gives out and swear by its veracity, forgetting holes he's leaving as if worthy of apostasy. Forget *accepted* models (based on shallow supposition); forget they make a rebel, and what they do to opposition. Forget they boycott publishers, and can make the money scarce! Forget they play the music, AND they're sitting in the chairs!

It's hard to have a steady deck, or stars to steer her by, when the rules are double dealing, and the field is a slide. It breeds its own corruption -- another wrong to make a right 'cause "just plain folks" won't spread their cheeks; they'll hunker down and fight!! But, hamstrung by *convenient* want of expensive education, folks are blathered by possession, and betrayed by orchestration. They ape the mainstream party line of blindness to their ills 'cause the *curing* costs the change they'd face for paying down their bill!

We KNOW there's stuff that fills the sky with colored, flying light! The evidence it's *thinking* tends to qualify our fight! And fight it is as more is known, and the longer you hold on -- shall determine depths of failure we achieve when things go wrong! Give it up, you cruel elite, entrenched in your convenience. Your day is past, not worthy a scintilla of bereavement. Give in to toleration, and the peace that it can bring. Admit at last autonomy, that we're, each one, queens and kings! Give out the information we, by right (!) should surly have. If GE=99 drops a trillion, well that's a shame, and too damn bad! Don't pretend to save us from the *awful*, *scary* truth. Don't protect us from reality, just let it go! Let loose!!

We'll lose to gain a bigger prize of honest satisfaction. We'll lose, and have the finer things we've lost in past distractions. Our loss will be collective gain! Mere pennies for the stars! We're mining all the asteroids -- it's NOT a bridge too far! What's gone provides the greater gain -- no more we'll bow and scrape! We shan't abuse our planet that we use up, foul, and rape. No more phony "mastery", but righteous steward-ship. No more crass authority to give us grief and lip! Each decides his own glad fate, with all his bases covered -- that power's individual is the wealth that we'll recover! Every man defends his castle -- and every woman has her home; they earn it *just* for living, just for having finger bones! Every one is safe, and glad -- and health care is

assured. And we're set free from _tyranny_ to which we're presently detoured!

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Respect the elder child, of any age or station, as much as you respect the unborn one, and preclude our flag's ablation. Yeah, that's right -- brought into this world, not _only_ a free lunch (!), but a free bed and roof!! That's how _important_ the individual needs to be -- unfettered by hunger, disease, and abuse -- poised to make a self actualized contribution to an appreciating culture that respects it . . . for _merely_ being brought into this cruel unforgiving world (_forgetting_ it'll bring the saucers down. <g>). What tools, used to accomplish the preceding, are sitting in dusty repositories (?) -- hidden away from the minds, hands, and hearts of those, the currently disrespected, who have paid, and paid _dearly_ for them!

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Hearing On U.S. Spacepower In The 21St Century

29 September 1998

I am pleased to be here today to discuss the changing environment of space in the 21st century and the growing role of spacepower in U.S. national security. I would also like to outline the initiatives undertaken by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Intelligence Community (IC) to ensure that the United States maintains space-based information superiority in the next millennium.

Criticality of U.S. Space Capabilities

Today U.S. space capabilities are the indispensable tools of global leadership. They allow our political leaders to base decisions on a remarkably solid, broad, and detailed foundation of information. Space systems enable our military leaders to dominate the battlefield by providing global communications, precision navigation, accurate meteorological data, early warning of missile launches, and signals and imagery intelligence support. The global presence of space systems makes it possible for the U.S. to more effectively address the wide range of threats presented by the post-Cold War world.

In the future, U.S. forces will rely upon space systems for global awareness of threats, swift orchestration of military operations, and precision use of smart weapons. As we move into the new millennium, one of the key goals of military space power will be migration of Intelligence, Surveillance, and

Reconnaissance (ISR) from traditional terrestrial platforms to the high ground of space. Combined with global communications and high speed information processing, ISR will deliver precise military firepower anywhere in the world, day or night, in all weather. Our goal is to detect, track, and target anything of significance worldwide and to get the right information to the right people at the right time. This capability will allow the U.S. to maintain a nonintrusive global presence and deliver precision weapons on target to maximize combat power while minimizing collateral damage.

A New Space Environment

While the United States has long enjoyed dominance in space, we can no longer take this advantage for granted. The utilization of space is changing rapidly and we will not be able to maintain our edge in the future without careful planning, prudent investment, and shared commitment to a common goal.

We are now in a critical transitional period. In past decades, the United States was the most powerful and effective member of an exclusive club—few nations could field satellites. In the future, the growth of the commercial space industry will open up this club to anyone with the price of admission. Space assets will be available to our adversaries during peacetime, crisis, and war. Capabilities that are U.S. secrets today may be common knowledge tomorrow. Space will become an increasingly crowded and contentious arena.

Strategy for Continued Space Dominance

Loss of the advantage space now gives the U.S. in national decision making and military operations would be a severe threat to our national security and to our international stature. The United States cannot and must continue to field space systems that are more capable, more agile, and more reliable than those of our adversaries. We must develop unique collection capabilities against the most intractable intelligence targets. Finally, we must be prepared for the possibility that our adversaries will target U.S. government or commercial space systems.

I would like to highlight some of the key elements of our strategy for ensuring space-based information superiority:

First, we are strengthening research and development to achieve revolutionary breakthroughs in capabilities. Second, we are strengthening our space programs through partnerships between the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), the Air Force, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Third, we are leveraging advances in the commercial space industry to lower costs and improve the capabilities of our satellite systems. Finally, we are conducting research on ways to protect our space assets. Let me elaborate on each of these areas.

Achieving Revolutionary Advances

The NRO is now moving from an evolutionary to a revolutionary research and development profile. This approach aims for quantum improvements in U.S. capability to collect against hard targets such as weapons proliferators, to support military operations, and to counter foreign denial and deception efforts. The NRO is now close to achieving a goal of devoting 10 percent of its budget to Research and Development (R&D). Consistent with this investment, the NRO has established an Advanced Systems and Technology Directorate to manage R&D programs. This directorate's charter is to accelerate the process of identifying, developing, and adopting new technologies.

This is not a unilateral effort. In 1997, the Air Force Research Laboratory, and NASA created the Space Technology Alliance to coordinate the development of affordable, effective space technologies. This will allow us to avoid duplication of effort and ensure that we get the most out of our R&D funds. The program includes an exchange of personnel among the three agencies and biannual senior technology summits to review programs.

Space Partnerships

In an era of shrinking defense and intelligence budgets, we can

no longer afford to maintain separate domains for black and white space programs. Future U.S. space dominance will rely on successful collaboration between the NRO and the Air Force to deliver the space systems of the future sooner, better, and cheaper. As the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space and the Director of the NRO, I have worked with General Myers and his predecessor, General Estes, to ensure that we will be able to meet the needs of national and military users. Let me describe two key efforts to achieve this cooperation.

In August, the Secretary of Defense (SecDef) and the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) appointed General "Mitch" Mitchell National Security Space Architect (NSSA) to develop, coordinate, and integrate DoD and Intelligence Community Space architectures. This position was created in response to a Presidential Decision Directive, which directed that the SecDef and the DCI ensure close coordination of defense and space activities. The NSSA will use the body of work produced by the DoD Space Architect as a point of departure to build an integrated national security space roadmap.

We have formed an Air Force-NRO Integration Planning Group, a small team that will search out new collaborative ventures to enhance our capabilities, reduce the costs of space services, and improve our support to the military customer. This team will develop and promote new ideas and serve as the focal point for examining and coordinating innovative Air Force-NRO program integration concepts.

The Global Positioning System (GPS) initially conceived as a precision navigation system for military forces, has now grown into an international industry. In 1996, the President directed that the highly accurate GPS signal be made available unrestricted to the civil community. The Department of Transportation now plays a key role in the administration of the GPS system along with the DoD. Together we are coordinating with our international partners to make GPS the world=92s navigation system of choice. To that end, the Japanese have just announced their intention to work closely with the U.S. to promote broad and effective use of GPS.

In the area of meteorology, the Air Force=92s Defense Meteorological Satellite Program will soon evolve into the National Polar Orbiting Environmental System, a joint DoD and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) operation. The convergence of the DoD and NOAA satellite meteorology systems will save the U.S. government \$1.3 billion and create a more robust environmental sensing architecture. This architecture will also include a European partner, the European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites, who are providing one of the three satellites in the constellation.

Leveraging the Commercial World

The rapid expansion of commercial satellite communication will bring affordable, mobile communications to every corner of the globe and create a new information infrastructure for banking, commerce, medicine, science, diplomacy, and education. Shortly after the turn of the century there will be an estimated 1800 commercial communication satellites on orbit to serve as the information backbone of the new global economy. This space-based information network will tie together the world=92s economic, government, and societal institutions in new and unpredictable ways. Commercial remote sensing will also continue to grow and improve from the 2-5 meter resolution now available on the world marketplace.

The DoD supports the growth of the commercial satellite industry and we are already taking advantage of commercial technologies, as well as commercial manufacturing techniques, to reduce costs and increase efficiency. The lessons learned from mass manufacturing of commercial satellites will provide benefits for both government and industry. The Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program is the next step in reducing our launch costs and creating a more operable and responsive spacelift infrastructure. The launch demands of the commercial space industry will drive significant improvements in range modernization and reusable launch technology. In turn, the U.S. military will benefit from a more robust launch capacity and U.S. industry will gain a more competitive footing in the

international launch market.

The DoD and the IC are beginning to share the burdens of raw technology development and the costs of industrial infrastructure with a successful commercial industry. This will act to lower costs for satellite development and manufacturing. Some of the most promising areas for cost reduction include launch services and the use of commercial satellite buses. The NRO is already using a commercial bus for some satellite systems. Our eventual goal is to move the production of satellites from a craft industry to a manufacturing industry that can deploy national security space systems better, cheaper, and faster.

I welcome opportunities for commercial solutions to other government space requirements. For example, if a mature commercial imagery system can provide mapping data, then the U.S. government need not finance fully redundant capability. Instead, the NRO would concentrate on more technically challenging space-based intelligence collection methods.

Preparing for the Future

As the President's national security strategy states, "We are committed to keeping free and open access to space for keeping the peace and in support of national security." Our space capabilities are major elements of our national strength and we must ensure that they are protected. We must conduct the appropriate research to this end.

Conclusion

Our space assets are an immensely valuable national resource. As foreign and commercial space sectors continue to grow, we must seriously consider our growing national dependence on space systems and the protection of those national assets. If the United States is to accrue the full advantages of space in the future, we must maintain the world's preeminent space capability. Achieving this goal will require close cooperation between the NRO, the Air Force, NASA, and other agencies, as well as a strong relationship with the commercial space industry. It will also require the unwavering support of Congress. It will take time, coordinated effort, and significant resources to ensure continued U.S. space dominance, but it will be one of the most important investments we can make to ensure U.S. global leadership in the next century.

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In this issue: Feature Title; Recent Arrivals; and Things to Come

FEATURED TITLE:

UFO HEADQUARTERS

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312193475/bufosweirdworld>">

UFO Headquarters

Subtitle: Investigations on Current Extraterrestrial Activity

by Susan Wright

Hardback, 271 pages

Bibliography, resource listing, photograph section (no index)

September 1998

This book may, in some ways, represent the future of non-fiction publishing. The author seems to have made reasonable, extensive use of the Internet. Not taking what is said as simple truth, she goes the highly unusual step beyond of actually following up on the assertions via (gasp) phone calls (among other things). This gives her not only current speculation, but a good degree of critical examination.

Her subject, the "UFO Headquarters" of the book's title, is the base that has loosely been referred to as Area 51. While the book does stray beyond that, it brings us all the usual players. However, I'm quite certain that anyone reading it, even with extensive prior knowledge, would be likely to find something new.

I would have liked to have seen more structure to the book: I can typically identify what I call "the gambit", where the author makes an opening statement, and some kind of sum up. In this book, there really are neither: it reads almost more like a website, with one "link" taking the reader to another with very little attempt to build up to a conclusion. Fortunately, the information given was worth it and competently written, even if I wasn't left with any sense of a position (which should not, by any means, always be required).

Think of it as a light read with some new nuggets about the "mystery base". It seems a particularly apt gift for someone you know who is interested in

UFOs, since it seems singularly unlikely to offend.

RECENT ARRIVALS:

Hot time for UFO titles. I cover lots of different areas, and we'll be seeing quite a few different things as the year progresses.

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0028629043/bufosweirdworld>">The Complete Idiot's Guide to Being Psychic

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/156924782X/bufosweirdworld>">The UFO Experience (paperback reprint)

by J. Allen Hynek

This was one of the most important UFO titles ever. Hynek, who created the "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", etc., classification system, really solidified ufology with this one. A must read...

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/156924720X/bufosweirdworld>">Without Consent (paperback)

by Philip Mantle and Carl Nagaitis

A look at alien abductions by one of the foremost British investigators. This perspective is especially important in determining the cultural influence (if any) on these reports)

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1567182615/bufosweirdworld>">Out of Time and Place (paperback)

by Terry O'Neill

Compiled from FATE

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312968353/bufosweirdworld>">Enter the Valley

by Christopher O'Brien

His first book,

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312958838/bufosweirdworld>">The Mysterious Valley (paperback), was refreshingly straight-forward and well-written. I'm looking forward to reading this one as well.

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1893183025/bufosweirdworld>">The Aliens and the Scalpel (paperback)

by Roger K. Leir

He surgically removed "implants" from "abductees" in conjunction with Derrel Sims.

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0380799073/bufosweirdworld>">We Come As Friends (paperback)

Subtitle: True Tales of Positive Alien Encounters

by Peter Michaels

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1879706504/bufosweirdworld>">The Source (hardback)

by Art Bell and Brad Steiger

I'm assuming this will be available if you order it. Quite possibly a bestseller.

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0879519169/bufosweirdworld>">Open Skies, Closed Minds (hardback)

by Nick Pope

Former British government employee, he claims to have been working on UFOs for them. A British bestseller, it's gotten quite a bit of press here as well.

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1577310764/bufosweirdworld>">Echoes of the Soul

by Echo Bodine and Julia Ingram

Bodine is a nationally famous psychic.

THINGS TO COME

This is the first time I'm running this feature: feel free to let me know what you think. These books have not yet been released, but I anticipate them being important. You can pre-order now, and whenever they are released, get them per Amazon's policies.

<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0517705680/bufosweirdworld>">Stewards of the Earth (hardback)

by John Mack

Pulitzer-prize winning Harvard psychiatrist, Mack strongly supported alien abductions in his previous book. This one is likely to be a bestseller as well.

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This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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Latest Flying Saucer Review Out Now

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 08:18:35 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:01:21 -0500
Subject: Latest Flying Saucer Review Out Now

From: Paul Whitehead <western-pr@western-pr.demon.co.uk>
Organization: Paul Whitehead
Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports

Flying Saucer Review (FSR), published continuously since being founded in 1955 (and read by Prince Philip since, and by Prince Charles for 20 years) is available by on-line purchase (by credit/debit card).

With its wealth of back copies - many of which are still available - FSR forms what is probably the most comprehensive library of ufo material in the world.

And we have copies of The Humanoids, the first study - by some well known and serious writers - of the alien phenomonon. This book was published in 1969 and is still a unique work, and is available from the the FSR web site). We also sell the Flying Saucer Review tie!

The writers in this 256-page paperback include Jacques Vallee, Aime Michel, the Lorenzens, Dr W Buhler, Gordon Creighton and others. Among the 'old' ufo and close encounter reports are landing trace and crop circle reports.

<http://www.corpex.com/users/archmage/fsr/fsrhome.htm>

NOTE 1: the latest issue of FSR is out now. Contents include: Angels in space; a Valentich-type case in Puerto Rico; contact with ufos near Bermuda?; a look at the 'holographic universe'; more on the famous Tehran ufo of 1976; nano-technology/alien technology; and more...

NOTE 2 For those of you using dollars and other currencies, just complete the form on the FSR web site: our Bank will convert your currency to pounds sterling at the current rate of exchange.

There are no hidden charges - it's just like buying with a credit card in your own country! If you have any queries, just email the address on the FSR web site. We have been operating the on-line purchase scheme since July 1998 and it has been a great success.

Go now to: <http://www.corpex.com/users/archmage/fsr/fsrhome.htm>

Paul Whitehead
FSR

Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | 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.
-----oo00-()-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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Some Science Reporting Misleading - UPI Science

From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 11:59:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:14:25 -0500
Subject: Some Science Reporting Misleading - UPI Science

UPI Science News

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UPI) -- A media watchdog group has issued its "dubious data awards" for 1998, listing as its top example research published in November that strongly suggested scientists had proven beyond doubt that Thomas Jefferson sired offspring by one of his slaves, Sally Hemings.

