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From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:25:18 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 08:11:29 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST
>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:02:20 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: On False Memory

>List and all -

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>>highly reliable. It's all the rest of their lives that
>>becomes distorted and confused. So there is no evidence that
>>you get false memory when you have very powerful traumatic
>>events that are described with great conviction and great
>>detail by people who are of otherwise sound mind and reliable
>>observers.

>This is nonsense. False memories, or doubting memories are often
>applied to situations that are considered to be of core
>significance to the individual. Those who believe they were
>Satanically ritually abused would fall into the category where
>the event is of core significance to them. The same can be said
>of those who believe they were molested as children.

Gosh, I am so grateful that you cleared that up for us. In particular I am happy that the traumatic situations I've had, which are both burned into my mind and have been verified by witnesses when applicable, have no basis in your pair of dimes. Now I can sleep better.

Also, I am happy to note that Dr. John Mack is a psychiatrist and you are a ... uh ... UFO researcher. Or are you no longer one of those since your own personal transformation?

Ever been shot? Ever seen a murder? Ever experience a perceived abduction or witness a UFO sighting? Neither has Mack, or Hopkins, yet they have opinions which claim a view different from yours. Does that make you wrong or right? Of course not. So why the statements of such certitude, "This is nonsense!" You got your degree in psychiatry I take it?

As I've said so often on this list and elsewhere, when someone tells me or someone else that they are dead wrong and they have the truth, I tend to go a little ballistic. I cannot trust memories of my own which to me are real, yet so astoundingly impossible in my personal paradigm, that it just cannot be. I am a walking contradiction and you are a walking genius on truth. Perhaps the title of your next book should be, "Finally, the Truth about Who has the Motts!"

>With Satanic abuse, however, we learn that there is no evidence
>that it has ever existed in the way described by so many of the
>"victims." The physical evidence, in the form of scars, does not
>exist. Outside investigation of the claims has been unable to
>confirm that these large groups of Satan worshippers exist, and
>the hundreds of sacrifices that have been claimed, were
>committed without leaving any evidence for homicide detectives
>to find. These beliefs, however, are of core significance to
>those who recount them.

>This is the same claim that he made about the viability of
>hypnosis in such circumstances. It didn't work then and it
>doesn't work now.

>I'm not even sure that we can still make the claim that the
>memory around traumatic events is highly accurate based on some
>recent studies. In THE ABDUCTION ENIGMA, we cite Ulric Neisser's
>study of the Challenger disaster. He found that in about 25% of
>the cases, the memories of the events around hearing the
>disaster were completely false, yet the subjects held onto those
>beliefs because it was the way they remembered it, even in the
>face of facts that proved them wrong.

Well, that certainly is conclusive. If I read you correctly, in
75% of the cases, the memories of the events around the hearing
the disaster were completely TRUE, yet the subjects held onto
those true beliefs because it was the way they remembered it,
even in the face of facts that proved right to them. I see your
25% and raise you 50 more percent.

>Yes, hearing about a traumatic event and living through one are
>a different situations. In the days that followed the sinking of
>the TITANIC, many of the survivors were interviewed by a senate
>investigating committee. Over the next decades, many of those
>same people were interviewed time and again. Their statements
>could be compared to those made in 1912 and with others who also
>lived through that traumatic night. Here were beliefs of core
>significance to the witnesses. It is clear that some of those
>memories simply don't reflect reality. Molly Brown, for example,
>said that she was thrown to the deck when the ship struck the
>ice, yet everyone else suggested they felt only a slight
>vibration.

Molley has always tended to embellish her hellish traumatic
events. Personally, I don't recall any vibration. I was on the
Titanic myself in a past life. I know this because it's a core
memory. Or, I had just invented Fresh Wine and was physically
abusing myself. I think I forgot.

>There are also many studies, conducted through the VA in which
>Vietnam Veterans, whose tales of horrific combat are central to
>their core beliefs. When these tales of combat are checked
>(which they rarely are) it is found that few of these memories,
>gathered under the influence of a group environment, hypnotic
>regression, and the use of memory enhancing drugs, are based in
>reality. The memories are strong, detailed, and are of core
>significance. They just never happened in the way being related
>by the victim.

You got your PhD by writing your thesis on this subject of Nam
recall? Brother, have you got a lot of stuff to experience. You
sound like a man who has experienced nothing but opines much on
the experiences he has not experienced. Whilst I would not
suggest going to battle or volunteering to be in a fire fight,
or for that matter, wishing to be a perceived abductee, until
you experience it yourself, you are going to continue to sound
very silly. Very silly indeed. Most especially when you say
things with such certitude. The experts with all the paper
and/or all the experience are wrong. It nonsense. Has no
basis in fact, even the victims of the Titanic tragedy come into
this as examples for your fodder.

Let alone your mudder.

>Mack's whole argument here is based on a false assumption. He
>cannot even prove the initial event is reflected in reality so
>the idea that it is of core significance is irrelevant. His
>claim sounds good, but it is not an appropriate argument here.

Have you considered the possibility that your opinion is based
on a false assumption? With all due respect Dr. Randle, I

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suppose that you can prove that the initial event _is not_
reflected in reality?

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Secret Weapons And Ufology - Some Truth!

From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:30:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 08:12:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Secret Weapons And Ufology - Some Truth!

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 01:05:59 EST
>Subject: Re: Secret Weapons And Ufology - Some Truth!
>To: updates@globalserve.net<

>If all of the sightings, an average of about 2 a night over a
>year, involved objects moving in front of the buildings, the
>question comes to mind: has anyone thought to try to videotape
>these events? This could establish a range of possible speeds
>and sizes.

Yes is the answer to your question and the video is being analysed.

The close up observers have estimated the size of the object as 35 feet across travelling at between 30 - 40 mph.

Tony

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Re: On False Memory

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@fc.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:18:57 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 08:15:48 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST
>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:02:20 -0600 (CST)
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>>To: updates@globalserve.net
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<snip>

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>hypnosis in such circumstances. It didn't work then and it
>doesn't work now.

Just an observation based on Mack's quote: Mack's comment
sounds less like a "claim" than a recital of results of a real
study at Harvard, maybe not even his study (he didn't say "my"
study). That would be a bit more than a "claim".

<snip>

>Mack's whole argument here is based on a false assumption. He
>cannot even prove the initial event is reflected in reality so
>the idea that it is of core significance is irrelevant.

A. Mack's work with hundreds of abductees has established that
they appear to have experienced very traumatic events.
(re his books)

B. The Harvard study (not Mack's claim) seems to establish
that folks remember traumatic events clearly.

Mack infers then that A+B has implications.

You can debate all you want about the cause of these traumatic
events, or even if Mack is competent to judge whether someone
has experienced a traumatic event. You can also argue the
merits of the Harvard study if you like (be my guest if you
want to dig it up on the net or elsewhere.)

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But given A and given B, I'd say Mack has a point.

-Brian Cuthbertson

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Re: Satellite Pictures?

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 21:18:53 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 08:38:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Satellite Pictures?

>From: Melanie Mecca <natural.state@erols.com>
>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 20:31:13 -0800
>Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 08:13:19 -0500
>Subject: Satellite Pictures?

>Has anyone used this service? Got any interesting ideas about
>what coordinates (other than Area 51, of course) would be
>fruitful to check out?

Melanie, Everybody:

1) How about starting with a daytime incident when a UFO reported to be more than 6 feet in diameter was hovering someplace identifiable? Then check the date and time against their list of pixs. Pictures taken with filters showing spectral details might show something interesting - or might show nothing at all.

2) I wonder if moving aircraft are visible in any of these pixs. Don't know much about the imaging system but it may adjust for the Earth's rotation and so maybe planes moving Westward could be seen more clearly than those flying Eastward.

Does anybody have any ideas?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: On False Memory

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 21:35:30 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 08:44:29 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST
>Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 16:53:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: On False Memory

<snip>

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>recent studies. In THE ABDUCTION ENIGMA, we cite Ulric Neisser's
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>the cases, the memories of the events around hearing the
>disaster were completely false, yet the subjects held onto those
>beliefs because it was the way they remembered it, even in the
>face of facts that proved them wrong.

Kevin:

This reminds me of Neisser's classic paper in Cognition on John
Dean's Memory.

This is where he showed after reviewing the Nixon tapes and
public testimony that while Dean sort of had the gist of what
had happened at a meeting he was dead wrong about many of the
details.

The most fascinating was Dean's claim that Nixon had told him in
a meeting that he had done a good job, but the actual tapes
showed that Nixon said no such thing.

Neisser concluded that we remember things the way we want them
to have happened, or something similar.

Clear Skies,

Bob Young

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Re: The Drake Equation

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 02:00:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 09:16:02 -0500
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 11:48:13 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 23:50:22 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:07:12 -0600
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>>... I did say that the
>>>chances of ETI arising in a solar system with a gas giant
>>>orbiting the central sun every three or four days are zilch --
>>>and that's based on what I've read about the subject, not
>>>personal opinion. The gas giant would have inevitably
>>>obliterated the so-called "comfort zone" of smaller rocky
>>>planets, if they had formed there in the first place.

>>Perhaps for gas giants in 3-4 day orbits. But one interesting
>>article I read (sorry, can't cite the source) pointed out that
>>gas giants at more reasonable "habitability zone" distances from
>>their parent stars might very well harbor life on their moons,
>>which could range in size even up to Mars/Earth masses. It would
>>sure make for an interesting night sky.

>>-Brian Cuthbertson

>Brian,

>That's mentioned in today's article in the NY Times about the
>discovery of six more extrasolar planets, one of which is in the
>habitable zone -- at least part of the time, anyway. Most of the
>new planets, however, have highly eccentric orbits. One orbits
>its sun as close as 36 million miles and then swings out to 214
>million miles. That kind of orbit probably plays havoc with the
>local environment. And if you're a moon circling a gas giant,
>where your gas giant goes, you go.

>Dennis Stacy

= = = = =

Hello, Dennis, Brian et al.

Something is being forgotten here, again.

These are the very first years of actual planetary discovery
with regard to other solar systems.

For the present, only the very largest Jovian planets are being
discovered, since they "waltz" their parent star around enough
to be barely detectable.

It further follows that those with very eccentric orbits should

be seen first .. as they are again most easily seen for the same reasons.

The upside, for me, is that we have found any planets out there at all. If memory serves, for the first half of the 20th century, the reigning paradigm was that our system of planets was caused by an extremely rare near- collision of stars .. one which splattered out debris .. which then coalesced.

The discovery of any planets out there at all, and especially some dozens of them now, shoots that concept to pieces.

Evidently, an accretion disk (or whatever its called) of matter naturally forms into a central star with a planetary system, in many cases. Enough cases, I think, to presume that the formation of planets about ordinary stars is the rule, rather the exception.

The very least "habitable" of these systems would naturally be the first ones to be discovered.

Lets see what else is discovered in time.

I would be no surprise at all, if in the next 10 to 30 years, it turns out that Mars-like, Venus-like and (yes) Earth-like planets are as common as dirt.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 08:22:20 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 09:18:55 -0500
Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 14:49:58 -0400

>>Date: Thu, 25 Nov 1999 21:08:17 +1300 (NZDT)
>>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>>To: Updates List <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

<huge, massive snip>

>I should add that while I do read 'Saucer Smear' it is a
>humorous gossip sheet relating to UFOs and people involved in
>ufology. Sometimes it is hilarious. But I hardly take it as a
>research journal or to be accurate.

Stan, this point is irrelevant because no matter what Saucer
Smear is, the letters quoted are from the people who wrote them.
No one said that it was a research journal, but we can say that
the letters published reflect the opinions of the people who
wrote them. As you well know, Bill Moore has had letters
appearing there in which he makes some fairly surprising claims.

<another snip to get to the good stuff>

>Note the recent comments by the GAO that indeed TOP SECRET
>RESTRICTED (used on the CT memo) was a legitimate security
>marking in 1954 despite many claims that it was not.

Please provide the details of the GAO claim that TOP SECRET
RESTRICTED is a "legitimate security" marking and please provide
examples of such a marking from known and established legitimate
documents from the era.

KRandle

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Re: The Drake Equation

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 19:01:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 08:26:43 -0500
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:46:38
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:07:12 -0600
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

<snip>

>Dennis,

>>>Why don't you write The New Yorker -- legendary for its rigid
>>>fact-checking -- and point out to its editors its contributor's
>>>silly and obvious errors? I'm sure they'd appreciate your
>>>insights.

>>It's nice to see you defending bad writing, wherever it appears.
>>In my dictionary, confirmed means confirmed, not indirectly
>>confirmed, indirectly suggested, half-confirmed or anything
>>else.

>Interesting to see you attacking an article that, by your own
>private admission, you haven't even read.

Jerry,

I responded to that part of the Mallon article you posted. I didn't attack the article as a whole, admitting in my response to Rudiak that I hadn't seen it in its entirety. In most minds, that would qualify as a public admission.

And as you well know, my "private admission" consisted of a request of a copy of the article from you. Is it on the way?

If so, thanks in advance.

>>I only go by what I read in the papers, so you might want to
>>check out John Noble Wilford's article in the NY Times for Nov.
>>16, "First Direct Observation of an Extrasolar Planet." For
>>those unfamiliar with the name, Wilford is the Times's longtime
>>science correspondent. The reason for the article's being is
>>that this was the first confirmation of an extrasolar planet
>>-- not the "sudden profusion of confirmed planet detections"
>>that Mallon refers to. I also have a hard time with Mallon's use
>>of "sudden profusion" to describe 32 indirect observations over
>>four years, but never mind.

>For the specifics of this discussion, I refer you and listfolk
>to David Rudiak's posting.

>Jerry Clark

Ditto. And when in doubt, let someone else do the heavy lifting for you.

BTW, you're always asking me to comment on something that wasn't the subject of one of my posts, so let me ask you this: Do you have the complimentary copy of The Anomalist 5 I sent you? Have you read the article by Mike Davis therein? Would you care to make any comments regarding same, or would you prefer to let David Rudiak speak for you?

And how many times did I have to ask him for permission to simply send him a copy of same before he finally relented? Yep, he the open-minded man who know everything! And not certain of anything, is he, beginning with Roswell? Does he speak for you on that topic as well?

Over to David.

Dennis Stacy

PS: Got the latest issue of IUR today. Have only had time to skim it, but it looks very nice: as usual, I might add. Glad to see that it now accepts ads, a revenue stream I urged on CUFOS several years back, having originally instigated same at the MUFON UFO Journal. Or was that Rudiak's idea? Never mind. Expect a check from me soon for The Anomalist 8 -- as long as it's OK with David.

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Satellites Detect Fireballs

From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 09:44:45 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 16:17:23 -0500
Subject: Satellites Detect Fireballs

Here's an interesting USAF site listing press releases of
fireballs imaged by satellites

<http://phobos.astro.uwo.ca/~pbrown/usaf.html>

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 11:54:19 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 16:19:24 -0500
Subject: Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready

>CSETI announced on Monday the completion of the trailer
>for its planned five-part Documentary series "Disclosure".

>The trailer, hosted by Oscar-nominated actor James Cromwell, and
>featuring Dr. Steven Greer, CSETI's founder and International
>Director, provides a synopsis of the series.

>The trailer can be played from the CSETI Website, and a
>companion written summary and proposal are also available for
>download.

>Videos of the trailer and copies of the written summary are
>available for serious investors.

So the bottom line on this deal is they spent a small amount of cash producing a teaser, so that they can use it as a vehicle to get investors to invest in the bigger project.

Cheers,

Robert

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Unique Images Expected From Mars Descent Imager

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 12:42:13 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 16:24:28 -0500
Subject: Unique Images Expected From Mars Descent Imager

Hi everyone.

Below is a message I just got about the December 3 Mars landing from Sagan's Cornell University.

It is interesting that both metric and imperial units are mentioned in the message.

If this lander confirms the findings of the 1976 Viking lander(s), we may have our first proof that life exists on another world.

Nick

FOR RELEASE: Dec. 1, 1999

Contact: David Brand
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ITHACA, N.Y. -- For just under two minutes, shortly before 3:14 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, Dec. 3, a camera directed toward the south polar region of Mars will capture and store a series of about 20 images unique in the annals of planetary exploration: the surface of a planet (other than the moon) as seen from altitudes ranging from about 4 miles to only about 30 feet.

The camera, known as the Mars Descent Imager, or MARDI, will be positioned between the legs of the Mars Polar Lander, with the exhaust of the hydrazine engines in view. It will begin clicking its shutter after the lander vehicle's heat shield has been jettisoned -- about 6.5 kilometers (about 4 miles) above the surface -- and while the craft is still swinging on its parachute harness. The last few images -- perhaps eight -- will be captured after the parachute has been jettisoned at about the 1 kilometer (.62 mile) altitude and as the craft makes a controlled descent, slowed by retro rockets, to the frigid northern edge of the Martian south pole's layered terrain.

"MARDI's images will make all of us much more comfortable in making interpretations of the lander's pictures because they will give us a context," says Peter Thomas, a senior researcher with Cornell University's astronomy department. "For the first time we will have a complete scale of pictures of Mars, from less than a millimeter all the way up to orbiter pictures." The camera has a 70-degree field of view, and the estimated difference in resolution between the first and the last black-and-white images will be a factor of about 800.

Thomas is one of three Cornell researchers on the MARDI team, led by Michael Malin, president of Malin Space Science Systems, San Diego. Also participating in the development of the imaging system, and present at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif., to interpret the images after they are received from the Mars Polar Lander, are Cornell astronomy professors Joseph Veverka, who also is chair of the Cornell

astronomy department, and Steven Squyres. Also on the team are M.A. Caplinger of Malin Space Science and M.H. Carr of the U.S. Geological Survey in Flagstaff, Ariz. MARDI was developed under a \$3.5 million JPL contract.

At present, the highest-resolution images of the Martian surface, taken from orbit, are made up of pixels (or picture elements) each covering 1 1/2 yards of terrain. That is about to change dramatically to images with each pixel covering a fraction of an inch of the surface.

The descent camera pictures will be used to interpret ground features and will aid in the mission's main purpose, studying the layers of ice and dust covering the polar region. These images will be captured with a "nesting" technique, meaning that each successive image will be nested within the previous picture. As the spacecraft loses altitude, each successive image will cover a smaller area within the previous larger image. The camera has no ability to aim, but simply points where the spacecraft points. "The first image will be several kilometers on one side, but the camera has a fairly wide angle so that even with the spacecraft swinging on a parachute, the images should remain nested within one another," says Thomas.

The nesting technique, he notes, will enable researchers to find a ground feature, such as a boulder, in the image taken closest to the ground, then work back to the largest picture. The spacecraft's electronic memory retains each image, plus details of when the image was taken, which direction the spacecraft was pointing at the time and its altitude. In this way, says Thomas, "you can take pictures and reconstruct them from that geometry."

The number of images returned to JPL will be limited by the storage capacity of the spacecraft's memory. For this reason, the on-board computer has been programmed both to reject some images taken by the camera and to write over others. The computer will be instructing the camera to capture images in different image formats (in terms of pixels) based both on altitude and the number of images already taken. If the computer determines that the altitude has not changed sufficiently, it will not save the image.

"If the memory's storage is full and the camera is still taking images, the computer is programmed to throw out some lower-resolution pictures," says Thomas. "We want to maintain nesting and protect the higher resolution images as we get really close to the surface. Those images closer to the surface are of platinum value."

The "overwhelming purpose" of the descent camera's images, says Thomas, is to tie what will be seen with the lander's camera on the surface of Mars with images taken a few feet from the surface. "We've seen the whole of Mars in 100-meter resolution, but only 1 percent of the surface in three-meter resolution. These images will be filling the gap."

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The web version of this release, including accompanying photos, may be found at
<http://www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Dec99/Mars.camera.deb.html>

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Electroponic Sounds?

From: **Erol Erkmen** <andromeda@mail.koc.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 19:44:57 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 17:02:02 -0500
Subject: Electroponic Sounds?

Dear friends,

We are searching web based literature about 'Electroponic Sounds' if you have any information please inform me,

Thanks,

Erol Erkmen
TUVPO

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Re: The Drake Equation

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 14:04:00
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 17:25:00 -0500
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 19:01:21 -0600
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:46:38
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:07:12 -0600
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

Dennis,

>>For the specifics of this discussion, I refer you and listfolk
>>to David Rudiak's posting.

>Ditto. And when in doubt, let someone else do the heavy lifting
>for you.

Nah. David Rudiak has done such a fine job that I can't imagine anything I'd have to add to it. You're entitled to your views, he to his, and I to mine (and mine happen to be much closer to Rudiak's than yours). In any event, I have neither time nor inclination to get into this with you. I can't help noting yet again, however, that (as much as you don't like it when I point out the obvious) once again you're rushing in to join the anti-UFO side of the debate.

Thanks, by the way, for the kind words about the new issue of IUR. I think it's a splendid one, too, and I hope listfolk who don't already subscribe will think of joining up. Contact CUFOS at 2457 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60659, for information.

Jerry Clark

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Re: On False Memory

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 14:27:11 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 17:27:34 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:18:57 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: On False Memory

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:02:20 -0600 (CST)
>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: On False Memory

>>List and all -

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>>This is the same claim that he made about the viability of
>>hypnosis in such circumstances. It didn't work then and it
>>doesn't work now.

>Just an observation based on Mack's quote: Mack's comment
>sounds less like a "claim" than a recital of results of a real
>study at Harvard, maybe not even his study (he didn't say "my"
>study). That would be a bit more than a "claim".

I used the word claim beside he cited no references. He believes that a study is underway which will underscored his beliefs that memories of core significance are more accurate than memories of another kind.

He had said about the same thing about memories recovered through hypnosis, and said he could cite the studies, but, I have seen nothing to suggest this is true. I looked at the paperback edition of his book but found nothing in it to validate his suggestion.

Until the study is completed, we have nothing other than Mack's suggestion that it might be concluded in the way he says it will be. In the meantime we can look at the work of Elizabeth Loftus, Richard Ofshe and Robert Baker about false memories and hypnosis. Yes, we can look at Lenore Terr's work, which seems to be at odds with the work of the others, and then we can look at the evidence as played out in "reality" to decide who has the better theories.

KRandle

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Cattle Mutilation

From: Len Fedullo <lenf1@snip.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 23:05:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 07:24:43 -0500
Subject: Cattle Mutilation

Hi Folks at UFO Updates,

I had a little time Tuesday night to check various news sources and found this interesting article (worth posting) from MSNBC affiliate Channel 4 in Albuquerque New Mexico. It seems that the cattle mutilations are continuing.

Station Home Page & More Local Information

Officials baffled by cattle mutilation cases

New Mexico There is a shocking phenomenon that's plagued New Mexico ranchers for many years. Why dozens of cows are mutilated every year, still remains an unsolved mystery.

It's a horrifying sight too many ranchers have come face to face with.

"I haven't been able to rule out space aliens yet, but we've ruled out Satanic ritual. We've ruled out predators and scavengers," said Paternoster.

But even after studying dozens of cattle mutilation cases, Taos County District Attorney John Paternoster still can't come up with any answers.

Paternoster has been to three mutilation scenes, treating each like a homicide.

Paternoster says one incident in particular causes him great concern.

An 11 month old torito was healthy one day and mutilated the next.

"The next morning I went to check on him and I found the bull dead," said rancher Manuel Archuleta.

"The animal had its lips, tongue and sex organs missing. It's tail was gone," said Paternoster.

On the bull's outside, there was only a hole the size of a bullet, but on the inside, there was something much larger.

"My blood ran cold when we lifted the skin up. There was a hole the size of a bowling ball in its neck, right through the bone, the grizzle and everything," said Paternoster.

Witnesses claim they've spotted black helicopters near mutilation scenes, leading to speculation the government is involved in a covert operation.

With no evidence of human involvement, there's also the theory of UFOs.

John Paternoster will keep looking for answers.

Cattle Mutilation

"Everybody loves a mystery and even clings to hope. I hope we'll be able to solve it," said Paternoster.

Cattle have been mutilated for more than 25 years in New Mexico.

Paternoster says every year about two dozen cows fall victim to the mysterious killer.

Len Fedullo
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>>>MACK: Well, the argument around so-called false memory, or
>>>doubting memories, is applied to situations which are not
>>>of core significance to the individual. There's a study at
>>>Harvard going on now where people have been deeply
>>>traumatized, as the abductees have, in many cases -- have
>>>distortions of memory, but not for the traumatic events.
>>>The memory around the traumatic events is highly accurate,
>>>highly reliable. It's all the rest of their lives that
>>>becomes distorted and confused. So there is no evidence that
>>>you get false memory when you have very powerful traumatic
>>>events that are described with great conviction and great
>>>detail by people who are of otherwise sound mind and reliable
>>>observers.

>>This is nonsense. False memories, or doubting memories are often
>>applied to situations that are considered to be of core
>>significance to the individual. Those who believe they were
>>Satanically ritually abused would fall into the category where
>>the event is of core significance to them. The same can be said
>>of those who believe they were molested as children.

>Gosh, I am so grateful that you cleared that up for us. In
>particular I am happy that the traumatic situations I've had,
>which are both burned into my mind and have been verified by
>witnesses when applicable, have no basis in your pair of dimes.
>Now I can sleep better.

Nope. Didn't say that. Said that Mack's statement was not true
because of other evidence. He was making a blanket statement and
I was saying that it didn't cover everything.

>Also, I am happy to note that Dr. John Mack is a psychiatrist
>and you are a ... uh ... UFO researcher. Or are you no longer
>one of those since your own personal transformation?

>Ever been shot? Ever seen a murder? Ever experience a
>perceived abduction or witness a UFO sighting? Neither has
>Mack, or Hopkins, yet they have opinions which claim a view
>different from yours. Does that make you wrong or right? Of
>course not. So why the statements of such certitude, "This is
>nonsense!" You got your degree in psychiatry I take it?

Shot at? Seen a murder? Relevant, how?

>As I've said so often on this list and elsewhere, when someone
>tells me or someone else that they are dead wrong and they have
>the truth, I tend to go a little ballistic. I cannot trust
>memories of my own which to me are real, yet so astoundingly
>impossible in my personal paradigm, that it just cannot be. I
>am a walking contradiction and you are a walking genius on
>truth. Perhaps the title of your next book should be, "Finally,
>the Truth about Who has the Motts!"

Didn't say that and didn't apply it to you. Merely indicated that
Mack's statement about the reliability of memory based on a
core of significance is nonsense. Didn't say that all memory
was false or that a traumatic experience gave rise to a false
memory. Did suggest that Mack's statement was inaccurate.

>>With Satanic abuse, however, we learn that there is no evidence
>>that it has ever existed in the way described by so many of the
>>"victims." The physical evidence, in the form of scars, does not
>>exist. Outside investigation of the claims has been unable to
>>confirm that these large groups of Satan worshippers exist, and
>>the hundreds of sacrifices that have been claimed, were
>>committed without leaving any evidence for homicide detectives
>>to find. These beliefs, however, are of core significance to
>>those who recount them.