That's simply not so, said David Murray, director of research for the Statistical Assessment Service (STATS). The research, published in Nature, strongly suggested that Jefferson could have fooled around with the slave, as rumored for 200 years, but it was anything but definitive.

Murray said the story's headline declared that "Jefferson fathered slave's last child," while the article was full of caveats. It pointed out that DNA evidence wags a finger at Jefferson but also makes clear that the allegations wouldn't stand up in court.

Nevertheless, most media outlets ignored the caveats in the scientific article and ran the Nature headline as fact, said Murray. For example, The Des Moines Register bannered: "Adulterer on Mt. Rushmore."

National Public Radio announced that "proof is finally in. The president not only did have an illicit sexual affair, he fathered at least one child with his lover. DNA testing has ended that debate."

And the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot bannered, "DNA Link: Paternity Proved."

Such dubious reporting is further eroding the public's plunging confidence in the media, said Glenn Sparks, a Purdue University researcher who studies the press and its impact.

"It's much easier to remember headlines than the qualifiers in stories," added Thomas Gilovich, a Cornell University psychologist and expert on why people have a tendency to believe in almost anything. "People are too easily misled."

He is the author of the book, "Why We Know What Isn't So."

Murray said the result of such "recklessness" - epitomized by coverage of President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky - is that millions don't know what to believe, so they're simply tuning out, which has led to a crescendo of cynicism and apathy starkly evident in the low ratings for the impeachment hearings.

A recent survey of 3,000 Americans for the American Society of Newspaper Editors found that 80 percent of respondents feel some stories get lots of play simply because they are exciting.

STATS, a non-partisan, non-profit group, cited a study suggesting that Americans are the most unfaithful spouses in the entire world, at 50 percent, far ahead of the stereotypically adventurous French at only 36 percent. It also concluded "the French do it most often, the Americans for the longest, while

the Thais prefer to wait for their honeymoon."

Bob Lichter, president of the Center for Media and Public Affairs, STATS's parent group, told UPI that few news outlets pointed out that the research was questionable since it done by the condom manufacturer Durex, and basic scientific methods were ignored.

Only 14 countries were surveyed, the impressive sample size of 10,000 was self-selected, representing only those with the time or inclination to fill out and return a questionnaire, and it focused only on "sexually active" respondents, which Durex defined as people 16 to 45.

"It shouldn't take a Starr report to remind journalists that sex doesn't stop at age 45, though the cost may increase," STATS said in its report.

Some other dubious data awards went to:

-- Claims that a Martian meteorite contained evidence of primitive biological activity, which was reported in Science, another top-ranked research journal. The conclusion was given further credibility when NASA held a news conference to discuss it. No wonder the Dayton Daily News blared: "Mars Mania: Clinton Plans Summit." The Rocky Mountain News declared: "Earth Abuzz at Mars News: 'Prove Us Wrong,' NASA Researchers Challenge."

"Well, OK," Murray said. He said that Science now concedes "most researchers agree that the case for Martian life is shakier than ever."

-- The Republican National Committee's charge that Vice President Al Gore had donated only .0017 percent of his income to charity. The true figure was 17 percent. STATS also noted that Gore also needs to bone up on his math. He asserted that 2.7 trillion e-mail messages were sent last year. But the Commerce Department says 100 million people accessed the Internet in 1998, which if Gore's statement was right would amount to an average of 27,000 e-mails received by every man, woman and child. Not possible, Murray said.

-- A Science News article on fat and body asserting that "women who had gained 22 pounds or more since age 18 ran an increased risk of dying." Not so, STATS said. "Their risk of dying is still 100 percent.

What was required to make the statement comparatively useful would be time-related information, like the risk of dying by age 50."

-- Many media outlets ran stories or ads on a "miracle" drug called Vitamin O that supposedly can treat everything from mild fatigue to life-threatening disease. Fact is, Vitamin O is "ordinary saltwater."

Gilovich said scientific evidence is often "fiendish and presents evidence that is messy and complicated and easy to misread."

Lichter said the public is "caught between the hype and the scare stories."

Political scientist Larry Sabato of the University of Virginia said careless reporting has him worried.

"I've got 600 people in my politics class, and they think it's outrageous and pointless to read a daily newspaper," he told UPI. "This is a very cynical generation and they don't believe much of what newspapers print."

Lichter said people "need to take everything in the media with a grain of salt, but science reporting requires a shaker of salt."

Not only do reckless reports feed cynicism, but they're dangerous as well, he added.

"You get a study that says something causes cancer, then another saying it doesn't. If people see screaming headlines, they stop worrying about what they do eat because they think everything causes cancer. The twin dangers are, people believe what they

shouldn't, or they won't believe anything because they don't know what to believe," Lichter said.

STATS was created in 1994 by Lichter to keep track of erroneous and overblown media claims at the behest of foundations and lobbyists on both sides of the political spectrum. It does projects for conservative and liberal groups alike.

"Our idea is to make the media better, not to beat up on it," he said. "But it's powerful, and has a powerful effect on the public. If journalists don't work harder to weed out the good science from the spurious, and take time to understand it, the industry is in trouble. But so are the American people."

(Written by Mushie Bolgla)

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:17:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:25:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:43:26 -0500

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 23:28:17 -0500

Greg,

<snip>

>>But isn't that the real problem
>>with ufology in general and abductions in particular: turning
>>one's back on analysis and advocate "opinions" instead?

>Where abductions are concerned, the skeptics are even more
>guilty of that than believers.

That does not solve the problem of "failure to analyze" and
invoking believer-skeptics you are putting mustard on whip
cream.

Not trying to be offending, but you are like a bank robber
pointing at Al Capone to excuse his crimes. Instead of
polarizing the debate over a belief-system, why not address
facts and knowledge?

Abduction is in a phase of D_j_-vu: with its "us and they/we and
them", it is becoming some kind of movement and all its true
implications are being lost in the shuffle. Experiencers claim
ignorance and despair, and no mainstream abductologist seems to
be able to alleviate this burden.

>But typically abduction skeptics don't even mention the full
>range of possible abduction evidence

As skeptic avoiding evidence is a jerk and should be ignored.

> -- for instance, the claim
>made by some abduction investigators that abductees corroborate
>even tiny unpublished details in each others' reports. Note
>again: I'm not insisting that this claim is correct

Well, I can't take that.

I get worried when Klass and skeptics get used in an argument.
Either abductees corroborate even tiny unpublished details in
each other's reports or they don't.

Claims are as solid and as valuable as a skeptic's argument:
free like air but stinking like a fart. Claims create urban
legends that can only perpetuate the despair of the victims of
abductions. I know that, in this era of rubberized
relationships, "experiencer" is more palatable than "victim",
but, as "collateral damages" cannot make war less messy and less
inhumane, "experiencer" won't make the problem less problematic.

"Alleged victims" of abduction _do not_ differ from victims of crimes: their personal feeling of security has been shattered and they show adaptive behavior to this event. Among other reactions: aggressiveness, depression, gesunting.

In such a perspective, "alleged victim" is an oxymoron: a shattered feeling of security is related to an "event", a real freaking event. 256-shades-of-grey entities participating in the event should not distract anyone from this.

Let's try my favorite find and replace tool and apply it to cases of abduction: replace greys with "the bastards" and UFO or whatever with "car" or "van" and show the case to any investigator. My 2 cents that you'll be answered: "Don't worry, we'll get those bastards in the red Chevy."

I am sure that, with all your knowledge on abductions, you can come with better "analysis". And you should.

With respect and understanding that this is a tough job,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:29:23 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:28:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:25:32 -0700
>From: Dan Syes <dsyes@micron.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Professional Status of Richard Hoagland

>Dennis,

>I'd love to see the photos. If they are to big for this forum,
>please mail them direct to me.

>Thanks!

>Eating my heart out....(your an evil man!) :-)

>Dan

Dan,

Gimme a minute! Actually, give me much more than a minute. These
negs and prints date from sometime in the '80s. When I run
across them again I'll send you jpeg copies of same. I doubt the
List as a whole is even remotely interested.

Dennis

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Posting Practices

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:51:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:51:52 -0500
Subject: Posting Practices

Greetings,

Posting practices are becoming sloppy again, guys.

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-----This line is 70 characters-----

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>Date: 01 Jan 97 00:00:01 EST  
>From: Genghis@mukluk.com <Bob Bobberts>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Grays are Grey Area
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Again - it's at the beginning of the 'body' of the message you are responding to.

3. Quoting

Always quote from the message to which you are responding.

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>Start each quoted line with a 'greater-than' sign (>) as the first character. It should look like this:

Keep quoted material from previous messages to a minimum: Just quote enough text to let people know what you are referring to.

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6. URLs (Web Site addresses) must include 'http://' and be on one line. The Archive software will make the URL a 'click-able' link to that address in your archived message.
7. To un-subscribe, send a new message with 'Un-subscribe' as the 'Subject: '
8. And please do not use the 'formatted text' features of your e-mail program. No colours, no fancy fonts, no italics or bolding, no fancy quoting designs or html styling. Plain Ascii is what UpDates uses. Messages that are not plain text will not be posted.

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HOT GOSSIP UK - News Flash

From: **Georgina Bruni** <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 13:00:09 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:15:04 -0500
Subject: HOT GOSSIP UK - News Flash

HOT GOSSIP UK - News Flash

On Thursday 28 January the Oxford Union held a debate on the motion "This house believes we are not alone".

The Ministry of Defence official Nick Pope, who spent three years researching and investigating UFOs for the government, spoke for the motion, as did local UFO researcher Michael Soper.

Science writer Ian Ridpath, together with ufologist Peter Brookesmith, opposed the motion.

After a lively and interesting debate which saw contributions from many of the students, the motion was carried by 290 votes to 191.

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

From: Peter Brookesmith Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:19:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:23:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:18:31 -0800 (PST)
>From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

Rebecca (hi sunbeam!) quoted Greg--

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:43:26 -0500

>>But typically abduction skeptics don't even mention the full
>>range of possible abduction evidence -- for instance, the claim
>>made by some abduction investigators that abductees corroborate
>>even tiny unpublished details in each others' reports.

and asked

>I'm just guessing here, but perhaps Brookesmith mentions
>something similar in his abduction book? Doesn't he interview
>Betty Hill who says something about abductees getting together
>at group meeting and comparing notes?

This is certainly in the Fortean Times version of my evening
with Betty. The interview is available on the FT website. I
can't remember if it's in the book.

In a post wirtten so long ago I cannot quote it, Greg implicitly
took me to task for not following up or mentioning some of these
"tiny unpublished details" in my book ("Alien Abductions",
Barnes & Noble (USA), Blandford (UK), ISBN 0-7607-0764-2). The
details, specifically, that he had mentioned concerned David
Jacobs's claim that abductees would describe "alien equipment"
in extreme detail, that the accounts were corroborated by
individuals unknown to each other, and that the descriptions
were so precise and consistent that Jacobs could tell what the
kit would be used for (according to the abductees) shortly after
the third or fourth account was launched. (If you follow me.)

Rather than turn that into a public and easily misconstrued
spat--and to avoid the histrionics we can both indulge in a
public forum--I explained to Greg on the phone that he'd come up
with this about three weeks before the book script was due for
delivery, and there wasn't time to write it up, let alone make
the proper enquiries to give a decent account of the claim.
Which he understood, being a scarred old hack like yrs trly and
a gent besides.

I might as well say there was an awful lot of stuff I had
researched that didn't get in the book either, simply for lack
of space, let alone time. A whole chapter, not to say another
book, could have been written on memory, and it would have
included Rebecca's factitious memory "implanted" (ho ho) by a
certain well-known abduction researcher, and its details. (Ed
Bullard is working on a major treatment of memory in this

connection, and whichever way his opinion falls his paper will be a gem and his research comprehensive, so I don't feel too much was lost!)

Among the things I would want to know or see before feeling able to evaluate these claims fairly and justly would be: (a) a great deal about what happens in Jacobs' support groups, if he runs any, (b) full transcripts of all the subjects' hypnotic sessions and pre-hypnotic discussions with the investigator (c) even more than I already know about terrestrial medical procedures (d) the subjects' entire medical history and (e) their knowledge or interest in (c).

One recalls Sandy Larsen's transmutation of a medical procedure (sinus cleansing, I vaguely recall, corrections welcome) and its incorporation into her abduction story. Just take that as a caveat.

The other "tiny unpublished detail" of which I know anything, and have seen an example or two, is the "alien script" recorded by Budd Hopkins. Greg, John Powell, John Velez and others including yrs trly discussed ways of researching their authenticity at length about two years ago on this list, but that may have been before it was archived on the Web. I gather Prof Stuart Appelle is doing something about these, but whether he's taken up any of the ideas we kicked around I don't know. But the reasonable demand was made of me that I didn't reproduce any of this "alien writing", as that could mess up later data, and I was happy to go along with that.

Anyway--all this is a long-winded way of saying that these "details" haven't been discussed by skeptics, and by this one in particular, for practical reasons rather than lack of scruple or inability to cope with the shocking implications, de da. As John Rimmer points out in another post, most people even inside abductology don't know what these "details" are except in the most general terms.

best wishes
Peritonitis D. Mallificarum
Banging Away

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Re: Abduction Hypotheses

From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 18:14:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:28:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypotheses

Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 21:28:02 +0000
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
From: Sean Jones <seanj@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypotheses

Sean wrote:

>>John, no insult but you have missed two alternatives that have
>>solicited investigation.

>>10) Sleep disorder's/paralysis.

>>11) Astral travel/ OOB's.

>>Both offer credible possibilities.

Oh, no insult at all. My post was just a collection of random thoughts flitting through my head, if people have more ideas or perspectives I would love to hear about them. It's always interesting to me the e-mail messages I get from the lurker world when I make a public posting. I know too many people who have been affected by this phenomenon, and too many people who have experienced UFOs, and too many people who have remarkable experiences, to dismiss it so easily; even if I have no personal experience to measure it by. I feel really uncomfortable when folks like Persinger 'explain' abduction experiences by inducing altered states of consciousness in test subjects. When I see this I just wonder, why is he going to so much effort? I could drop some folks acid a lot easier than that. That humans have altered state experiences is no news to the entire psychoactive subculture. If you are going to be a real scientist about the matter at least do some shrooms, drop some acid, meditate for a while, or practice your OBE. I've done all of these things with hardly any measurable effect. I chalk this up to different brain wiring.

I've never heard that Persinger has placed an alien abductee under his contraption and had them confirm, "Yep, that's what it was. Whooh, what a relief."

Another one, #12, is a real bizarre one. A friend of mine, PJ, who has had all manner of strange experiences helped me formulate this one. This starts with a dualistic notion that consciousness is not a product of the human brain, but rather the human brain acts as a receiving antenna for consciousness. Change the wiring, and you change the station. This most bizarre theory is that the abduction experience involves consciousness attuning itself to other realities, which can be as real as a punch in the nose one second and as fuzzy as a bunny the next. This theory pretty much rejects the whole idea of 'real' and 'not real', and opens up an Alice In Wonderland hall of mirrors that defies explanation in terms of consensus reality. And what the heck does it matter anyway?

A long time ago I was completely uninterested in these subjects. I was in the camp of skeptics who not only considered it all bunk, I had never considered it at all in the first place. Since researching a whole range of phenomena I have realized that

Universe is far from figured out. I find Universe to be a fascinating place that I want to learn and experience as much of as I can during my brief stay here.

I find having an open mind is a lot more conducive to learning new things. I subscribe to a multi-model approach to reality assimilation. I can comfortably work with many different models of reality, even if they are completely contradictory, trying them on like different sets of clothing; whichever is the most appropriate for the occasion.

For example, one of my favorite models for reality was written by a ghost named Seth in the late 70's. I couldn't prove a word the old ghost ever said, but find his models convenient on many occasions.

You got some more models, theories, ideas, I'd love to hear them. Meanwhile, shouldn't an 'explanation' at least pass muster with the experimenter before we leave the table satisfied we have an answer?

John W. Ratcliff

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Re: Russian Plasma Stealth?

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:30:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:36:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Russian Plasma Stealth?

>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 23:17:57 +0100 (MET)
>Subject: Russian Plasma Stealth?
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>Source:

><http://www.ufomind.com/military/aircraft/skunkworks/mailling/msg02028.shtml>

>Stig

>***

>Skunk Works Mailing List

>Russian plasma stealth?