>>This is the same claim that he made about the viability of
>>hypnosis in such circumstances. It didn't work then and it
>>doesn't work now.

>>I'm not even sure that we can still make the claim that the
>>memory around traumatic events is highly accurate based on some
>>recent studies. In THE ABDUCTION ENIGMA, we cite Ulric Neisser's
>>study of the Challenger disaster. He found that in about 25% of
>>the cases, the memories of the events around hearing the
>>disaster were completely false, yet the subjects held onto those
>>beliefs because it was the way they remembered it, even in the
>>face of facts that proved them wrong.

>Well, that certainly is conclusive. If I read you correctly, in
>75% of the cases, the memories of the events around the hearing
>the disaster were completely TRUE, yet the subjects held onto
>those true beliefs because it was the way they remembered it,
>even in the face of facts that proved right to them. I see your
>25% and raise you 50 more percent.

Nope. Doesn't mean that 75% were accurate, only that 25% of
those in the study were wholly and completely wrong in their
memories of the event. Others were less inaccurate, but nearly
all of them had some flaws in their memories of the event. And,
it didn't mean that all of those looking at their original
statements refused to believe them accurate. It means that some,
even in the face of evidence that proves them wrong, will not
change their minds. I see your 50% and I call.

>>Yes, hearing about a traumatic event and living through one are
>>a different situations. In the days that followed the sinking of
>>the TITANIC, many of the survivors were interviewed by a senate
>>investigating committee. Over the next decades, many of those
>>same people were interviewed time and again. Their statements
>>could be compared to those made in 1912 and with others who also
>>lived through that traumatic night. Here were beliefs of core
>>significance to the witnesses. It is clear that some of those
>>memories simply don't reflect reality. Molly Brown, for example,
>>said that she was thrown to the deck when the ship struck the
>>ice, yet everyone else suggested they felt only a slight
>>vibration.

>Molly has always tended to embellish her hellish traumatic
>events. Personally, I don't recall any vibration. I was on the
>Titanic myself in a past life. I know this because it's a core
>memory. Or, I had just invented Fresh Wine and was physically
>abusing myself. I think I forgot.

>>There are also many studies, conducted through the VA in which
>>Vietnam Veterans, whose tales of horrific combat are central to
>>their core beliefs. When these tales of combat are checked
>>(which they rarely are) it is found that few of these memories,
>>gathered under the influence of a group environment, hypnotic

>>regression, and the use of memory enhancing drugs, are based in
>>reality. The memories are strong, detailed, and are of core
>>significance. They just never happened in the way being related
>>by the victim.

>You got your PhD by writing your thesis on this subject of Nam
>recall? Brother, have you got a lot of stuff to experience. You
>sound like a man who has experienced nothing but opines much on
>the experiences he has not experienced. Whilst I would not
>suggest going to battle or volunteering to be in a fire fight,
>or for that matter, wishing to be a perceived abductee, until
>you experience it yourself, you are going to continue to sound
>very silly. Very silly indeed. Most especially when you say
>things with such certitude. The experts with all the paper
>and/or all the experience are wrong. It nonesense. Has no
>basis in fact, even the victims of the Titanic tragedy come into
>this as examples for your fodder.

Here is where I am outraged. I point to these alleged Vietnam
Vets who are taking VA money from those who really need it.
These alleged Vets tell the most horrifying stories of combat
when their service records, if they were ever in the service,
reveal that their tales are untrue. Read **STOLEN VALOR** to
understand exactly what is happening here.

And, are you suggesting here that I can't understand the horrors
of combat unless I have lived through them? Are you suggesting
that I can't understand them even if I have talked to veterans
who had actually experienced combat? Is the only path to
understanding through living the experiences?

>Let alone your mudder.

>>Mack's whole argument here is based on a false assumption. He
>>cannot even prove the initial event is reflected in reality so
>>the idea that it is of core significance is irrelevant. His
>>claim sounds good, but it is not an appropriate argument here.

>Have you considered the possibility that your opinion is based
>on a false assumption? With all due respect Dr. Randle, I
>suppose that you can prove that the initial event is not
>reflected in reality?

Of course I have considered the possibility that my opinion is
in error. On the other hand, in the case of many of the
abductees who I have interviewed, and those interviewed by
others such as Hopkins, the initial event could have been an
episode of sleep paralysis. David Jacobs describes, in **SECRET
LIFE**, the typical abduction which is also the typical episode of
sleep paralysis. Are you suggesting that none of those cases are
the result of this psychological problem (not to suggest that
those suffering sleep paralysis have psychological problems) are
the result of sleep paralysis rather than alien abduction?

KRandle

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>So the bottom line on this deal is they spent a small amount of
>cash producing a teaser, so that they can use it as a vehicle to get
>investors to invest in the bigger project.

I think you'll find the post was a trailer, for the trailer for something that CSETI has yet to get funds for, which seems very odd. If you were to produce a documentary wouldn't you agree the funds first before producing a trailer? I know I would and I guess CSETI have also, the question remains, why the continued request for funds.

In addition to this CSETI complain that they can only get their most secret witnesses to talk via congressional hearings, therefore, why are CSETI using a documentary to spread their 'word', when their most valid witnesses will refuse to talk?

At this point I would like to ask Tony Craddock one question, if CSETI requires funding for this documentary why isn't the budget for the project made available to the public to see where this funding is projected to be spent. In addition to this, where are the CSETI finances available for public dissemination which is allegedly required by US law for non-profit organisations via their offices?

Tony

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>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>CSETI announced on Monday the completion of the trailer
>>for its planned five-part Documentary series "Disclosure".

One bullcrap show I will miss. 10 years regression coming up
folks. It is because of Greer I think we lose alot of reputable
researchers.

Duncan

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Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 23:11:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 08:13:06 -0500
Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 08:22:20 EST
>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman
>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 14:49:58 -0400

>>>Date: Thu, 25 Nov 1999 21:08:17 +1300 (NZDT)
>>>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>>>To: Updates List <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

><huge, massive snip>

>>I should add that while I do read 'Saucer Smear' it is a
>>humorous gossip sheet relating to UFOs and people involved in
>>ufology. Sometimes it is hilarious. But I hardly take it as a
>>research journal or to be accurate.

>Stan, this point is irrelevant because no matter what Saucer
>Smear is, the letters quoted are from the people who wrote them.
>No one said that it was a research journal, but we can say that
>the letters published reflect the opinions of the people who
>wrote them. As you well know, Bill Moore has had letters
>appearing there in which he makes some fairly surprising claims.

><another snip to get to the good stuff>

My point was not so much that Saucer Smear is a gossip sheet,
but that somebody asking questions about me and Bill Moore and
MJ-12 should have given some indication that he has reviewed my
very extensive writings... which are listed in the snip.

For those who want the facts I would suggest my book "TOP
SECRET/MAJIC", my "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12", and
my "Operation Majestic 12? YES!" for starters...

>>Note the recent comments by the GAO that indeed TOP SECRET
>>RESTRICTED (used on the CT memo) was a legitimate security
>>marking in 1954 despite many claims that it was not.

>Please provide the details of the GAO claim that TOP SECRET
>RESTRICTED is a "legitimate security" marking and please provide
>examples of such a marking from known and established legitimate
>documents from the era.

>KRandle

I didn't say I had any of the other documents using TOP SECRET
RESTRICTED.

Read my comments again.

Here is a direct quote from page 80 of the GAO's 450 page
overview of what they did for Steve Schiff:

DATE: December 7, 1994

Ms. Laura Jackson and I reviewed records pertaining to the Air Force Atomic energy projects and certain mission and weapons requirements. These files were classified up to and including top secret. The period covered by these records was from 1948 to 1956. There was no mention of the Roswell Incident. No information pertaining to the assignment was obtained. In several instances we noticed the classification Top Secret Restricted, used on several documents. This is mentioned because in past references to this classification (Majestic 12) we were told that it was not used during this period.

It would certainly appear that these were documents that had not been declassified and are not available to you or me.

I have no problem in believing that the GAO personnel are telling the truth. Do you?

It would seem extremely unlikely that a forger would use an unusual security marking bound to raise eyebrows.

Of course, I have discussed the many reasons for accepting that the CT memo is legitimate, in depth, in the referenced material, as I am sure you will recall

I would be happy to send a copy of the page via fax or an SASE sent to UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958.

I will also enclose a listing of items available from UFORI including the "Zeta Reticuli Incident" by Terence Dickinson and "Update on The Zeta Reticuli Incident". These seem to have been left out of your discussion about the Betty Hill star map in your "The Abduction Enigma".

Stan Friedman

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Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 16:59:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 08:16:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 18:36:50 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

> >Hi Roy,

>>Just thought I'd back you up on this one, yes I've seen the
>>footage you speak of.

>>I remember you and your colleague bringing the video (of which
>>I've still got a copy) to my house for me to view on my system.

>>I have seen a lot of UFO footage, most has been explained away
>>as natural but this one just left me speechless.

>>Your colleague set the video camera up on a hill at Barbury in
>>order to look down on a crop circle when the white ball came
>>into view.

>>He managed to follow it as it moved down toward the circle then
>>up as it sped away until it moved so fast that he couldn't track
>>it any further.

>>Because we have the ground behind the object instead of a clear
>>blue sky it makes it easier to judge the size.

>>I would guess the object was slightly larger than that of a
>>tennis ball.

>>Don't get me wrong here, I'm not suggesting that we have tennis
>>ball sized spacecraft piloted by inch high aliens visiting us,
>>I do however think there is a lot of strange stuff being seen
>>and in this
>>case video'd that at the present time cannot be explained.
>>I know all about UAV's (unmanned aerial vehicles) or 'remotes'
>>as the military call them and this was far too small to fit into
>>that category.

>>If anyone gets the chance to see this footage and can tell me
>>what the hell that was I would be very interested to hear.

>>Dave B.

Hi Dave & All,

Well the film is rather interesting and the object caught on
tape is much like the same object which Steve Alexander caught
on video, his now Famous " Milk Hill Footage".

But I must say this has more clarity to it, you see the object a
lot closer to the camera than Steve's footage.

What it is I couldn't exactly say, but from talking to a lot of
people who I meet whilst in Wiltshire looking at Crop
formations' these white ball type objects seem to be pretty
common place.

I think my colleague was in the right place at the right time.

The tape was shown at the last Leeds UFO Quest International Conference, and received some interest, including Mr Hesseman, who was quoted as saying he would not leave the UK until he had a copy of the film in his hands.

So what has become of the August 7th Barbury Crop Formation video, as far as exposure is concerned? If anyone has seen the footage I/we - my colleague would like to hear about your response, so please feel free to jump in.

Also I remember the reaction of those people in Dave's house the night it was shown on Dave's Huge PC screen, and well they were taken aback to say the least, me included, and I know that Dave has looked at this footage for some time and is still quite mystified by the object and so are a lot of people.

For everyone's convenience I have included the direct link to see the footage we are talking about, please go to:

<http://cropcircleconnector.com/1999/BarburyCastle/BarburyCastle99b.html#One>

Hopefully you will be able to get more of an opinion on the footage.

Regards,

Roy..

Keep Smiling..

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Re: Unique Images Expected From Mars Descent Imager

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 00:16:47 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 08:19:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Unique Images Expected From Mars Descent Imager

>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 12:42:13 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Unique Images Expected From Mars Descent Imager

>Hi everyone.

>Below is a message I just got about the December 3 Mars landing
>from Sagan's Cornell University.

>It is interesting that both metric and imperial units are
>mentioned in the message.

>If this lander confirms the findings of the 1976 Viking
>lander(s), we may have our first proof that life exists on
>another world.

>Nick

<snip>

>ITHACA, N.Y. -- For just under two minutes, shortly before 3:14
>p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, Dec. 3, a camera directed toward
>the south polar region of Mars will capture and store a series
>of about 20 images unique in the annals of planetary
>exploration: the surface of a planet (other than the moon) as
>seen from altitudes ranging from about 4 miles to only about 30
>feet.

What I would give to have images like this taken of certain
features in Cydonia...

--Mac Tonnies

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Re: On False Memory

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 02:45:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 11:34:28 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 14:27:11 EST
>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:18:57 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST
>>>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:02:20 -0600 (CST)
>>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>>Subject: On False Memory

>>>List and all -

><snip>

>>>This is the same claim that he made about the viability of
>>>hypnosis in such circumstances. It didn't work then and it
>>>doesn't work now.

>>Just an observation based on Mack's quote: Mack's comment
>>sounds less like a "claim" than a recital of results of a real
>>study at Harvard, maybe not even his study (he didn't say "my"
>>study). That would be a bit more than a "claim".

Kevin Randle responds:

>I used the word claim beside he cited no references. He believes
>that a study is underway which will underscored his beliefs that
>memories of core significance are more accurate than memories of
>another kind.

>Until the study is completed, we have nothing other than Mack's
>suggestion that it might be concluded in the way he says it will
>be.

"Nothing other than (Mack's) suggestion, . . ."

For someone whose degree in psychology is still 'warm in the
frame' you are quick to dismiss (and minimize) the statements of
a man who headed a psychology department at Harvard! They don't
give posts like that to 'slackers' Kevin. Don't be so quick to
dismiss a man who has -years- of experience over you. You only
do so because his views don't jibe with yours. It's nothing
deeper than that really. It shows in the dismissive language
that litters your comments. Example: Re: Mack's remarks, you
offer the pronouncement, "This is nonsense!" If you don't think
that folks/readers can see through proclamations like that one,
you have a lot more to learn about psychology.

Says you.

In the meantime we can look at the work of Elizabeth Loftus, Richard Ofshe and Robert Baker about false memories and hypnosis. Yes, we can look at Lenore Terr's work, which seems to be at odds with the work of the others, and then we can look at the evidence as played out in "reality" to decide who has the better theories.

In place of John Mack you would have people turn to the work of "academic psychologists" who have never spoken to anyone outside of a lab or a college campus. Each of the individuals you have mentioned have all put forth mutually exclusive theories and explanations regarding alien abductions. None of them -has ever- worked with anyone who is reporting alien abduction.

Without ever having spoken to me (or any of the other abductees who participated) they edited my comments to unrelated questions in between Loftus and the late Robert Baker expounding their "theories" on alien abduction. As if they were "analysing" the abductees whose cases were reviewed on the program. Now how "ethical" is that? They all could have 'said something' after the fact. Not a single one of them made any effort to either interview us or review our cases (the details of what we were reporting) before passing judgement on us in a very public medium. I participated in that thing because I thought mental health professionals would give us a fair hearing. Boy, was I ever naive!

Loftus, Baker, et al can't find agreement among themselves. Why should we give them (or their mutually exclusive theories) 'more credence' than we'd give to someone like Dr Mack who has actually worked with live human beings!

Gimme a break Kevin. I'm surprised you don't have neck problems after wearing those gunda blinders for so long. Open minded and objective you are not.

John Velez

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www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm
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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: On False Memory

From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 07:11:14 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 11:43:33 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 12:59:19 EST
>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:25:18 EST
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST
>>>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:02:20 -0600 (CST)
>>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>>Subject: On False Memory

Dear Kevin,

I would like you to interview me.

IF you do your homework after that interview, and you do it thoroughly, you will come away with a far different opinion than you presently hold.

But, because I question your ability to consider having those opinions changed, I dare say you won't even respond to this note, much less follow through with a one-on-one interview with me.

I asked for help several months ago from the list members, qualifying that it be someone who is not a believer. You're in for a shocker, Mr. Randle, whether you decide to interview me or not.

Sincerely,

Sue Strickland

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Re: Electrophonic Sounds?

From: **Edoardo Russo** <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 16:30:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 11:46:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Electrophonic Sounds?

>From: Erol Erkmen <andromeda@mail.koc.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Electrophonic Sounds?
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 19:44:57 +0200

>We are searching web based literature about 'Electrophonic
>Sounds' if you have any information please inform me,

Hello Erol,

Massimo Silvestri had a detailed article on "Electroponics and
UFO reports" published in our journal "UFO Forum", issue No. 13,
September 1999. It's in Italian, alas, but you may surely
appreciate his bibliography (mostly in English).

Massimo's paper is readable on the Web at URL
"<http://www.ufodatanet.org>"

Should you find any difficulty, we can send it to you by e-mail.

Best regards

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Re: On False Memory

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 12:13:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 15:48:34 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

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>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: On False Memory

>List and all -

>>>MACK: Well, the argument around so-called false memory, or
>>>doubting memories, is applied to situations which are not
>>>of core significance to the individual. There's a study at
>>>Harvard going on now where people have been deeply
>>>traumatized, as the abductees have, in many cases -- have
>>>distortions of memory, but not for the traumatic events.
>>>The memory around the traumatic events is highly accurate,
>>>highly reliable. It's all the rest of their lives that
>>>becomes distorted and confused. So there is no evidence that
>>>you get false memory when you have very powerful traumatic
>>>events that are described with great conviction and great
>>>detail by people who are of otherwise sound mind and reliable
>>>observers.

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>study). That would be a bit more than a "claim".

><snip>

>>Mack's whole argument here is based on a false assumption. He
>>cannot even prove the initial event is reflected in reality so
>>the idea that it is of core significance is irrelevant.

>A. Mack's work with hundreds of abductees has established that
> they appear to have experienced very traumatic events.
> (re his books)
>
>B. The Harvard study (not Mack's claim) seems to establish
> that folks remember traumatic events clearly.

>Mack infers then that A+B has implications.

>You can debate all you want about the cause of these traumatic
>events, or even if Mack is competent to judge whether someone

>has experienced a traumatic event. You can also argue the
>merits of the Harvard study if you like (be my guest if you
>want to dig it up on the net or elsewhere.)

>But given A and given B, I'd say Mack has a point.

>-Brian Cuthbertson

I think the more important debate here should be, not about whether or not an abductee actually had a traumatic event or not, but whether or not the hypnotist or researcher has influenced the memories of the abductee during hypnosis. Dr. Jacobs states, "A casual, but calculated, discussion of an event with a person can instill "memories" in him that have no basis in reality." An excellent example of false memory appears in a book titled "Remembering Satan" written by Lawrence Wright.

Jacobs mentions 5 significant areas in which abductions differ from false memory syndrome.

- 1) Abductees do not only recall childhood experiences.
- 2) Abductees often have indirect corroboration of events.
- 3) Abductees often remember the events without the aid of a therapist.
- 4) Abductees are often "physically" missing at the time of the event.
- 5) Abductees can often provide independent confirmation of the abduction.

Dr. Jacobs also states, "In addition, it is important to note that unlike victims of false memory syndrome, abductees do not usually experience disintegration of their personal lives "after" they become aware of their situation. Knowledge of the abduction phenomena helps them lead more 'integrated' lives, rather than having the powerfully disintegrating effects so common with victims of false memory syndrome."

I have to agree with Brian and Jim here Mr. Randle. Who is able to determine what is of core significance to a person, other than that person? It's not the therapist, or the hypnotist now is it? It's the person themself. I know you're aware of the text I've quoted above as an example because that's where yours was pulled from... from Jacob's book entitled 'The Threat'.

Another important point here mentioned within the same book is 'Normal Event Memory':

Memory is not stored linearly. It is stored in a "relational" database. Each stored memory fragment can become distorted. Sometimes a person recalls a memory fragment that only makes sense if the person unconsciously creates a scenario, even if it is a fictional scenario, to incorporate it.

Another reference mentioned within this text is a book called 'Searching for Memory' by Daniel L. Schacter. It's not that the witness or abductee isn't correctly reflecting reality. It is their reality, whether it's the correct one or not, as stored in their memory. And who is to determine what is a 'reality'?

You also contradict yourself, Mr. Randle, within the same paragraph in which you state, "There are also many studies, conducted through the VA in which Vietnam Veterans, whose tales of horrific combat are central to their core beliefs. When these tales of combat are checked (which they rarely are)... ", either they're studying this or their not? Which is it? You say they're rarely checked after you say there were many studies?

You also do have a point Mr. Randle in saying that Mack's argument is based on an assumption. One should never base an argument on an assumption.

Respectfully from the bottom of the investigative totem pole,
Todd Lemire

-- "...UFO's technology embraces a wedding of mind and matter, often including the disturbing ability to control human physiological and mental processes..... Somehow, "they" have

mastered the puzzle of mind over matter."

UFO Trivia: What book does this split excerpt come from and what 2 authors wrote this?

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Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 10:36:54 -0500
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Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

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>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
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>video, as far as exposure is concerned? If anyone has seen the
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Hi Roy

Has the footage been analysed?

Tony

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Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 20:06:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 15:52:45 -0500
Subject: Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 11:54:19 EST
>Subject: Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready
>To: updates@globalserve.net

Hello, all, Robert

>>CSETI announced on Monday the completion of the trailer
>>for its planned five-part Documentary series "Disclosure".

>>The trailer, hosted by Oscar-nominated actor James Cromwell, and
>>featuring Dr. Steven Greer, CSETI's founder and International
>>Director, provides a synopsis of the series.

>>The trailer can be played from the CSETI Website, and a
>>companion written summary and proposal are also available for
>>download.

>>Videos of the trailer and copies of the written summary are
>>available for serious investors.

>So the bottom line on this deal is they spent a small amount of
>cash producing a teaser, so that they can use it as a vehicle to
>get investors to invest in the bigger project.

My problem is that this one isn't that creative (not that I support Greer and his Klowns) they must be having a "brain drain" - or at least losing a few neurons. This effort isn't as good as a phony roof repair con.

GT McCoy

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From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 12:34:49 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 16:03:17 -0500
Subject: Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready

>From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 18:14:59 -0500
>Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 07:52:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready

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>CSETI requires funding for this documentary why isn't the budget
>for the project made available to the public to see where this
>funding is projected to be spent. In addition to this, where are
>the CSETI finances available for public dissemination which is
>allegedly required by US law for non-profit organisations via
>their offices?

Hi, Tony, List:

Reports to the IRS about spending of non-profits may not be available, unless the organization does it themselves. I'm not exactly sure about this.

Every state regulates non-profits incorporated or raising above a certain amount of money in their border.

Someone could find out where CSETI is registered and go to the State office for charitable organizations. Their reports are public info.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 12:21:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 16:00:39 -0500
Subject: Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready

>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 18:14:59 -0500
>From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: CSETI's 5-Part Documentary Trailer Ready
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

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>I think you'll find the post was a trailer, for the trailer for
>something that CSETI has yet to get funds for, which seems very
>odd. If you were to produce a documentary wouldn't you agree the
>funds first before producing a trailer? I know I would and I
>guess CSETI have also, the question remains, why the continued
>request for funds.

It would be a "trailer" if the documentary was already produced and they were simply trying to promote it. But producers often create "teasers" to promote their concept in an effort to secure funding for a project, and I suspect this falls into that category. It seems clear that the proposed documentary is still a basic proposal and since production costs aren't cheap (for a professional product) it doesn't surprise me that a request is being made for funding.

>In addition to this CSETI complain that they can only get their
>most secret witnesses to talk via congressional hearings,
>therefore, why are CSETI using a documentary to spread their
>'word', when their most valid witnesses will refuse to talk?

Somehow I would suspect that any "secret witness" with information that could blow the lid off this conspiracy wouldn't need the protection of a congressional hearing to speak out. I'm not a lawyer, but I would suspect that the protection afforded by the publicity and public outrage would be enough to prevent legal action. The problem is that these "witnesses" will have to have more than their reputation and position to lend credence to tale. If Corso had appeared before a Congressional Panel on the issue of his involvement with alien technology he would have had to provide a lot more information than he did.

But I've found that the validity of a "secret witness" is often a reflection of whether or not that person is saying what you (the listener) want to hear. Several so-called "witnesses" have had interesting tales to tell, and they are indeed very sincere and telling what they believe to be the truth. But upon examination, the impact of their comments are very anecdotal in nature and it is only because of WHO they are (or WHERE they were assigned and what they allegedly witnessed) that makes their comments interesting in the first place. The problem remains that we are dealing with primarily anecdotal information with no evidence to provide "proof". Congressional hearings aren't like to change that situation, and unless some "proof" is developed the chances of any kind of congressional examination of this subject is unlikely, IMO.

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>for the project made available to the public to see where this
>funding is projected to be spent. In addition to this, where are

>the CSETI finances available for public dissemination which is
>allegedly required by US law for non-profit organisations via
>their offices?

>Tony

Non-profit agencies that do not receive public funds are not necessarily required to open their books for public inspection.

It's been quite a few years since I've had any involvement in this question, but I was surprised to learn that many non-profit groups are actually very secretive about their organization and funding sources.

As usual, it is up to those who donate to make the decision as to how much information they require before they open their wallet.

On the other hand, there are other regulations that come into play if public funds are involved.

Steve

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Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 13:06:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 16:11:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

>Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 16:59:27 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

<snip>

>Hi Dave & All,

>Well the film is rather interesting and the object caught on
>tape is much like the same object which Steve Alexander caught
>on video, his now Famous " Milk Hill Footage".

>But I must say this has more clarity to it, you see the object a
>lot closer to the camera than Steve's footage.

>What it is I couldn't exactly say, but from talking to a lot of
>people who I meet whilst in Wiltshire looking at Crop
>formations' these white ball type objects seem to be pretty
>common place.

>I think my colleague was in the right place at the right time.

>The tape was shown at the last Leeds UFO Quest International
>Conference, and received some interest, including Mr Hesseman,
>who was quoted as saying he would not leave the UK until he had
>a copy of the film in his hands.

>So what has become of the August 7th Barbury Crop Formation
>video, as far as exposure is concerned? If anyone has seen the
>footage I/we - my colleague would like to hear about your
>response, so please feel free to jump in.

<snip>

The video clip is indeed interesting, but I noticed that the camera seems to anticipate the movement of the object. There is a lot of jumping around, as the camera operator appears to be trying to keep the object in view, but also seems to be anticipating the direction of travel.

Steve

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Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 10:23:58 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 16:08:54 -0500
Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 23:11:41 -0400

<snip>

>In several instances we noticed the classification Top Secret
>Restricted, used on several documents. This is mentioned
>because in past references to this classification (Majestic
>12) we were told that it was not used during this period.

There is other supporting information on the RESTRICTED
classification which can be found on pages 387-389 in 'UFOs
Exist' by Paris Flammonde (1976) and in the Condon report pgs.
894-897..

For those of you who aren't able to access these books, here's a
summary.

On Sept 23rd., 1947 General Nathan Twining wrote General George
Schulgen and informed him that the UFO "phenomenon(sic)... is
something real and not visionary or fictitious" and that he
wanted to establish an investigative section to deal with all
unkown aerial activity.

He requested that it be given a code name and a security and
priority classification.

There is much more, and the letter should be read by all. It's
an important document that everyone agrees is authentic.

Another authentic document is the reply to this request from
General Craigie, Chief of staff, USAF, who on December 30th,
1947 wrote that the Airforce would not ignore UFO activity but
would investigate these reports. He was forming a project to
"implement this policy".

This section was given the priority 2-A, the second highest
possible, and a security designation of "restricted" and the
code name of "SIGN".

It was also stated that " Where data of a classification higher
than restricted is handled by the project such data should be
classified accordingly."