>

>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 15:57:55 +0100 (MET)

>From: pharabod@in2p3.fr

>Subject: Russian plasma stealth?

>In attachment is an alleged Russian ITAR-TASS agency release
>about a new way of obtaining stealthiness, via the use of
>"plasma". They say that it's or will be far better than the US
>Lockheed Skunk Works or Northrop way.

>J. Pharabod

<snip>

Stig:

I have been talking about plasmas around vehicles producing low
radar profiles. for 30 years. Looks like the Russians may be
doing it which makes me wonder if we haven't.

Stan

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Re: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:29:36 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:43:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:40:31 -0800
>From: Alex Heard <aheard@wired.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

>Greetings:

>This is a general message to participants in this forum. My name
>is Alex Heard; I'm an editor at Wired magazine and the author of
>Apocalypse Pretty Soon, a new book about American subcultures at
>the turn of the millennium. Two chapters in the book are
>UFO-related, and I think you'll find them interesting and
>entertaining. One is about the Unarius Academy of Science, the
>famed UFO-oriented religion in Southern California. Another
>concerns Dr. Steven Greer, a contactee who takes groups of
>people out at night to try and "initiate" contact with
>extraterrestrials.

<snip>

Dear Alex Heard:

Any treatment of the UFO topic which touches upon Dr. Steven Greer and/or the Unarius Society would require a great sense of humor indeed.

I would have titled the book "Apocalypse any time now, maybe in two or three weeks but definitely before the second coming of Christ .." but that's a publishing issue.

I am addicted to long book titles.

There may be some people who take Unarius or Greer seriously, but what is to be gained from that?

The Art Bell forum, quite literally many millions in many countries, is more than an adequate forum for your book.

This "forum" doesn't even accept Mastercard or Visa.

If you want to study millenium nut cases, there are literally hundreds of other places to go.

Perhaps you got here by accident.

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:31:49 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:45:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Leanne Martin <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:37:26 PST

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:55:29 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>>The experience leaves one exceedingly disturbed, is entirely too
>>realistic and remains in the memory longer than the worst of
>>recurring dreams. IF it continues off and on over a lifetime,
>>the results of such a personal encounter are fascinatingly
>>personal. It is like getting raped, altho being a guy, I can
>>never truly relate to that.

>
><snip>

>>Dr. Gesundt.
>>A very old fool for my age.

>
>G'day Jim (& List),

>
>A nice read Jim (btw - sorry for miss spelling your name the
>other day - I realised it as soon as I hit 'Send').

>
>In all seriousness . . .

>
>Do you know whether you needed a lot of hospital visits as an
>infant? What have your parents told you of your first two years
>of life? Were you a premature baby who needed life support?

>
There were no hospital visits at all... not until age 7 and that was
years AFTER these dream/memories/events.

>It strikes me as a possible cause of your dream as a toddler. I
>can understand if you see this as too intrusive.

Not at all. There was never even an ambulance even near our home,
yet I was taken by one.... and had never seen one. TV, while invented
) was not in our home until I was 10 years old. We didn't even have
a car until I was 10.

>Does anyone know of any correlation between being a prem-baby
>and 'abduction' experiences?

As far as being a premature infant... interestingly I was the
opposite. I arrive VERY late in the pregnancy and was delivered
by C-section. As in life in general, I gave my poor mom a rough
time. She was in labor for seven days... that must've hurt a
lot...

No... no hospitals, no doc offices (except a lady perdiatrition
and she was TALL). No labs, no ambulances, no nothing. Just a
happy childhood... and no, no mistreatment of any kind. Lotsa
love. Lotsa nurturing.

So, let's add it all up.

- 1) I was late
- 2) Never saw a hospital or lab until after these perceived events
- 3) Ditto with an ambulance (yet I went to mom that very morning and asked her why the ambulance took me away to the hospital up there last night...
- 4) No child abuse
- 5) rarely left the house and the pediatrician came to us.
- 6) Not only was I not premature they had to lift me out
- 7) My part of the delivery was a breeze... no squeezing thru a narrow opening, no birth trauma.

This was 1943.

Jim

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Re: 'Sorry, We'll Be Late'

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:08:50 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:48:12 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Sorry, We'll Be Late'

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 1999 23:01:23 EST
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: 'Sorry, We'll Be Late'

><snip>

>From: New Scientist, 23 January 1999

>Sorry, we'll be late

>Robert Matthews

>Gamma-ray bursts--incredibly powerful explosions that may be
>caused by collisions between collapsed stars--could solve one of
>the oldest riddles about extraterrestrial civilisations: why
>haven't they reached Earth already?

><snip>

Hi everyone,

This New Scientist article which suggests that the rate of large gamma-ray bursts which are sufficient to wipe out all life in our galaxy is about once every few hundred million years has many big implications.

If it takes billions of years for intelligent life to evolve (as some believe), not only wouldn't there be any extraterrestrial civilizations but we could not even explain the existence of ours on Earth. Of course we do exist and UFO sightings continue to be made so we must think again about our origins and what UFOs really are. The New Scientist article, if true, may force us to conclude that that humans and all life on Earth were created by God in recent times and that all UFOs have terrestrial explanations (Nazi inventions, demonic manifestations, etc.).

If such large gamma-ray bursts are not as frequent or never occur at all in some galaxies, then we should not forget about other threats to emerging civilizations such as asteroids. It is estimated that an asteroid the size of a football field (U.S. or Canadian?) comes closer to Earth than the Moon about once every month and from recently declassified military satellite data we now know that the Earth is hit about 25 times a year by a small asteroid which produce nuclear size detonations (in fact, Chicago and neighbouring towns in four states were destroyed by such an impact just over a century ago). An asteroid impact large enough to kill all life on Earth is likely to occur much, much sooner than the next large gamma-ray burst. Now that we have strong evidence for planets orbiting around other stars, I think we can safely assume that all extraterrestrial life is also at risk.

On Wednesday we had a special seminar at York University titled The Genesis Flood which presented geological evidence for many other large catastrophies, including a global flood which destroyed nearly all life on Earth just 5000 years ago.

Re: 'Sorry, We'll Be Late'

Nick Balaskas

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From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 18:13:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:50:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:53:44 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 10:13:53 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>>This is why some states now prohibit witnesses who have been
>>>hypnotized (questioned under hypnosis about the crime) from
>>>testifying. It is simply too easy to implant information even by
>>>the most careful of questioners.

A small clarification.

Some states forbid testimony derived from hypnosis, and all of them should, because without independent corroboration there's no way to determine whether a hypnotically recalled memory is accurate.

This, however, doesn't stop police departments, on occasion, from using hypnosis to develop evidence. And if the evidence can be independently corroborated, it can then be used in court.

For instance: If I'm a possible witness to a murder, and under hypnosis I say that I saw Prince Charles do it, my testimony wouldn't be allowed in court. But the police can act on what I claim to remember. They can look into the Prince's whereabouts, and discover that he was not in Buckingham Palace the night of the crime, as he claimed, but right where the crime was committed. They can discover that he bought exactly the kind of gun used in the crime. Finally they can find a witness who saw the Prince pull the trigger, and all this new evidence -- which they might not have gone after, if they hadn't hypnotized me -- should be more than enough to convict the Prince in court.

There's at least one paper in the psychology literature, describing a case much like this.

Abduction researchers, as I've observed before, don't stress the problems with hypnosis enough. But on the other hand, the best of them never believe a story just because one person told it under hypnosis. I can't stress this enough. The case for abductions is built from many hypnotic and non-hypnotic accounts that appear to confirm each other, even (allegedly) in tiny, unpublished details. So I'm a little tired, to be honest, of hearing the problems with hypnosis brought up over and over by critics of abduction research.

The critics have to go a little deeper (as I hope Kevin does in his book). They have to go beyond saying that hypnosis can encourage people to make up stories, and show why abductees are making up the particular stories they do. Why, for instance, do many people who say they've seen abductees working with the aliens all say that the abductees are wearing blue uniforms when they do it? Has that detail circulated widely in the literature? (Not until fairly recently, after many of the original stories

were told.) Has it been talked about in abductee support groups? Are there unreported groups of abductees describing green uniforms, or no uniforms at all? These are the kind of questions that, in my opinion, the critics should be looking at.

Stuart Appelle, in his lengthy JUFOS paper on the abduction evidence, suggests that non-abductees should be asked to imagine details like this, to determine whether there's some mental template or cultural predisposition that leads people toward these repeated abduction details. If you ask non-abductees what color the uniforms would be, and most of them say that they're blue, then it's much less impressive when abductees report that.

As Stuart and others have also pointed out, there hasn't been enough research on hypnosis. For instance, the research that claims to show hypnosis doesn't help in accurately recalling forgotten details was all or almost all done in laboratory settings. There hasn't, to my knowledge, been any research on hypnotic recall of real-life traumatic memories. I know, of course, that the whole question of recovered memory is considered very dicey these days, but there's impressive evidence from Lenore Terr, among other psychologists, that some recovered memories are genuine. That is, the recovered memories can be corroborated. Corroboration, as always, is the key.

One last thought:

>>This is why some states now prohibit witnesses who have been
>>>hypnotized (questioned under hypnosis about the crime) from
>>>testifying. It is simply too easy to implant information even by
>>>the most careful of questioners.

Elizabeth Loftus and others have proved that memories can be implanted by ordinary questioning, no hypnosis required. Should we now prohibit testimony from any witness who was ever interrogated by police?

We need to use a little common sense when we talk about memory. Recovered memories are tricky, no doubt about it. But some of the writing from critics of recovered memory makes you wonder how any of us could ever trust our minds at all. That was one feeling I had after reading Elizabeth Loftus's book (she being the psychologist most cited in attacks on recovered memories). I wondered what she does when, like all of us at some time or other, she mislays her car keys. The rest of us aren't surprised when, after a few minutes of hapless searching, the light bulb suddenly goes off in our heads. "Oh, right! I put them on the coffee table when I went into the bedroom to change my pants!"

So we look on the coffee table, and find the keys. Poor Loftus, though -- if she takes what she writes in her book a little too seriously, she'd reject a sudden memory like that. After all, she's shown in her research how false they can be. She's probably still looking for her car keys....

Greg Sandow

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Re: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

From: Ed Fouche <fouche@connecti.com>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:09:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 21:01:40 -0500
Subject: Re: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 15:26:52 -0800
>From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: MJ-12 - An Estimate of the Situation

>Addresses the issue of provenance and genesis as well as the
>issue of linkage of date elements. Items missing from the
>original MJ-12 papers since their appearance on the UFO scene
>and items currently missing from the Woods publicised research.
>Same "research" MO.

>The question to Stanton Friedman at the end of the reposted
>message remains unanswered to this day. I repeat the question to
>any of the proponents of the new MJ-12 papers. Is there anything
>in your promotion that provides multiple, independent,
>link-by-link, verified and direct chains of evidence that
>establishes the genesis/provenance of the MJ-12 documents?

>Ed Stewart

<snip>

I don't want to weigh in as having any deep knowledge of the MJ-12 saga. I can only say I have great respect for Stanton Freedman and his ongoing research. I'm more inclined to agree with many of his points though.

I worked a Black Development program in the late 70s. It was a Joint Task Force made up of Air Force, Navy, and DoD Contractors. The lowest Clearance of anyone involved in the Program was Secret, including the supply and clerical people.

Tight Security Procedures and Protocol were implemented for the Program. The Civilian (DoD) Contractors were given money, i.e. contractual, that was far beyond the needs of the Program in my opinion. This was not uncommon during the spending spree from the 70s and 80s on Black Programs.

We set up the Engineering Shops and Calibration Laboratories with the best state of the art Test Equipment, and we had the most fabulous desks, chairs, etc. Every Field Grade Officer had a new pickup truck or Jeep. They bought them with cash at a civilian dealership. The contractors paid for everything, including their own administrative and clerical staff to do much of our required paper-work. This practice is not uncommon but against military regulations and directives.

Because of this affluence, mistakes were made. In spite of the MANY security briefings and controls, I can remember at least once a week there was a MAJOR Breach of Security. Top Secret documents being put in the wrong safe, because someone had stuck the folder inside a Secret Folder by mistake. Non Secret and Non authorized items being kept in one of the safes designated Secret, like hard cash and confidential contractor memos. Briefings and other documents were often marked with no or the wrong classification.

We had AFFTC, AFLC, ATC, TAC, and SAC, not to mention the NAVY, visitors all the time. The Program was a success Only because

they threw so much talent and money at it.

It's one thing to say a military organization has very few security breaches, but it's entirely another thing when you have multiple organizations and DoD contractors working side-by-side. Mistakes happen all the time. Sure, most of them are discovered and corrected. I can still remember when a male administrative secretary made up a Controlled Frequency list for the operations and posted it on the bulletin board in the hall. It was discovered three hours later. The list of Frequencies was Top Secret. One of the DoD Program Managers gave the changes the administrative secretary and neglected to post it in the Top Secret folder. S--- Happens, even in the most secure areas.

Generals, Congressmen, and Presidential staff routinely walk around with classified Documents and notes breaking Security protocols and procedures.

I've even seen Secret information put into Electronic Counter Measures test procedures in Preliminary Manuals by mistake. Even though the ALC civilians, TAC, USAFE, and contractors reviewed the drafts.

We won't even talk about the dumpster FULL of F-15 ATE, Avionics, and aircraft Technical orders at Kelly AFB where they were mistakenly thrown out. Oh, and there were some Confidential Technical Supplements in the dumpster with them.

Don't throw the baby out with the bath water. The closest lie and most believable is the one closest to the truth and Psy-Ops knows this well.

Edgar A. Fouche, USAF Retired
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Re: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

From: Alex Heard <aheard@wired.com>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 18:08:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 22:14:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:29:36 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

>Dear Alex Heard:

>Any treatment of the UFO topic which touches upon Dr. Steven
>Greer and/or the Unarius Society would require a great sense of
>humor indeed.

>I would have titled the book " Apocalypse any time now, maybe in
>two or three weeks but definitely before the second coming of
>Christ .." but that's a publishing issue.

>I am addicted to long book titles.

>There may be some people who take Unarius or Greer seriously,
>but what is to be gained from that?

>The Art Bell forum, quite literally many millions in many
>countries, is more than an adequate forum for your book.

>This "forum" doesn't even accept Mastercard or Visa.

>If you want to study millenium nut cases, there are literally
>hundreds of other places to go.

>Perhaps you got here by accident.

Hmmm, I guess my wording wasn't clear enough. Greer gets
thoroughly trashed. I'm a former editor for the New York Times
magazine, not a Greer buff.

The Unarius chapter is a more sympathetic, but it's basically a
study of fairly dark and sad patterns behind the scenes in a
"zany" UFO cult.

Thanks.

Thanks,

Heard

Please check out my Web site: <http://www.apocalypseprettysoon.com>

Apocalypse Pretty Soon, the book, hits stores in February 1999.

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

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Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:18:31 -0800 (PST)
>From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:43:26 -0500

>>>But isn't that the real problem
>>>with ufology in general and abductions in particular: turning
>>>one's back on analysis and advocate "opinions" instead?

>>Where abductions are concerned, the skeptics are even more
>>guilty of that than believers. Note: this is NOT a comment on
>>Kevin, who's thoughtful about everything he does.

>I consider myself a skeptic and that doesn't mean I'm a
>nonbeliever. By contrasting skeptics being more guilty than
>believers, you are suggesting I'm a nonbeliever.

Rebecca, I was hardly talking about you. I was talking about
published writers in both camps.

>>But typically abduction skeptics don't even mention the full
>>range of possible abduction evidence -- for instance, the claim
>>made by some abduction investigators that abductees corroborate
>>even tiny unpublished details in each others' reports. Note
>>again: I'm not insisting that this claim is correct, or that it
>>means abductions are real. More research needs to be done. I
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>>Documentation: Philip Klass, UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game;
>>the NOVA episode on abductions; the 1996 volume of the journal
>>Psychological Issues, entirely devoted to abductions; Robert
>>Sheaffer's [hope I spelled his name right] new book on UFOs; a
>>recent book of collected UFO pieces (one on abductions) from the
>>Skeptical Inquirer; many skeptical posts here, etc., etc., etc.

>>If anyone knows of an abduction skeptic who mentions this
>>pro-abduction argument, even scathingly, I'd love to know about
>>it.

>Should skeptic claim that this is a fact? Should he/she say "it
>is claimed..." or what?

I myself wouldn't claim this as a fact, so I'd hardly ask
skeptics to. I'd simply ask them to note that it's claimed, just
as you suggest. Then they ought to state what they'd think if
abduction researchers were able to prove that this was actually
so.

>I'm just guessing here, but perhaps Brookesmith mentions
>something similar in his abduction book? Doesn't he interview
>Betty Hill who says something about abductees getting together
>at group meeting and comparing notes?

Peter posted something here to that effect, using (I think) the
text of an article he published elsewhere. I think it might have

been an outtake from his book. At the time, I thought -- and should have posted here -- that Betty Hill is hardly an expert on the current abduction phenomenon, despite her historical importance. Much of what she said, I thought, was more or less off the top of her head. I'm not sure why Peter thought it was worth publishing, unless he was just having fun saying, "See, even a famous abudctee thinks abduction research has problems." Quoting Betty Hill on current abduction stuff is a little like quoting Little Richard on the current state of rock & roll. He'll have a lively opinion, but nobody would take it seriously.

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>other accounts into their own stories, but it is a possibility
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Of course.

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>it would appear to me that it would be very difficult to
>establish tiny details from abductee accounts if one wanted to
>study that particular aspect.

It's virtually impossible to prove an abductee never heard the tiny details somewhere. You can always decide that Budd Hopkins or David Jacobs or John Carpenter might have told someone.

On the other hand, I've seen abductees come into the abduction world knowing less than you'd think. More than once I've had an abductee friend call in a panic, after having read in an abduction book something he or she never dreamed someone else knew about. In one case, the abductee had gone through hypnosis with Budd, and hadn't believed a word she'd come out with. Then she picked up The Threat, and -- not even caring yet about the apocalyptic message -- just went into shock reading a couple of random details that were exactly like what she said when hypnotized. She'd been to a support group meeting or two, and at least one party with abductees, and had every chance, you'd think, to learn many details of abduction stories. But she hadn't, partly because abductees, being in most respects normal people, don't spend every waking hour talking obsessively about their abduction memories.

Crucial focus for those evaluating abduction research -- the very early days of abduction investigation, when hardly anyone knew the familiar story, and it's harder to claim that abductees were influenced by the media or other abductees.

Important area for current investigation (I'm working on this): Dave Jacobs' claim that abductees always put certain seemingly random -- and obscure -- details in the same order. Dave has all his hypnotic sessions transcribed, and so his claim, if it's correct, ought to be possible for him to document.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

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Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 09:30:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:18:31 -0800 (PST)
>From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

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Hi, Rebecca,

May I ask a few sincere questions here?

It would seem that comparison of "tiny, unpublished details" would be a legitimate method for research. Why not? But the above statement seem to set the bar for "significant details" very high - maybe unattainably high. Of course the abductee respondents shouldn't know each other, nor should they contact each other, but must they have lived all their lives in absolute isolation to avoid some obscure, media influence? Are all similarities between stories for those respondents who have lived normal lives then insignificant? What characteristic of abductee or ground rule for a "significant detail" would get the skeptical reader past the "Weaknesses" section of the research? What would that kind of study look like?

Sincerely,

Bill Weber

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Re: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

From: Bob Soetebier <bikebob@mo.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 09:48:18 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

>From: Alex Heard <ahheard@wired.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:40:31 -0800
>Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:53:43 -0500
>Subject: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

>This is a general message to participants in this forum. My name
>is Alex Heard; Im an editor at Wired magazine and the author of
>Apocalypse Pretty Soon, a new book about American subcultures at
>the turn of the millennium.

<snip>

Alex,

Just wanted to thank you for taking the time, and interest, to write and post on UFO-related subjects. My wife and I have subscribed to 'Outside' magazine for a number of years now and found your "Alien Brothers, Come On Down!" article (about Steven Greer) -- in the Sept., 1994, issue of 'Outside' -- right on the money. Having since had the opportunity to hear Greer speak ("pronounce" would be the more appropriate term!) your article was well-appreciated by us.

BTW...Just wanted to let you know I previously took the time to bring your excellent article to the attention of others on the UFO UpDates mailing list via couple of postings (dated: Thurs., Nov 6, 1997, and, Sat., June 7, 1997). If you're curious, you can easily do a search for those (and others I have posted) postings by searching on "bikebob" in the "UFO UpDates Mailing List" on-line archives via this URL:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/>

Also enjoyed reading the excerpted material from your book (noted in your quoted posting, below), in your 'She's Mad As Hell' article (in the 'FIELD NOTES' column) in the Feb., 1999, issue of "Outside".

In the second and third paragraphs of that article you mention one 'Robert Ghost Wolf'. From a previous public posting (elsewhere), it would certainly seem that there may be more (or, less) to Robert Ghost Wolf than meets the eye. I'll forward that posting on to you.

See:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/aug/m25-006.shtml>

In the meantime, keep up the good work! :)

Take care,

Bob Soetebier

St. Louis County, Missouri

Tailwinds to you...

See you ON the road!

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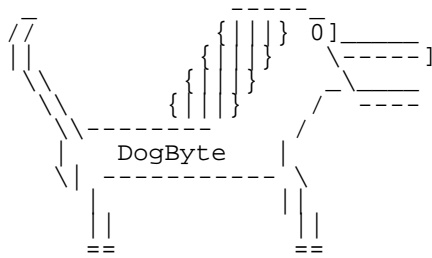
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Anagrams

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
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Subject: Anagrams

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An Anagram, as you know, is a word or phrase made by transposing or rearranging the letters of another word or phrase.

The following list of anagrams are exceptionally clever. Enjoy!

Dormitory	Dirty Room
Evangelist	Evil's Agent
Desperation	A Rope Ends It
The Morse Code	Here Come Dots
Slot Machines	Cash Lost in 'em
Animosity	Is No Amity
Mother-in-law	Woman Hitler :)
Snooze Alarms	Alas! No More Z's
Alec Guinness	Genuine Class
Semolina	Is No Meal
The Public Art Galleries	Large Picture Halls, I Bet
A Decimal Point	I'm a Dot in Place
The Earthquakes	That Queer Shake
Eleven plus two	Twelve plus one
Contradiction	Accord not in it
Princess Diana	Ascend in Paris (freaky, right?)

This one's truly amazing:

"To be or not to be: that is the question, whether tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

And the Anagram:

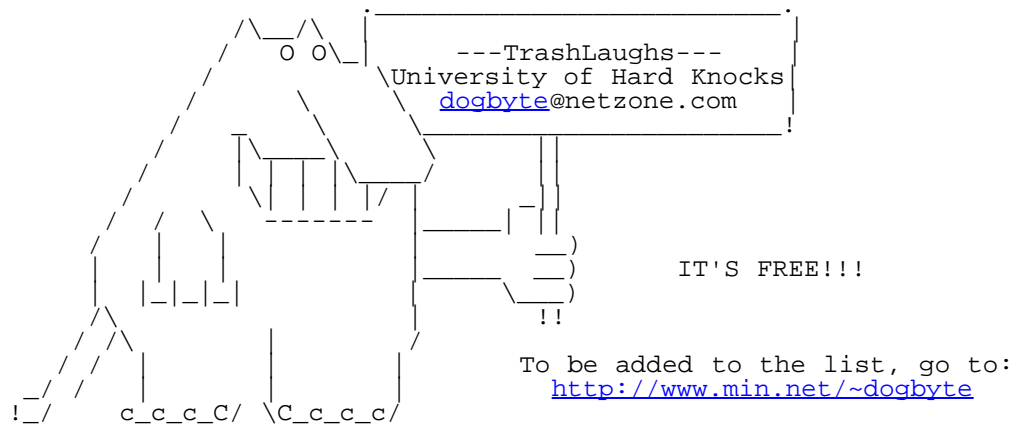
"In one of the Bard's best-thought-of tragedies, our insistent hero, Hamlet, queries on two fronts about how life turns rotten."

And for the grand finale:

"That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." -
Neil Armstrong

The Anagram:

"Thin man ran; makes a large stride, left planet, pins flag on moon!
On to Mars!"



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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

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>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 21:55:28 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Rimmer <magonia@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

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>>_am_ saying that abduction skeptics rarely (if ever) mention it.

>The problem with this is that these researchers refuse to give
>us the details of the tiny unpublished details, claiming (with
>some logic) that if they did so it would 'contaminate' future
>reports. Consequently we have to take this all on trust.

I, too, have pointed out this problem. I'm glad John and I
agree.

Abduction skeptics still ought (in my opinion) to mention the
claim, while being as pointed as they like when they demand the
documentation all of us deserve.

As I mentioned in a reply to Rebecca, I'm working on one piece
of documentation. Another -- Budd Hopkins' 35 samples of
apparently similar "writing" allegedly seen on board UFOs -- is
supposedly being studied for a future report in JUFOS.

Greg Sandow

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Re: ET Call Earth

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 09:59:15 -0500
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Stig

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ET call Earth

By BBC News Online's Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse

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In a few weeks' time mankind will send out its first detailed radio message into the cosmos, asking any aliens who may receive it to get in touch.

It is part of a commercial project called Encounter 2001. This company based in Houston, USA, is offering the public the chance to send their own message into space for \$30.

Not everyone thinks it is a good idea.

According the scientists involved in listening for intelligent signals from outer space, called Seti (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence), sending a message out into space is almost certainly a fruitless exercise.

Dr Frank Stootman of Seti Australia, says that it is not a message to aliens but to us. He adds that a reply is very unlikely and certainly not within our lifetime. And, if an answer does come, it will not be in English.

Chan Tysor of Encounter 2001 counters this. "It's a statement, sending something of yourself away from the Earth to travel in space forever. Whether it gets picked up by aliens or not many people are excited by it."

The message

Before the individual messages are broadcast an encrypted signal, based on logic and maths, will be sent.

Dr Yrvan Dutil, a scientist working for the Canadian Government, is helping to design the cosmic message. He points out that the only other signal deliberately sent into space in 1974 was aimed at a group of stars that were unlikely to have planets.

Because this signal is aimed at a handful of stars like our Sun he says that "for practical purposes this will be our first detailed interstellar transmission."

He is still working on the message, to be transmitted into space sometime in April by the Eypatoria radio telescope in the Ukraine.

The message will consist of a series of pages and will be repeated three times over a period of three hours. The signal will be 100,000 times stronger than a TV broadcast.

Don't listen, talk

Listening for radio signals from alien life in space is not new. There have been about 70 attempts over the past 40 years. So far no signals have been detected.

But transmitting a message into space has been tried only once.

In 1974, the Arecibo radio telescope sent a brief three-minute message towards the distant M13 stellar cluster.

It consisted of 1,679 pulses. When arranged into a matrix, they became an image showing atoms, molecules, our solar system and a representation of a human.

But the cosmic message being contemplated this time will be much longer, 400,000 bits.

Starting with basic symbols it will use logic to describe numbers and geometry. It then goes on to introduce concepts such as atoms, planets and even DNA.

It has been constructed to minimize the loss of information due to noise introduced into the signal during its interstellar journey.

"If any aliens ever intercept this message they will have mastered science so much of the first part of the message, the part that deals with numbers and atoms, will be familiar to them", says Dr Dutil.

"They can then go on and deduce a few things about humans such as where we live, how big we are and how many there are of us."

However, he does have some reservations about sending the message. "I'm not comfortable about sending something in space without a social debate."

Aimed at the stars

The message is aimed at stars from 51 to 71 light-years from Earth. They are all similar to our own Sun. They lie in a region of the sky called the Summer Triangle.

As well as the encrypted message there will be a series of greetings written by the general public. Anyone can sign up to send up to 30 words for \$30.

According to Chan Tysor, things people have put on their cosmic message include their hopes for a more peaceful future for mankind and other races in space. One person said that we have made a mess of our planet so asked aliens to put off a visit for another 100,000 years.

Mr Tysor said that the signal was a kind of monument, "It is a kind of immortality knowing that something you wrote is beaming its way out of the solar system into the galaxy."

Questionable science

Many scientists do not think that broadcasting messages to the stars is a good idea. Among them are many members of the Setileague, a body that organises amateur searches for intelligent signals from space using small radio dishes.

"Great entertainment, but questionable science," said its executive director Dr H Paul Shuch.

It would be fun to beam personal greetings into space, Mr Shuch concedes, but like a message in a bottle, the prospects for successful contact are rather slim."

Carol Oliver of Seti Australia says that while she has reservations about the message being sent into space she hopes that it will inspire many to take an interest in Seti.

She adds that soon, because of a Seti Australia initiative, hundreds of thousands of Australian schoolchildren will be studying the search for life in space as part of a project to help them find out about the universe and themselves.

But Dr Dutil is worried that the Encounter 2001 message will set a precedent, "After us zillions of people will try to send a message into space."

Just imagine he says, "a weirdo group could send what they want into space and this may put humanity into trouble in the far future."

Internet Links:

- *Encounter 2001
- *Setileague
- *Seti Australia

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Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 18:13:13 -0500

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>The critics have to go a little deeper (as I hope Kevin does in
>his book). They have to beyond saying that hypnosis can
>encourage people to make up stories, and show why abductees are
>making up the particular stories they do. Why, for instance, do
>many people who say they've seen abductees working with the
>aliens all say that the abductees are wearing blue uniforms when
>they do it? Has that detail circulated widely in the literature?
>(Not until fairly recently, after many of the original stories
>were told.) Has it been talked about in abductee support groups?
>Are there unreported groups of abductees describing green
>uniforms, or no uniforms at all? These are the kind of questions
>that, in my opinion, the critics should be looking at.
>

Greg,

We're being a little imprecise here, aren't we? "Why do many all say?" Are you saying that many people (but not all) report blue uniforms? That all report blue uniforms? If not, what other color of uniforms are reported?

My favorite color happens to be blue, ditto my son's. The overwhelming majority of police uniforms (the authority figures most of us come in daily contact with) also happen to be blue. Gee, I guess this means aliens share something in common with us after all: a love of the color blue. Or maybe the aliens are color blind, or just happen to be out of khaki-colored uniforms?

I don't mean to be snide about this, as it goes to the bottom of the issue. Obviously, a uniform, or any piece of clothing, has to be some color. The issue is whether blue supports an alien, or human, preference for same.

Like Dylan, I suspect that most of us are tangled up in blue. So what's new?

>Stuart Appelle, in his lengthy JUFOS paper on the abduction
>evidence, suggests that non-abductees should be asked to imagine
>details like this, to determine whether there's some mental
>template or cultural predisposition that leads people toward
>these repeated abduction details. If you ask non-abductees what
>color the uniforms would be, and most of them say that they're
>blue, then it's much less impressive when abductees report that.

Agreed, which is my point above. As for "confirmatory items previously unreported in the UFO literature" (my phrase, not yours), I always wonder why we're not subjected to the real nitty-gritty? That is, do many abductees report soiling their underwear when they're abruptly lifted out of bed and transported through a solid wall into a round spaceship, whereupon they're rudely greyhanded by aliens and helpers in blue uniforms? I think I would! Yet to the best of my knowledge, I can't think of a single case in which a good crap in the pants

has come to light. Not prurient, just curious. Advanced as they are, I feel sure that the aliens have come to grips with this unexpected side-effect of their activities. Indeed, maybe this explains the presence of the helpers in blue, after all. They're there to clean up!

>As Stuart [Appelle] and others have also pointed out, there
>hasn't been enough research on hypnosis.

Agreed again. A good Gurdjieffian would argue that we all live life in what amounts to a state of self-hypnosis. Think about that the next time you watch TV.

<snip>

>I know, of
>course, that the whole question of recovered memory is
>considered very dicey these days, but there's impressive
>evidence from Lenore Terr, among other psychologists, that some
>recovered memories are genuine. That is, the recovered memories
>can be corroborated. Corroboration, as always, is the key.

Percentages alone would guarantee you that. After all, why should all memories recovered under hypnosis be considered false by definition? No one has ever suggested that you lie, and only lie, under hypnosis.

As for corroboration, I couldn't agree more. At the same time, I'm still waiting for the first medical corroboration of a missing fetus in association with an abduction account, along with evidence of a demonstrably extraterrestrial implant. Feeling blue about the lack of same, too, aren't you?

>One last thought:

<snip>

>Elizabeth Loftus and others have proved that memories can be
>implanted by ordinary questioning, no hypnosis required. Should
>we now prohibit testimony from any witness who was ever
>interrogated by police?

Good question. Suppose the answer depends on to what extent you think Loftus has proved her case. Certainly cases have been thrown out of court because of the way (or extent) in which witnesses were interrogated. The question here is how casual is the implantation of false memories, not whether the phenomenon exists or not. All memory is somewhat deficient by definition, a memory of the thing never being the thing itself.