Therefore TOP SECRET RESTRICTED is a logical classification for
that period. I hope this helps.

Ed

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AA Film Research

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 11:42:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 20:09:18 -0500
Subject: AA Film Research

Dear All,

Does anyone out there happen to have a copy of the research done by Rob Irving on the alleged film canister labels from the Alien Autopsy film?

Rob specifically looked at the 'official stamp' on the labels and suggested that it was bogus as it did not exist at the time.

Unfortunately I have been unable to contact Ronb Irving to ask him for a copy hence my request here.

Please be aware that Tim Mathews and I are about to embark on a new book on the alien autopsy film which will be well balanced giving all sides of the argument. If you therefore have any information on the film I would greatly appreciate it if you could contact me direct at: pmquest@dial.pipex.com

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle.

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Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

From: royjhale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 16:28:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 20:05:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

>>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 10:36:54 -0500
>>From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Hi Roy

>>Has the footage been analysed?

>>Tony

Hi Tony,

As far as I know the footage has not yet been analysed, although saying this I am not quite sure if Peter Sorrensen or any other researcher who has a copy of the footage has had it analysed.

I do know that Dave Bowden has taken a good close up look of the tape, and perhaps Dave could jump in here and tell us what he found out?

Also if you look close enough you can just about see a second object shoot off the screen as the first one disappears.

What I personally like about the footage is the acceleration of the first object as it climbs and the brilliant colour & clarity of the whole film.

Regards,

Roy..

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Re: On False Memory

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 18:35:48 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 20:03:34 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 12:59:19 EST
>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:25:18 EST
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST
>>>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:02:20 -0600 (CST)
>>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>>Subject: On False Memory

>>>>List and all -
>

>>>>MACK: Well, the argument around so-called false memory, or
>>>>doubting memories, is applied to situations which are not
>>>>of core significance to the individual. There's a study at
>>>>Harvard going on now where people have been deeply
>>>>traumatized, as the abductees have, in many cases -- have
>>>>distortions of memory, but not for the traumatic events.

>>>>Snip

>>Gosh, I am so grateful that you cleared that up for us. In
>>particular I am happy that the traumatic situations I've had,
>>which are both burned into my mind and have been verified by
>>witnesses when applicable, have no basis in your pair of dimes.
>>Now I can sleep better.

>Nope. Didn't say that. Said that Mack's statement was not true
>because of other evidence. He was making a blanket statement and
>I was saying that it didn't cover everything.

My take was your statement, "This is nonsense...!"

I am not a psychologist or psychiatrist, but I can see your
attitude as being just as king sized a blanket as the one you
accuse Mack of using. He said:

>>>there is no evidence that
>>>you get false memory when you have very powerful traumatic
>>>events that are described with great conviction and great
>>>detail by people who are of otherwise sound mind and reliable
>>>observers.

He went on to say that in this case, the traumatic event is
recalled accurately and it is the rest of the poor bastard's
life which often becomes confused. He did not say that this was
so in every case. That was your assumption.

However what irritates is your certainty. Perhaps Mack, with

all his psychiatric credentials is wrong. However if so, it is less likely than your being wrong. At least in my opinion.

I would debate a point with a client, but never with an opponent who knows a hell of a lot more than I do, unless I had proof positive. Fortunately for both of you gentlemen, neither of you does, have proof positive. Opinion? Yes. Allowed. Certainty? I don't think so. What I have had in spades, is the actual perceived event happen to me. That, in my not so humble opinion, makes me as expert on the subject from the perspective of the perceived abductee.

>>Also, I am happy to note that Dr. John Mack is a psychiatrist >>and you are a ... uh ... UFO researcher. Or are you no longer >>one of those since your own personal transformation? >>Ever been shot? Ever seen a murder? Ever experience a >>perceived abduction or witness a UFO sighting? Neither has >>Mack, or Hopkins, yet they have opinions which claim a view >>different from yours. Does that make you wrong or right? Of >>course not. So why the statements of such certitude, "This is >>nonesense!" You got your degree in psychiatry I take it? >>Shot at? Seen a murder? Relevant, how?

Could be any traumatic experience taken from your own life. Use this as a litmus test for your opinion as to recall. It turns out that I've had all of those things happen to me and I can assure you that I remember every detail, and wherever possible to do so, verified every detail. So in my case, at least, you are mistaken. I tend therefore, to agree with John Mack.

>>As I've said so often on this list and elsewhere, when someone >>tells me or someone else that they are dead wrong and they have >>the truth, I tend to go a little ballistic. I cannot trust >>memories of my own which to me are real, yet so astoundingly >>impossible in my personal paradigm, that it just cannot be. I >>am a walking contradiction and you are a walking genius on >>truth. Perhaps the title of your next book should be, "Finally, >>the Truth about Who has the Motts!"

>Didn't say that and didn't apply it to you. Merely indicated that >Mack's statement about the reliability of memory based on a >core of significance is nonsense. Didn't say that all memory >was false or that a traumatic experience gave rise to a false >memory. Did suggest that Mack's statement was inaccurate.

It is not inaccurate in my case, as an experiencer. However I've never read the book and had trouble with Psych one and two in college. I also had trouble with the electron in a box theory. I can only go by what I know to be true.

>>>With Satanic abuse, however, we learn that there is no evidence >>>that it has ever existed in the way described by so many of the >>>"victims." The physical evidence, in the form of scars, does not >>>exist. Outside investigation of the claims has been unable to >>>confirm that these large groups of Satan worshippers exist, and >>>the hundreds of sacrifices that have been claimed, were >>>committed without leaving any evidence for homicide detectives >>>to find. These beliefs, however, are of core significance to >>>those who recount them.

>>>This is the same claim that he made about the viability of >>>hypnosis in such circumstances. It didn't work then and it >>>doesn't work now.

>>>I'm not even sure that we can still make the claim that the >>>memory around traumatic events is highly accurate based on some >>>recent studies. In THE ABDUCTION ENIGMA, we cite Ulric Neisser's >>>study of the Challenger disaster. He found that in about 25% of >>>the cases, the memories of the events around hearing the >>>disaster were completely false, yet the subjects held onto those >>>beliefs because it was the way they remembered it, even in the >>>face of facts that proved them wrong.

>>Well, that certainly is conclusive. If I read you correctly, in >>75% of the cases, the memories of the events around the hearing >>the disaster were completely TRUE, yet the subjects held onto >>those true beliefs because it was the way they remembered it, >>even in the face of facts that proved right to them. I see your >>25% and raise you 50 more percent.

>Nope. Doesn't mean that 75% were accurate, only that 25% of

>those in the study were wholly and completely wrong in their
>memories of the event. Others were less inaccurate, but nearly
>all of them had some flaws in their memories of the event. And,
>it didn't mean that all of those looking at their original
>statements refused to believe them accurate. It means that some,
>even in the face of evidence that proves them wrong, will not
>change their minds. I see your 50% and I call.

Surely memory, being based in electro chemical reactions in the nervous system, are prevalent in any given situation. However in your original post, you said nothing but that 25% of the people tested were wholly and completely wrong in their recall. Nothing was said about the remaining group. The assumption for a simple soul such as me is the one drawn.

>>>Yes, hearing about a traumatic event and living through one are
>>>a different situations. In the days that followed the sinking of

>>>Snip

>>>There are also many studies, conducted through the VA in which
>>>Vietnam Veterans, whose tales of horrific combat are central to
>>>their core beliefs. When these tales of combat are checked
>>>(which they rarely are) it is found that few of these memories,
>>>gathered under the influence of a group environment, hypnotic
>>>regression, and the use of memory enhancing drugs, are based in
>>>reality. The memories are strong, detailed, and are of core
>>>significance. They just never happened in the way being related
>>>by the victim.

>Snip

>Here is where I am outraged. I point to these alleged Vietnam
>Vets who are taking VA money from those who really need it.
>These alleged Vets tell the most horrifying stories of combat
>when their service records, if they were ever in the service,
>reveal that their tales are untrue. Read *STOLEN VALOR* to
>understand exactly what is happening here.

Excuse me, Sir, but in your own words, you point to Vietnam vets whose recall is false when tested and in your own words, are rarely tested, then you tell us that the Vets you referred to are those attempting to steal valor or obtain services or benefits to which they are not entitled. You got there pretty quick in the paragraph above, but one would have to be prescient indeed to get there from your original statement, Sir. You wrote:

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>significance. They just never happened in the way being related
>by the victim.

Where does it say about:

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>Vets who are taking VA money from those who really need it.
>These alleged Vets tell the most horrifying stories of combat
>when their service records, if they were ever in the service,
>reveal that their tales are untrue. Read *STOLEN VALOR* to
>understand exactly what is happening here.

And YOU are outraged? Oy!

>And, are you suggesting here that I can't understand the horrors
>of combat unless I have lived through them? Are you suggesting
>that I can't understand them even if I have talked to veterans
>who had actually experienced combat? Is the only path to
>understanding through living the experiences?

In a way, yes. Guilty, with an excuse. Perhaps I should have said that had you experienced any of the above, you would, I assure you, NOT have the strength of conviction you demonstrate in your posts. That would have been more accurate.

>>>Mack's whole argument here is based on a false assumption. He
>>>cannot even prove the initial event is reflected in reality so
>>>the idea that it is of core significance is irrelevant. His
>>>claim sounds good, but it is not an appropriate argument here.

>>Have you considered the possibility that your opinion is based

>>on a false assumption? With all due respect Dr. Randle, I
>>suppose that you can prove that the initial event _is not_
>>reflected in reality?

>Of course I have considered the possibility that my opinion is
>in error. On the other hand, in the case of many of the
>abductees who I have interviewed, and those interviewed by
>others such as Hopkins, the initial event could have been an
>episode of sleep paralysis. David Jacobs describes, in SECRET
>LIFE, the typical abduction which is also the typical episode of
>sleep paralysis. Are you suggesting that none of those cases are
>the result of this psychological problem (not to suggest that
>those suffering sleep paralysis have psychological problems) are
>the result of sleep paralysis rather than alien abduction?

No, I am not. However I have experienced sleep paralysis on a few occasions, admittedly not many. Maybe half a dozen time in my life. But I have experienced perceived abduction, have been shot, and shot at, have witnessed cold blooded murder and, in my case, and in my opinion, your assumptions are wrong and Mack's are correct. And the only thing of which I am certain, is that I am not certain. You seem not to suffer from that human failing.

Jim Mortellaro

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Shanghai Appears Convinced of UFO Visit

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 20:12:16 -0500
Subject: Shanghai Appears Convinced of UFO Visit

Friday December 3 1:20 AM ET

Shanghai Appears Convinced of UFO Visit

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Shanghai appeared convinced on Friday that an unidentified flying object had visited China's commercial capital.

Usually staid official newspapers insisted Thursday's sighting was no vision.

"UFO darts across the city's skyline," screamed a headline in the official Shanghai Daily.

"UFO appears in the sky over Shanghai," the Wenhui Daily said in a front page story with color photographs.

Nearly 100 people claimed to have seen a cylindrical object with a flaming orange tail moving over the western part of the city for about an hour on Thursday afternoon, the newspapers said. They offered no theories on what it might have been.

But the Shanghai Daily ran the story on the same page as an advertisement for "The X Files Movie," based on the popular television series about two U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who probe unexplained phenomena.

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>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 08:22:20 EST
>>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman
>>To: updates@globalserve.net

<snip>

>My point was not so much that Saucer Smear is a gossip sheet,
>but that somebody asking questions about me and Bill Moore and
>MJ-12 should have given some indication that he has reviewed my
>very extensive writings... which are listed in the snip.

Okay, Stan, fair enough.

<snip>

>I didn't say I had any of the other documents using TOP SECRET
>RESTRICTED.

>Read my comments again.

>Here is a direct quote from page 80 of the GAO's 450 page
>overview of what they did for Steve Schiff:

>DATE: December 7, 1994

>Ms. Laura Jackson and I reviewed records pertaining to the Air
>Force Atomic energy projects and certain mission and weapons
>requirements. These files were classified up to and including
>top secret. The period covered by these records was from 1948
>to 1956. There was no mention of the Roswell Incident. No
>information pertaining to the assignment was obtained. In
>several instances we noticed the classification Top Secret
>Restricted, used on several documents. This is mentioned
>because in past references to this classification (Majestic
>12) we were told that it was not used during this period.

>It would certainly appear that these were documents that had not
>been declassified and are not available to you or me.

>I have no problem in believing that the GAO personnel are
>telling the truth. Do you?

Of course not. However, there is the possibility that they have
made a mistake. That is why it would be nice to see some of these
documents that they mentioned. That would resolve this aspect of
the question.

>It would seem extremely unlikely that a forger would use an
>unusual security marking bound to raise eyebrows.

It was also seem unlikely that a forger of great works of art would sing his own name to them somewhere but that has happened.

<snip>

>I will also enclose a listing of items available from UFORI
>including the "Zeta Reticuli Incident" by Terence Dickinson and
>"Update on The Zeta Reticuli Incident". These seem to have been
>left out of your discussion about the Betty Hill star map in
>your "The Abduction Enigma".

Irrelevant to the current discussion of MJ-12.

KRandle

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UFO World Exclusive On 'Sightings' Tonight!

From: **Tim Mathews** <TMMatthews99@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 10:31:55 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 20:23:34 -0500
Subject: UFO World Exclusive On 'Sightings' Tonight!

Dear All,

TONIGHT, 3rd December 1999, myself and Steve Mera of MAPIT will present frankly remarkable information relating to a modern-day MIB-type visitation and UFO event at a remote location on Winter Hill, situated in North-Western England.

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Tim Matthews - Commercial Editor, Quest for Knowledge and Beyond magazines. Director, Discovery UK.

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Re: On False Memory

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 09:52:51 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 20:21:39 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 07:11:14 -0700

>Dear Kevin,

>I would like you to interview me.

>IF you do your homework after that interview, and you do it
>thoroughly, you will come away with a far different opinion than
>you presently hold.

But what if I don't. What if after all of this, I find a
plausible explanation?

Are you going to be willing to review that explanation
objectively, or will you reject it out of hand?

>But, because I question your ability to consider having those
>opinions changed, I dare say you won't even respond to this
>note, much less follow through with a one-on-one interview with
>me.

How do you suggest that we conduct this interview? Over the
telephone? In person? Through the internet? And if we don't do
it in person, will that invalidate it in the minds of some?

>I asked for help several months ago from the list members,
>qualifying that it be someone who is not a believer. You're
>in for a shocker, Mr. Randle, whether you decide to interview me
>or not.

Wouldn't be the first time I was shocked.

KRandle

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Re: On False Memory

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 09:41:03 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 20:19:45 -0500
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 02:45:25 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: On False Memory

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 14:27:11 EST
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:18:57 -0600 (CST)
>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: Re: On False Memory

>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: On False Memory
>>>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:02:20 -0600 (CST)
>>>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>>>Subject: On False Memory

>>>>>List and all -

>><snip>

>>>>This is the same claim that he made about the viability of
>>>>hypnosis in such circumstances. It didn't work then and it
>>>>doesn't work now.

>>>>Just an observation based on Mack's quote: Mack's comment
>>>>sounds less like a "claim" than a recital of results of a real
>>>>study at Harvard, maybe not even his study (he didn't say "my"
>>>>study). That would be a bit more than a "claim".

>Kevin Randle responds:

>>I used the word claim beside he cited no references. He believes
>>that a study is underway which will underscored his beliefs that
>>memories of core significance are more accurate than memories of
>>another kind.

>>Until the study is completed, we have nothing other than Mack's
>>suggestion that it might be concluded in the way he says it will
>>be.

>"Nothing other than (Mack's) suggestion, . . ."

>For someone whose degree in psychology is still 'warm in the
>frame' you are quick to dismiss (and minimize) the statements of
>a man who headed a psychology department at Harvard! They don't
>give posts like that to 'slackers' Kevin. Don't be so quick to
>dismiss a man who has -years- of experience over you. You only
>do so because his views don't jibe with yours. It's nothing

>deeper than that really. It shows in the dismissive language
>that litters your comments. Example: Re: Mack's remarks, you
>offer the pronouncement, "This is nonsense!" If you don't think
>that folks/readers can see through proclamations like that one,
>you have a lot more to learn about psychology.

Sorry, but his comment about the memory around an experience of
"core" importance being better has not been scientifically
proved and the information available suggests the opposite.

I certainly agree that John Mack has impressive credentials, but
that doesn't mean he is automatically right. I have seen him
claim that confabulation is the result of alcoholism and is
associated only with alcoholism and therefore is not relevant to
a discussion of alien abduction. But, other, equally
credentialed people have said that confabulation can be caused
by a number of problems and is not necessarily related to
alcoholism.

>Says you.

>In the meantime we can look at the work of Elizabeth Loftus,
>Richard Ofshe and Robert Baker about false memories and
>hypnosis. Yes, we can look at Lenore Terr's work, which seems to
>be at odds with the work of the others, and then we can look at
>the evidence as played out in "reality" to decide who has the
>better theories.

>In place of John Mack you would have people turn to the work of
>"academic psychologists" who have never spoken to anyone outside
>of a lab or a college campus. Each of the individuals you have
>mentioned have all put forth mutually exclusive theories and
>explanations regarding alien abductions. None of them -has ever-
>worked with anyone who is reporting alien abduction.

Haven't you just dismissed their work without giving it a fair
hearing? Can't we say the same about the abduction researchers
putting out mutually exclusive theories? Can Budd Hopkins'
aliens be the same as those reported by David Jacobs or John
Mack? We can read Mack's comment that "It seems clear to me that
Jacobs, Hopkins and Nyman may pull out of their experiencers
what they want to see." Hasn't Mack just suggested here that a
key to understanding the abduction experience is understanding
the belief structure of the researcher? Hasn't Mack really just
accused these others of leading their witnesses into the arena
they want?

David Jacobs criticizes other researchers writing in 'The
Threat' that researchers such as Dr. John Mack, Dr. Leo
Sprinkle, (he who shall remain nameless, and John Hunter Gray,
among others, suggest that the abduction experience is
essentially positive. Jacobs rejects the positive outlook,
suggesting that it is the result of "incompetent hypnosis" (his
words, not mine). Jacob writes, "Without links to a temporal
sequence, the abductee can interpret the events without the
facts necessary to guide his thoughts, which leads to
confabulation and other memory problems."

So Jacobs is suggesting that even if the core of experience is
important to the abductee, the researcher, using incompetent
hypnosis can induce false memories in the abductee. That would
seem to contradict the statement by Mack which touched off this
threat.

>Without ever having spoken to me (or any of the other abductees
>who participated) they edited my comments to unrelated questions
>in between Loftus and the late Robert Baker expounding their
>"theories" on alien abduction. As if they were "analysing" the
>abductees whose cases were reviewed on the program. Now how
>"ethical" is that? They all could have 'said something' after
>the fact. Not a single one of them made any effort to either
>interview us or review our cases (the details of what we were
>reporting) before passing judgement on us in a very public
>medium. I participated in that thing because I thought mental
>health professionals would give us a fair hearing. Boy, was I
>ever naive!

>Loftus, Baker, et al can't find agreement among themselves. Why
>should we give them (or their mutually exclusive theories) 'more
>credence' than we'd give to someone like Dr Mack who has
>actually worked with live human beings!

And we can say the same things about the abduction researchers. They can't agree among themselves so why should we give them credence? See above.

>Gimme a break Kevin. I'm surprised you don't have neck problems
>after wearing those gigunda blinders for so long. Open minded
>and objective you are not.

Is it really necessary to devolve into personal attacks?

KRandle

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Filer's Files #48 -- 1999

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Visit our Web Site at www.filersfiles.com. Chuck Warren
Webmaster.

EVIDENCE FOR LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE CONTINUES TO MOUNT.

When President Clinton first came into office, he gave Webb Hubbell one of his most trusted subordinates a specific request to obtain an answer to the question, "Are there UFOs?" Hubbell apparently never was given a satisfactory answer.

On August 5, 1996, President Clinton went on live National Television to announce that life was found within a meteorite believed to have come from Mars. Worm like creatures 360 nanometers long were found inside the ancient artifact. Clinton stated, "I am determined that American Space program will put its full intellectual power and technological prowess behind the search for further evidence of life on Mars. If the findings are borne out, it will surely be one of the most stunning insights into our world that science has ever uncovered. Its implications are as far reaching and as awe inspiring as can be imagined." Some of the television footage was used in the Jodie Foster movie "Contact." The film clip supported the main theme of the movie that we are in contact with extraterrestrials. The White House allowed the clip to be used in the movie, but did not endorse the main theme. The President seemed to want to maintain deniability in either direction.

FIVE NEW PLANETS MAY SUPPORT LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Astronomers scanning distant stars have detected six more massive planets, five of which orbit their suns at just the right distance to support liquid water and -- theoretically -- life. The discoveries brought to 28 the total number of so-called "extrasolar" planets found over the past five years as astronomers survey hundreds of stars similar to Earth's sun for signs they may have planets in tow. Five out of the six are in what astronomers call the "habitable zone" which could allow the existence of liquid water, a prerequisite for life. This makes them different from most of the extrasolar planets found before this, which have been either too hot or too cold. "That five out of six of these things are in the habitable zones of their stars shows it is not an accident," Astronomer Vogt said, noting that planetary temperatures could range from -38 degrees to 112 degrees Fahrenheit (-39 to 44 degrees Celsius). Hopes for life in these star systems would focus on possible moons of the giant gas planets, he said.

PLANETS CONFIRMED VISUALLY OUTSIDE OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Until now confirmation of the existence of extrasolar planets have been inferred by the wobble of the parent star. Now astronomers have witnessed for the first time a distant planet passing in front of it's star, providing direct and independent evidence that extrasolar planets exist.

NEW INTELLIGENT SIGNALS FROM SPACE

ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO -- Gannett News Service reports that on November 29, 1999, the world's largest radio telescope, picked up what appeared to be an intelligent signal coming from a small star named HD119850. What's more a backup telescope at Jodrell Bank near Manchester, England was hearing the same beacon a clear sign the signal was not from Earth. Astronomer Jill Tarter 55, is chief scientist with the SETI Institute of Mountain View. Jody Foster played Jill in the movie "Contact." Other tests were conducted from the Arecibo control room to determine if the signal coming from 106 trillion miles away was real. The telescope was moved away from the target star. The signal vanished and only returned when it was aimed again at the target star. Editor's Note: The evidence is growing that there is intelligent life out there. Here's my scientific theory: "If intelligent life exists outside Earth it is reasonable to assume they could be visiting us?"

MASSACHUSETTES

CHESHIRE -- Bruce Tilden sent this interesting report. An Adams, Massachusetts police officer reports that on November 18, 1999, he observed 4 circles of light high in the cloudy sky above his home in rural Cheshire. The equidistant spaced lights formed a diamond and would rotate clockwise one quarter of a turn, then come together into one light. A second later, they would separate into the original pattern, again rotate clockwise one quarter turn, close together and so on. When the lights were apart they covered a 3 to 4 inch area at arm's length, and could be covered by the palm of the witness's hand. This event lasted for more than an hour and was witnessed by the officer's daughter, son, and the son's friend. Although no light shaft was seen shining up from the ground, the witness "called around" to see if there was some sort of an opening celebration where spotlights were being used. The result of this query was negative, and he was certain that the lights did not originate from the ground. Thanks to Bruce Tilden MUFON Field Investigator/State Sections Director Brewsteret

NEW JERSEY TWO CYLINDERS AND DISC VIDEOTAPED

RARITAN CENTER -- Reverend Damian Barna indicates that in using computer enhancement of his eight minute video tape, he has been able to see small balls of energy departing from one cylinder shaped UFO. The enhancement infers that the plasma energy balls are fired between the UFOs as if they were engaged in an aerial battle only fifteen miles from New York City. An apparently hostile UFO appears to shoot green plasma charges at other intruding objects. The craft could also be transferring the plasma energy from one object to another. The large cylinder shaped UFO is estimated to be at least a hundred feet long. During the filming the cylinder like cloud seems to morph or gradually move from one position to another. This may be part of a cloaking device. Thanks to Rev. Barna who is pastor of the New Freedom Church. Editor's Note: I have seen video of many cylinder shaped objects but never one that dissipates on the left (south) of the screen and rebuilds itself on the right (north) portion. It appears to teleport itself from one place to the other. The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Bible and many significant religious writings predict a war between the forces of light and darkness. Reverend Barna appears to have captured on film amazing evidence of a pillar or cylinder cloud. The film is being copyrighted but individual frames can be seen on www.filersfiles.com.

VIRGINIA UFO SIGHTING

SPRINGFIELD -- Ceryn L and wrote concerning last week's Filer's Files. "I just read with interest your November 17, 1999, UFO sighting report." Just wanted to add that I also saw the same formation at approximately 7:10 PM. I live just off the Huntington Metro stop south of Alexandria, VA on the hill overlooking the city with a clear view of the sky. I saw a triangular formation flying quite low out of the northwest toward the southeast though it looked more like a lead ship with two wingmen. My very first thought was my god, UFOs, followed by trying to rationalize that it was a plane coming into National Airport (but much too fast and it didn't turn for the approach) or a fighter headed for Andrews Air Force Base but

still much too fast. It was gone in a blink and I did not see it again though I stood and searched the sky for some moments. Next day I read about the meteor shower and palmed it off as that, until I read your account. Weather balloons don't fly that fast, neither do commercial jets or even our fighters and it was totally silent. Thanks to cland@kl.com Chuck Warren
cwarren@worldnet.att.net

FLORIDA SKY EXPLOSION

TAMPA -- On December 2, 1999, I was interviewed on the Malcolm Hathorne show. A caller reported that on October 25, 1999, he was driving on Highway 301 towards the south when he saw a strange explosion in the sky that lasted for thirty seconds. The explosion occurred between 5:00 and 5:30 AM. Many people saw the object in the sky and phoned the Bruce Williams radio show. Thanks to Malcolm Hathorne Malcolmh@gte.net

GEORGIA

LA GRANGE -- On November 25, 1999, John Thompson my boy Corey says at 11:45 p.m last night he saw a spectacular meteor (I presume). It was travelling BELOW heavy cloud cover going to the northeast. He was laying on his back in our family room when he saw it outside behind our house to the northwest. The light covered 20 degrees of arc in one second and made no sound. It was a solid egg shape non-blinking yellowish white light with an apparent size of a quarter moon. Apparent speed was many times of an airliner and it seemed to be flying slightly upward. No trail or sparks were seen. I'm ruling out an airplane because of large apparent size, extreme speed and no sonic boom was heard. I would guess the cloud ceiling last night was below 20,000 feet. Thanks to John Thompson.

OHIO SPHERE SHAPED CRAFT

LIMA -- On November 21, 1999, the witnesses were driving northbound on I-75 towards Lima at mile marker 117, when they saw a sphere shaped craft moving slowly through a field. It was just east of the highway and low to ground in swirling fog. The craft was randomly shining a light onto the ground below it at 1:30 AM. The witness said, "We first noticed the object when we suddenly saw the ground beneath it light up." The witnesses pulled their car onto the shoulder of the road and stopped to observe the object. Although, there was no visible light source on the craft, the ground reflected off it's mirror like surface when the light was activated. It was difficult to estimate the exact distance to the craft, but it seemed fairly close. The craft was moving southbound very slowly. The light would activate randomly and had no particular pattern or color. The witness stated, "You could detect movement by the reflection off of the object while the light was on."