>We need to use a little common sense when we talk about memory.
>Recovered memories are tricky, no doubt about it. But some of
>the writing from critics of recovered memory makes you wonder
>how any of us could ever trust our minds at all. That was one
>feeling I had after reading Elizabeth Loftus's book (she being
>the psychologist most cited in attacks on recovered memories). I
>wondered what she does when, like all of us at some time or
>other, she mislays her car keys. The rest of us aren't surprised
>when, after a few minutes of hapless searching, the light bulb
>suddenly goes off in our heads. "Oh, right! I put them on the
>coffee table when I went into the bedroom to change my pants!"

>So we look on the coffee table, and find the keys. Poor Loftus,
>though -- if she takes what she writes in her book a little too
>seriously, she'd reject a sudden memory like that. After all,
>she's shown in her research how false they can be. She's
>probably still looking for her car keys....

It so happens that I did misplace my car keys yesterday. Subsequently, I had at least three or four memory flashes as to where they were. One of them turned out to be right. What were the others? I forget.

Dennis

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Search Is On For Alien Laser Signals

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Subject: Search Is On For Alien Laser Signals

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<http://www.newscientist.com:80/ns/19990130/nshorts.html>

Stig

newswire

Alien Lights

The search is on for lasers being beamed our way by alien civilisations.

The Planetary Society in the US has funded projects in California and Massachusetts to look for short pulses of light from nearby stars similar to the Sun, as well as from globular clusters and galaxies. A third project will examine existing data from telescopes for steady, narrow-band signals. These two types of signal might be visible if extraterrestrials were pointing powerful lasers in our direction.

"Our laser technology is new, but powerful enough to reach other stars," says Nobel prizewinner Charles Townes of the University of California at Berkeley, one of the scientists involved. He thinks extraterrestrial civilisations may have developed even more powerful versions.

<snip>

>From New Scientist, 30 January 1999

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Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 17:04:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 23:22:01 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Deficiency In SETI's Drake's Equation

>I received a mailer from Frank Drake and the SETI Institute last
>November soliciting funds, in which Drake writes:

>"Advances in science and technology are putting SETI on the fast
>track as never before. A team of world-renowned astronomers,
>engineers, and technologists -- specially commissioned by SETI
>Institute -- has proposed bold and exciting new SETI ventures
>that will provide humanity with its best opportunity to make
>contact.

>"We urgently need to build a new generation of telescopes and
>signal processors. We must harness the potential of optical
>infrared technology. These may be what it takes to detect a
>faint radio or a flashing infrared beacon sent our way from
>another civilization."

>
>So apparently SETI is considering expanding the search into the
>infrared and perhaps other domains. Freeman Dyson, e.g., has
>pointed out for many years that the best signature of an
>advanced civilization might be in the infrared rather than radio
>spectrum. I think many readers are familiar with the "Dyson
>sphere" concept, in which an advanced alien civilization
>forsakes interstellar travel. Instead the most efficient way to
>expand a specie's lebensraum might be to break up their solar
>system and use it to construct an enormous, self-contained
>spherical shell around their home star, thus capturing 100% of
>the star's solar energy. If the shell were at present earth
>orbit, e.g., the living space would be approximately 10^{17} sq.
>miles compared to the paltry 2.5×10^8 sq. miles we currently
>have on earth's surface. In other words, building the sphere
>would give you the living space equivalent to colonizing 250
>million other worlds. This would be the ultimate public works
>project.

>Dyson's point here is that all we would likely see of this
>sphere is the infrared heat signature. Any radio wave
>communications (if they still were used) would probably be
>largely confined to the inside of the sphere.

Hi David,

Dyson's Dyson-sphere sure is the height of impracticality, isn't it? If the advanced civilization he had in mind could convert all of the mass of a planet the size of Mars into material out of which to make the spherical shell, and if it were placed at a distance about equal to the Earth's orbit from the sun, the shell would only be 0.024 in. thick! (barring an arithmetical mistake). There'd be comets and meteors piercing it frequently, and no good way to let the solar wind escape, etc. To make it sturdy enough to withstand most of such stuff, say by extending it to 10 feet thick, would then require the mass of 5000 more Mars-sized planets converted into the shell's structural material. To gather all that would in itself require the capability of easy interstellar travel, unless they could convert Jupiter-type planets' gases into building materials.

Somehow I think the environmentalists of the future would not want any of that, and would prefer retaining the capability of sleeping out under the stars with the feel of the cold night air in their face.

>>(Ntot could be extended further, of course, by considering any >>ETI who possess inter-galactic travel capabilities.)

>Not to mention any ETI who possess INTRA-galactic travel >capabilities.

Thanks for correcting me on that. I had meant intra, of course.

>In fact this is probably the single biggest >shortcoming in the thinking of most SETIists, their assumption >that interstellar travel is essentially impossible. Well, that's >simply not true. Even barring some breakthrough propulsion FTL >propulsion scheme, sub-light travel is definitely theoretically >possible.

As each new breakthrough in (our) science occurs, however, it allows them to make tiny extrapolations that go a little farther towards the feasibility of interstellar travel than before. The "teleportation of a photon" is perhaps the latest example. But what they seem incapable of doing is extrapolating our rate of scientific discovery hundreds of thousands of years into the future to admit that what we could do then would indeed seem like magic to us now. Their extrapolations just come to a halt after a few decades.

>...
>But SETI assumes that aliens remain forever confined to their >home star system. Thus they generally restrict their searches to >the most earthlike star systems, one's that would most likely >evolve native life, rather than be colonized from beyond.

>However, even one ancient, advanced, relentlessly colonizing and >expanding alien species (think Borg) could explore and colonize >every nook and crook of the galaxy in only a few million years. >At that point, throw out the Drake equation, because they could >be everywhere.

Yes, that argument came out in 1979, and was used by the we-are-alone advocates as evidence that no other intelligent life more advanced than us exists in the galaxy, since we have not been colonized or wiped out by such Borgs. Then Sagan and other SETI types had to argue (in 1981 & 1983) that the colonizing alien race would need to stop at each suitable star/planetary system and pause 100,000 years there before moving on to explore/colonize the next one further out. (Would they be able to remember after all that time that colonization was what their overriding aim was?) That gross assumption slowed the whole colonization process down so much that the dispersal of stellar systems, as they rotated around the galactic center, would render such colonization ineffective. We could then escape detection by falling through the cracks, which was SETI's desired conclusion.

Both schools of thought neglected the effect of continuing scientific advancement, and both neglected the likelihood that for each alien race intent on wiping out all others, there would likely be many others who would value the diversity of life.

>Jim, you just don't understand. No matter how intelligent or how >great the headstart in science & technology, alien civilizations >will always be limited to chemical rocket speeds. You have >Frank Drake's expert opinion on that. Therefore, they could >never show up here.

OK, if Drake says so. ;) It's interesting to hear, though, that you sounded Drake out a few months ago. I'm sure you didn't expect his response to be any different than what it was.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 01:32:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 17:09:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 17:17:35 -0500

>>Where abductions are concerned, the skeptics are even more
>>guilty of that than believers.

>That does not solve the problem of "failure to analyze" and
>invoking believer-skeptics you are putting mustard on whip
>cream.

>Not trying to be offending, but you are like a bank robber
>pointing at Al Capone to excuse his crimes. Instead of
>polarizing the debate over a belief-system, why not address
>facts and knowledge?

Good point, Serge. The situation is already polarized, and I've
seen too many skeptics criticize real or imagined faults of
abduction investigators, while ignoring the problems in their
own camp. But maybe I didn't need to refight that battle with
you.

>Abduction is in a phase of D_j_-vu: with its "us and they/we and
>them", it is becoming some kind of movement and all its true
>implications are being lost in the shuffle. Experiencers claim
>ignorance and despair, and no mainstream abductologist seems to
>be able to alleviate this burden.

It's not as bad as that. One thing I've noticed with the
abductees around Budd Hopkins is how their anxiety goes away.
People can find fault with his research methods if they like.
But I don't think any honest person who observes first hand what
goes on around him can deny him this one great success. People
come to him terribly upset, and come away no longer obsessed
with abductions, and no longer feeling that their experiences
dominate their lives. (Just the opposite, I imagine, from what
most of his skeptical critics believe.)

>>-- for instance, the claim
>>made by some abduction investigators that abductees corroborate
>>even tiny unpublished details in each others' reports. Note
>>again: I'm not insisting that this claim is correct

>Well, I can't take that.

>I get worried when Klass and skeptics get used in an argument.
>Either abductees corroborate even tiny unpublished details in
>each other's reports or they don't.

As I've explained in other posts, I'm working on this question.
Meanwhile, I have to disagree here, and suggest that the
skeptics' objections do matter, however ignorant they may be.
They're rampant in mainstream abduction discussions (that is,
the ones that happen outside ufology). They need to be answered,
and one of the first points to make is that the skeptics haven't
addressed the entire alleged phenomenon.

Attacking the skeptics, though, is certainly no substitute for

research, analysis, and gathering real evidence.

>Let's try my favorite find and replace tool and apply it to
>cases of abduction: replace greys with "the bastards" and UFO or
>whatever with "car" or "van" and show the case to any
>investigator. My 2 cents that you'll be answered: "Don't
>worry, we'll get those bastards in the red Chevy."

Budd encourages abductees to express their anger, if they're angry. One of his techniques is to ask what people would say if they could speak freely to their abductors. Often the response is very angry.

>I am sure that, with all your knowledge on abductions, you can
>come with better "analysis". And you should.

>With respect and understanding that this is a tough job,

Thanks, Serge. I've written some analyses of the abduction phenomenon. One is coming out soon in Dennis Stacy's publication, The Anomalist. Soon I'll have a website for my UFO writing, and you'll be able to decide for yourself where I spend most of my energy -- attacking the skeptics or coming to grips with the phenomenon itself.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 04:31:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 17:20:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:19:32 -0500
>From: Peter Brookesmith Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>To: <updates@globalserve.net>

>With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:18:31 -0800 (PST)
>>From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Rebecca (hi sunbeam!) quoted Greg--

>>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:43:26 -0500

>>>But typically abduction skeptics don't even mention the full
>>>range of possible abduction evidence -- for instance, the claim
>>>made by some abduction investigators that abductees corroborate
>>>even tiny unpublished details in each others' reports.

>and asked

>>I'm just guessing here, but perhaps Brookesmith mentions
>>something similar in his abduction book? Doesn't he interview
>>Betty Hill who says something about abductees getting together
>>at group meeting and comparing notes?

>This is certainly in the Fortean Times version of my evening
>with Betty. The interview is available on the FT website. I
>can't remember if it's in the book.

>

>In a post wirtten so long ago I cannot quote it, Greg implicitly
>took me to task for not following up or mentioning some of these
>"tiny unpublished details" in my book ("Alien Abductions",
>Barnes & Noble (USA), Blandford (UK), ISBN 0-7607-0764-2).

(snip)

The esteemed Mr. Peritonitis D. Mallificarum wrote:

(Who I miss hearing from BTW! <g>)

>The other "tiny unpublished detail" of which I know anything,
>and have seen an example or two, is the "alien script" recorded
>by Budd Hopkins. Greg, John Powell, John Velez and others
>including yrs trly discussed ways of researching their
>authenticity at length about two years ago on this list, but
>that may have been before it was archived on the Web. I gather
>Prof Stuart Appelle is doing something about these, but whether
>he's taken up any of the ideas we kicked around I don't know.
>But the reasonable demand was made of me that I didn't reproduce
>any of this "alien writing", as that could mess up later data,
>and I was happy to go along with that.

Peter if you would, (or anyone else with a plausible theory)
'riddle me' this;

During one of these 'encounters' I was told to study and remember a "symbol" that was (projected?) onto a screen. Within this "symbol" were characters or glyphs of a kind I had never seen before. I was instructed to do this by a small 'nonhuman' being. A 'Grey' for lack of a better term. (They're much 'whiter' in color than 'grey.' It's why I've never really understood that 'designation!') Anyway, . . .

Budd asked me after a hypnosis session on this particular event if I could reproduce the "characters/glyphs" for him. To which I replied, "sure, I'm an artist gimme a pencil." I then (as carefully as I could) drew what I had been shown. The next thing that happened although incidental to this account had a tremendous impact on me at the time. When I handed the paper over to Budd, the blood drained out of his face! (It's hard to fake that!)

He asked me to relax for a moment and told me that he'd be back in a minute or two. He returned clutching a plastic (purple) folder to his chest, and before he'd show it to me, he made me promise him that I would never reproduce what he was about to show me. His reason was, that he only possessed a 'few' items that hadn't been published all over the place that he used to assist him in identifying cases that begged closer inspection. A tool of 'verification' so to speak.

He placed the folder in front of me and opened it. Inside, (at the time) there were approximately seven or eight pieces of paper. Each page was handwritten, most in ink, and maybe one or two in pencil or a marker. Each page had a few or many (it varied from page to page) of the same "glyphs/characters" that I had just drawn. I sat there in complete shock as I began to notice identical characters (to the ones I had drawn) on each of these papers. They were all in a different hand (written by different folks) and the dates at the top of the pages ranged years apart.

Please bear in mind that before this I had -never- seen anything like what I had drawn and was now seeing on these papers. Before reading Budds book Missing Time (which brought me to him,) I had never read any of the UFO literature, had never attended a conference or a lecture on the subject, nor was I even familiar with most of the details being reported by others about UFO abductions. (I had heard about the Betty and Barney Hill case although I was completely unfamiliar with the 'details' of it.)

I am also not Uri Geller or Jean Dixon so there was no way that I "psychically" pulled these 'letters' out of the air or somehow mentally 'sussed' the contents of that folder. (Although it would be compelling evidence for 'remote viewing' if true!) But I don't think that was the case here.

As I gazed at the pages, I began to realize that at least parts of what I recalled were rooted in events being shared by others. That there was a "reality" to all of it that was being confirmed for me in a very "in your face" kind of way. It was one of many such "confirmations" that I have gotten along the way. On that particular day my world view suffered a severe shock and all I could do at the time was to break down and weep. The enormity of what this incident suggested was almost too much to bear. All I could think to say to Budd after seeing those papers was, "My God, this is all real!"

Now I would like to ask;

Not being psychic, and never having seen anything like those characters before (at least not before the UFO abduction experience) how could I have reproduced exactly what was written by the others on those pages? Unless we all saw the same thing under the same circumstances. As far as I can see, it cannot be explained in any other plausible way. It's too freaky. It would just be too much of a fluke/stretch for something like that to be explained any other way.

The experience itself had happened almost 17 years before this session with Budd. Yet the 'letters' I reproduced appeared on each and every page! And everyone a complete stranger to me. There was absolutely no possibility of 'collaboration' because at the time I had not attended any of Budds' group meetings. I hadn't met any of the others.

Now here's the kicker: I saw that writing on board a UFO. (1976) The 'others' claim to have seen theirs in the same place.(on board a UFO) and at different times, and different locations. I considered it a confirming revelation and compelling evidence for the 'reality' of the original experience.

What do you make of it? It's quite a cute conundrum.

Yes, the pages (including mine and several others that Budd has accumulated since my session) are now at Cornell Univ. in the hands of Stewart Appelle. 'Supposedly' being analysed. (Senior Sandow: any word on that yet?)

>Anyway--all this is a long-winded way of saying that these
>"details" haven't been discussed by skeptics, and by this one
>in particular, for practical reasons rather than lack of
>scruple or inability to cope with the shocking implications, de
>da.

Ah yes, you are an honorable lad in all the ways that count Mendoza. Why I luv your skeptical hide so. Not to mention that 'wit' of yours that has sent me diving to the floor on many occasions clutching my sides laughing as real tears steamed down my cheeks. :)

Hope you have the time to consider and respond. I'd find your 'take' on this of interest.

Warm regards,

John Velez, O.O.H.E (Out Of House Experienter)

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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New 'Flying Triangle' Sightings in North West (UK)

From: **Tim Matthews** <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 20:40:45 -0500
Subject: New 'Flying Triangle' Sightings in North West (UK)

Dear All,

As you know I've been investigating Flying Triangle Sightings in the UK for four years now and have interviewed over 130 people who claim to have seen these aircraft.

None of them have claimed that what they have seen was 'football field sized' although several have claimed sizes similar to the Vulcan bomber of old...

Over the last week and as a result of my appearance in local newspapers and on the radio several people have rung me to report new FT sightings. These have been of the highest standard and two are of particular note;

29/12/98 - Time; between 2200-2230pm. Location; Broadgate, Preston, next to River Ribble.