When there was no light from the craft you could barely see it due to the fog. Only a faint outline of the top portion was visible. Traffic was sparse and other cars/trucks passed, but no one else stopped. After a few minutes the passenger rolled down his window. We could hear no sounds but could still see the object. It lit up the trees to the north of us and our parking area. The lights went off and the object left at a moderate speed north bound over the tree area it had just lit up. "The fog flowed around the craft as it moved and that was when we got a good look at it." There were no windows visible or lights on its smooth and shiny surface. The object then faded out of view.

COLUMBUS - On November 18, 1999, while on patrol in my police cruiser I noticed a dark object coming from the east at 1:50 AM. As it grew closer I noticed it was triangular in shape. It made a banking turn and continued north and out of sight. I am a police officer for a suburb of Columbus, Ohio.

I had a ride-along passenger, who is a reserve officer for another agency in the area. We were attempting to find a dark area within the city to observe the Leonid Meteor Shower as it was a slow night. We stopped the cruiser, when I noticed an object coming from east to west just west of downtown Columbus. At first I assumed it was an airplane. I quickly realized this was not the case. It appeared similar in shape to an F-117

Stealth Fighter as it approached head-on. I say this because it seemed to have similar sharp angled features. After watching it for about 7 seconds I told my partner to get out of the car as I was doing the same. I pointed in it's direction and said "Do you see that thing?" He too spotted the object just before it began to make a slow right banking turn. As it turned, it showed it's underside that had some sort of distortion to it almost as if it were camouflaged.. It appeared to be an equalateral triangle shape. There were no flashing lights and absolutely no sound. It appeared to be relatively close to us. So I tried to shine my spotlight on it to light it up but it was too far away to be illuminated by it.

We often have the police helicopter fly by and making a comparison the craft was much larger in size. After completing a 90 degree turn it leveled off and continued north. It was traveled slower than the helicopter. It just seemed to glide to the north as a stingray does through the ocean. I called another officer to meet me and we told him about the incident. I called the Port Columbus Airport Police and identified myself to them and asked if there was anyway they could find out if the tower had anything unidentified on their radar. The dispatcher advised me she'd been in touch with Tracon and they had nothing unusual on their radar in the time frame I'd reported. I have seen and F-117 fly and I know they are quite loud. It was close enough to us that we could distinctly see it's edges and shape although it was not self-illuminated. I am truly baffled by what we saw. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

OKLAHOMA CITY UFO ON CBS TELEVISION

Jim Hickman recently interviewed Emmy winner weatherman Gary England, inventor of the Doppler radar who is his 26th year as Chief Meteorologist at KWTV. On July 16, 1999, KWTV the CBS affiliate showed film of a UFO taken by their helicopter crew during the May 3, 1999, tornado. He calls it "The Unidentified Flying Thing" (UFT). Meteorologist Gary England stated that the film had been analyzed and the object was indeed unknown. There was other independent ground observation by two other witnesses. He is also recognized for his development of 'First Warning' and 'Storm Tracker' technology-- automated severe weather systems now in use nationwide. Jim Hickman said, "I think your May 3rd sighting is very important and needs to be fully investigated, especially since you have both the great video and two reputable eyewitnesses to back it up." Gary said: "Thanks Jim, as you are aware, a government employee captured a similar "unknown" object on still camera near Newcastle, Ok, also on May 3, 1999." Jim stated: "Yes, we have attempted to contact him. I have found similar objects in my research before, we have been calling them Roswell Rods for lack of a better name; as you know, they were first discovered in Roswell, New Mexico back in 1994. Gary: In fact, when we were showing our tornado video on the air, he is the one that spotted the "UFT". He came to our station and we went through the video and found the images he had seen at home on his television. Jim: It's strange that we are seeing so many unusual objects here in Oklahoma lately. I don't know if you remember the storm chaser video taken by Lan Lamphere in Loco, Oklahoma back a few years ago? I was one of the first investigators of that sighting. He had 3 videos taken of that object. He took one and several Oklahoma City news crews video-taped the others, including your station. NASA has studied the video and determined it to be an unknown object flying at 24,000 mph. Gary: Yes, and he had nothing but problems since too! He presented his May 3 case to scientists at Norman and they declined to investigate because "before research can begin, there must be a theory" and no one has any idea what the UFT is. Jim: Maybe we can get the scientific community interested if enough reputable people come forward and make reports of what they see. If only the scientists would work with us, we have theories, years of research, just no answers. Thanks to Jim Hickman, Aerial Phenomena Research Group - (Video is online at: <http://www.kwtv.com/wx/wxcenter.htm>)

CONTRAILS IN OKLAHOMA

ELK CITY -- November 29, 1999, Scarecrow writes, "I observed a whole sky full of parallel contrails. There were 21 huge lines in the sky, all parallel. Then there were about 6 contrails crossing the first at right angles. We drove 75 miles south, and

never even passed half of them. Of course I stirred up a lot of excitement since the people there had not heard of the "contrail" question before. But they became believers, because it was so obvious. The next morning, I awoke with and still have a very nasty and acute cough. My wife and brother-in-law also came up suddenly ill. I cannot believe this pattern emerges in broad daylight for everyone to see, and yet it still is not getting any real coverage in the media. About time for a new wave of unusual Asian flu to hit, isn't it? Thanks to Scarecrow and Skywatch - Scarecrow "Lions and Tigers and Grays, Oh My!

scarecrow@colaw.net

Editor's Note: There are many stories explaining why Air Force and government aircraft are spraying large areas of the country with unknown substances. Some of the best explanations indicate that some kind of anti-viral, or anti-bacteria spray is being spread to kill disease or biological warfare agents.

TV'S ROSEANN CLAIMS SHE IS AN ABDUCTEE

Television star RoseAnn on her November 24, 1999, show on network TV stated she has had extraterrestrial encounters repeatedly during her life, which started in early childhood. Thus, Roseann joined the growing circle of celebrities, along with Rosie O'Donnell, Shirley McLaine and former L.A. Times Editor Phillip Krapf, who have admitted they have had encounters with aliens. Richard Boylan, Ph.D. was interviewed on the show.

NEVADA AREA 51 VISIT

AREA 51 - August 25, 1999, I had taken my son to Nevada for a mini road trip we were on the Highway 15 north, when my son saw a dark object flying towards us at 8:45 PM. I looked up and saw that it was large and black, with two head lights at an estimated two arm's length apart. The weird thing is that while we driving forward, this object looked like it was coming towards us at first, then it started moving backwards. Then all of a sudden my son asked where did it go. He said that it just disappeared. The next day we drove on the "ET Highway to Rachel and stayed in the Lil Alien Inn. My 7 year old son and I got a glimpse of a small round in circumference, flat on the bottom craft. It had a clear dome on top, where you can see the pilot. The rear of the craft was shaped like a stingray with two wide pointed ends with one long one in the middle. The engine was in the rear and its maneuvers were sharp. It flew low then made a sharp 360 turn back over the mountain. Later that night we met a mother and daughter, and drove 20 miles in land to view Area 51. We observed with my binoculars, a spinning, glowing a red light, that turned to blue, then green then an amber, then black covering the red and so on in that order. This object hovered there doing this in a spinning motion counter clockwise. Sort of like the way a disco spot light would turn and change colors on a slide. Also at this same time we noticed that three other star like objects were mimicking each other. The objects hovered, then descended slowly wavering down behind Bald Mountain. A white jeep Cherokee security vehicle with its siren blasting came out to warn us off of civilian territory. The next morning after a sleepless night we saw round objects moving and what looked like communication. I stepped down the stairs and opened the door to my vehicle, when a black helicopter came swooping up from behind me and almost hit us it was so close and low. There was one pilot wearing dark eyeglasses staring at us intently as he slowly made a left turn in front of us, then disappeared out of sight. Thanks to Peijay30.

MEXICAN AIRLINER ENCOUNTERS UFOs

Tom Sheets writes that Tony Loreda, one of our MUFON members, stated his mother was watching the Spanish TV News on channel 51 in Miami, December 1, 1999, and she saw story about a Mexican airliner that encountered three UFOs, as if the jet was surrounded they lost some form of control, maybe instruments, don't know really, but landed safely.

The newscaster played the taped conversation with the ATC in tower and she told Tony it was chilling. We don't have any other info and have checked several sources. We would appreciate an

update from any of our readers. It's a Hispanic documentary show that is shown each evening from 5 to 6:00 PM. The show is called 'It Happened This Way'. Probably a cross between our 'Entertainment Tonight' or '20-20. It is a pot-pouri of events happening all across Latin America.

On December 2, the Mexican UFO encounter was mentioned again, saying that the aircrew was being prohibited from speaking to reporters. Then they did a story on a real intense UFO flap occurring over the last few days in Bolivia, in a village called Cocha Bomba. Thanks to Tom Sheets and Tony Loreda.

CHINA UFO VISIT

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Shanghai appeared convinced on Friday December 3, 1999, that an unidentified flying object had visited China's commercial capital.

Usually staid official newspapers insisted Thursday's UFO sighting was no vision. "UFO darts across the city's skyline," screamed a headline in the official Shanghai Daily. UFO appears in the sky over Shanghai," the Wenhui Daily said in a front page story with color photographs. Nearly 100 people claimed to have seen a cylindrical object with a flaming orange tail moving over the western part of the city for about an hour on Thursday afternoon, the newspapers said. They offered no theories on what it might have been. The Chinese government is very sensitive to UFO reports because the outlawed Falun Gong are believers in the phenomenon and extraterrestrial. Thousands of the groups leaders have been arrested across China. Only the several million Christians imprisoned by the government exceed the persecution of the Falun Gong.

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BIGFOOT SIGHTED IN
RURAL PENNSYLVANIA

Long-time UFO researcher Stan Gordon is investigating a Bigfoot sighting that took place in rural western Pennsylvania on either October 21 or October 28, 1999.

According to Gordon, a couple was driving through a wooded area just outside of Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania (population 900) when the wife spotted "a hair-covered manlike creature, with long arms extending below the knees."

"The creature was stooped over, and its arms were swinging back and forth very quickly. No facial features could be determined. The witness estimated that the creature was about six feet tall, but would have been much taller if it had stood erect. The hair, which spread over the entire body, was smooth and colored reddish-brown in color. There did appear to be an area of larger bushy hair on its ankles and legs towards the feet."

"The creature appeared to be very broad across the shoulders (about three feet). The most outstanding physical feature was the head. The head was described as very large, and it seemed to slope back into a cone shape. It was about 18 inches (36 centimeters) from the jaw to the peak of the head. The witness indicated that a neck was not apparent."

"The husband stated, 'It seemed to be in a hurry. It looked human but it wasn't. What struck me was how fast it was, and how it crossed the road, and didn't hesitate to go into the woods on the other side. A human would probably hesitate and go looking for footing and watching their step, but this thing didn't.'"

Pleasant Unity, Pa. is at the intersection of Routes 130 and 981 about 40 miles (64 kilometers) southeast of Pittsburgh. Gordon stated that this area of the Allegheny Mountains has had many Bigfoot sightings, dating back to the first reported sighting in 1931. (Many thanks to Stan Gordon for this news story.)

V-SHAPED UFO SEEN BY A
FAMILY IN WEST VIRGINIA

On Sunday, November 14, 1999, Michele W. and her children were driving on Interstate Highway I-64, and, just before reaching the small city of Lewisburg, West Virginia (population 3,598), she spotted an unusual object in the sky.

"While traveling on I-64 eastbound, I saw a quickly-moving V-shaped craft fly soundlessly over the road and disappear over the mountain," Michele reported, "I saw it approaching from the

right side of the road (i.e., south--J.T.) And by the time I yelled to the kids, 'Do you see what I see?' it had disappeared over the mountains."

"The lights were red and steady, not blinking," she added, "It seemed like it was flying low, but it was completely soundless. Did anyone else see this?"

Lewisburg, W.V. is on Highway 60 approximately 104 miles (166 kilometers) southeast of Charleston, the state capital. (Email Interview)

TWO ORANGE UFOs SEEN IN FOXTON, NEW ZEALAND

On Saturday, November 6, 1999, at 5:30 p.m., a New Zealand motorist spotted two glowing orange UFOs low in the sky. The sighting took place 10 miles (16 kilometers) north of Foxton, a small city on the North Island about 80 miles (128 kilometers) north of Wellington.

The witness told ufologist Ross Dowe of Australia's National Space Centre that "whilst travelling up north, 10 miles from Foxton, we saw an orange light above another. The top one was bigger than the other at the bottom. The lights were so close together that the glow around them made them look like a round line. I was staring at these lights for about 20 seconds and then they disappeared. They came back about one minute later but quite a distance from where I first saw them. Then they disappeared for seven seconds and came back for 15 seconds, then disappeared all together."

"The evening was perfectly calm. There were a few clouds," the witness stated, adding that at first he thought they were milking shed lights, "but they were too high." He then thought they might be lights from RZNAF Ohakea, a nearby Royal New Zealand Air Force base. "But we were too far away to see the (air base) lights. I just can't explain what I saw." (Many thanks to Ross Dowe of Australia's National Space Centre for forwarding this report.)

GREEN DOME-SHAPED UFO SIGHTED IN SHROPSHIRE

On Thursday, November 18, 1999, at 9:45 p.m., Nicholas G. spotted a UFO from the window of his home in Bridgnorth, Shropshire, UK.

"Being bored with the program on TV, I went to the large window, drew back the curtain and opened the window. The sky was clear as I began to search for meteors, hoping to see stragglers from the night before (the annual Leonid meteor storm--J.T.), the display we could not see here in UK because of cloud."

"My window faces east, and suddenly there appeared from the ground up an enormous dome of green light. I estimate that it had been about one mile (1.6 kilometers) in diameter and about half a mile (800 meters) away."

"It remained visible for about one to two seconds, while in the room behind was the noise of all the electrical equipment going off and then resetting itself. The electricity supply for all of Bridgnorth had been lost."

Afterward, Nick contacted a friend in Hilton, five miles east of Bridgnorth, and asked if that town had lost its electrical power, as well. "He, like myself, has one of those digital bedroom clocks which reset to zero on the slightest blip."

The friend told Nick there had been no power outages in Hilton.

"All I can say is that it was a strange experience," Nick added.

Bridgnorth is located about 45 miles (72 kilometers) west of Birmingham. (Email Interview)

UFOs REPORTED IN THREE

AUSTRALIAN STATES

On Tuesday, November 23, 1999, at about 9:30 p.m., Australia's National Space Centre "received a flood of calls...from New South Wales and Victoria (states) about a cylindrical or missile-shaped object which appeared to break up."

According to ufologist Ross Dowe of the National Space Centre, "It went from west to east and there were some strange illuminations behind it."

"They say it was dark grey with some sort of fireball behind and some other strange reflections in the front, as well." (Many thanks to Ross Dowe for this report.)

In Victoria state, radio station 3AW stated, "Numerous sightings were reported at Brisbane and Canberra (Australia's capital--J.T.) and on to Melbourne."

"A witness stated he saw the object break up into 30 separate objects, 'fly' independently of each other and then 'depart.' The colour of the object was a red-orange colour and (it) had a flame-like tail." (Many thanks to Todd Lemire and Errol Bruce-Knapp for this report.)

On Friday, November 26, 1999, a large, bright green UFO composed of four cylindrical components was sighted at 8:05 p.m. by several witnesses in Labrador, Queensland, Australia.

A woman named Tracy "observed it for 10 minutes or more. Tracy said that at first she could see cloud cover and she thought it was a light show" but then realized that "the object was above the clouds and not a ground-based light source."

She described the UFO's components as "long tubes like a flouro (flourescent) light tube," adding, "The tubes were positioned alongisde each other about 30 centimeters (15 inches) apart. All four tubes moved in the same direction, easterly out to sea."

"It was astounding. It was fantastic," Tracy reported, "We all stood there, mouths open, in amazement at what we were looking at." (Many thanks to Diane Harrison of Australian UFO Research Network for this report.)

ANOTHER UFO SIGHTING
IN SARDINIA

On Saturday, November 27, 1999, at 10:25 p.m., three UFOs passed over the town of Sorso on Sardinia, a large island in the Mediterranean Sea belonging to Italy.

Witnesses in Sorso saw "two large pulsating lights of a yellowish-white color, followed by another flying multicolored light." The slow-moving UFOs "were seen for several minutes by residents of Sorso. The formation was moving slowly from west to east, crossing a clear star-filled sky." (Grazie a Antonio Cuccu e Alfredo Lissoni di Centro Ufologico Nazionale d'Italia per questo rapporto.)

PHANTOM DANCERS SEEN
BY HUNDREDS IN IRAQ

"Ghost stories are pretty common around the old Iraqi city of Haditha. Still, when the ghosts start dancing naked in front of oncoming motorists, it creates quite a stir."

According to the Iraqi weekly newspaper, Al-Alwan, "drivers passing through the Horan Valley outside the town of Haditha, 135 miles (216 kilometers) northeast of Baghdad, were reporting that 'ghosts appeared next to the bridge, naked and doing some acrobatic moves.'"

"The ghosts were causing the drivers to panic, the paper said."

"Alwan quoted motorist Shawki Sabar as saying, 'they were almost human--although I could not concentrate on their looks because

I was so scared and it was dark.'"

"The ghosts were so lifelike that one motorist thought he'd hit a person and reported the accident to police." (See the weekly newspaper Al-Alwan for August 21, 1999. See also the Charlotte, N.C. Observer for August 22, 1999, "Iraqi drivers see 'dancing ghosts' on road." Many thanks to Lou Farrish of UFO Newsclipping Service for this news story.) (Editor's Note: Haditha is the legendary birthplace of Lilitu, the Sumerian goddess of darkness.)

(Editor's Comment: First this, and next that weird 12-hour dance opera planned for the Great Pyramid on New Year's Eve. Is this the Millenium? Or the Second Coming of Ginger Rogers?)

PROTEST GROUPS RIOT AT UN TRADE CONFERENCE

Twenty-six thousand protesters jammed the streets of Seattle, Washington state, USA on Tuesday, November 30, 1999, forcing a one-day postponement of the World Trade Organization (WTO) conference. A second day of protests on Wednesday, December 1, 1999 resulted in the arrest of 400 demonstrators.

It was the biggest anti-UN demonstration in the USA since the militia gathering in Lansing, Michigan on October 24, 1998.

At 5 p.m., following heavy rioting outside the convention center, Seattle mayor Paul Schell "declared a civil emergency Tuesday and imposed an all-night curfew on downtown Seattle."

Gary Locke, governor of Washington state, "called up two special units of the (state's) National Guard trained in crowd control." The troops were deployed in downtown Seattle on Wednesday, December 1, 1999.

The curfew area included all of the downtown area "from the Space Needle (on Broad Street--J.T.) south to the Kingdome (on Fourth Avenue) and from Puget Sound east to Interstate (Highway) 5." Fifty blocks of downtown Seattle were declared a "no-protest zone."

Trouble began on Monday, November 29, when a handful of demonstrators vandalized a McDonald's fast-food restaurant near the convention center.

On Tuesday morning, "a small group of men, dressed in black clothing and masks and ignoring cries of 'Shame on you!' from other protestors, smashed windows and spray-painted graffiti at downtown stores like Nordstrom, Niketown, Starbucks and the Gap."

"'Stop the WTO!' protestors shouted as they blocked half a dozen streets leading to the center."

"Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other scheduled speakers for opening day were unable to get through the crowd, which in many cases blocked intersections by linking hands or lying down on the street."

"Seattle police officers, reinforced by state and suburban police and FBI agents, fought back with clouds of tear gas, pepper spray and rubber-like pellets fired from rifles."

"The morning crowds, estimated at more than 7,000 by FBI officials were swelled just after noon when another 20,000 marchers organized by the AFL-CIO paraded peacefully through downtown Seattle."

Also trapped in his hotel room was UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who cancelled his opening day speech. "In his prepared text, he said, 'Unless we convince developing countries that globalization really does benefit them, the backlash against it will become irresistible. That would be a tragedy for the developing world.'"

Prior to the march, the AFL-CIO members "packed Memorial Stadium, next to the Space Needle, to hear anti-WTO speakers," including

Teamsters union presidents James Hoffa Jr. and Sierra Club president Carl Pope.

"To thunderous applause, Jay Mazur, president of the Needletrades, Industrail and Textile Employees (union), said, 'The rules of this new global economy have been rigged against workers, and we're not going to play by them any more.'"

Early Tuesday afternoon, conference chairman Mike Moore, former prime minister of New Zealand, "announced that the opening ceremonies would be put off. But he vowed that trade talks would go on."

On Wednesday, "by nightfall 400 demonstrators were in custody, many at a former Navy brig. Police, who were stunned by the ferocity of the protests, fired curtains of tear gas around the hotel where President Clinton spoke Wednesday."

At 5 p.m., Mayor Schell "announced another all-night curfew...There were reports of at least 40 injuries, mostly minor."

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, the first troops of a United Nations army of occupation landed in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, a small nation in western Africa.

"The first wave of a 6,000-person UN force, the largest UN peacekeeping mission in Africa in two years, arrived in Sierra Leone to help restore peace after an eight-year civil war. It is seen as a litmus test of the world community's readiness to act in African conflicts--especially if fighting resumes."

"'The UN force will stay in Sierra Leone until the Security Council decides otherwise, and until its mandate is fulfilled,' UN special envoy Francis Okelo told the all-Kenyan force."

"That commitment could be tested. Rebel leader Foday Sankoh opposes the deployment of UN forces in the West African country. 'It's up to Sierra Leoneans to solve their own problems,' he said, accusing the (UN) peacekeepers of living 'on blood money.'" (See the newspapers USA Today for December 2, 1999, "400 arrested; curfew holds," page 1A and "Seattle bears brunt of violence," page 3A and December 1, 1999 "Seattle tension mounts," page 1A, "'Stop the WTO': Protestors say goal achieved," page 19A and "Sierra Leone Conflict," page 8A. Also the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for December 1, 1999, "Chaos delays trade talks," page 1.)
(Editor's Comment: Let's hope Seattle quiets down before Kofi Annan sends his Blue Helmets to occupy Pioneer Square.)

Y2K: NEW WORLD ORDER ON
A BUILDUP TO D-DAY

With only thirty days to go until New Year's Eve, stories of government preparation for a Y2K event are appearing in many media sources.

"Contingency plans are now in place throughout the country (USA), from the Pentagon to Seattle, aimed at responding to technology failures caused by Y2K."

"Presidential Decision Directive 67, as the order is known, could be triggered by an event worse than what's expected from the Y2K problem and comparable to the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, according to Energy Department emergency planning documents."

"The Treasury Department's front yard is now home to a gas-fired green generator the size of a small mobile home. It will provide backup power for the Treasury Department's intelligence operations, its communications networks and the Secret Service command center, said Treasury spokeswoman Una Gallagher."

"Contingency planners focusing on the Y2K problem are busy all over Washington (D.C.). They are refining phone lists for calling in workers during an emergency, lining up food, flashlights and battery-operated radios, making backup copies of crucial files and in some cases readying other building sites if their headquarters are disabled."

"The Energy Department, which will run an emergency operations center with the electric

power industry over the New Year's weekend at its downtown Washington headquarters, has readied another building in Germantown, Md. (Maryland) if needed."

"Similar preparations are underway across the country at 42 Energy Department sites concerned with nuclear fuels and weapons, including the Pantex facility near Amarillo (Texas)."

"The department plans to halt ALL shipments of nuclear materials from at least December 28 to January 4...and will suspend handling of nuclear materials at several of its plants." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for November 22, 1999, "Y2K review leads to cyber terrorism defense upgrade," pages 5A and 6A.)

(Editor's Comments: Readers, this is the first I've heard of a week-long "state of emergency" related to Y2K. If the Energy Department is ending all road and rail transportation of nuclear materials, the Y2K event must be serious, indeed.)

Meanwhile, reports of strange military activity that may be related to Operation Abacus continue to surface.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1999, a man telephoned the offices of Newswatch magazine and said he had seen unidentified troops with blue helmets and wearing woodland camouflage battle dress uniforms (BDUs) supervising the offloading of white Humvees at a dock in Corpus Christi, Texas (population 257,453). According to publisher Rev. David J. Smith, "He was so excited he was hyperventilating."

The following day, Wednesday, November 24, 1999, police in Temple, Texas (population 46,109) received a report that a bomb had been placed aboard a Greyhound bus. The bus driver was contacted by radio and was asked to pull off Interstate Highway I-35 at the main exit.

When the bus pulled to a stop, it was "surrounded by military troops in woodland camo" who emerged from unmarked "white vans and utility vehicles" while "several black helicopters circled overhead."

This event was reported in the local daily newspaper in Temple and nowhere else.

On Friday, November 12, 1999, two truck drivers met at a cafe in Lafayette, Louisiana (population 94,440), a city on Interstate Highway I-10 about 55 miles (88 kilometers) west of Baton Rouge. One driver, an independent hauler, said, "Wait till you see what I'm carrying."

Opening the trailer doors, the driver showed his friend hundreds of unmarked boxes. He then opened one box and displayed a bright yellow rectangular sign with the legend CITY CLOSED - MARTIAL LAW. The driver's destination was New Orleans.

On September 22, 1999, a truck driver hauling freight for a nationally-known retailer pulled into the weight stop off Interstate Highway I-90 in Conneaut, Ohio (population 13,241), a small town about 78 miles (125 kilometers) east of Cleveland. The weight inspector asked what he was hauling. "I don't know," the driver said, "I just had orders to pick up this trailer."

"Let's have a look at the cargo," the inspector said.

When they opened the trailer's rear doors, they found hundreds of identical unmarked cardboard boxes. The inspector asked what was inside the boxes, and the driver said he didn't know.

Yielding to curiosity, the inspector opened one "and found about a hundred plastic signs, each one about two feet by three feet," rectangular and bright yellow, with the legend THIS CITY UNDER MARTIAL LAW, and in smaller print, a reference to federal legislation. The driver had been on his way to Cleveland. (Email Interviews)

(Editor's Comment: The mystery cargo stuff sounds like an urban legend, a variation on a typical "Harry the Truck Driver" story. On the other hand, the details differ slightly in each report. The whole Y2K thing just gets weirder and weirder every day.)

from the UFO Files...

1901: ARIZONA'S AMAZING
INVISIBLE MAN

The old Territorial Prison at Yuma, Arizona has witnessed many a strange tale, but none quite as strange as that of John Boot, "the invisible man."

Boot is usually overshadowed by his partner in crime, Pearl Hart, sometimes called "the last of the stagecoach robbers" or "the Arizona Bandit Queen."

Boot's actual name was John J. Bowen, and he was born in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, a tiny town just northwest of Fitchburg, in 1874. When John was ten, his family relocated to Kansas City, and it was here that he met 18-year-old Pearl Hart in the summer of 1898.

By 1899, the two lovers found themselves in an Arizona mining camp. Tiring of kitchen work, Pearl "convinced him there was more money in robbing stagecoaches than in mining."

"On May 30, 1899, Peal and Boot held up the Benson-Globe stage. As Boot collected the loot from the three passengers...Pearl, her long brunette locks stuffed under a hat, trained a six-gun on the driver and the victims." They netted a total of \$431.

Their bandit careers proved short-lived, however. Days later, the pair were arrested at Poston's Butte, just outside Florence, Arizona by Sheriff William Truman.

"At Florence, however, there were no accomodations for women, so Pearl was taken to the Pima County Jail in Tucson to await trial. She remained there only overnight. The next day, the turnkey discovered that Pearl had cut a hole through a thin partition and escaped."

"On the same night, John Boot, in some mysterious manner, disappeared from his cell in Florence."

True enough! The deputy, bringing Bowen the evening meal, was stunned to find the barred door locked and the cell empty. He quickly opened the door and looked around, testing the bars on the windows. But there was no trace of Bowen. Leaving the cell door wide open, he ran to fetch Sheriff Truman.

But Pearl and John's luck ran out again. They were captured two weeks later near Deming, New Mexico by a posse out hunting for cattle rustlers.

Both were convicted of robbery. John was sentenced to 35 years in Yuma. Pearl drew a five-year sentence and immediately became a celebrity upon her arrival at the prison.

"Pearl was wearing tight jeans, a man's blouse and was smoking a cigarette, all three of which were considered unladylike" back in 1899. "By contrast, Boot was quiet, well-spoken and seemed to sigh with relief when he was separated from his mistress."

As the only female inmate in Yuma, Pearl had a custom-made uniform hand-sewed by the wife of the warden, Captain F.S. Ingalls. "Sunday visitors asked her to pose for pictures in the jail yard, and she always obliged."

She also caused Capt. Ingalls no end of trouble. "One of her favorite pastimes was to call out through the bars of her cell for some man to come and join her, an invitation which so upset most of the inmates 'that they would howl like coyotes all during the night,'" Capt. Ingalls said.

The prison at Yuma is built right up against steep granite bluffs on the banks of the Colorado River. "Boot was a model prisoner. He responded to orders with alacrity. The only thing he volunteered about his background was that his name was not Boot, and his accent indicated that he came from somewhere in New England."

"Then one day (in 1901), a little less than two years after he had been admitted, he vanished. He had become so unobtrusive that no one missed him between breakfast and the customary bunk check at night."

"No one ever saw him again."

One prisoner told a bizarre tale of how he'd seen Bowen near the vertical granite bluff. He said Bowen had stood with his palms facing the rock and had made an unusual humming noise. Then he stepped forward--and vanished.

The other inmate hobbled over to the spot as fast as his leg irons would allow. He thought he had seen "Boot" walk into solid rock! But Capt. Ingalls dismissed the man's story, noting that "the fellow is addicted to the liquor habit."

There are two curious postscripts to the story of Arizona's "invisible man."

In 1939, an American named Elijah Bowen turned up in Madras, India. He was searching, as many tourists do, for the Hidden Masters. He was interned by the British at the same time Mohandas Gandhi and Jawarhalal Nehru were arrested. And where was Mr. Bowen from? None other than Ashburnham, Massachusetts, USA.

In 1899, right after the robbery, John and Pearl hid out on Poston's Butte during an unusual (for Arizona, anyway) three-day downpour. That particular butte has a strange history.

It was purchased by Charles Poston, one of Arizona's earliest pioneers. "In 1863, Poston assumed his duties as Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Arizona, an office created especially for him; the following year he was elected delegate to Congress in the first territorial election. After completing his term in Congress, he traveled extensively in Europe and Asia and returned to Florence, Ariz. in 1878. While in India he became a sun worshipper and upon his return built a road, costing several thousand dollars, to the top of this butte, which he called 'Parsee Hill.' and where he erected a pyre of continuous fire as a temple to the sun. After burning for several months, the fire died and the project became Poston's Folly."

Two men forty years apart. The same last name. From the same tiny town in Massachusetts. And both with strange unexplained linkages to India. There's a mystery here for anyone who'd care to solve it. (See The Encyclopedia of American Crime by Carl Sifakis, Facts on File Inc., New York, N.Y. 1982, page 317. Also Pioneer Days in Arizona by Francis Cummins Lockwood, Macmillan, New York, N.Y., 1932. Also Lost Legends of the West by Brad Williams and Choral Pepper, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York, N.Y., 1970, pages 30 to 35.)

Well, that's it for this week. We'll be back in seven days with more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." Have an enjoyable week.

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>>What are your scientific credentials Dennis? How do they compare with Mallon's?

>I got a National Science Foundation summer scholarship in
>highschool and haven't touched the stuff since.

So some talent there, but apparently since dissipated on sex, drugs, rock-and-roll ... and then debunking.

Thank you for your honesty here. Your absence of any formal post-high-school science training is obvious from your frequently mushy-headed posts dealing with scientific topics.

<....>

>I have never claimed or insinuated anywhere that I had
>a degree in science. I'm a writer and editor; when I wrote
>something for popular consumption, I studied the subject and
>then interviewed the specialists in that field, from astronomers
>Michael Hart and Martin Rees, to neurophysiologist Michael
>Persinger and physicist David Bohm. You had to know enough to be
>able to ask intelligent questions.

But do you know enough to understand the answers? That takes some sort of formal scientific training. From your posts here, it seems you don't understand much of what you ramble on about.

>That said (you asked), I wasn't criticizing Mallon's science so
>much as his use of the English language and some of his glib
>conclusions. (See my response to Jerry Clark's post.)

As will be clear soon, his language is the same as some of the experts themselves who refer to the extra-solar planets as "confirmed." His conclusions are also the same as many of the astronomers, who comment that the results suggest that solar systems are probably dirt common. E.g., one quote by Geoff Marcy, one of the pioneers astronomers in the detection of extra-solar planets, was that these early results suggest that there are probably hundreds of millions of earth-like planets in our galaxy.

>>>To begin with, Mallon is simply dead wrong when he refers to
>>>"the sudden profusion of confirmed planet detections." As I
>>>posted on this thread earlier this week or late last,
>>>referencing a NY Times article which in turn referenced an
>>>article in Nature, only one of these "planets" has been
>>>confirmed. The other 30 or so presently remain candidates for
>>>confirmation.

>>This is just semantic hairsplitting. Evidence for the existence
>>of one of these planets has been found using two separate

>>measuring techniques (Doppler wobble and transit occlusion).
>>Evidence for the existence of the 30 or so other planets
>>presently exists using only one of the techniques (Doppler
>>wobble).
>
>David, make yourself happy. Check out the web site Mallon referenced:
>
><http://www.obspm.fr/encycl/encycl.html>

Thank you for this very useful web site, which is of Observatoire de Paris, and maintained by astrophysicist Jean Schneider. I just checked it out and if you go to link 2 titled "Extrasolar Planets Catalog," updated just last week (Nov. 23), you will find the following interesting catalog listings by Schneider.

The first list is of 38 bodies which Schneider calls "CONFIRMED planets/brown dwarfs around main sequence stars." (10 of these may be large enough to be brown dwarfs.) The second list is of 2 "CONFIRMED planets around pulsars." That's 40 orbiting bodies in all which Schneider calls "CONFIRMED," and dating all within the last 3 years.

Perhaps this helps explain Mallon's use of the phrase "the sudden profusion of CONFIRMED planet detections?"

List 4 is of 14 other bodies which Schneider calls "Unconfirmed, doubtful or unpublished objects." Seven of these he refers to as "to be confirmed" (suggesting the data is good but remains to be corroborated) and 2 are of unpublished data. Another catalog of 21 stars is listed as "no planet found" using present techniques. If you further check this list out, the stars are all of very similar mass and size to the sun.

>Does this site strike you as the definitive word on the > subject, as Mallon seems to suggest?

Gee, Dennis, what a dilemma for a science writer! Mallon could either use the description of an astrophysicist and an expert on the subject as to whether the objects are considered "confirmed" or not. (And Schneider isn't the only astronomer using that word -- see below.) Or he could use the opinion of a rabble rouser who never went beyond a high-school education in science. Which would you choose?

>Regardless, you'll find the following link:
>
><http://www.aas.org/publications/baas/v31n5/aas195/775.htm>

>which leads to the following:

>
>"Microlensing is the only technique likely, within the next 5
>years, to constrain the frequency of Jupiter-analogs. The PLANET
>collaboration has monitored nearly 100 microlensing events of
>which more than 20 have sensitivity to the perturbations that
>would be caused by a Jovian-mass companion to the primary lens.
>No clear signatures of such planets have been detected. These
>>null results indicate that Jupiter mass planets with separations
>of 1.5-3 AU occur in less than 1/3 of systems. A similar limit
>applies to planets of 3 Jupiter masses for separations of 1-4
>AU. These are the best limits for extrasolar planets at these
>separations by any technique."

>Apparently, there is a third technique at work as well. And I
>fail to see where Mallon gets his effusive enthusiasm from, as
>in "the sudden profusion of confirmed planet detections."

Perhaps from some of the involved scientists themselves who use exactly the word "confirmed" to describe planetary detection by another technique? How about the fact that the number of such such planets or brown dwarves has gone from zero to about 40 in only three years? Maybe that has something to do with the "sudden profusion" part.

>It certainly can't be based on the above observation that "No clear
>signatures of such planets have been detected."

No clear signature of such planets have been detected using a completely different technique covering a different realm of planetary distances for a lesser period of time on far fewer candidate stars. Do you understand this? I doubt it. Perhaps

we should go to the Web links themselves to see exactly what is being said here.

First of all, you are quoting from a short abstract. But even from the abstract we are told that the gravitational lensing technique as applied so far is only capable of detecting Jupiter-size or larger planets in the realm of 1 to 4 AU (1 AU = distance of Earth to the Sun).

In contrast, the radial velocity technique, which has been used to detect those 30 or so other Jupiter-size bodies, works best within 1 AU (because the gravitational wobble due to pull of the planet is more noticeable). If you go to Schneider's table, of 20 such bodies with masses up to about 3 Jupiters, 15 are calculated to lie within 1 AU of the star. So the techniques are working in mostly different distance realms. Only about a quarter of the objects found by radial velocity would overlap with the distances that work best with microlensing. When you further consider that approximately a third to half of the stars examined in detail by radial velocity seem to have Jupiter-like orbiting bodies, that means that the number of bodies that might be detectable by microlensing in its distance realm of 1 to 4 AU drops to maybe 10-15%. (That means that of the 20 stars examined by microlensing, only 2 or 3 might be expected to have Jupiter-size planets from 1-4 AU.)

Now, what does the abstract on microlensing say? "These null results indicate that Jupiter mass planets with separations of 1.5-3 AU occur in less than 1/3 of systems. A similar limit applies to planets of 3 Jupiter masses for separations of 1-4 AU."

So results from microlensing suggest fewer than 33% of the stars have Jupiter mass planets in the range of 1-4 AU. Results from radial velocity suggest that fewer than 15% of the systems will have them. Stacy interprets the null results of microlensing as invalidating radial velocity, whereas the two techniques are actually in basic agreement with one another.

Our own gas giants like Jupiter and Saturn also lie beyond the 4 AU outer limit described in the abstract. Jupiter is at 5.2 AU and Saturn at 9.5 AU. Apparently they wouldn't have been detected either. The microlensing technique is looking for gas giants in the orbital realm of Earth and Mars and the asteroids, and so far hasn't found anything.

The reasons it is so difficult to find planets using microlensing become clearer if you follow their suggested link for further information:

<http://www.astro.rug.nl/~planet>

>From there go to the link under the heading "Extra-solar planets Introduction: The search for extra-solar planets by microlensing" ,

<http://www.astro.rug.nl/~planet/planeet.html>

Which has the following information:

***"The planetary anomaly, or extra wiggle in the light curve, will last only a few hours to a few days, and so observing teams like PLANET must be constantly vigilant, with astronomers on watch around the globe, in order to observe the effect. ***"

In other words, unless you happen to be watching at the right moment, the blip in the light intensity curve indicating a large planet there would go completely unnoticed. At the distances from the stars they are looking at, orbital periods of these planets would be typically several years, meaning there is less than a 1 in a 1000 chance of catching one of these events on any given star on any given observational night. Given limited optimal observation time, vagaries of the weather, and the fact that half of these stars will typically not be visible in the night sky, there are probably only half a dozen at a time out of 20 which can be observed, and they must be observed continuously. That means the cooperation of at least a half dozen telescopes scattered around the globe to maintain the monitoring, which must be done over a period of years.

So the negative results on only 20 stars so far can hardly be considered surprising. The gravitational lensing technique is

extremely observationally intensive, much more so than the radial velocity technique used to detect the other bodies. I might point out that Geoff Marcy and Paul Butler, so far the champions at detecting these bodies using radial velocity, examined over 120 candidate stars for 15 year period before announcing their first discovery in 1996. They were working from a much bigger data base and for a longer time.

"Planetary wiggles in microlensing light curves are caused by the same gravitational effects that create the much more dramatic caustic crossings that can occur in double-star lenses, but are more subtle. ***The effect will be largest for planets orbiting a few to several AU from their mother lenses. (1 AU = the distance from the Earth to our own Sun.)***

Again, the technique works in a mostly different realm of distances than the radial velocity technique. The microlensing technique at present might not even find Jupiter or Saturn in our own solar system, which lie at distances apparently outside the optimal range for microlensing detection. It might, however, detect a few of the bodies greater than 1AU found by radial velocity.

"In our own Solar System, several planets are in these kinds of orbits."

Earth, Mars, and maybe Jupiter

"The effect will also be larger for larger planets. The smaller the planet, the smaller the defect in the main lensing pattern and so the smaller the chances that the background star will be affected by the planet. Astronomers estimate that ***several tens of microlensing events constantly monitored with good precision in order to see the effects of a planet like our own Jupiter, even if every distant lens has a Jupiter orbiting it.***"

So far, there haven't been the resources to constantly monitor tens of planets to find a Jupiter-size planet within a few AU of the parent star, even if every one of them had such a planet.

" These are the planets that the PLANET collaboration is most likely to find with its current strategy. (Planets found by the radial velocity technique, like that around the star 51 Peg -- the first CONFIRMED extra-solar planet discovered -- are much closer to their mother suns and so probably have a different history from our own Jupiter.) "

Again, microlensing operates in a mostly different realm of distances from the radial velocity technique, as the astronomers point out. So the null results so far obtained from microlensing have little to do with the positive results that have come from radial velocity.

Please notice that these astronomers also use the word "CONFIRMED" to describe the planetary detection results of the radial velocity technique, Stacy be damned.

The statement also suggests that there may be two fundamental types of solar systems with different histories. One type would be more like our solar system, with gas giants further out. The other has gas giants much closer in to the parent star.

The ability of the microlensing technique to detect something like Jupiter or Saturn at their distances isn't entirely clear.

"Several hundreds of microlensing events must be monitored with even higher precision before Earth-mass planets could be expected to be detected with microlensing; this may become possible in the next few years, but is currently out of reach. "

It'll take a lot of bucks, a lot of time, relentless observation, and the cooperation of a lot of observatories if the technique has any hope of detecting Earth-mass planets.

>Moreover, we're talking something like 32 observations over four years

More like 40 over 3-4 years, but who's counting? The pace of announcements has also been accelerating since then as more and more astronomers turn their energies to discovering planets and

as more periodic patterns are extracted from previously collected data

>, or eight observations on average a year,

More like a dozen a year, or one a month.

>only one of which has been confirmed by direct observation.

According to the actual astronomical experts who put up these two cited Web pages, some 30-40 some bodies have been "confirmed" using only the radial velocity technique.

"Confirmed" in scientific parlance generally means the observation has been corroborated in some form, usually by some other group(s) repeating the same observation. Furthermore, no plausible alternative explanation for the data has been proffered that might explain it in terms of some other phenomenon, instrument artifact, systematic error, etc.

What Stacy calls "direct observation" is also a matter of semantics. What is being labeled as "direct observation" is really transit of the suspected planet as it passes between the Earth and the parent star. This causes a very slight dip in the star's intensity as some small fraction of its light is blocked. The presence of a planet is determined indirectly from the data, just as it is using the radial velocity technique.

"Direct observation," at least to my way of thinking, would mean taking a photo of the planet as distinctly separate from the star, rather than inferring its presence by periodic changes in spectral or light intensity data. It's the difference between taking an actual picture of someone vs. measuring the brightness of their shadow.

>That's a profusion?

To go from zero "confirmed" extra-solar planets to several dozen in only the last 3 years? Yes, the would certainly qualify as a "profusion" of discovery. Maybe Stacy could point to some other period in astronomical history when humanity has been discovering new planets at the rate of one a month?

>As a writer, I would also object to his use of the word sudden as >opposed, say, to now possible. Mallon is simply writing to an >audience, and I've done enough of it myself to know it when I see it.

More than three years ago, there was no evidential consensus for extra-solar planets . Now we have a general consensus among astronomers that the evidence is very strong for several dozen such bodies. That is indeed "sudden."

>>At what point something becomes "confirmed" depends on one's >>prejudices. Many astronomers probably consider detection with >>the Doppler wobble technique sufficient to "confirm" the >>existence of a nearby planet. Others demand more evidence. So >>the planet also detected by transit occlusion would probably be >>considered to be "more confirmed" than the others. And I'll bet >>there are still some holdouts in the astronomical community who >>consider none of this evidence to be confirmation of anything.

>It's not semantic hairsplitting to a writer. Words mean what >they mean -- or they mean something else. Confirmed means >confirmed, and only one had been confirmed at the time Mallon >wrote his article. No one is a little bit pregnant. You either >are or you aren't.

Since when did the scientific world appoint you the word Czar? You don't have the slightest idea of what you are talking about. If you bothered to read your own Web links, you will see some of the astronomers speaking of how the radial velocity technique ALONE has resulted in several dozen "confirmed" observations of large orbiting extra-solar planets or brown dwarfs. "Confirmed" means the observations have been repeated. That means they aren't data flukes, nor has anybody come up with some alternative explanation for the results that can explain them away as an artifact of the technique.

>>That's how scientific opinion really works, particularly with >>difficult to measure phenomena. It's rarely black and white, >>with something either definitely "confirmed" or not "confirmed."

>>What we usually have instead are lines of evidence for and
>>against. Scientific opinion lines up on all sides, with a lot of
>>people straddling the fence.
>
>Then your beef is with Mallon, not me.

My beef is with you, who constantly mouths off on all sorts of
issues of which you have minimal comprehension. You even admit
not reading Mallon's article, yet you trash the contents, which
you haven't read. You quote from Web links, but obviously
haven't read them closely, or lack the basic science background
to properly understand them.

>He's the one who used the word "confirmed," not me.

Uh, Dennis, read, the Web pages, where the scientists there also
used "confirmed."

Why don't you e-mail them and berate them about their improper
use of the English language?

>Wilford, writing in the NY Times, used
>the words indirect observation and direct observation, which
>speak to the issue.

What issue is that? All I see is another science writer placing
his own interpretation on the significance of the data. Can
Stacy explain to us why Wilford's spin is necessarily better
than Mallon's or of astronomers whom Mallon quotes?

Basically I see this as nothing more than a pointless debate in
semantics as to what is meant by "confirmed" and such things as
"direct" and "indirect" observation. These words do not have
absolute meanings and reasonable people can disagree as to what
they do mean.

Wilford's article can be found at the Marcy/Butler Web page:
<http://www.physics.sfsu.edu/~gmarcy/planetsearch/planetsearch.html>

Go to:

<http://astron.berkeley.edu/~gmarcy/hd/nytimes.html>

Wilford does indeed refer to radial velocity as indirect
measurement and transit occultation as direct. He also speaks
of this somehow being the first confirmation of the existence of
extra-solar planets which had previously been "detected"
indirectly by the radial velocity technique. However, consider
this paraphrase:

"Dr. Paul Butler of the Carnegie Institution in Washington, who
collaborates with Marcy, said that not only did the new findings
confirm the presence of extrasolar planets by independent
means..."

Again, in scientific parlance, this means the previous discovery
was ALSO corroborated by a second line of evidence, not that the
first line of evidence (radial velocity) was doubted. In fact,
if you read the article, it was the radial velocity results that
were used to predict when to look for the planetary transit.

>>>What scientists have found evidence (or indications) of thus far
>>>is a category of solar system which consists of a sun closely
>>>orbited (in most cases in a matter of days) by a gas giant, or,
>>>ye gods, a brown dwarf....

>>Yawn! I haven't heard anybody argue that these would be good
>>solar systems for life. You're just arguing your usual strawman.

>It's not a strawman, David, except to you. I haven't heard
>anyone argue that such systems would be good candidates for
>ETI, either. All I did was reiterate that sentiment in light of Mallon's
remarks.

Mallon's point is no different than that of a lot of astronomers
engaged in the search. Solar systems are dirt common. They
aren't some fluke. There are probably a lot of Sun-like solar
systems and Earth-like planets out there.

>>What they do demonstrate is that solar systems are extremely
>>common. ...

>Solar systems by name, yes. Demonstrated to be "extremely
>common"? How so? How many stars have been looked at which
>resulted in the 30 or so present potential candidates we now
>have? You know everything, so I presume you know that as well.

Butler and Marcy, for one, looked at 120. I don't know how
complete their data is on all 120 stars. The list posted by
Schneider has about 75 stars on which there is good data, about
30 of which have orbiting bodies that are smaller than brown
dwarfs or planetary "gas giants" like Jupiter, about 10 of which
seem to be brown dwarf in size, several more candidates which
may be "confirmed" soon, and 20 or so in which nothing has been
found. Thus so far roughly 40% of the examined stars (almost
all dwarf stars like our sun), have been found to have gas
giants.

>>Here's a head's-up for you Dennis. The reason none of these
>>solar systems are like ours is because the techniques used
>>cannot detect solar systems like ours....

>>Thanks, David, I knew that already. Mallon himself should have
>>said as much, and perhaps he did, not having seen the article.

It's comments like that which have people on the list shaking
their heads in utter disbelief. Even though you admit not
reading the article, you attack the man for not writing
something which he may actually have written. Sheesh!

>>>Imagine our own solar system, with a gas giant the size of
>>>Jupiter or larger occupying such an orbital space. It's doubtful
>>>if anything even remotely resembling the planet Earth could
>>>comfortably exist in such a system, never mind thrive and
>>>prosper for a few billion years....

>>Stacy fluffs up his strawman.

>And David does whatever it is that David does, which seems to be
>getting upset and personal about anything I post.

You're just a guy who likes to stir the pot with a lot of
pointless rants. You also tend to be extremely personal and
irrational in your attacks (like maligning Mallon for not
writing something, then in the same breath admitting you hadn't
read the article and maybe he did).

<...>

>>Nobody but Dennis Stacy seems to be arguing for this definition
>>of a "planet." It's another of his laughable strawmen. Whether
>>an orbiting body is capable of supporting intelligent life has
>>nothing to do with whether it is a planet. Sheesh, Christ
>>almighty!

>Sorry to have sailed over your head with this one, David, but my
>point had to do with classifications and the evolution of language.
>Let me give you a simple example, the word planetesimal. Why do
>you think it was coined? Because it refers to something that is
>not quite a planet, as most everyone understands the latter.
>English is malleable that way.

English, we've all noticed, is especially malleable in your
hands. "Confirmed" becomes "not confirmed"; "sudden" becomes
"not sudden"; "indirect" becomes "direct"; "planet is an
orbiting body" becomes "planet only has intelligent life on it"

>My point was one of language. When using words like solar system
>and planet most of us have a general (i.e., generic) conception
>of what is meant by same.

Why don't you bring this up at an astronomy conference so that
the astronomers can all laugh at your fussing over absolutely
nothing.

You don't like astronomers calling these extra-solar things
"planets" and "solar systems?" Well, tough bananas.

>I simply suggested that it's time to
>refine those conceptions with newer ones. Yes, Jupiter and Earth
>are both planets by virtue of a single characteristic: they both
>circle the sun. Now, put them side by side and tell me how many

>other "planetary" characteristics they share? Well, I guess
>they're both round. Apples and oranges are both round fruits,
>too, but you don't see too many orange pies out there.

So what exactly are you saying Mr. Science Writer? That you are the first to notice that Jupiter and Earth are not the same and therefore what? That astronomers shouldn't be calling them both planets, even though that's been the custom for hundreds of years?

Again, why don't you raise this at the next major astronomical conference so that all the textbooks can be rewritten? Apparently you have deemed that the public is somehow being misled by astronomers calling Jupiter-like gas giants "planets." Instead, let's call them "StacyBalls," in your honor, since you are the first to draw the clear distinction between them and TruePlanets, like Earth, which can only be called planets if they harbor intelligent life.

>>Earth-like planets are undoubtably the exception, not the rule.
>>I haven't heard anybody argue otherwise, have you? The question
>>is how uncommon are they? Are they present in one in a hundred
>>stars, one in ten-thousand, one in a million, etc?

>Hey, that's my point!

Nobody knows what your point is, except to make noise.

><snip>

>
>>No, of course not. I could also say that your arguments are
>>largely nonsensical, if not ignorant and stupid, but I would
>>never say anything like that either.

>Ever the gentleman, I know.

Just as much a gentleman as you, with your backhand of Mallon as nonsensical, ignorant, and stupid. By your own admission below, you didn't even bother to read the article. You haven't even bothered to carefully read your own referenced Websites, which support exactly what Mallon was saying. There you'll find the experts using the dreaded word "confirmed" in speaking of dozens of extra-solar planets being discovered.

>>All I see you doing is raising one strawman after another.
>>Nobody, but nobody, is arguing that the solar systems discovered
>>so far are conducive to the evolution of intelligent life. What
>>people like Mallon ARE arguing, is that rapid discovery of more
>>and more solar systems of one type almost certainly points to
>>the extreme commonality of solar systems of all types. And that
>>would point to the increased likelihood of life and intelligent
>>life elsewhere.

>I understand precisely the assumption that Mallon and others are
>making. Only time will tell if it's right or not. SETI is
>operated by scientists under a set of assumptions, too. Do you
>agree with it? I doubt it. Is it right? Maybe, maybe not.

Sure SETI is operating under a set of assumptions. The only connection between SETI's assumptions and the present discovery of extrasolar planets is in the equation about how common extra-solar planets and solar systems might be.

Very common apparently among the smaller Sun-like dwarf stars that have been examined so far.

<snip>

>Would a star circled only by the latter qualify as a solar system?

You tell us Mr. Science Writer. Astronomers, however, define this as a binary star system, not a solar system. Do you know the basic distinction between a planet and star? Do you know what fusion is?

>You really should be more precise in your language.

Just covering up your ignorance with bluster, as usual. You're the one butchering the language.

>All I'm saying is that a star circled by a gas giant in a matter

>of days is probably a two-object "solar system" and needs a
>better name, or descriptor, perhaps proto-solar system, or maybe
>something using the Latin root for "failed," or, what the hell,
>binary solar system....