Witness, a local DJ Peter H, saw a triangle flying at low speed, app 30 knots, flying from left to right. This was certainly not a Police helicopter (there was a rather gruesome murder in the area a couple of years ago and all the residents are very aware of helicopters) or, as British Aerospace would have us believe, Eurofighter.

The triangle was somewhat larger than the jet fighters seen so often in the area and was notable for a pattern of red lights around its' entire perimeter. As it passed by, entirely silently at a distance of around 1/4 mile, Peter noticed a bright light (but not a beam as such) evident on the right side approximately half way down the leading edge. This was almost an equilateral triangle - the triangle had a relatively broad back and probably not a 75 degree sweep.

There was no evidence of high performance as such beyond the silent performance - something that is always difficult to gauge..

The fact that the craft appeared to be adhering to the course of the River Ribble is instructive given similar events noted in my previous research papers and Jenny Randles 'Northern UFO News' and her book (which draws upon some of my research) "Something In The Air."

The witness provided as much detail as possible and is 100% certain of the shape and characteristics of the craft seen. A journalist colleague of mine - interested in FTs and with military expertise - rang the witness and exactly the same details were reported to him by Peter.

Sighting 2

11/8/1995. Time; Midnight. Location; Goosnargh Village - a few miles North of Preston.

Black triangle, unlit, passed by Mrs R's house in the Village at midnight. It made an odd rumbling sound upon approach which turned to a "swooshing" sound as it passed very low past the ash tree at the end of the witnesses garden. It was quite large

(again bigger than a jet fighter seen locally) and was also seen by other locals who didn't want to come forward for "fear or ridicule" according to Mrs. R.

Travelled much slower than a normal aircraft and disappeared from view quickly. Witness thought that it was 'a new stealth aircraft' and rang Warton BAe (the local facility) next morning whereupon she was apparently told that the last night had seen "aerial activity". The telephone operator confirmed this with another member of staff.

The sound reported is exactly the same as a sighting from Carnforth, Lancashire, that was made by over a dozen people a few months earlier.

Note the lighting pattern in the first report is similar to the triangles reported by witnesses to the IUN in Yorkshire during the 1988 flap.....

Question; which facility is situated nearby - Warton BAe of course. Maybe it's not quite that simple though.....!

More soon!

Tim Matthews - Lancashire UFO Society

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

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Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 20:44:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 18:13:13 -0500

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:53:44 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 10:13:53 -0800 (PST)
>>>From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
>>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>>>This is why some states now prohibit witnesses who have been
>>>>hypnotized (questioned under hypnosis about the crime) from
>>>>testifying. It is simply too easy to implant information even by
>>>>the most careful of questioners.

>A small clarification.

>Some states forbid testimony derived from hypnosis, and all of
>them should, because without independent corroboration there's
>no way to determine whether a hypnotically recalled memory is
>accurate.

>This, however, doesn't stop police departments, on occasion,
>from using hypnosis to develop evidence. And if the evidence can
>be independently corroborated, it can then be used in court.

>For instance: If I'm a possible witness to a murder, and under
>hypnosis I say that I saw Prince Charles do it, my testimony
>wouldn't be allowed in court. But the police can act on what I
>claim to remember. They can look into the Prince's whereabouts,
>and discover that he was not in Buckingham Palace the night of
>the crime, as he claimed, but right where the crime was
>committed. They can discover that he bought exactly the kind of
>gun used in the crime. Finally they can find a witness who saw
>the Prince pull the trigger, and all this new evidence -- which
>they might not have gone after, if they hadn't hypnotized me --
>should be more than enough to convict the Prince in court.

>There's at least one paper in the psychology literature,
>describing a case much like this.

The point, I believe, is that the hypnotically recovered
testimony hasn't been used on its own. It required corroboration
of some kind. But the point is that, in California, for example,
the testimony from the witness who recovered it under hypnosis
is not allowed. The other evidence would be.

>Abduction researchers, as I've observed before, don't stress the
>problems with hypnosis enough. But on the other hand, the best
>of them never believe a story just because one person told it
>under hypnosis. I can't stress this enough. The case for
>abductions is built from many hypnotic and non-hypnotic accounts
>that appear to confirm each other, even (allegedly) in tiny,

>unpublished details. So I'm a little tired, to be honest, of
>hearing the problems with hypnosis brought up over and over by
>critics of abduction research.

>The critics have to go a little deeper (as I hope Kevin does in
>his book). They have to beyond saying that hypnosis can
>encourage people to make up stories, and show why abductees are
>making up the particular stories they do. Why, for instance, do
>many people who say they've seen abductees working with the
>aliens all say that the abductees are wearing blue uniforms when
>they do it? Has that detail circulated widely in the literature?
>(Not until fairly recently, after many of the original stories
>were told.) Has it been talked about in abductee support groups?
>Are there unreported groups of abductees describing green
>uniforms, or no uniforms at all? These are the kind of questions
>that, in my opinion, the critics should be looking at.

The problems with hypnosis are well known and too often overlooked in abduction research. Yes, we are beginning to understand them better, but I still hear the abduction researchers saying, "Hypnosis is the only thing, that we know of, that really is effective here. It has been recommended by and endorsed by, the American Medical Association, AMA, for use in cases of - and psychiatric groups will say this is the only real tool you have that is pretty efficient to unlocking a period of genuine missing time."

However, the American Medical Association, Report on the Council on Scientific Affairs in a statement released in 1985 and again in 1994, said, "The council concludes that hypnosis induced recollections actually appeared to be less reliable than non-hypnotic recall."

In October 1997, the Royal College of Psychiatrists announced a ban on using recovered memories in cases of child abuse. They noted that the practice of using hypnosis for recovering memories can give rise to false memories which are often strongly held beliefs.

However, the use of hypnosis to recover the memories is only a small part of the overall picture. It is important to the understanding what is happening, but to understand the entire picture, as Greg suggests, hypnosis must be seen as only part of the problem.

>Stuart Appelle, in his lengthy JUFOS paper on the abduction
>evidence, suggests that non-abductees should be asked to imagine
>details like this, to determine whether there's some mental
>template or cultural predisposition that leads people toward
>these repeated abduction details. If you ask non-abductees what
>color the uniforms would be, and most of them say that they're
>blue, then it's much less impressive when abductees report that.

Which is what Alvin Lawson did and was castigated for "leading" his subjects into an abduction scenario. Yes, Lawson's work can be seen as flawed (yet it is cited in some of the psychological journal articles), and yes, more work more carefully controlled must be done but there is an ethical question here. How far do we go in inducing memories to study the ease with which they can be induced and in learning how strongly they are held? At what point do we stop the research because it is necessary to manipulate human memory to do it?

Clark Hull, for example, was forced to abandon his research of hypnosis by the Yale School of Medicine because it was believed that the hypnosis was damaging and dangerous. Yes, this was in the 1930s, but research on humans were less strictly controlled then.

>As Stuart and others have also pointed out, there hasn't been
>enough research on hypnosis. For instance, the research that
>claims to show hypnosis doesn't help in accurately recalling
>forgotten details was all or almost all done in laboratory
>settings. There hasn't, to my knowledge, been any research on
>hypnotic recall of real-life traumatic memories. I know, of
>course, that the whole question of recovered memory is
>considered very dicey these days, but there's impressive
>evidence from Lenore Terr, among other psychologists, that some
>recovered memories are genuine. That is, the recovered memories
>can be corroborated. Corroboration, as always, is the key.

This is quite a debate in the psychological community with the forces lining up based on what they believe. Some of the more recent studies have begun to suggest that the recovered memories are not recovered at all. In fact, some of Terr's work seems to be self contradictory, not to mention the fact that no one has proposed a method in which the memories are immediately repressed only to surface decades later. But this argument has now moved from hypnosis and missing time into another very controversial arena.

>One last thought:

>>>This is why some states now prohibit witnesses who have been >>>hypnotized (questioned under hypnosis about the crime) from >>>testifying. It is simply too easy to implant information even by >>>the most careful of questioners.

>Elizabeth Loftus and others have proved that memories can be >implanted by ordinary questioning, no hypnosis required. Should >we now prohibit testimony from any witness who was ever >interrogated by police?

No one suggested that, but we should also be aware of how easily the questioning can result in the creation of a memory. In one experiment, the students were shown a traffic accident. They were asked, after watching the film, if the blue car had stopped at the stop sign. Many of them answered the question by either saying yes or no. The point was that there was no stop sign. Yes, this was another laboratory experiment.

>We need to use a little common sense when we talk about memory. >Recovered memories are tricky, no doubt about it. But some of >the writing from critics of recovered memory makes you wonder >how any of us could ever trust our minds at all. That was one >feeling I had after reading Elizabeth Loftus's book (she being >the psychologist most cited in attacks on recovered memories). I >wondered what she does when, like all of us at some time or >other, she mislays her car keys. The rest of us aren't surprised >when, after a few minutes of hapless searching, the light bulb >suddenly goes off in our heads. "Oh, right! I put them on the >coffee table when I went into the bedroom to change my pants!"

But, haven't you just moved from the arena of memory into the arena of recovered memory? Isn't it these long dominant memories that are suspect? If, in a sudden "flash" of insight, you remember your father murdering your best friend twenty years ago, is that a recovered memory as opposed to something that was merely forgotten? Isn't the controversy over these sorts of memories of abuse recovered after twenty, thirty and forty years that is being challenged?

>So we look on the coffee table, and find the keys. Poor Loftus, >though -- if she takes what she writes in her book a little too >seriously, she'd reject a sudden memory like that. After all, >she's shown in her research how false they can be. She's >probably still looking for her car keys....

No, she would understand the difference in what is being discussed here. Psychologist Ulric Neisser had an opportunity to study "flashbulb" memories, those memories of important events like the Kennedy assassination or the Challenger explosion. He gave his freshman students a short questionnaire the day after the Challenger exploded asking about where they were when they heard, what they were doing. Three years later he gave those same students, now seniors, the same questionnaire with a single, additional question. How accurate to you believe your memories to be? According to the research, a quarter of the students had no memories that were accurate. In one case a student said he had been home with his parents when it was clear he was away from home at college.

When confronted with the inaccuracy of these memories, the students argued with them, even though they had provided the original information within hours of the event. One student said, "I still remember everything happening the way I told you. I can't help it." She was defending the memories that were clearly an invention of her own mind about the event.

So, rather than just suggest that hypnosis is a poor investigative tool, we moved into recovered memories, many of

which supposedly were not recovered under hypnosis. The point, however, is that hypnosis, if used, can induce more problems than it solves. To understand some of the abduction phenomena, it is important to understand hypnosis. And no, Greg, is it not a long section in the book, merely one of those in which many of its problems are explored.

KRandle

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Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 10:11:06 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 20:53:06 -0500
Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 04:23:30 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 09:51:08 EST
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 13:58:24 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

>>>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 09:28:07 +0000
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>>Subject: 1999 UFO Alien Abduction Conference Announced

><snip>

>>>>If Kevin Randle were to fly himself in, would he be welcome to
>>>>address the conference? Certainly there should be a little time
>>>>available.

<snipped for brevity>

>Kevin wrote:

>>In many of those conferences the agenda is out there for
>>everyone to see. If Richard Boylan is the conference organizer,
>>then it is clear to everyone that nothing considered "negative"
>>will be presented. All New Age philosophy will be endorsed and
>>all evidences of scientific thought will be rejected.

>Geez Kevin, you mentioned the "unmentionable one." EBK must have
>been drowsy when this one came across his screen. The mere
>mention of Heir Doktors name _usually_ ellicits a loud
>"hrrrumph" from him. <G>

>[Looked long, harrumphed, looked harrumphed and posted--ebk]

Gee, I thought we could mention the name.

<snip>

>>As for knocking you all over the internet, isn't that something
>>of an exaggeration? I personally posted my message twice, both
>>times to closed discussion lists. I have not posted it to any of
>>the open news groups, and in fact, haven't looked at any of
>>those in several months.

>Aw Kevin, now you're being coy. You've been around long enough
>to know that anything that is posted by someone as well known as
>yourself, will get reposted ad nauseum all over the place. And
>in no time flat! They don't call it the World Wide Web for
>nothing partner. In 24 hours a post from UpDates could have made

>it around the world at least three times. Yeah, it reaches a lot
>of eyes. And you know that. "Exaggeration?" I don't think so.

Have you seen it posted in other arenas? This is a closed list
and I expect the posts made here to remain here. I did check
some of the newsgroups but all I found were your announcements
about the conference. I didn't post anything there about it. So,
the question remains - Is it an exaggeration?

<snip>

>Also, (and this is a big bone of contention with me)

>None of them ever take into account that (some folks) may
>simply be telling the truth to the best of their ability.

I believe that the majority of the abductees are telling the
truth to the best of their ability.

>>All I was saying was that we
>>could, if we looked, find various elements of the abduction
>>phenomena in science fiction and pop culture, and that we had
>>better find ways of dealing with that information rather than
>>simply dismissing it.

>There's really only one way to "deal with it" Give "it" credence
>over the reports of the experiencers. Doesn't make much sense
>when looked at in that light does it. It may be valid in
>(some) cases. But, it only serves to minimize what is being
>honestly reported by many credible individuals. Price is too
>high just to prove that (a few) are/may be influenced by media.

Not the point at all. It is one part of a picture and if we're
going to see the truth, we must see the whole picture.

>>I would, of course, have
>>preferred to make the argument myself, but that is not to be.

>My high school basketball coach used to say; "Buck up boys,
>there's always next year! <VBG>

Tell that to the Chicago Cubs <An even bigger G>

>Greg is a fair guy Kevin. Submit some questions for the 'panel.'
>I'm sure Greg will use what he can during the discussion. I
>certainly have no objections to your having some input. Your
>work and reputation have earned you the right to be heard. We
>aren't out to deny you that. (Contrary to your original remarks
>about us and the conference.) <G>

Of course Greg is. Never said that he wasn't.

>Regards, and hopefully still on friendly terms,

Why not? I can separate an argument about a situation from a
personal attack... though many in the UFO can't. That's why I
sometimes talk to Phil Klass who in some respects is a pretty
funny guy. (That ought to stir up another fire storm. Randle
admitted that he talks to Phil Klass.)

KRandle

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Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 10:13:06 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 20:55:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 16:38:45 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps

>>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 08:07:05 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Santilli's Film Scraps
>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>This could also account for Capt. McAndrew's comment to me
>>that he had seen the same film in Air Force archives.

>This is one of the most important informations that you have
>made, it seems to me.

>And here is a simple question:

>Did capt. McAndrew tell you, even roughly, when he saw that "same
>film" in the Air Force archives?

I don't think he mentioned a specific date but I had the
impression from context that he was speaking of seeing it some
years earlier. He also indicated having seen more of the film
than Santilli had.

>At least, did he see it before, or after the release of the film
>by Santilli?

Before.

>If he saw it after, it would not be worth mentioning since, very
>soon, thousands of copies were distributed worldwide: it could
>be any of these copies!

>So, I suppose he meant that he had seen it before. Then, I don't
>see many possibilities:

>1) The AA footage is an authentic military film,

>or

>2) It is a fake made by the military, or a related agency. (In
>this case, it could well be a fake close to a real one).

>In both cases, Santilli had only a copy of it, and was of course
>unable to give a foot of original film for datation, but this is
>not a key point in this context. It could have been shot any
>time.

>3) Here is another possibility: captain McAndrew lied to you!

Of course that is possible.

>Then the question is: why?

>Is he another Richard Doty???

>If so, what about the "Roswell Report, Case Closed" authored by
>the same?

He did a good job, apparently. He was promoted out of this job
and sent off to spook school.

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'Clinton'? On 'The Base That Doesn't Exist'

From: Ignatius Graffeo <Ufoseek@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 10:22:18 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 21:00:08 -0500
Subject: 'Clinton'? On 'The Base That Doesn't Exist'

[Source: GroomWatch@aol.com - January 30 1999]

Clinton's Statement on Groom Lake/Area 51

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

January 29, 1999

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Consistent with section 6001(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (the "Act"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961(a), notification is hereby given that on September 25, 1998, I issued Presidential Determination No. 98-36 (copy attached) and thereby exercised the authority to grant certain exemptions under section 6001(a) of the Act.

Presidential Determination No. 98-36 exempted the United States Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, from any Federal, State, interstate, or local hazardous or solid waste laws that might require the disclosure of classified information concerning that operating location to unauthorized persons. Information concerning activities at the operating location near Groom Lake has been properly determined to be classified, and its disclosure would be harmful to national security. Continued protection of this information is, therefore, in the paramount interest of the United States.