If you check your main referenced Web page, two of the 38
"confirmed" main sequence stars with large orbiting bodies are
now believed to harbor more than one planet, based on other
periodic shifts in the spectroscopic data. One of these is
believed to have three bodies (two different groups have come
up with the same data and conclusion). In both cases, there is
a large body ("gas giant") circling the star every few days.
Apparently, this doesn't preclude the existence of other planets
in the system.

A NASA Web site announcing the discovery of the system with 3
planets can be found at:

http://science.nasa.gov/newhome/headlines/ast15apr99_1.htm

It has the following quote:

"This will shake up the theory of planet formation," Robert
Noyes, a professor of astronomy at Harvard-Smithsonian CfA and a
member of the CfA-HAO team said. "A nagging question was whether
the massive bodies orbiting in apparent isolation around stars
really are planets, but now that we see three around the same
star, it is hard to imagine anything else."

So to give Stacy his devilish due, there was some debate among
astronomers as to whether these discoveries might properly be
called "solar systems" in the same sense as our solar system of
multiple planets. But since the discovery that at least two of
these systems consist of more than one planet, the debate has
changed.

Or how about the quote from the Wilford NY Times article on the
recent so-called "direct observation" of one of these bodies by
transit dimming of the star?:

"This is a spectacular discovery," said Dr. Geoffrey Marcy of
the University of California at Berkeley, the leading seeker of
planets around other stars. "There's just no question that the
planets we have been detecting from indirect evidence really are
planets."

"...hard to imagine [them] as anything else [but planets]"
"There's just no question that [they] really are planets."
These are quotes from two major astronomers involved. Maybe
Stacy should e-mail them and berate them about their improper
use of the word "planets."

>>Everybody understands the argument. What you don't understand
>>is that everybody already understood it and you are, as usual,
>>tilting at windmills.

>>David Rudiak

>I'm not sure that Mallon understood it, not having read his
>article. In any event, tilting at windmills is my job.

Absolutely. Windmill tilter and hell-raiser you are. A science
writer you aren't -- at least, not on this list.

David Rudiak

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(Contains photograph of object)

UFO sighting one for Shanghai's X-Files
JOSEPHINE MA

The usually staid state media in Shanghai carried reports yesterday that an unidentified flying object had been sighted in the city.

In a front-page story, with colour photographs of an object resembling a meteor, the Wenhui Daily said the UFO was spotted over western Shanghai on Thursday afternoon.

The paper said one of its reporters dashed to the 43rd floor of a building after receiving a call from a reader about the sighting. The reporter claimed he saw an illuminated object which remained stationary in the sky for about 10 minutes before it disappeared.

Two Shanghai television channels broadcast footage of an object darting through the sky with a flaming orange tail, saying nearly 100 people saw it.

A former researcher at the Shanghai Observatory, Professor Jiang Xiaoyuan, was among the witnesses but he could not offer any explanation.

The UFO hovered over Shanghai for 1.5 hours, reports said.

The city's aviation bureau and Hongqiao airport said their radar did not detect anything.

The Shanghai Daily also reported the incident in a story headlined "UFO darts across the city's skyline".

The paper ran its story on the same page as an advertisement for the X-Files movie, which is based on the television series about two American Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who probe unexplained phenomena.

The paper's Web site also listed incidents of UFO reports from different parts of the mainland throughout the year.

The Shanghai Daily's report on this incident is available at:
<http://www.shanghai-daily.com/data/city/9912m/city991204.html#1>

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
ufoblair@hotmail.com

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Re: The Drake Equation

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 22:35:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 14:28:45 -0500
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 14:04:00
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

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>Nah. David Rudiak has done such a fine job that I can't imagine
>anything I'd have to add to it. You're entitled to your views,
>he to his, and I to mine (and mine happen to be much closer to
>Rudiak's than yours). In any event, I have neither time nor
>inclination to get into this with you. I can't help noting yet
>again, however, that (as much as you don't like it when I point
>out the obvious) once again you're rushing in to join the
>anti-UFO side of the debate.

Jerry,

Thanks for your remarks, and also see my private post.

I haven't "rushed" to join anything, obvious or otherwise. See,
for example, my forthcoming Field Guide to UFOs, co-authored
with Patrick Huyghe, from Avon Books, Quill -- whoever.

That said -- and UFOs aside for the moment -- it's hard to run
our own solar system backwards -- in the same way that you would
rewind a videotape -- and get a simple accretion disk. For
reasons too lengthy to go into now.

Dennis

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Alfred's Odd Ode #328

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 08:00:33 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 14:37:25 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #328

Apology to MW #328 (For December 4, 1999)

Johnny Ford is MUCH maligned, and I cannot (how?) seem to find a shred of info on his plight and wonder on his uphill fight. Does *someone* know the current news (?), has strained the "crap" for simple truths. What I *have* is so bizarre! It passed for facts but goes too far! Gaping doubt, indeed, the case -- that he grew UP to know disgrace -- be locked inside some hole afraid, considering his curse they've made. And he was always such a citizen. Politically? Conservatism! He served the bench, an honored officer, where would come his new philosopher *DOING* crimes he would have SEEN must fail and become obscene. Are you crazy Johnny Ford? Is this all of YOUR discord? Are you guilty as it's *said* -- that you three boneheads went ahead and planned a scheme so damned retarded I'd dismiss and disregard it?

I can't see it; from the FIRST when our Paul Harvey's *data burst* remarked on tooth paste used as poison laced with "hot" stuff (?) -- I was voiceless! Something even then was *said*, and UFO's were raised in dread. Said between his lines, he read, in solemn Harvey tones (well bred), were pointing fingers at the one who'd look beneath the rocks for fun. Like it figured, "right as rain", that UFO's had made *insane* some schnook from Suffolk, loser-boy -- who planned to kill for thrills and joy.

Time went on and I heard more, and found I couldn't SHUT this door! Folks that knew him knew a man that, kind and gentle, took *some* stand. He had time and inclination, knew the law and loved his nation. NOT a nut -- enthusiastic! Focused, aimed and democratic. Organized (if quite Republican), he thought he saw what was insulting him, so spit the bit betwixt his teeth and hotly chased what he thought teased: proof of some acute conspiracy, evidence of graft and tyranny, and rank illegal wounding secrecy, criminal beyond ALL decency. He would pay for his impertinence, dearly -- linked with flying saucers queerly, set-up like a fattened lamb for those with scruples black and damned.

On a search for more on John, it's precious little I have found, and there is ever NAUGHT to say on present status, day to day. News (we all get) won't be found -- it's up to ME to snoop around (AND be set up <<like he WAS?>> for heinous crimes that flash and buzz? I'm a teacher, and risk my stand -- be false accused like any man. At the whim of my society, that could reach out undeniably -- snatch me from my useful spot . . . and crush me like a rag of snot.

Quite a spot to put me in, sensing something wrong that's been (?) -- poking MY nose into spots that garnered Ford HIS cooking pot? And I RESENT that imposition I would earn with my decision I'm compelled to make FOR John (betrayed, accused, and woebegone), and must (then) make some kind of ~*noise*~ to keep from shame *they* must enjoy.

Bears and eagles feast on *fish* that swim the waters of THIS ditch! John is ALL alone it seems, without a lawyer, friend -- in need. Most peculiar, with a look, one can see the holes and hooks that festoon all the evil plans that drip from Suffolk's

monstrous hands. The county's dirty, it's no secret, it's ground up more than John -- believe it! Yes, fighting city hall's a bitch, and never goes without a hitch, but these are *warlords* doing WHAT they've done for EONS! It must stop! John is caught in a machine, and DRIVEN crazy it would seem . . . there before God's grace, go you. Take a breath -- feel truth!

I hope Joe Firmage stays alert to *ways* and *means* that maim and hurt. I Hope he's got some kind of hand, and folks he trusts to help him plan. I can see him picked like fruit; one more down who'd know the truth -- found at last to be incompetent, belief in UFO's respondent. What of HIS temerity -- to spend his cash so he might see! He surely does what I'd have done, but I'm without his lawyer's guns, so must content my fevered brow to write these missives then and now. But I digress and must get cracking, as common sense with John is lacking, and likely, IS it, he was rooked -- so, sure, deserves another look.

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

This kind of thing has happened too often in the past to allow now. Verily, it CREATES it's opposite, all that a rabid twitcharian would decry. This is where a notion for *grand conspiracy* comes from, forgetting for a moment that the evidences of these conspiracies unravel around us as we speak (or what was that latest breaking bit of news on the FBI/JFK connection, again?).

Restore John Ford! Now!

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EXPLORE Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his Fortunecity URL.

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

<Updated 4 December>

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/witches/237/lehmborg.html>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- Send your checks and money orders to me, Alfred Lehmborg (cut out the lawyers, they got theirs) at: 304 Melbourne Drive, Enterprise AL, 36330. Strict records kept. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, burned at the fundamentalist's stake.

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LAURA LEE E-NEWS: December 6 - 10, 1999

From: Laura Lee <webmaster@lauralee.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Dec 1999 00:00:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 14:36:12 -0500
Subject: LAURA LEE E-NEWS: December 6 - 10, 1999

LAURA LEE E-NEWS Week of: December 6 - 10, 1999
By Subscription Only

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~ UPCOMING TOPIC/GUEST LINE-UP DAILY SHOW: 7-8pm PST/10-11pm EST
Lineup for the Week of: Dec 6 - 10, 1999 Here's what is scheduled for the coming week.

Monday, Dec 6 Russell Blaylock: The Health Risks of Excitotoxins
Dr. Blaylock, a board-certified neurosurgeon, presents the latest research findings to demonstrate how exposure to excitotoxins will damage nerve cells in the brain. The use of aspartame, hydrolyzed vegetable protein, and monosodium glutamate in prepared foods and beverages continues to increase on a yearly basis. Dr. Blaylock demonstrates that the neurotoxic potential of excitotoxins such as MSG and aspartame is so overwhelming that it can no longer be ignored. A list of sources of MSG is available at <http://www.lauralee.com/blaylock.htm>

Tuesday, Dec 7 - NEW Bob Bigelow: Searching for Elusive Hard Evidence Rescheduled from last Friday. Bob Bigelow's report on UFO cases includes some he investigated himself, some investigated by the team of scientists at The National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) and some which occurred at "the ranch," property located in the midst of a high-activity area for UFOs.

Wednesday, Dec 8 -- LIVE Burt Webb: Analyzing our Future in Space Science Fiction film script writer and science enthusiast Burt Webb shares his lively and provocative take on our future in space, the policies of today that will impact the future, and the ideas and projections offered up by sci-fi movies and books and TV series.

Thursday, Dec 9 -- LIVE Jon Rappoport: After twenty years of research on ancient signs and symbols, Jon has found a way to arrange these symbols into codes. Each code is 26 shapes, and each shape corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Jon "reads" for companies and people, as well as global situations and futures, by putting keywords and phrases through these codes. "Some very remarkable information is coming through," he says. "One thing that is revealed are archetypes of consciousness, which can unconsciously create futures that may or may not be desirable." Jon continues, "I believe that these readings reveal unconscious creations of consciousness, that, when brought into one's awareness, changes the whole game."

Friday, Dec 10 Michael Cremona - Rethinking Human Origins An ardent critic of the abuse of scientific position and power, Michael Cremona is considered a leading authority on anomalous

archeological evidence relating to the antiquity of the human race. His persistent investigation during the eight years of writing the internationally acclaimed book, Forbidden Archeology has documented a major scientific cover-up

<http://209.245.176.138/cremo.htm>

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ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOLLOW  
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<http://www.lauralee.com>

WRITE TO US AT: lauralee@lauralee.com

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Now formatted in Windows Media Player.

<http://www.worldwebcast.net/shows/llb/archives/index.htm>

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Audio cassettes are available at 1-800-243-1438.

Tapes are edited of commercial and news breaks, are often on 90-minute cassettes, and only \$7 each. See complete listing of cassettes at <http://www.lauralee.com/cassette.htm>

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<http://www.lauralee.com> - select AUDIO ONLY button. The webcasting uses Windows Media Player. This software is free at: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/mediaplayer/download/default.asp>

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Chat with Visuals: <http://www.worldwebcast.net/activescreen/chatframe.htm>

Visuals with Audio: <http://www.worldwebcast.net/activescreen/>

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<http://www.lauralee.com/chat.htm>

BULLETIN BOARD: "And the Conversation Continues" Here's where you can post your reaction, research additions, and comments to segments that inspire or rile you. Offer your own, or simply read the musings of others.

<http://www.worldwebcast.net/shows/llb/messageboard/>

WEEKDAY SHOW HOURS:

Monday - Friday 7-8pm PST/10-11pm EST

<http://209.245.176.138/radio.htm>

WEEKLY BOOK GIVEAWAY: Books, videos and audio tapes are given away from a random drawing of entries. To enter, go to:

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The list above of posted guests/topics represent what is scheduled when this is sent. Last minute and often unavoidable changes can occur. When a scheduled guest is unable to join us, we'll include a rescheduled time/date in the next email message to you. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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A Satisfactory Answer?

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Dec 1999 11:05:45 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 14:39:42 -0500
Subject: A Satisfactory Answer?

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 13:36:42 EST
>Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 10:01:54 -0500
>Subject: Filer's Files #48 -- 1999

<snip>

>When President Clinton first came into office, he gave Webb
>Hubbell one of his most trusted subordinates a specific request
>to obtain an answer to the question, "Are there UFOs?" Hubbell
>apparently never was given a satisfactory answer..

Hi, George, List:

What was the answer Clinton was given? What would a
satisfactory answer be? Satisfactory to believers, satisfactory
to skeptics, satisfactory to politicians?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: The Drake Equation

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 12:33:05 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 14:42:31 -0500
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

List,

Quote of the day on solar system formation:

"It's like the whole puzzle. It gets you crazy because you're dealing with contingencies all the time."

Bill Parcells, coach of the NY Jets, in the NY Times.

Hey, stuff is where you find it.

Dennis Stacy

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Housekeeping - ListMail

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 1999 10:17:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Dec 1999 10:17:36 -0500
Subject: Housekeeping - ListMail

Dear Long Suffering, gentle list-folk,

It seems that as of around 12:00pm last Thursday, globalserve.net - bought-out by iprimus.ca - put some sort of limiter on the number of addresses that UFO UpDates can be sent to. With `_no_ out-bound bounce` notifiers to the originating address.

Naturally, being a 'communications' company has not endowed them, iprimus.ca, with the wisdom and art of not pissing clients-off by letting said clients know what is going on.

Messages have come into UpDates from a few disgruntled subscribers, and I'm trying to compile a list of affected addresses - there appears to be no logic to the dropped addresses.

Of course, it `_is_ Sunday` and why on earth `_any_ ISP`, with more than 60,000 subscribers, would have more than minimal-customer support `_is_ really a no-brainer`, is it not?

So, for those of you affected and reading this at the Archive, please bear with the so-called 'management' at iprimus.ca while they founder around desperately trying to reprovide a vague resemblance of the customer service that globalserve.net used to provide and drew iprimus.ca to purchase and destroy one of the best damn InterNet Service Providers in Canada.

ebk

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Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 22:15:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Dec 1999 10:31:33 -0500
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 14:04:00
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

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>he to his, and I to mine (and mine happen to be much closer to
>Rudiak's than yours).

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Jerry and List,

For those who think I'm somehow promoting a minority point of view about solar system formation and subsequent suitability for the evolution of intelligent life, please direct your browsers to the following:

<http://cannon.sfsu.edu/~gmarcy/planetsearch/news.html>

and

<http://cannon.sfsu.edu/~gmarcy/planetsearch/bd/ecc.html>

The following quotes are excerpted from the latter:

"The occurrence of circular orbits may require special initial conditions, to avoid the gravitational perturbations and to avoid the tendency of the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics to scramble the orbital ellipticities of planets. Perhaps, our Solar System, with its coplanar, nearly circular orbits represents a remarkably fortuitous low-entropy state for a planetary system."

Note the use of the phrase "remarkably fortuitous."

And under the heading, "Are Circular Orbits the Planetary Norm?":

"The circular orbit of Jupiter in our Solar System promotes the stability of circular orbits among the other 8 planets. If our Jupiter were in an eccentric orbit, the Earth and Mars would likely be gravitationally scattered out of the Solar System. Thus our existence, and the existence of life in the habitable zone, depends on both Jupiter and Earth being in mutually stable, circular orbits..."

"Eccentric orbits may occur relatively commonly for extrasolar planets. Just one eccentric giant planet orbiting a star can spell dynamical doom for terrestrial planets, and may bode ill for slowly evolving creatures. The claim that all planetary orbits must be like ours may well be a circular argument."

Etc.

Dennis

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CSETI - New Video On Website

From: **Tony Craddock** <webmaster@cseti.org>
Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 14:55:27 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 16:46:25 -0500
Subject: CSETI - New Video On Website

For a good example of why the UFO/ET Disclosure effort should shy away from the major TV networks, watch NBC "Dateline"s incredulous treatment of proud old soldier and American hero Col. Philip Corso during their "Roswell" special, the video of which is now up on the CSETI Website linked to the "Roswell" panel.

The interesting thing is that Corso's blunt credibility actually dominates the piece.

And listen very carefully to the end of the interview when he makes reference to a "time machine" that was "fading" and an enigmatic reference to "the Germans", and promised future revelations. These were, alas, not to be, as he was betrayed by those around him and died in the midst of the stress of dealing with their machinations.

Also up on the Website is video about the 1989 Soviet Phobos 2 mission, which shows a photo of the alleged huge spacecraft that was taken immediately prior to the demise of the probe. Word was that Phobos, the Martian moon that CSETI sources say houses an ET base, was in fact being threatened by the Phobos 2 probe.

In light of today's seeming failure of yet another Mars probe, it might be appropriate to watch the excerpt of Dr. Greer's 1999 Lecture at UC Santa Barbara for a possible explanation, which can be played in RealVideo G2 from the Website.

This video, incidentally, makes an excellent Xmas gift, and is great value, running 3 hours for under \$30.

Plus of course Dr. Greer's blockbuster book (Extraterrestrial Contact - the Evidence and Implications) can still be ordered in time for Xmas from <http://www.drgreer.com> - again, 550 pages of cogent, spin-free information on the UFO/ET subject for under \$20 is unsurpassed.

Regards

Tony Craddock
Web Administrator
CSETI
<<http://www.cseti.org>><http://www.cseti.org>

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Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 12:13:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 17:24:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 11:42:53 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: AA Film Research

>Dear All,

>Does anyone out there happen to have a copy of the research done
>by Rob Irving on the alleged film canister labels from the Alien
>Autopsy film?

<snip>

I realize that you and Ray are friends but I just can't see how there could ever be a "balanced discussion" of the Santilli alien autopsy? The decision has already been made by most Ufologists and the common folk: The footage is a bald hoax and a scam.

Case closed, right?

Never mind that the evidence against the footage is sketchy, at best. Ray has been unjustifiably made to look like either a dishonest con man and schemer(and worse), or a dupe or disinformationist. Not one of these characterizations is true. But what does seem to be true is that Ray Santilli, through a set of fortuitous circumstances, came into possession of some marvelously intriguing rolls of fifty year old film which shows the dissection of a "creature with no business here" and some of the debris from the creature's vehicle.

The problem Kevin Randle seems to have with the classification of "Restricted Top Secret" is an example of the type of disinformation/misinformation that surrounds the autopsy footage.

In Kent Jeffrey's hit piece on Santilli, Jeffrey makes a big deal about the "restricted" designation found on the first film that Santilli publicly showed. Kent felt "restricted" wasn't a legitimate military security designation:

"RESTRICTED ACCESS
A01 CLASSIFICATION
SUBJECT 1 of 2
JULY 30th 1947"

Jeffrey adds: "The Sunday Times article points out, however, that 'restricted' access' is not a recognized U.S. military code and that the A01 classification had been dismissed as 'pure Hollywood'. Even more telling is the month-day-year format of the date. The U.S. military always uses a day-month-year format. Therefore, the date should have read '30 July 1947'."

The problem is that I had researched the subject and found evidence that "restricted" was in fact legitimate and that sometimes, under certain circumstances the date could be written as July 30th 1947. I contacted Kent Jeffreys through one of his

researchers(a member of this list) and told them of my information. They said the letters I cited had been debunked,and they were sure of their facts. They were wrong. But that didn't prevent them from releasing information they knew was in doubt. There are many other examples of critics using false assertions to condemn the footage and then not correcting the record. I certainly don't mean any disrespect to you or Tim, but what the Alien Autopsy needs, more than another book, is a re-examination and debate, one that is, open, honest, and cooperative.

Would you be willing to work toward those ends?

Ed

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List's Server Problems

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 23:46:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 23:46:35 -0500
Subject: List's Server Problems

globalserve.net has been arbitrarily removing addresses from messages to the List and I need to know which addresses.

Please, click reply and add your first and last names below.

Thanks

ebk

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Re: A Satisfactory Answer?

From: Majorstar@aol.com
Date: Mon, 6 Dec 1999 15:44:17 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 1999 08:45:24 -0500
Subject: Re: A Satisfactory Answer?

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 4 Dec 1999 11:05:45 EST
>Subject: A Satisfactory Answer?
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 13:36:42 EST
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 10:01:54 -0500
>>Subject: Filer's Files #48 -- 1999

><snip>

>>When President Clinton first came into office, he gave Webb
>>Hubbell one of his most trusted subordinates a specific request
>>to obtain an answer to the question, "Are there UFOs?" Hubbell
>>apparently never was given a satisfactory answer..

>Hi, George, List:

>What was the answer Clinton was given? What would a
>satisfactory answer be? Satisfactory to believers, satisfactory
>to skeptics, satisfactory to politicians?

Allegedly Hubbell was told there were no alien craft by a NORAD colonel.

Regards.

Georege Filer

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List Mail Flow

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Dec 1999 16:41:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 1999 16:41:39 -0500
Subject: List Mail Flow

Dear subscribers,

Thanks for your forbearance and patience. Let us not lose sight of the raison d'etre of the List which is information movement. Don't hold back on your posts.

This message is a test of a restructuring of outgoing mail header format, as required by iprimus.ca - I found out today that, yes indeed they changed servers 5/6 to a new configuration as of last Thursday.

Damn good job no one on their system was affected and that they didn't need to let anyone know...

ebk

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Server Problems

From: **Moderator UFO UpDates**
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 08:34:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 08:34:55 -0500
Subject: Server Problems

The problem with globalserve.net/iprimus.ca, which has been on-going since March of this year has come to a head.

Despite advance payment for service, iprimus.ca has reneged on the basic term of service which was agreed to with globalserve.net when I signed with them - primarily, to supply delivery of mail to the UFO UpDates subscriber list.

Arrangements are being made to switch services and will take a few more days...

Recent messages for posting will appear here, at the UpDates Archive and will be re-sent to the list once the new service is in place.

The patience of Subscribers is appreciated,

Errol Bruce-Knapp

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Oz 'UFO' Crash Into Dam?

From: John Auchtel <Praufu@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 1999 19:46:51 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 09:52:41 -0500
Subject: Oz 'UFO' Crash Into Dam?

PRESS RELEASE

9th DEC 1999
0900hr EDST

SUBJECT: UFO IN GUYRA DAM
NSW ARMIDALE DISTRICT

Oz & ASIA DATA RESEARCH
Phenomena Research Australia

EBK, Researchers,

Researchers from Phenomena Research Australia (PRA) on location at Guyra, NSW, have reported that the investigation is at present a POLICE matter. The alleged object was not seen to enter the dam and until further evidence is presented the matter remains unresolved.

Melbourne researchers, John Auchtel and Ron Barnett reported from the location this morning:

"There is a surface mark and burns that lead into the dam indicating some impact, but this was not evidence of a satellite or meteorite impact. The splash marks are consistent with an impact. However, an explosive device would produce a similar effect."

"Until we get to see what is at the bottom of the dam, we can not rule out anything from a car to a elaborate hoax. Samples of the burnt area and water have been taken for further investigation."

"It must be stated, that until more work has been done on the area, the alleged UFO story has no foundation, but the isolation and security of the site was mandatory and recommended, to preserve the data."

The police will have to get into the dam and have a look, and after that, the field investigators could make some decision.

<http://www.theage.com.au/breaking/9912/09/A26303-1999Dec9.shtml>

A township in northern New South Wales has had its water supply cut off after an unidentified object crashed into the local dam. Plans are now in place to truck water in from Armidale and Glen Innes.

Some time between Monday and mid-day yesterday the projectile slammed into the Guyra water supply dam on the outskirts of the town, north of Armidale.

Police said it was first noticed by a local council employee carrying out routine maintenance work.

Fire brigade spokesman John Hobar said an area of reed beds

measuring four metres by 10 metres had been flattened, fuelling suspicion that the object may have fallen from the sky.

But he said he had checked with a number of space agencies, meteorological experts and authorities in Canberra and there had been no sightings of an unidentified object falling from the sky.

Hobar said the brigade's hazardous material unit went to the scene and tested the water for toxins and radioactive material, but the results were clear. "We're not prepared to declare the water safe until we actually site the object. We're not prepared to take any risks."

Water supply would only be restored when authorities could guarantee its safety, he said.

The local council has isolated water supply to the town by switching off pumps and treatment works.

Hobar said crews were unable to identify the object last night because it had become embedded in the dam and the water was muddy.

Divers will be brought in this morning to try to make a positive identification.

Regards

Tony Robb
PRA Research Group Co-ordinator

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Re: World Cup Aliens

From: **Kathy Hotchner** <khotchner@uswest.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 16:31:33 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 12:09:11 -0500
Subject: Re: World Cup Aliens

Hello List,

I'm a new subscriber who has been reading your dialogues for about a year.

This is my first post so excuse me if I do it wrong. I found this article today and thought it would be of interest. Love the last paragraph.

<http://www.iht.com:80/IHT/TODAY/thu/SPT/atmos.2.html>

Paris, Thursday, December 2, 1999

World Cup Goes Boldly In Search of Alien Mascots

TOKYO -

Japan and South Korea on Wednesday unveiled space aliens named Atmos as mascots for the 2002 World Cup soccer finals, which the two countries are to host jointly.

The audience at a news conference appeared stunned when Japanese Cup organizers showed a video of the three translucent animation characters somersaulting in soccer boots. "We believe the 2002 World Cup is a totally new event, and we have chosen a totally new kind of mascot," said Terence Oliver, who has headed the mascot project.

"It is the first FIFA World Cup of the millennium, the first to be held in Asia and the first to be co-hosted," said Oliver, the Asia-Pacific chief of the design company Interbrand, which designed the mascots. Japanese and South Korean members of the project, he said, had "brought up the idea of using national symbols like flowers or animals as a matter of course."

"But, since it will be co-hosted as a worldwide event, we have parted with an ordinary approach," Oliver said. "I know you are surprised, as I expect you to be." FIFA said it was delighted with the creations, which cost about 1 million Swiss francs (\$630,000) to develop over the past 18 months. There are three Atmos mascots. Great Atmo Leader is golden and carries a soccer ball. The others are Young Atmo A, which is violet, and Young Atmo B, which is blue.

According to the South Korean organizing committee, the Atmos, who live in the "atmozone" and play their own version of football, are intended to symbolize "harmony, unity and cooperation." Choi Chang Shin, secretary general of the South Korean organizing committee, said, "They have mysterious powers to fan enthusiasm among the audience at football matches." He said an international competition would be organized to name the three characters.

"Mascots in the past have been two-dimensional and quite crude," said Glen Kirton, a senior executive with ISL, FIFA's marketing partner. "We wanted to use the latest technology to reflect the modernity of the host countries." Kirton added, "We have long felt more could be done than just have a furry little animal- cute and cuddly as mascots like World Cup Willie,

Footix and all the others have been in their day.

"The whole concept of the Atmos is different and will add significant muscle to the marketing program. They have neither Korean or Japanese characteristics but are very much in keeping with the Oriental cartoon feel and animation from this part of the world.

"A number of people within FIFA have said that some of the imagery is a little frightening - but I think kids like to be frightened a little bit. And they are quite lovable and mischievous once you get to know them."

I wish they had posted a picture!

Kathy Hotchner

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Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 22:26:59 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 12:17:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>From: Ed Gehrman
>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 12:13:51 -0800
>Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 17:24:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Previously, Ed wrote:

>>I realize that (Philip Mantle) and Ray are friends but I just can't
>see how
>>there could ever be a "balanced discussion" of the Santilli
>>alien autopsy? The decision has already been made by most
>>Ufologists and the common folk: The footage is a bald hoax and a
>>scam.

><snip>

>>Never mind that the evidence against the footage is sketchy, at
>>best. Ray has been unjustifiably made to look like either a
>>dishonest con man and schemer(and worse), or a dupe or
>>disinformationist. Not one of these characterizations is true.

Dear Ed,

Prove it.

Better, yet; let Ray prove it.

The AA footage is a piece of crap.

Roger Evans

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US DoD Offers Military Documents Online

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 20:58:37 PST
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 12:19:36 -0500
Subject: US DoD Offers Military Documents Online

Greetings list -

The Department of Defense has made available over 80,000 documents online. Topics range from space vehicles to electronic communications. According to the website:

"The ASSIST-Online is a robust, comprehensive web site providing access to current information associated with military and federal specifications and standards in the management of the Defense Standardization Program (DSP).

Managed by the DoD Single Stock Point (DoDSSP), Philadelphia, ASSIST-Online provides public access to standardization documents over the Internet. ASSIST-Online includes many powerful reporting features and an exhaustive collection of both digital and warehouse documents. ASSIST is the official source of DoD specifications and standards."

Many of the documents located on the site can be downloaded free of charge and viewed with Adobe Acrobat, and while I haven't found anything specifically related to UFOs, I think many of you will find the site interesting as well as useful.

The URL is:

<http://assist.daps.mil/>

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
ufoblair@hotmail.com

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Sighting Report OZ File 04.12.1999

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 1999 22:26:31 +1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 12:23:05 -0500
Subject: Sighting Report OZ File 04.12.1999

Sighting Report OZ File 04.12.1999

FOLLOWUP Diane Harrison AUFORN
1800 Callin Code: 00402 04.12.1999

Date: 04.12.1999
Day: Saturday
Time Reported: 7.25pm
Location: Jimboomba Brisbane QLD
Reportee: Fred C
Report given to nearest rep: Diane Harrison AUFORN
Tel: 07 55

Report:

Shape: Star like
Size: Size Venus
Objects: 2
Colour: White star colour
Sound: None
Speed: Faster than a plane
Duration: 10 minutes
Direction: Traveling south westerly
Witnesses: 2

(Fred Said)

I stepped outside to have a smoke when I noticed these 2 star like objects traveling together from the Southeast.

What I thought was really strange they stopped for a while then they moved around a meter and stopped again.

They did this twice, I noticed a plane going past but it was a lot lower than the 2 objects. I could see that the plane had flashing lights. I see lots of planes because we are on the Brisbane to Sydney flight path so I know a plane when I see it. I very sure this wasn't a plane, I have never seen a plane act like these things did.

Regards Diane Harrison

Director Of The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia
Co Director of The Australian UFO Research Network
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## Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

From: Tony Spurrier <[TSpurrier@compuserve.com](mailto:TSpurrier@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 1999 11:20:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 12:31:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

>From: royjhale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 16:28:07 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 20:05:35 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

>>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 10:36:54 -0500  
>>From: Tony Spurrier <[TSpurrier@compuserve.com](mailto:TSpurrier@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>As far as I know the footage has not yet been analysed, although  
>saying this I am not quite sure if Peter Sorrensen or any other  
>researcher who has a copy of the footage has had it analysed.

It should be the first step by any researcher to have video  
footage analysed. This should certainly be done before  
publicising the footage as the analysis may find something quite  
ordinary.

>I do know that Dave Bowden has taken a good close up look of the  
>tape, and perhaps Dave could jump in here and tell us what he  
>found out?

That would be good.

>Also if you look close enough you can just about see a second  
>object shoot off the screen as the first one disappears.

I've seen the footage a couple of times but have yet to see  
the second 'thing'.

>What I personally like about the footage is the acceleration of  
>the first object as it climbs and the brilliant colour & clarity  
>of the whole film.

Can you fill us in on what happened prior to where the footage  
starts? When did the 'thing' first appear, how long was it  
observed prior to the footage starting, was anyone observing it  
whilst the footage was taken, etc.

If you or Don want the footage analysed I have a contact in  
Germany who may be able to help. You'd need to supply a 1st  
generation copy for him, and an assurance would be given that  
the footage wouldn't be used for anything other than the  
analysis.

Tony

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## Blather: Blather Doesn't Care

From: **Daev Walsh** <[daev@blather.net](mailto:daev@blather.net)>  
Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 02:49:45 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 15:51:17 -0500  
Subject: Blather: Blather Doesn't Care

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B L A T H E R

p a r a n o r m a l   p r o v o c a t e u r i s m

By Dave (daev) Walsh [daev@blather.net](mailto:daev@blather.net)  
Web: <http://www.blather.net>

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BLATHER DOESN'T CARE  
- An end of the pseudo-m\*llennium special

As we are mere weeks away from the end of the year, Blather would like to make it known that \*we don't care\* about the (change of) m\*llennium.

We don't.

Ok?

'Blather is here.

As we advance to make our bow, you will in vain for signs of servility or for any evidence of a desire to please. We are an arrogant and depraved body of men. We are as proud as bantams and as vain as peacocks.

"\*Blather\* doesn't care." A sardonic laugh escapes us as we bow, cruel and cynical hounds that we are. It is a terrible laugh, the laugh of lost men. Do you get the smell of porter?'

- from the original \*Blather\*, issue 1, published in 1934 by Brian O'Nolan a.k.a. Flann O'Brien a.k.a. Myles na gCopaleen.

<http://www.hellshaw.com/flann>

THE SPIEL

In between the last few issues, we've been prostrating ourselves, itching in our liquid latex hairshirts, and flagellating ourselves with the guilt of not producing Blather on a more regular basis. It's not that we've been short of material, rather we have had very little time to devote to the matter, and what time we've had has been spent considering the path that Blather should take, as we enter what is alleged to be the final month of the 'millennium'. We promise that we will do better in future. Somehow.

Since the last rant, this Blatherskite has been living in interesting times, turning his life upside down and travelling to distant lands. And we still, somehow, managed to annoy \*some\* people at least. In the last Blather, we stated that we were to be 'pitted against one Alan Sewell of the Irish Centre for UFO studies in \*UFOs Exist. A debate\*' at \*Octocon\*, the 10th Irish National Science Fiction Convention, held on the 9th and 10th of

October in The Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. We showed up on the day, apprehensive but full of devilment. Alas, Mr. Sewell pulled out at the 11th hour, apparently stating that he felt Blather's Dave Walsh would 'only twist his words'.

Feeling both flattered and disappointed, we instead took part in a ramshackle assortment of panelists for the UFO discussion, which included authors Robert Rankin and Eugene Byrne. The result was pleasantly chaotic - we probably didn't really get anywhere constructive, but it was a lot of fun, with some frighteningly concise all-encompassing conspiracy theories For Everything Including UFOs getting aired. Much thanks to Pádraig Ó'Méalóid and the other organisers, and cheers to Robert Rankin, who entertained us with tales of having his car windows shot out and the culinary horrors of human-chicken relationships.

A few weeks later, on the afternoon November 5th, not long back from having spent Samhain (Halloween) in the hills of Leitrim with the fine people at the Grove of Sinann (Irish readers should look out for more about the Grove in a forthcoming issue of \*Source\* magazine), we found ourselves being fed an improbable cornucopia of alcoholic beverages by an Australian-German British Airways hostess at about 35,000 ft over the south-west Irish coast. Landing at Baltimore, this blatherskite was whisked off to the hotel where the The International Fortean Organization's Fortfest 99 was to take place - the 29th annual conference on anomalous phenomena.

Speakers present included the wonderful John Keel, author of \*The Mothman Prophecies\* and \*Operation Trojan Horse\*, the elegantly droll Doug Skinner, Michael Grosso on miracles and the like, Budd Hopkins (who showed us endless slides of, er, implant scars), the highly enjoyable Paul Harrison - president of the Loch Ness Monster Research Society and Paul LaViollette - 'the first astronomer to disprove the expanding universe theory and the first to discover concentrations of cosmic dust and gold in ice age polar ice'. Also speaking were Doug Rogers on crop circles, J. Antonio Huneeus on UFOs, Tom Vallone on 'free energy' and Vincent Bridges on 'Alchemy, Fulcanelli and The Great Cross'.

This Blatherskite ended up being the final speaker of the two-day conference, recounting tales of \*Accidental Satanists\* - a further exploration of the Hell-Fire Clubs of the 18th century, a subject previously touched up in this publication.

Memories of the weekend (vague as they are) include getting a gift of a deer bone discovered during drunken fortean forays behind the hotel, sitting on the podium with John Keel, Larry Arnold and others, recounting all kinds of crazy after-dinner stories, consuming unwise amounts of Jameson 1780 at 4am at the party that just kind of happened in Jim and Brent's room, secret self-service at the hotel bar, six people crushed into a five-seater car on a quest into the strip-mall hell that is College Park, Maryland, in an long hilarious and hopeless search of \*yet more\* drinkables, getting yelled at by the audience during \*Accidental Satanists\* 'cos we were too quiet, too fast and too Irish (it was all good natured of course), and the entertaining Monday drive to New York City, passed by storytelling and poetry.

The cast: dozens, but you know who you are. Special thanks to Jim Boyd and his warrior-sprog Kiarna, Phyllis Benjamin and Sheila and Corinna Makris.

Octocon  
<http://www.lostcarpark.com/octocon/>

The Grove of Sinann  
<http://www.iol.ie/~sinann/>

A Mothman Retrospective  
<http://www.blather.net/archives2/issue2no5.html>

The International Fortean Organization  
<http://www.research.umbc.edu/~frizzell/info>

Doug Skinner @ White Knuckle Sandwich  
<http://www.whiteknucklesandwich.com/>

## FORTEAN FALLS

On November 29th, the RTE email news \*UPDATE\* (amongst other RTE media types) announced that Astronomy Ireland had reported the possibility of a meteorite landing on the night of the November 28th, around 10:10pm. A large fireball had been seen \*and\* heard in many parts of Ireland.

They're apparently looking for witnesses who may be able to help them plot its trajectory. No meteorite has been found in the Republic of Ireland since 1835 - one fell in Northern Ireland in 1969.

For more see:

<http://www.astronomy.ie/fireball.html>

In the last issue, we reported on claims of 'Black Rays' over Lough Neagh. Harriet Moore, who lives 4 miles (6.4km) from Aldergrove Airport a similar distance away from Lough Neagh, emailed to tell us of not black \*rays\*, but \*black rain\*.

'We saw it one Sunday morning about 10/11am. In our estimation it was fuel dumped from aeroplanes, and as it isn't very far from the airport to the Irish Sea, we reckoned the planes were dumping fuel. Certainly didn't look like anything else we could think of. It started as black parallel 'lines' roughly where the wings would be, and with high altitude winds, cloud formation etc., the two 'lines' gradually spread out and could be seen 'falling' in much the same way as contrails do.'

Harriet continues:

'There also was weekend rave in the Nutts Corner area in late June/Early July. It lasted from Friday to Sunday night and was attended by something over 1,500 people. Of course Laser lights and other stuff to create light effects were in use at the time. I have seen laser lights bouncing off low cloud cover from a distance of 20 miles which turned out to be a Laser show in Belfast which I could see from Dromore, south of Hillsborough. It was weird initially as I was driving along the dual carriageway, but I pulled over and watched.'

Shereen Beckett was in touch, from the Carrickfergus area - she informed us that, having asked around, she can confirm that no-one locally had picked up the 'black rays' story, including the media.

See: \*Funny what you can find near Bundoran...\*

<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no6.html#blackray>

## UFOs AT HOME AND ABROAD

It seems to have been remarkably quiet on the UFO side of things recently, at least in Ireland. Despite the Leonid meteor showers of mid-november, no reports have come our way, except a third-hand report from Co. Wexford. On the night of December 2nd 01999, a power cut, apparently due to high winds, plunged some of the county into darkness. During the black-out, two large, slow-moving bright lights were reported in the Carne area (south of Rosslare Harbour and east of Kilmore). They were also reported as being seen near Tuskar Rock, the island lighthouse to the south-east of Rosslare, some 8km (5 miles) off the coast, and as far away as Duncormick, some 20km (12.5 miles) west of Carne.

That's all we have for now, more reports welcome...

While we're on the subject, we should add that Blather's Turkish correspondent, Soner Goksu, informed us that around the 7th and 8th of November, there were UFO sightings over Istanbul. Soner commented that they've been seen regularly since the eclipse of August 11th. We would point out that the horrific Turkish earthquake took place mere days after the eclipse. Any possible correlation? The phenomena of 'earthquake lights' has been explored in the past by Paul Devereux and Michael Persinger - see:



\*The Tectonic Strain Theory as an Explanation for UFO Phenomena\*  
<http://www.laurentian.ca/www/neurosci/tectonicedit.htm>

#### UFOS OVER SHANGHAI?

"UFO darts across the city's skyline", reported the Shanghai Daily, "UFO appears in the sky over Shanghai", said the Wenhui Daily, on Thursday 3rd December...

'Nearly 100 people claimed to have seen a cylindrical object with a flaming orange tail moving over the western part of the city for about an hour Thursday afternoon, the newspapers said. They offered no theories on what it might have been', said Fox News...the following day.

Even odder, the Shanghai Daily ran the story \*next\* to an advertisement for the X-Files movie, and of course, we got the story from Fox, who of course are the company behind the X-Files, and...

[http://www.foxnews.com/js\\_index.sml?content=/etcetera/wires/1203/e\\_rt\\_1203\\_24.sm](http://www.foxnews.com/js_index.sml?content=/etcetera/wires/1203/e_rt_1203_24.sm)

#### ALIEN FOETUS NEWS

Curiously, the Irish alien foetus story has died a death. We certainly haven't heard anymore about it. However, our favoured webzine at the moment, the fascinating \*GettingIt\*, recently ran an article which may be of interest to alien foetus fans, called \*Have You Hurlled a Fetus today? - England's in love with alien embryos\*:

'They've been called "the most disgusting toy in the world." This may be so, but there's certainly a sick thrill in recklessly hurling embryos against a wall. Especially as they collapse on impact with a satisfying splat into formless ectoplasm. But the best part is there's no mess to clean up afterwards. Slowly peel them off and they magically reconstitute themselves into embryonic form.'

Click here to be taken to GettingIt article:

[http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no7\\_gettingit.html](http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no7_gettingit.html)

\*Funny what you can find near Bundoran...\*

<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no6.html#embryo>

#### EMAILS IN:

From: Etye Hurleu  
Subject: Christina Gallagher

#### Comments:

'Having visited Achill Island on pilgrimage and having prayed at the House of Prayer, I witnessed first hand what you have chosen to disregard - in your sophistication. Open your heart.'

Blather sez: We fear that Etye is oblivious to our peculiar blend of ironic impartiality. If we had chose to disregard, we wouldn't have mentioned Ms. Gallagher at all... we do not dismiss the claims of miracles at The House of Prayer on Achill Island, we simply choose to doubt. Is that such a sin? We use 'alleged' because we cannot vouch for what we ourselves have not experienced.

For more on the Achill/House of Prayer story see:

\*Weird Achill\*

<http://www.blather.net/archives2/issue2no9.html>

\*Baaaaah-Humbug\*

<http://www.blather.net/archives2/issue2no2.html>

\*Rocks from Irish Skies\*

<http://www.blather.net/archives/issue1no33.html>

#### LORD LUCAN SIGHTINGS

Following Blather's stint on South African radio, we're happy to say that Lord Lucan was back in the news, albeit briefly. On Wednesday October 27th, \*The Irish Times\* reported that the British government had declared Lord Lucan officially dead.

\*Lucan's family 'draws line' under disappearance\*  
<http://www.ireland.com/newspaper/breaking/1999/1027/break5.htm>

On Saturday October 30th, 01999, \*The Irish Times\* printed:

'He still qualifies for a place in the profile slot - just. It was the obituary page editors who were flexing their muscles earlier in the week as Lord Lucan, the missing earl, was reported "officially" dead. He was promptly resurrected on Wednesday, however, and officially declared alive and well and living in . . . well, take your pick.'

\*Missing earl who died and was resurrected\*  
<http://www.ireland.com/newspaper/newsfeatures/1999/1030/newsfea18.htm>

\*The Things We Get Asked To Do\*  
<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no5.html>

#### BLATHER RECOMMENDS:

The Village - Building Sustainable Community - Sustainable Projects Ireland Ltd.  
[http://www.sustainable.buz.org/sustainable\\_projects\\_pages/](http://www.sustainable.buz.org/sustainable_projects_pages/)

'Sustainable Projects Ireland Ltd. wants to create an ecological settlement of about 40 houses on an 100 acre rural site, about one hour from Dublin. The village is to be a model of sustainable development for the next millennium. Its aim is to lead the way in ecological building techniques, local enterprise creation, renewable energy systems, rural regeneration, worthwhile job creation, waste management, and environmental/social education.'

Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment  
<http://voice.buz.org/>

Signum Magazine: Meaning & Paranoia by Blather's Barry Kavanagh  
<http://www.slm-net.com/signum/marrow/madness1.html>

\*Are You... Experienced?\* by Skylaire Alfvegren - all about a 'jazz singer who happens to be in touch with higher beings'  
<http://www.laweekly.com/ink/99/52/reverb-alfvegren.shtml>

Our \*favourite\* webzine of the moment, \*GettingIt\*  
<http://www.gettingit.com>

An \*Irish Times\* retrospective on the 'moving statue phenomenon'.  
<http://www.ireland.com/newspaper/features/1999/1130/fea1.htm>

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<http://www.twentythree.co.uk>

Adbusters - Culture Jammers Headquarters  
<http://www.adbusters.org>

Time Travel Hangar Grand Opening  
<http://members.aol.com/AppleAlien>

'This site contains info on several first-ever SETI and Time experiments plus much overblown hype. You may be interested in publicizing the effort.'

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## UFO Over Eastern Shore, Baltimore, Maryland?

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 18:00:56 PST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:01:46 -0500  
Subject: UFO Over Eastern Shore, Baltimore, Maryland?

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.msnbc.com/local/WBAL/40924.asp>

UFO over Eastern Shore?  
Larry Frum, Jr.

Preston, Dec. 8 - At least two people report seeing glowing objects over the Eastern Shore.

Kathy Dink of Federalsburg was delivering Christmas trees and wreaths yesterday when she saw a "bright, blue flame that looked like a missile or a rocket."

Dink says at the same time, she spotted a missile or tube-shaped object about 20 to 30 feet in length traveling in a different direction. She says the two objects seemed to collide.

Jim Henderson of Princess Anne says he was hunting when he saw something similar. He says he saw what looked like a yellow and orange comet tail.

Henderson called the NASA Wallops Flight Facility on the Eastern Shore because he was afraid a plane might have crashed.

Spokesmen at Wallops and at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Southern Maryland say they can't explain the sightings or confirm the existence of any aircraft in the area at the time.

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Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)

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## CPR-Canada News: New Web Site for BLT Research

From: Paul Anderson - TMP / CPR-Canada <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 1999 20:16:12 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:10:55 -0500  
Subject: CPR-Canada News: New Web Site for BLT Research

CPR-CANADA NEWS  
News and Reports from Circles Phenomenon Research Canada

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

New Web Site for BLT Research; New Oliver's Castle Video Analysis

December 8, 1999

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Field Report 12.8.99

BLT Research, Inc. now has its own new web site (currently under construction), which will highlight the laboratory analysis work of Dr. W. C. Levengood, who has been doing extensive analysis of plant and soil samples from crop circle formations in England and around the world for the past several years, (including some of the fantastic Canadian formations this year!).

<http://www.bltresearch.net>

Also, a new analysis report on the famed Oliver's Castle video of the small balls of light creating a large crop formation is making the rounds - possible evidence that there may be more to it than meets the eye (after now being considered a hoax by most researchers)? Read and judge for yourself.

<http://www.sightings.com/ufo5/analys.htm>

Paul Anderson  
Director

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Circle Phenomena in Canada Report Archive 1999:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/1999.html>

20 Formations!

A reminder for all Canadian subscribers / readers - your assistance is welcome and needed - ANY reports of other possible circles this year, please do let us know as soon as possible! See Reporting and Field Research Guidelines on the web site for more information:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/reporting.html>

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## Object From Sky Slams Into Dam

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 09:58:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:27:15 -0500  
Subject: Object From Sky Slams Into Dam

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/state/nsw/metnsw-9dec1999-1.htm>

Unidentified object slams into NSW town's water supply

Emergency services have swung into action at Guyra in the north of New South Wales where the town's water supply dam has been hit by something which has crashed from the sky.

Police, fire brigade, council officers and scientists have begun investigations.

Emergency services are mystified as to what has happened at the dam, except to say something has crashed from the sky with great force, enough force to throw up piles of mud and flatten reeds in an area 15 metres long and six metres wide.

Fire brigade hazardous materials units are on the scene which has been cordoned off.

Tests are currently being carried out on the water supply to see if it has been polluted with an unknown agent and until then Guyra Shire Council has imposed severe emergency water restrictions.

A meeting will be held tomorrow to determine just what steps will be necessary to identify what might have crashed into the dam and if its done something to the water making it unfit to drink.

There are no casualties.

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<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>

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## P-47: Breaking Story In Australia - Guyra "UFO"

From: John Stepkowski <[legion@MIRA.NET](mailto:legion@MIRA.NET)>  
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 06:47:52 +1100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:44:09 -0500  
Subject: P-47: Breaking Story In Australia - Guyra "UFO"

\* Herb Taylor writes:

>Greetings to the list:

>This has just come in, having been heard on the Paul Harvey news show less  
>than an hour ago. It seems that an unidentified object was seen to fall from  
>the sky in Australia, causing a lot of ground damage, and apparently sunk  
>into some mud. The area has been cordoned off by the authorities. An  
>interesting story that needs to be followed. Perhaps our colleague Bill  
>Chalker can give us the latest on what this is all about.

An early story about this:

>From: <http://www.theage.com.au/news/19991210/A27445-1999Dec9.html>

A bolt from the loo? A town deals with an alien experience

By GREG BEARUP  
GUYRA

Friday 10 December 1999

Locals examine the area flattened by an unidentified projectile  
in Guyra, New South Wales. Picture: RICK STEVENS

"Obviously," observed a droll Roger Woodward - well-known  
concert pianist and conspiracy theorist - "they are coming".

Woodward was yesterday part of the crowd trying to get a look at  
the site where an as yet unidentified flying object ploughed  
through bullrushes and into a reservoir in the Great Dividing  
Range in northern New South Wales.

The pianist happened to be in the neighborhood looking at real  
estate. But hot on his heels were crowds of media, officials and  
space cadets drawn by the mysterious crater. There hasn't been  
this much unearthly activity in town since the Guyra Ghost  
terrorised a local family back in the '20s.

The thing fell from the sky sometime between Monday and  
Wednesday, when a local official spotted its track through the  
bullrushes into the dam. Divers discovered yesterday that  
whatever it was had drilled a tunnel of about 40cms diameter  
deep in the sludge at the bottom. It can't be unearthed until  
heavy equipment is brought in this morning.

Mr David Blanks, who works in "investments", made a special  
detour to the site, north of Armidale, when he heard of the  
event on radio as he drove from Sydney to Brisbane.

Mr Blanks said he did some serious investigations into alien  
abductions while he was living in America. "People don't take  
this sort of thing seriously in Australia but in America and  
Europe there are whole government departments looking at this."  
Is there a need for such a department, say, in NSW? "Maybe  
there already is one."

Speculating on whether we could be looking at an alien abduction  
scenario here, one of the locals expressed the hope that



whatever was down there could hold its breath better than Harold Holt. "Oh, there is an amphibious variety," confided Mr Blanks.

Putting a dampener on the extra-terrestrial angle was the editor of Sky and Space magazine, Mr Jonathan Nally. His bet is that the mystery projectile is either a hoax, a meteorite or frozen waste from the toilet of a passing aircraft.

Peter Starr, who manages the Guyra water treatment works, started the frenzy when he made his regular check on the reservoir. "Well, I seen where the reeds had been flattened and I didn't know what had caused it," Mr Starr said yesterday. "I just knew that whatever it was it had fallen from the sky." He didn't go into the water to find out what had caused it. "No bloody fear I didn't," he said. "There's no future in that."

A stop has been placed on the pumping of water from the dam to the town and severe water restrictions are in place until the mystery is solved.

The ranges near Guyra are used by the RAAF for dummy bombing runs. Two F1-11s have ploughed into nearby hills in the past 20 years but the local policeman, Sergeant Larry Hoffman, said the RAAF insisted they had no planes in the area and all parts are accounted for.

"We really have no idea what caused it," Sergeant Hoffman said. But he wouldn't mind if Sigourney Weaver emerged from the swamp, he said.

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Update:

Tests on the water in the dam have revealed no toxins or radioactivity and it's expected to be cleared for pumping to the local township at 6:00 p.m. tonight local time.

A possible eyewitness saw what he described as a "falling star" at approx. 9 p.m on Monday.

"It was blue, between the size of a golf ball and a tennis ball and it came from an easterly direction. It shot down at a 45-degree angle."

Police divers have located a 20 metre long by 1 metre wide tunnel in the mud at the bottom of the dam. Earth-moving equipment will be used later this morning in an attempt to recover whatever might be buried at the other end of the tunnel.

One local Guyra car dealership is already advertising:

FOR SALE  
SECOND HAND  
UFO PARTS  
Limited Supply Only

Keep an eye on eBay to see if any of these "parts" turn up there -- along with the Polar Lander. ;-)

Regards,  
John

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## CSETI New Video - 4 UPN Pieces

From: **Tony Craddock** <[webmaster@cseti.org](mailto:webmaster@cseti.org)>  
Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 19:00:13 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:08:12 -0500  
Subject: CSETI New Video - 4 UPN Pieces

Four new videos are up on the CSETI Website .