The determination was not intended to imply that in the absence of a Presidential exemption, RCRA or any other provision of law permits or requires the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized persons. The determination also was not intended to limit the applicability or enforcement of any requirement of law applicable to the Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake except those provisions, if any, that would require the disclosure of classified information.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 10:40:35 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 21:01:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 14:02:52 +0000
>Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:34:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

>>From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:22:27 +0000
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Santilli Knew 'Tent Footage' Was a Fraud?

Earlier, I had asked:

>>I'm confused. I thought you previously said that the cameraman
>>fooled Santilli into believing the footage was camera original.
>>At least that's the impression I got from the following post you
>>offered which read:

Bob replied:

>AFTER we proved to Santilli that it was copy film he asked the
>cameraman and he said something like "of course it is copy film,
>I made the copies myself on the printer at the base lab."

Also, I had inquired:

>>Was the film Santilli bought an "A-wind" or a "B-wind"?

Bob replied:

>Honestly, I don't recall at this point.

<snip>

>Apparently it was copied onto dupe film since the only edge
>codes on it are those printed through from the original.

Hi Bob,

I know the issue of an "A-wind" or "B-wind" seems trivial, but there is a logic to my question. There is nothing to prevent anyone from making a contact print off of another contact print; I've seen coaches do that from old football film prints many times in the past. The results are fine only the emulsion comes out on the same side as camera original as a result.

Since we know that "Santilli's original" is a print, then the question remaining is if the Cameraman (assuming there is one) is telling the truth about how he came into possession of it, right?

If Santilli's film print has the emulsion on the same side as a camera original, then that means it was made off of another dupe and not camera original. In such a case, it would clearly indicate either of the following:

A) That the cameraman did not have access to the camera original and would, therefore, be lying as to his involvement in the shooting of it. By extension, all the events and episodes that he claims to have happened would be in serious doubt. He would

simply be a lab technician that stumbled onto some unusual film that he made a copy of for himself.

or

B) That Santilli is simply lying about the existence of the Cameraman to try and validate some unusual film, the origins of which he hasn't a clue.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 10:57:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 21:05:15 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:40:31 -0800
>From: Alex Heard <aheard@wired.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

>This is a general message to participants in this forum. My name
>is Alex Heard; I'm an editor at Wired magazine and the author of
>Apocalypse Pretty Soon, a new book about American subcultures at
>the turn of the millennium. Two chapters in the book are
>UFO-related, and I think you'll find them interesting and
>entertaining. One is about the Unarius Academy of Science, the
>famed UFO-oriented religion in Southern California. Another
>concerns Dr. Steven Greer, a contactee who takes groups of
>people out at night to try and "initiate" contact with
>extraterrestrials.

Mr Heard -

The last thing I would find "entertaining" is more attention paid to these loonies.

The mainstream media and now you seem to find plenty of press space and time to cover the kooks and nutcases who ride the fringes of ufology. What you don't seem to find time and space for are the serious researchers who are busy trying to find something out about a subject largely scorned by science.

Over the last 50 years, there have been thousands of cases of Unidentified Flying Objects interfering with vehicles, as documented at

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/47emecat.htm>

and in the BUFORA Vehicle Interference catalog and a similar catalog from CUFOS (which included an excellent and revealing statistical analysis by Mark Rodeghier).

There have been numerous cases of medical effects, including short term eye and skin irritation, long term damage, and even death, as documented at

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/eyeskin.htm>

and in the recent catalog by John Schuessler (available from MUFON).

There have been numerous traces left behind by UFOs which have landed or approached the ground. These are documented in numerous references, including Ted Phillips classic Physical Trace Catalog. Some of these, such as the 1981 Trans-en-Provence case, have remained unexplained and have been the subject of further discussions, as can be found in:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/analysis/transenp.htm>

and at:

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

I am frankly sick of the attitude which allows the media to

Re: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

ignore the solid and reputable investigations by reasonable and scientifically oriented researchers, in favor of the clearly bogus ranting and posturing of zealots and nutcases.

You could do better. You should do better. Try to do better.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 08:19:44 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 21:08:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Bill Weber <koran@cchat.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 22:43:04 -0500

>May I ask a few sincere questions here?

>It would seem that comparison of "tiny, unpublished details"
>would be a legitimate method for research. Why not? But the

Bill, it would be a very significant area of research for someone who was skilled in picking apart the data. As the Duke mentioned in another response, a serious attempt was made to try to check this data out, but the suggestion was turned down by Budd. I don't believe other researchers were contacted, but I doubt the answer would be any different. I'm certainly not qualified to do that kind of research, but I do think it is a valid avenue of inquiry.

But we also must think about what else we might learn from such a study. What about all the tiny, unpublished details that don't agree? I'm sure there are some of those. What would that mean?

>above statement seem to set the bar for "significant details"
>very high - maybe unattainably high. Of course the abductee
>respondents shouldn't know each other, nor should they contact
>each other, but must they have lived all their lives in absolute
>isolation to avoid some obscure, media influence?

No, I think that is impossible, but I do think we must take the influence of the media or pop culture into consideration when analyzing the data.

>similarities between stories for those respondents who have
>lived normal lives then insignificant? What characteristic of
>abductee or ground rule for a "significant detail" would get the
>skeptical reader past the "Weaknesses" section of the research?

I can't answer that. I'm not embarrassed to say that I am skeptical of abduction stories, but that doesn't mean that I don't believe them. All it means is I don't know what to think.

The problem I have with all of this comes from a personal standpoint because I one time I was led to believe (and that is the right phrase!) that I was an abductee. I now believe that I wasn't abducted and that all the symptoms I experienced were explainable as other things. Because of this, I don't think I could be called unbiased, but I do try to be fair.

To make a lousy analogy, I'm kind of like the kid who went to Catholic schools all her life and then decides she's an atheist. However, I don't want to change anyone else's mind about what they think might have happened to them. I only know what happened to me and I do think it could happen to others. That would be a shame.

>What would that kind of study look like?

I wish I had an answer, but I'd like to see less carpenters, artists and weekend hypnotists doing "research." I'd like to see more folks in the medical field become involved.

At one time I had an idea about that, but I don't think it was very well accepted.

Thanks,
Rebecca

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From: Rebecca <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 09:04:10 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 21:28:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 20:23:52 -0500

>>>Where abductions are concerned, the skeptics are even more
>>>guilty of that than believers. Note: this is NOT a comment on
>>>Kevin, who's thoughtful about everything he does.

>>I consider myself a skeptic and that doesn't mean I'm a
>>nonbeliever. By contrasting skeptics being more guilty than
>>believers, you are suggesting I'm a nonbeliever.

>Rebecca, I was hardly talking about you. I was talking about
>published writers in both camps.

Thanks for clarifying that.

[...]

>>>If anyone knows of an abduction skeptic who mentions this
>>>pro-abduction argument, even scathingly, I'd love to know about
>>>it.

>>Should skeptic claim that this is a fact? Should he/she say "it
>>is claimed..." or what?

>I myself wouldn't claim this as a fact, so I'd hardly ask
>skeptics to. I'd simply ask them to note that it's claimed, just
>as you suggest. Then they ought to state what they'd think if
>abduction researchers were able to prove that this was actually
>so.

Or perhaps they could just say it is claimed but it hasn't been
proven. No reason to suggest what it might mean if it were true
because it, IMO, opinion is just too generic of a term.

>>I'm just guessing here, but perhaps Brookesmith mentions
>>something similar in his abduction book? Doesn't he interview
>>Betty Hill who says something about abductees getting together
>>at group meeting and comparing notes?

>Peter posted something here to that effect, using (I think) the
>text of an article he published elsewhere. I think it might have
>been an outtake from his book. At the time, I thought -- and
>should have posted here -- that Betty Hill is hardly an expert
>on the current abduction phenomenon, despite her historical
>importance. Much of what she said, I thought, was more or less
>off the top of her head. I'm not sure why Peter thought it was
>worth publishing, unless he was just having fun saying, "See,
>even a famous abudctee thinks abduction research has problems."
>Quoting Betty Hill on current abduction stuff is a little like
>quoting Little Richard on the current state of rock & roll.
>He'll have a lively opinion, but nobody would take it seriously.

I think Betty Hill's interview was interesting and I'm glad
Peter mentioned it. I happen to think that Betty's opinions are
important as she was at the forefront of the abduction
phenomenon. She has seen things change, just as Little Richard

has seen rock & roll change. These are disposable people who can be just thrown away because their experiences happened a long time ago. However, their opinions should be put in the proper context and I don't think Peter was holding Betty out to be an expert.

>>I need to organize my thoughts a little more clearly on this,
>>but the days of abductees claiming to have no prior knowledge of
>>abductions stories are over, IMO. And if my opinion is correct,
>>it would appear to me that it would be very difficult to
>>establish tiny details from abductee accounts if one wanted to
>>study that particular aspect.

>It's virtually impossible to prove an abductee never heard the
>tiny details somewhere. You can always decide that Budd Hopkins
>or David Jacobs or John Carpenter might have told someone.

That's a possibility as well, but I'd give them more credit than that. I think it more likely that the "tiny details" could be coincidence, or unintentional suggestions from other abductees.

>On the other hand, I've seen abductees come into the abduction
>world knowing less than you'd think. More than once I've had an
>abductee friend call in a panic, after having read in an
>abduction book something he or she never dreamed someone else
>knew about. In one case, the abductee had gone through hypnosis
>with Budd, and hadn't believed a word she'd come out with. Then
>she picked up The Threat, and -- not even caring yet about the
>apocalyptic message -- just went into shock reading a couple of
>random details that were exactly like what she said when
>hypnotized. She'd been to a support group meeting or two, and at
>least one party with abductees, and had every chance, you'd
>think, to learn many details of abduction stories. But she
>hadn't, partly because abductees, being in most respects normal
>people, don't spend every waking hour talking obsessively about
>their abduction memories.

Greg, I had a full-blown panic attack upon hearing the symptoms of abduction from a presentation Budd gave in Houston. I learned those symptoms could be symptoms of many, many things. In my case, I think they were just that.

>Crucial focus for those evaluating abduction research -- the
>very early days of abduction investigation, when hardly anyone
>knew the familiar story, and it's harder to claim that abductees
>were influenced by the media or other abductees.

I think this will be very difficult, but not impossible. It will take the cooperation of several abduction researchers.

>Important area for current investigation (I'm working on this):
>Dave Jacobs' claim that abductees always put certain seemingly
>random -- and obscure -- details in the same order. Dave has all
>his hypnotic sessions transcribed, and so his claim, if it's
>correct, ought to be possible for him to document.

I'd be curious about how many details were different.
Good luck with your work.

Rebecca

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Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

From: Rebecca <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 09:21:04 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 21:31:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 19:19:32 -0500
>From: Peter Brookesmith Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality
>To: <updates@globalserve.net>

>Rebecca (hi sunbeam!) quoted Greg--

Hey Duke! Long time, no hear! Hope things are great in the Dukedom!!

>>I'm just guessing here, but perhaps Brookesmith mentions
>>something similar in his abduction book? Doesn't he interview
>>Betty Hill who says something about abductees getting together
>>at group meeting and comparing notes?

>This is certainly in the Fortean Times version of my evening
>with Betty. The interview is available on the FT website. I
>can't remember if it's in the book.

I can't remember that either, but I'll have a look.

[...]

>I might as well say there was an awful lot of stuff I had
>researched that didn't get in the book either, simply for lack
>of space, let alone time. A whole chapter, not to say another
>book, could have been written on memory, and it would have
>included Rebecca's factitious memory "implanted" (ho ho) by a
>certain well-known abduction researcher, and its details. (Ed
>Bullard is working on a major treatment of memory in this
>connection, and whichever way his opinion falls his paper will
>be a gem and his research comprehensive, so I don't feel too
>much was lost!)

I have a lot of factitious memories -- life is so much better that way!

>Among the things I would want to know or see before feeling able
>to evaluate these claims fairly and justly would be: (a) a great
>deal about what happens in Jacobs' support groups, if he runs
>any, (b) full transcripts of all the subjects' hypnotic sessions
>and pre-hypnotic discussions with the investigator (c) even more
>than I already know about terrestrial medical procedures (d) the
>subjects' entire medical history and (e) their knowledge or
>interest in (c).

I think that's a pretty good plan!

>Anyway--all this is a long-winded way of saying that these
>"details" haven't been discussed by skeptics, and by this one in
>particular, for practical reasons rather than lack of scruple or
>inability to cope with the shocking implications, de da. As John
>Rimmer points out in another post, most people even inside
>abductology don't know what these "details" are except in the
>most general terms.

And that is a problem!

Duke, it was great hearing from you. Please don't stay away, as I miss your wit and wisdom.

Rebecca

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EDITORIAL

Magonia is a subscription magazine which appears only every three months. This supplement is freely available on the Internet and, being monthly, can be more up to date and provide quicker reactions to events. This publication continues the series started with ETH Bulletin and now deals with any of the topics discussed in Magonia, instead of being exclusively concerned with the evidence for the ETH.

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THE FITZGERALD REPORT

UFO researcher Robert J. Durant (email: 70232.17@compuserve.com) has sent me a copy of a new edition of a report originally produced in 1959 about a sighting at Sheffield Lake, Ohio. (1) Dr Menzel considered it sufficiently important to devote 10 pages to it in one of his books. (2) Readers of the Report are invited to compare it with Menzel's account. So here goes. At about 3 a.m. on the morning of 21 September 1958, Mrs William Fitzgerald was lying in bed at her home in Sheffield Lake, Ohio, when she noticed that the room was illuminated. She stood on the bed, pulled back the curtain and looked out of the window. She saw an object directly across from her which looked like a disc with a hump in the middle. The object appeared to be of a dull aluminium colour and was about five feet off the ground. She estimated the size of the object as being 20 to 22 feet in diameter and about 6 feet high.

The object moved north across the lawn, gradually losing altitude until it was about 50 feet away and one foot off the ground. When it stopped moving, smoke billowed around it. The smoke came from openings in the rim, each of which contained about seven pipes. During the time it was visible the object made a noise like "a jet engine warming up".

It is generally agreed that it was cloudy at the time of the sighting, but there is disagreement as to whether it was or was not raining.

Mrs Fitzgerald's son, aged ten, also saw the object, his attention being drawn by the light shining into his bedroom.

This case generated intense controversy, centred on questions as to the accuracy of the witnesses' descriptions and possible explanations. Two Project Blue Book sergeants visited Mrs Fitzgerald to investigate the report. It was said that the light that attracted Mrs Fitzgerald's attention was a spotlight on a Coastguard vessel on nearby Lake Erie; there were other lighting effects from a train which was said to have passed the house at the time of the sighting; and the weather at the time of the incident was a misty rain with haze and smoke. The investigators concluded that ". . . the combination of moving lights, noise of the train and prevailing weather account for the illusion experienced by Mrs Fitzgerald". Mrs Fitzgerald's description of the UFO and its manoeuvres was fairly detailed, so it is difficult to see how she could have been so badly mistaken in her interpretation of what she saw. Much of the controversy centres on the fact that there were two main investigations of the incident, one by Project Blue Book and the other by a local UFO research group. The UFO group accused the Blue Book sergeants of carrying out an amateurish investigation and reaching a conclusion not in accordance with the facts. In the new edition of their report, Robert Durant goes even further. He was present when the Air Force sergeants interviewed Mrs Fitzgerald, and he says that one of them was drunk.

According to Dr Menzel, Mrs Fitzgerald had prepared a coherent account of the UFO sighting with the aid of the local UFO group. Regarding the interview with the sergeants, Menzel alleges:

"To the amazement of the sergeants, Mr C [Robert Durant] seemed to assume that he was in charge of the interview, answered the questions put to Mrs Fitzgerald, and continually interrupted with questions and statements of his own. After half an hour of this frustrating procedure, Sergeant A led Mr C out into the yard. In the house, Sergeant B resumed the inquiry and filled out the official report form."

Durant's version of this episode is rather different. He writes: "For the record, I was "Mr C". I did not answer questions put to Mrs Fitzgerald. A frustrated Sergeant A did not lead me out into the yard. It was I who, in my frustration, led him into the yard when it appeared that neither investigator had the slightest interest in looking at the place where the witnesses saw the object.

"For the record, the Sergeant who accompanied me into the yard was plainly intoxicated and reeked of alcohol. We agonized about making an issue of it, or reporting it to the Air Force, but decided it was not the gentlemanly thing to do. (I am no longer feeling very gentlemanly about any of this.)" According to The Fitzgerald Report, a drawing of an object very similar to the one seen by Mrs Fitzgerald appears in Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14, (3) thus tending to confirm the authenticity of the sighting. Menzel, of course, has a different interpretation. He alleges that members of the UFO group had shown her the sketch in the Blue Book report, before she prepared her drawing, assisted by an artist. (The Blue Book sketch is the one in the report marked Case VIII, Serial 0576.00.) It is very similar to the Fitzgerald sketch.

Unfortunately, Durant is unable to remember whether or not Mrs Fitzgerald was shown a copy of the Blue Book report at any stage of the investigation. Also, Menzel does not say who told him that the ufologists showed her the sketch in the report.

There is also much disagreement over the theory that the smoke seen by Mrs Fitzgerald came not from the flying saucer but from a steelworks about one and a half miles south-west of her house. The ufologists say that the wind at the time was from the north-east, basing this assertion on a statement by a Coast Guard man mentioning "the sea condition out of the northeast". However, this could refer to the swell generated by the wind on some distant part of Lake Erie. The weather reports from Cleveland give the wind direction as SW or SSW, as Menzel notes in his book. Menzel alleges that this meant that the smoke reported by Mrs Fitzgerald came from the steelworks. This seems reasonable until you start to think about it. A plume of smoke comes from a steelworks chimney, pours down to the ground and, without dispersing, snakes along the ground for one and a half miles until it reaches the Fitzgeralds' back yard. It doesn't seem likely, and I have never seen smoke from factory chimneys behaving in such a strange manner. It seems to be agreed that

the air was smoky and misty, but the UFO was only a few feet from the witness, and it seems to me that it is necessary to look for some other explanation if one wants to regard the sighting as being satisfactorily explained.

Menzel explains the noise heard by Mrs Fitzgerald as the sound of a train passing the house about 100 yards away, although she says in her statement to the local UFO group: "The noise was unlike any I have ever heard made by the trains which run nearby."

Menzel ends his account by quoting from a letter from astronomer Dr Thornton Page to a member of the UFO group in which he writes: "As a scientist I am interested in unexplained phenomena, but the one or ones responsible for Mrs Fitzgerald's sighting is or are undoubtedly highly complex. It is just as false to say simply that she saw a flying saucer 20 feet in diameter as it is to say that she saw nothing, or that she simply saw the train headlight on a mist." Page states that if ufologists insist that she saw a flying saucer, the onus is on them to prove that there is no other explanation of what was seen and heard.

As this incident happened such a long time ago, and in view of the disagreements between official and private investigators, it is unlikely that any general agreement will be reached as to its explanation. It could perhaps be useful, though, to compare the case with other, similar reports.

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HUDSON VALLEY UFOS

Philip Klass has kindly sent me some articles and press cuttings about the Hudson Valley UFO reports and this has prompted me to take a closer look at them. It is now becoming clear to me that the reason why ETH ufologists are not very interested in these sightings is that they already know the explanation, and it has nothing to do with alien spacecraft.

The problem for ETHERs is that it was quickly established that there were many amateur pilots in the Hudson Valley area, and that some of them had got together to practice formation flying at night. Their skills improved with practice and the number of aircraft in the formations increased so that they presented an impressive sight in the night sky.

Some of the UFO reports generated by these flying displays were quite impressive and contained obvious exaggerations and inaccuracies. Instead of conducting rigorous and critical analyses of these reports, the ufologists attempted to preserve the mystery by asserting that, while some of the sightings were of light aircraft in formation, others were genuine UFOs. They were helped in this by some witnesses who claimed that they could easily tell the difference.

It is important to examine these reports to see how witnesses and ufologists claim to distinguish between aircraft and "real" UFOs. We must bear in mind that, as the objects were seen by hundreds of witnesses, there was do doubt as to their reality. This reminds us of Jenny Randles's finding that UFOs seen by many witnesses invariably turn out, on investigation, to be IFOs (identified flying objects).

One of the main distinctions between the aircraft and the UFOs was gleefully seized on by the ufologists. The UFOs often hovered silently over the witnesses. Light aircraft cannot hover and are not silent, therefore they must have been genuine UFOs. It does not seem to occur to them that if the aircraft were much higher than the witnesses thought they were, and if they were moving towards them, against the wind, then they could indeed

appear to be hovering silently.

The authors of Night Siege (1) attempt to make many of the sightings seem impressive by taking the witnesses' descriptions as being accurate. They fail to take account of the fact that if you fail to identify an object in the sky, then you have no way of estimating how far away it is or how big it is. An interesting feature of some of the reports is the irrational behaviour of witnesses in attempting to chase the objects in their cars. The car chase is a familiar feature of many action films, but this consists of one car chasing another. A car attempting to chase an aircraft, or any other airborne object, is an obvious absurdity. Yet the UFO literature contains many reports of cars chasing things in the sky, usually Venus. A curious feature of these accounts is that investigators rarely comment on the irrationality of such behaviour. A notable exception is Allan Hendry, one of the few ufologists who does not obviously have a few screws loose, who remarked: "What amazes me is that people are surprised when they are incapable of chasing after an airplane in their car." (2)

The main value of the Hudson Valley sightings is that they provide the opportunity for studying the development of the UFO myth in a limited area, over a limited time period. The stimulus which started and sustained the reports is known, and a number of witnesses have been repeatedly interviewed and the development of their experiences and beliefs regarding UFOs has been recorded. Some have claimed repeated sightings, and even abductions. The large collection of reports from this area provides a good opportunity for those with the necessary abilities and resources to devise a fairly precise version of the psychosocial hypothesis. However, the desire of most American ufologists to believe in ETs is so strong that this is unlikely to happen.

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SATANISM UPDATE

Until shortly before his untimely death in January 1996, Roger Sandell provided information for readers of Magonia on the Satanic child abuse scare in Britain. However, he was unable to obtain details of a particularly disturbing case in Pembroke, south Wales. There was very little about it in the papers, mainly because it resulted in a trial which lasted for seven months, and the accused and the alleged victims could not be named for legal reasons. Now, journalist Byron Rogers, who comes from that part of the country, has conducted an investigation and published his findings in The Sunday Telegraph (10 January 1999).

The story began in May 1991 when a local boy, aged nine, already in care for a year, accused his father of sexually abusing him. He was then subjected to "prolonged counselling by social workers", as a result of which he told stories of orgies in barns, where men in gowns fired shotguns into the roof to ensure the silence of the children who were being abused. Goats had been ritually slaughtered in the local cemetery. The boy went on to accuse his mother and other local adults.

In June 1992 a 14-year old girl ran away from home and accused her father of abusing her. The man pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment. The men who had been arrested following the allegations made by the boy had been freed without charge, but the girl also started telling fantastic tales when "counselled" by the social workers, with the result that eighteen children from nine families were taken into care and eleven men and two women were arrested. Six of them were convicted of child abuse, in spite of the fact that some of the prosecution witnesses recanted their statements. One of them said that she had been told what to say by social workers, who threatened her that if she did not say what they wanted her to say she would never see her children again.

On appeal, only one of the six was successful, in spite of the dubious evidence and the fact that few local people believe there to have been any substance in the accusations.

ODDS AND ENDS =====

Chthonic fantasies. For several years some British ufologists have been aping their American colleagues by indulging in fantasies about secret underground bases - some of which might even conceal aliens or crashed saucers, who knows? The custom over here is to return to this topic whenever there is a shortage of UFO reports; if you see nothing in the sky then look underground. Of course, there are real underground bases and there has been a lot of rubbish written about the one near RAF Rudloe Manor, a place with which ETH ufologists are obsessed. This base, intended to be a seat of government in the event of nuclear attack, has recently been opened to the media and pictures of it have appeared in the press and on television. The fantasy about the underground railway from Rudloe Manor to Downing Street probably arises from the fact that the Box Hill railway tunnel is adjacent to the base. A number of similar bases have already been opened to the public. At this rate there will soon be nothing left for the fruitcake tendency to fantasise about.

The maniac on the platform. Magonia No. 19 (May 1985) contained an article by Michael Goss entitled "The Maniac on the Platform". This was inspired by a conversation he heard in the London Underground about a maniac who pushes young women under trains. He discussed the folkloric implications of this story and concluded, ". . . I don't think I want to believe in him. I prefer him as foaflore . . ." Unfortunately, it wasn't very long after this article appeared that a maniac pushed a woman in front of a train at Wimbledon station (south-west London). There have been similar incidents since. The latest incident, this time on the New York subway, occurred on 3 January when a young woman was decapitated by a train after being pushed off the platform at 23rd Street station by a man with a long history of mental illness. (The Daily Telegraph, 6 January 1999)

UFOtrash. Each member of the Magonia editorial team is equipped with a delicate scientific instrument, known as a Crap Detector. I should have left mine switched off when I tuned in to Channel 5 on 4 January to watch Stranger than Fiction: The Great UFO Conspiracy. No sooner had the familiar and, er, distinctive, features of Stanton Friedman appeared, and before he even opened his mouth, my Crap Detector indicator showed "Overload" and its chips were fried, or whatever the technical term is. The other persons talking utter garbage in this programme were Wendelle Stevens, Bruce Maccabee, Nick Pope, Timothy Good and Robert Oechsler. Need I say more?

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"Mutated beaver's pretty good.
But mutated beavers that can telepath and teleport are really something."
Bron Fane, Beaver Mutation

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Re: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 21:41:47 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 21:45:54 -0600 (CST)
>From: Bob Soetebier <bikebob@mo.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

>>From: Alex Heard <aheard@wired.com>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 1999 12:40:31 -0800
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 16:53:43 -0500
>>Subject: 'Apocalypse Pretty Soon'

>>This is a general message to participants in this forum. My name
>>is Alex Heard; Im an editor at Wired magazine and the author of
>>Apocalypse Pretty Soon, a new book about American subcultures at
>>the turn of the millennium.

I've known Alex Heard for about 10 years and had been reading
him years before that, when he regularly contributed satirical
pieces to The New Republic and the Washington Post Magazine. I
think there's no doubt that his book will be an excellent one,
and I look forward to reading it.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 17:34:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 21:44:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 18:08:43 -0800
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Alex Heard <aheard@wired.com>
>Re: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Apocalypse Pretty Soon

>>Dear Alex Heard:

>>Any treatment of the UFO topic which touches upon Dr. Steven
>>Greer and/or the Unarius Society would require a great sense of
>>humor indeed.

>>I would have titled the book " Apocalypse any time now, maybe in
>>two or three weeks but definitely before the second coming of
>>Christ .." but that's a publishing issue.

>>I am addicted to long book titles.

>>There may be some people who take Unarius or Greer seriously,
>>but what is to be gained from that?

>>The Art Bell forum, quite literally many millions in many
>>countries, is more than an adequate forum for your book.

>>This "forum" doesn't even accept Mastercard or Visa.

>>If you want to study millenium nut cases, there are literally
>>hundreds of other places to go.

>>Perhaps you got here by accident.

>Hmmm, I guess my wording wasn't clear enough. Greer gets
>thoroughly trashed. I'm a former editor for the New York Times
>magazine, not a Greer buff.

>The Unarius chapter is a more sympathetic, but it's basically a
>study of fairly dark and sad patterns behind the scenes in a
>"zany" UFO cult.

Dear Alex:

Perhaps I misunderstood you. If so, I apologize.

The title " Apocalypse Pretty Soon " should have
been the tip-off, clearly tongue in cheek.

While the zanier elements in these realms need a
good airing out, I hope the more serious and
careful studies are not tarred with the same brush.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Abduction Hypotheses

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 21:46:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduction Hypotheses

>From: John W. Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Abduction Hypotheses
>Date: Sat, 30 Jan 1999 18:14:45 -0600

>>>11) Astral travel/ OOBES's.

<snip>

>You got some more models, theories, ideas, I'd love to hear
>them. Meanwhile, shouldn't an 'explanation' at least pass muster
>with the experiencer before we leave the table satisfied we have
>an answer?

John

I agree, whatever theory put forward should be examined by those who experience it. I would also like to mention that I have investigated a few alleged abduction cases. I say alleged because some of them were not in my opinion actual abductions.

One particular case I investigated a while back involved a married couple. They were both psychically "attuned" to each other and could tell when one was nearby, even though sight was not possible. This was demonstrated to me.

On several occasions the man awoke in the middle of the night and claimed that his wife's presence had left and was not there next to him in bed, he also said that he could not move to look to actually see if she was there or not, he just could not feel her presence. After I interviewed both of them I surmised, (but of course could not prove) that the woman was having spontaneous OOBES's and when the husband woke up and did not feel her psychic presence there he went into some kind of mild shock which did not allow him to move his head to actually look.

The young lady in question did not for one instant believe that she was being abducted, whilst the husband, an ardent ufo buff, was positive that she was being abducted. She had no memories, no "missing time", nothing. My conclusion was therefore held basic muster from the experiencer's husband and his wife, he might not have agreed with it but he did agree that it was more likely.

Did I leave the table satisfied I had an answer, yes. Was I upset that it wasn't a real abduction, no. Because I wouldn't wish that on anyone.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.
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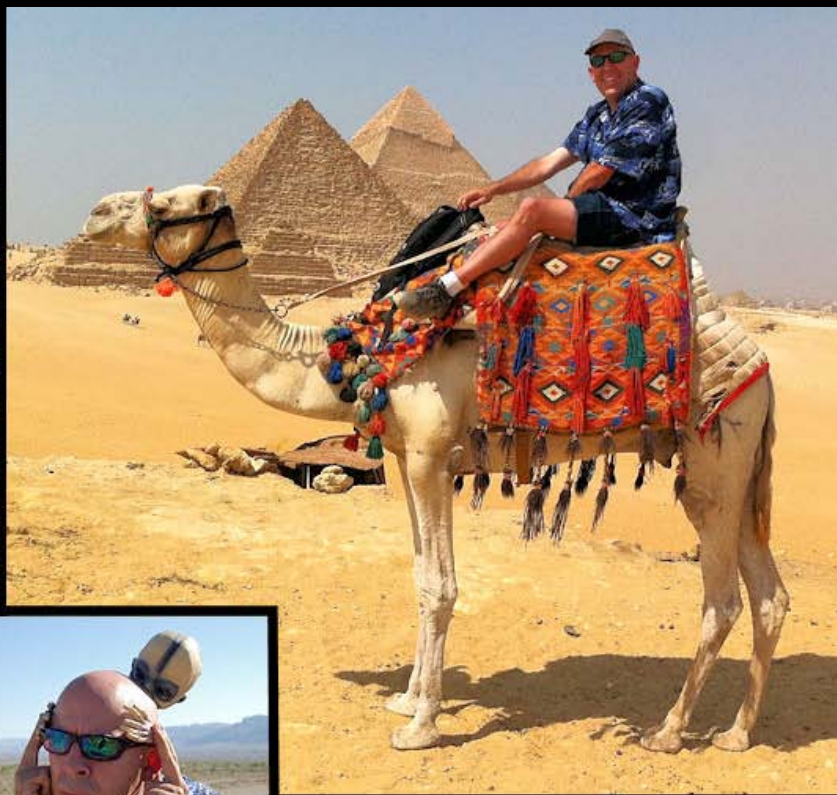
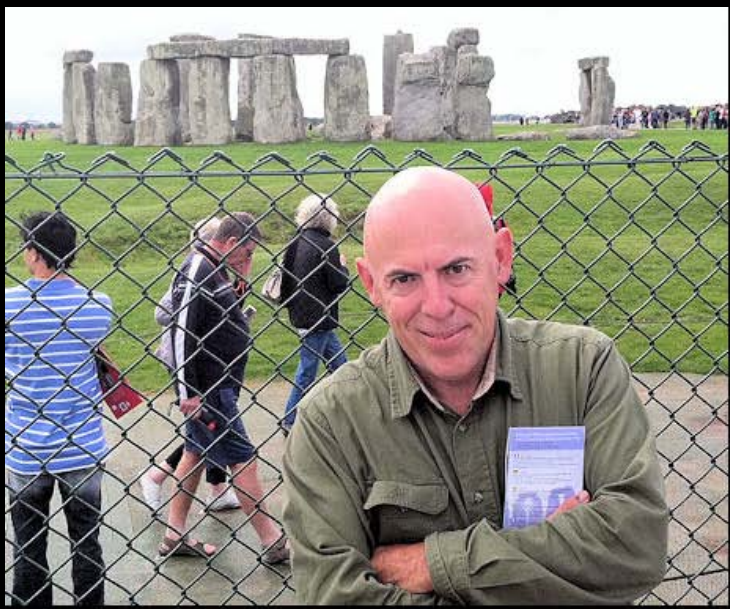
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