All are UPN News Investigative Reports.

They are on the Sturrock UFO report (next to the USA Today flag), anomalies on the Moon, and under "Mars", the Investigative Reports Parts 1 and 2 for the Cydonia region of Mars.

In Part 2, listen to NASA JPL's Dr. Arden Albee get highly defensive when Tammy Taylor puts him on the spot about removing 60% of the data from the Cydonia images from the Mars Global Surveyor.

Regards

Tony Craddock  
Web Administrator  
CSETI  
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## Peter Davenport Chat

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 18:05:12 PST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:03:45 -0500  
Subject: Peter Davenport Chat

Greetings list -

Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center, will be chatting live on Monday, December 13 at 7 PM CST at the Alabama Live website.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.al.com/chat/chats/peterdavenport.html>

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)

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## Re: [M-TRAC - MSAA] Conspiracy?

From: Sue Kovios <[bradford@globalserve.net](mailto:bradford@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 23:27:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:16:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: [M-TRAC - MSAA] Conspiracy?

Date: Tue, 07 Dec 1999 09:41:56 -0800  
From: John Dyck <[JDYCK@cymbolic.com](mailto:JDYCK@cymbolic.com)>  
To: [cydonia@listbox.com](mailto:cydonia@listbox.com)  
Subject: [M-TRAC - MSAA] Conspiracy?

Bit of interesting trivia here:

While listening to the radio on my way to work this morning, the morning news came on and during the news the subject of the failed Mars polar lander came up.

During this conversation they also mentioned the failed Mars global orbiter and went on further to say that yesterday on the internet they had come across a story about the orbiter and the fact that one day before the orbiter was due to reach Mars, staff at Nasa had noticed two people were uploading new telemetry data to the orbiter.

Security was called and these two were checked out. Their I.D's were verified and apparently did check out at the time. However, according to this story, about a month later, they were again investigated and found to have never worked at Nasa or JPL.

So, this was aired this morning here in Vancouver, B.C by the radio station CFOX. 99.3 F.M on your dial. The morning deejays are Larry and Willy. They have a website at CFOX.com. They talked about this at 7:00 am during the height of rush-hour and again at 9:00 am.

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## P-47: Re: Breaking story in Australia Guyra NSW

From: **Bill Chalker** <[bill\\_c@BIGPOND.COM](mailto:bill_c@BIGPOND.COM)>  
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 07:25:17 PST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:43:36 -0500  
Subject: P-47: Re: Breaking story in Australia Guyra NSW

>From: [HerbUFO@AOL.COM](mailto:HerbUFO@AOL.COM) <[HerbUFO@AOL.COM](mailto:HerbUFO@AOL.COM)>  
>To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM) <[PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)>  
>Date: Thursday, December 09, 1999 11:55 AM  
>Subject: Breaking story in Australia

The media have had a field day. The evidence at this stage appears to support some sort of impact from above and most authorities seem to favour a meteorite.

Some sort of event precipitated the effects on the reeds on the edge of the town water supply dam - 15 m by 6 m reed effect on surface. No apparent prosaic contamination or radiation.

Evidence seems to support entry at 45 degrees or less.

A 40 cm diameter "tunnel" of some 12 metres in length (to be confirmed).

No explicit correlations with UFO event, but a number of reports are emerging of activity on Monday night, 6/12.

Nothing seen at site Monday afternoon.

Found during day Tuesday, Dec 7th reports vary from around midday to 3.15 pm by local worker involved in routine monitoring of dam.

Evidence of a number of reports on Monday night involving red beams of light.

An extraordinary report from a 74 year old gent driving between Armidale and Glen Innes at 2.30 am, Tuesday morning, in which he encountered strange light display, disorientation, sharp radio interference, heat and short duration rapid red/orange light illumination.

He experienced strong eye "burn" - UV?

Canberra Siesmic centre (Kevin McCe) is reporting some sort of "sonic disturbance" over nearby Armidale at 8.15 pm Tuesday.

Another witness, Barbara Ross reported visual sighting - an "object", then suddenly green light - the air was filled with green light - then about 30 secs later a loud explosion - timing and exact location unknown, but presumed in Guyra area.

So a lot to sort out, but intriguing.

A bit of a circus zoo atmosphere and there are UFO investigators there already and more to follow!

Best wishes,

Bill Chalker

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## Australia - Does Guyra Have A UFO In It's Dam?

From: Ken Margolis <[Kenmargo@aol.com](mailto:Kenmargo@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 1999 00:47:24 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 17:22:12 -0500  
Subject: Australia - Does Guyra Have A UFO In It's Dam?

DOES GUYRA HAVE A UFO IN IT'S DAM?  
9th Dec 1999

<radio transcript snips>

Melbourne researchers, John Auchettl [LtCol] and Ron Barnett [Dr] from Phenomena Research Australia (PRA) reported on Radio National today.

"We flew up from Melbourne yesterday and have been up at the location for over 24 hours. We plan to do a 'fly over' to get some vision on the ground effect. But at present the site is cold and from reports the event has taken place some time between Monday and midday yesterday.

We went over the impact site in some detail. It is located in the Guyra water supply dam on the outskirts of the town, north of Armidale (NSW Australia). We arrived at the location very early on the 8th [Dec] and checked out the location with a number of research tools. The radiation level at the site was at normal back ground level. That night, an IR camera was used to look for hot spots, none were located. Samples has been taken and will be looked at.

We did find the site interesting. Normally, we would not travel to such sites, but the information sent to us from DoD warranted a look. So yes, the impact has some strange aspects to it that need to be looked at. For example:

- Angle of entry to the dam was very shallow less than 45 degrees.
- For such an impact to occur in a population of about 2000 no one recalls a sound of a sonic boom or explosion.
- The surface has burn marks; this is very unusual for a meteorite impact.
- I had a good look at the reeds on the bank. They are down in a strange shape not quite like an explosion but have the characteristics of a compression wave.
- The mud splash is also interesting as it lets us know how much energy was in the impact but the sting in the tail, with this impact, is on the other side [bank], the object may have skipped on the water.
- There was no witness to the impact.

After our examination, I cannot rule out an explosive device, or some elaborate hoax. Viewing the site makes me feel confident that it's not man made. We need to get the samples looked at and someone needs to go down into the mud and water and have a look. My first hypothesis is that it a meteorite. But that just conjecture.

We felt that the area should be shut down until the police

cleared it, and they have done that at last. The media - radio and TV - have taken to this story with some vigour and it's turned into a bit of a "zoo". Some of the stories are starting to develop and the precision will soon be lost. One, media reporter wanted me to run the alien story line. I can tell you right now there is no report of 'little green men'; in fact, there is not report of the event from any locals, around the area at present.

The alleged object was not seen entering the dam and while the subject is 'press hot' and everyone is running around the area, little can be done. I can say until further evidence is presented the matter remains unresolved and at the moment a police and EPA problem. With time we will follow up any data that may end the mystery."

REF:

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OTHER WEB DATA:

THE AGE - MELBOURNE -  
<http://www.theage.com.au/breaking/9912/09/A26303-1999Dec9.shtml>

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH - SYDNEY -  
<http://www.news.com.au/>

ABC NEWS -  
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/default.htm>

SOUND + VIDEO VISION -  
[http://www.abc.net.au/news/1999/12/item19991209122818\\_1.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/news/1999/12/item19991209122818_1.htm)

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Neil Morris <[neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 20:51:06 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 17:26:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 12:13:51 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 17:24:34 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 11:42:53 +0000  
>>From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>To: [updates@globalseve.net](mailto:updates@globalseve.net)  
>>Subject: AA Film Research

>>Dear All,

>>Does anyone out there happen to have a copy of the research done  
>>by Rob Irving on the alleged film canister labels from the Alien  
>>Autopsy film?

><snip>

>The problem is that I had researched the subject and found  
>evidence that "restricted" was in fact legitimate and that  
>sometimes, under certain circumstances the date could be written  
>as July 30th 1947. I contacted Kent Jeffrey through one of his  
>researchers( a member of this list) and told them of my  
>information. They said the letters I cited had been  
>debunked,and they were sure of their facts. They were wrong.  
>But that didn't prevent them from releasing information they  
>knew was in doubt. There are many other examples of critics  
>using false assertions to condemn the footage and then not  
>correcting the record. I certainly don't mean any disrespect  
>to you or Tim, but what the Alien Autopsy needs, more than  
>another book, is a re-examination and debate, one that is, open,  
>honest, and cooperative.

>Would you be willing to work toward those ends?

>Ed

Dear Ed,

I think Philip would be the first to agree he and Ray and \_not\_  
the best of friends.<g>

I note your continued interest in the AA film and concure with  
your view it does indeed need a re-evaluation. Please look out  
for the RPIT Report No2 to be issued shortly for my reasons, you  
may be suprised, if not shocked.

Neil.

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Web Sites: Roswell and Alien Autopsy  
<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/>  
The Fort Worth Photographs of James Bond Johnson

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

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## Possible Eyewitness To Guyra Mystery

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 13:19:37 PST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 17:28:04 -0500  
Subject: Possible Eyewitness To Guyra Mystery

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.abc.net.au/pm/s72148.htm>  
(Audio Available)

Possible eyewitness to Guyra mystery  
PM - Thursday, December 9, 1999 6:33

COMPERE: I was wondering if perhaps the Martians had sent back the Polar Lander, but there is one man who's sure the mystery object is a meteorite.

Fossicker Doug Strang was having a quiet beer and watching the sky near Mt Isa in north-west Queensland last night when something passed overhead. He described what he saw to Gerald Tooth.

DOUG STRANG: A white object with tailings it was obviously burning up and it was going a nice steady pace. I mean was it a shooting star? It looked like a comet. It was obviously burning up. I surmised it was something that had entered the atmosphere.

GERALD TOOTH: And you saw it travelling across the sky toward the horizon, is that right?

DOUG STRANG: Yes. And as it moved towards the horizon it split up into three or four sections.

GERALD TOOTH: It broke up into various pieces?

DOUG STRANG: Yes, three or four little dots came out of the big one. So ...

GERALD TOOTH: And could you see what those pieces did? Did they fall to ground?

DOUG STRANG: Actually no. What I did see after four little, smaller dots in alignment and then nothing. That was it. I didn't see anything fall.

GERALD TOOTH: Could what you saw be connected to the incident in Guyra where an unknown object dropped into a dam?

DOUG STRANG: Without a doubt. Without a doubt.

GERALD TOOTH: So you think what you saw was a meteorite breaking up and part of that could have fallen into the dam at Guyra?

DOUG STRANG: Yes I'd say that. So as three or four other pieces of debris [indistinct] obviously.

GERALD TOOTH: Where did you see this?

DOUG STRANG: Twenty K, north-east of Mt Isa. Twenty K.

GERALD TOOTH: And you were out fossicking at the time and just looked up at the sky and saw this meteorite going over?

DOUG STRANG: Well it getting towards dark and I was heading

home, and I stopped off for a drink - [laughs].

GERALD TOOTH: Stopped off for a beer or two?

DOUG STRANG: Yeah, I mean, to relax and have a beer before I go home.

GERALD TOOTH: Did anybody else see this incident?

DOUG STRANG: No, no, no. There was no cars on the highway at the time either. It was just off the highway. I always do this. I relax and have a beer and enjoy the sky. I'm like that, and there it was.

GERALD TOOTH: Have you ever seen anything like this before?

DOUG STRANG: Nothing like that. No, but like I said, I think I did tell you I saw an Apollo entry. I saw one of those years ago and that was fantastic, but I know what that looks like.

GERALD TOOTH: And this didn't look like that?

DOUG STRANG: Oh no, no way. No this was too close. No this was a definite burning up. It was very, very close.

GERALD TOOTH: Could it have been a space craft coming into the atmosphere?

DOUG STRANG: Oh look, look, space craft, I don't know about that. I'm not into that. Space crafts. I've never seen a space craft so I wouldn't know. [Laughs].

GERALD TOOTH: What did you think it was?

DOUG STRANG: I thought at first, for the first couple of seconds oh a comet. Magic, I thought, oh this is fantastic, and then I thought, no, it can't be, it can't be a comet. It would have to be a meteor or actually space junk was the other one. I thought the space junk re-entering the atmosphere. It was definitely not a space ship. It didn't resemble anything like that, no way, no, no.

COMPERE: Doug Strang, a fossicker from Mt Isa talking to Gerald Tooth.

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Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)

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## 3-Reports On UFO Crashing Into Australian Dam

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:21:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 17:31:31 -0500  
Subject: 3-Reports On UFO Crashing Into Australian Dam

Here are three news reports from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation:

Source:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/regionals/neweng/regeng-9dec1999-10.htm>

Thu, 9 Dec 1999 18:19 AEDT  
LOCAL NEWS: Tamworth

"Divers find cavern in hunt for mystery object"

Police divers searching the water supply dam at Guyra, on the New South Wales northern tablelands, have found what they describe as a subterranean cavern, or tunnel, below the water line.

The divers were called in after suspicions that a meteorite or a piece of space junk had crashed into the dam.

Late this afternoon, the police divers found the cavern, indicating that an object had entered the water and the floor of the dam at high speed. They say it traveled through the earth for about 12 metres after impact.

No object has yet been found. The divers have now suspended their search until tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile, this afternoon health authorities announced water in the Guyra dam is not contaminated.

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Source:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/regionals/neweng/regeng-9dec1999-9.htm>

Thu, 9 Dec 1999 17:38 AEDT  
LOCAL NEWS: Tamworth

"Guyra dam searched for unidentified object"

Police divers have been searching the water supply dam at Guyra, on the NSW northern tablelands, for an unidentified object believed to have crashed into the storage.

Reeds near the water's edge were flattened and large areas of mud disturbed when something crashed into the water.

But no-one knows exactly what it could have been.

Authorities say the most likely scenario is a piece of junk or a small meteorite.

Meanwhile, health authorities have announced that tests have found water in the Guyra Dam is not contaminated.

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Source:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/regionals/neweng/regeng-9dec1999-8.htm>

Thu, 9 Dec 1999 14:30 AEDT  
LOCAL NEWS: Tamworth

"Suspicious object subject to speculation"

Mystery still surrounds what has fallen into the water supply dam at Guyra, on the northern tablelands.

Police divers are being brought in this afternoon with, water sample test results to be announced by the Environment Protection Authority.

Police and emergency services say they do not know what it is, but it has flattened reeds and thrown up a large area of mud.

Experts have come up with any number of theories, including a piece of space junk, a meteorite, a falling star, a frozen block of sewage from a passenger aircraft, the Mars probe looking for water or even martians landing on earth.

Police have sealed off the area and releases from the dam have been stopped, pending the water test results.

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 1999 13:12:51 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 17:49:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

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Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 12:13:51 -0800  
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Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>I realize that you and Ray are friends but I just can't see how  
>there could ever be a "balanced discussion" of the Santilli  
>alien autopsy? The decision has already been made by most  
>Ufologists and the common folk: The footage is a bald hoax and  
>a scam.

And this is the wrong decision, because...

>Case closed, right?

Case closed, for me, a long time ago. But it was, IMO, Theresa  
Carlson, who really put the final nail in the autopsy alien's  
coffin.

>Never mind that the evidence against the footage is sketchy, at

How so? Perhaps it is sketchy to you because you refuse to see  
the autopsy for the scam, perpetrated on all of us by Ray  
Santilli and others (including Philip Mantle), that it really  
is.

>best. Ray has been unjustifiably made to look like either a  
>dishonest con man and schemer( and worse), or a dupe or  
>disinformationist. Not one of these characterizations is true.

So, what is he Ed? A Saint? I don't think so. Ray saw a way to  
make money and he, more than likely, did.

>But what does seem to be true is that Ray Santilli, through a  
>set of fortuitous circumstances, came into possession of some  
>marvelously intriguing rolls of fifty year old film which shows  
>the dissection of a "creature with no business here" and some  
>of the debris from the creature's vehicle.

No one has seen any fifty-year-old film with pictures of the  
autopsy alien on it.

>The problem Kevin Randle seems to have with the classification  
>of "Restricted Top Secret" is an example of the type of  
>disinformation/misinformation that surrounds the autopsy  
>footage.

>In Kent Jeffrey's hit piece on Santilli, Jeffrey makes a big  
>deal about the "restricted" designation found on the first film  
>that Santilli publicly showed. Kent felt "restricted" wasn't  
>a legitimate military security designation:

>"RESTRICTED ACCESS  
>A01 CLASSIFICATION  
>SUBJECT 1 of 2  
>JULY 30th 1947"

>Jeffrey adds: "The Sunday Times article points out, however,

>that 'restricted' access' is not a recognized U.S. military  
>code and that the A01 classification had been dismissed as 'pure  
>Hollywood'. Even more telling is the month-day-year format of  
>the date. The U.S. military always uses a day-month-year  
>format. Therefore, the date should have read '30 July 1947'."

>The problem is that I had researched the subject and found  
>evidence that "restricted" was in fact legitimate and that  
>sometimes, under certain circumstances the date could be  
>written as July 30th 1947.

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>researchers (a member of this list) and told them of my  
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>debunked, and they were sure of their facts. They were wrong.  
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>knew was in doubt. There are many other examples of critics  
>using false assertions to condemn the footage and then not  
>correcting the record. I certainly don't mean any disrespect  
>to you or Tim, but what the Alien Autopsy needs, more than  
>another book, is a re-examination and debate, one that is,  
>open, honest, and cooperative.

Even if these documents you claim exist were valid, that would  
not make the autopsy real. All that would do is make that one  
assertion by Jeffrey incorrect.

BTW, I suspect you are talking about me because I seem to  
remember having several tiring emails from you. I didn't do  
Kent's research for him, all I did was answer a few questions  
and emails for him. Any questions you had were passed on to him  
and any reply you received was a reply he directed me to send.  
While I haven't looked at any of this autopsy crap (great  
phrasing Roger!) in over a year and a half, I probably still  
stand-by what Kent wrote in his last article about the autopsy  
footage.

Best,  
Rebecca

PS. The last thing anyone needs to do is rehash the autopsy  
crap. If you have something new that requires a response, great,  
if not, it's over for me.

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## Re: Blather Addendum - Competition!

From: Daev Walsh <[daev@blather.net](mailto:daev@blather.net)>  
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 19:59:59 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 20:58:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Blather Addendum - Competition!

BLATHER HASN'T A CLUE

Idjits, gobdaws, amadans that we are - in our haste to deliver the owl Blather, didn't we forget to include details of the Blather competition - who won the last one, and how you can win Jock Howson's '2020: Hindsight', Paul Krassner's 'Pot Stories for the Soul', and '3 Myths of Gods, Devils and Beasts' by the Rhipidon Society. Head on to <http://www.blather.net/winstuff.html> for more details.

The winners of last issues's competition were: Ted Kane in Los Angeles, who gets a copy of the complete works of Charles Fort, thanks to the fine people of the International Fortean Society (<http://www.research.umbc.edu/~frizzell/info>). Michael Benedetti in New Jersey gets his hands on a copy of 'Everything Is Under Control: Conspiracies, Cults, and Cover-Ups' (<http://www.rawilson.com/bookstore.html>), thanks to Robert Anton Wilson (<http://www.rawilson.com/>). And finally, Shereen Beckett in Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland, receives a copy of '1900' by Mike Jay and Michael Neve ([http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/0141180838/qid%3D935690365/s\\_r%3D1-1/026-6526334-4090826](http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/0141180838/qid%3D935690365/s_r%3D1-1/026-6526334-4090826)).

And the questions were:

1) Charles Fort was born in Albany, New York, in 1874, and died in New York City in 1932. He lived for several years - more than eight, in fact, in one other city. What was the city?

NOT: Chicago  
ANSWER: London  
NOT: Dublin

2) When U.S. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas on November 22, 1963, An 8mm film of the event was captured by:

NOT: Oliver Stone  
NOT: Jim Garrison  
ANSWER: Abraham Zapruder

3) Who wrote the novel 'War of the Worlds'?

NOT: Orson Welles  
ANSWER: H.G. Wells  
NOT: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

AND NOW, YES YOU WIN MORE STUFF....

Yes, Blatherskites, we're giving 'more' stuff away. Actually, to be more precise, Blather is facilitating the giving away of stuff by other people, and this time there will be three winners, each of which will win one of three prizes. To enter, make your way to: <http://www.blather.net/winstuff.html>

Prize One: '2020: Hindsight - The Book of the Bug'  
By Jock Howson

Jock writes: 2020:Hindsight is a new and uniquely challenging entrant into the Post-holocaust lists. Ranking alongside Miller's 'Canticle for Leibowitz' and Pournelle's 'Lucifer's Hammer', it predicated the collapse of western society as a result of severe financial and technical problems associated with the Millennium Bug.

Written retrospectively in the year 2020, it is the tale of how a small community survives the horrors and torments of The End and the chaos and confusion that follows. The narrator, known only as The Librarian, a man crippled in the food riots which precede the final collapse, tells the tale of how the Bug, both directly and indirectly, causes economic and social collapse. He tells us also of his small community's tragicomically inept fight against external and internal social disintegration.

Through the Librarian's rambling and doubtful account we come to understand the true nature of their passage through a Hobbesian decline to a dysfunctional and ultimately doomed existence.

The book is primarily black comedy and bitter satire, indelicately interwoven with farce and tragedy in a complex and innovative structure and style. Largely devoid of plot or character or narrative description but structurally and textually rich and demanding, it is full of thought-provoking incident and allusion. It brings into question most of our literary and social precepts, challenging our views on personal relationships and on the relationships between perception and belief, and fiction and reality, and truth and deception. And self-deception.

It must also makes us question just what will happen when the new Millennium arrives.

A very worrying entertainment.

([http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/0953614107/qid=943643698/sr=1-10/02\\_6-4870404-2448035](http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/0953614107/qid=943643698/sr=1-10/02_6-4870404-2448035))

Prize Two: Pot Stories For  
the Soul  
Compiled by Paul Krassner  
With a foreword by Harlan Ellison  
Published by 'High Times'  
(<http://www.hightimes.com/>)

'For this book, Paul Krassner contacted 250 friends and acquaintances to cull stories. These true tales, ranging from funny to bizarre to poignant, include "How the Yippies Mailed 30,000 Joints to Perfect Strangers," "The Bust at Ken Kesey's Place," and "The Acid Trip of a Death Row Prisoner.'

([http://www.hightimes.com/ht/baz/product.tpl\\$showpage?var1=Pot%20Stories%20For%20The%20Soul&cart=302744090184](http://www.hightimes.com/ht/baz/product.tpl$showpage?var1=Pot%20Stories%20For%20The%20Soul&cart=302744090184))

Prize Three: '3 Myths of Gods, Devils and Beasts'  
by the Rhipidon Society

'Three Myths of Gods, Devils and Beasts (ISBN 0-9659512-3-5) features essays that explain the mythical origins of three powerful archetypes: the Phoenix, the Baphomet and the Greek god Dionysus. Named after the truth-seekers who meet a child-god in Phillip K. Dick's literary, gnostic landmark, VALIS, the Rhipidon Society pokes and prods these subjects to unravel hidden symbolism and historical connections that will enlighten and challenge those who wish to take this academic and speculative joyride through a landscape populated by weird beasts, brazen maenads, and goat-headed gods. Secret societies, strange heretics, and forbidden rites are handled with a steady balance between esoteric insight and absurd humor, as if the book were a collaboration between Joseph Campbell and the Fleischer Cartoon Studios. Students of the occult and lovers of mythology will find Three Myths to be a valuable resource.'

Re: Blather Addendum - Competition!

'3 Myths of Gods, Devils and Beasts' was donated by Breck Outland, and is available through the The Pentaradial Press (<http://www.pentaradial.com/>).

To enter, make your way to:  
<http://www.blather.net/winstuff.html>

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Dave Walsh, Blatherskite 'extra ordinem'  
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## Re: Astrobiology Program in the U.K.

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 1999 19:28:08 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 21:12:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astrobiology Program in the U.K.

Hi everyone.

With the loss of NASA's Mars Polar Lander, we now have to wait exactly four years until December 2003 for the next attempt to search for life on the surface of Mars since the Viking landers in 1976 detected something... This time the latest Mars lander, Beagle 2, will be from the United Kingdom.

With the inauguration of the U.K. Astrobiology Network, the first announcement that alien life has been discovered on another world may well come from the U.K.

Below is a notice I got about U.K.'s plans to find the answer to the question, "Are we alone in the universe?".

<snip>

Date: 9 December 1999  
For immediate release

Ref. PN 99/37

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LAUNCH OF A NEW SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINE IN THE U.K. - BNSC PRESS BRIEFING TO PRESENT THE FIRST U.K.REPORT ON ASTROBIOLOGY, THE SEARCH FOR LIFE BEYOND EARTH.

Members of the media are invited to attend a Press Briefing to mark the publication of the U.K. Astrobiology Report and the formal inauguration of the U.K. Astrobiology Network on:

MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 1999 at 11 am in the Spencer Gallery of The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London. Enter via the Museum's Cromwell Road Entrance.

Is there anyone out there? This question has intrigued humanity for centuries, but until now, there has been no organised, concerted effort by the scientific community to answer this fundamental question.

This situation is about to change. At the request of the British National Space Centre (BNSC), scientists from many different disciplines - geology, atmospheric physics, biology, chemistry, and astronomy - have come together as the U.K. Astrobiology Forum (formerly the U.K. Exobiology Forum) to consider the way forward for the U.K. in this important, pioneering area of research.

The end product of this consultative process is a new Report on the status of Astrobiology-related studies in this country and the potential for groundbreaking research into the possibility of extraterrestrial life in the years ahead.

This U.K. Astrobiology Report has now been published and it will be presented for the first time to the media and the scientific community at a meeting organised by BNSC (for details see above).

A panel of experts will be available to discuss the contents of the Report. Each panelist will also briefly describe his or her different research interests and perspectives on the search for life beyond Earth.

Presenting the report to the U.K. government on the way forward for this new scientific discipline will be:

Dr Don Cowan, (Chairman, BNSC UK Astrobiology Panel), University College London. Dr. Cowan is an expert on extremophiles - life forms which live in the most hostile environments found on Earth.

Dr Monica Grady, The Natural History Museum, London. Dr. Grady is an expert on meteorites and has taken part in studies of the Martian meteorite ALH 84001 which is considered by some scientists to contain evidence of primitive life on Mars.

Dr Alan Penny, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Didcot, Oxfordshire. Dr. Penny is an expert on the possibility of discovering Earth-like planets around other stars and a leading proponent of the Darwin space telescope.

Professor Colin Pillinger, Open University, Milton Keynes. Professor Pillinger is the leader of the team to design and build Beagle 2, a lander which will fly piggyback on the European Space Agency's Mars Express mission and touch down on the surface of Mars to search for signs of life.

There will also be a video presentation by Dr. David Wynn-Williams of the British Antarctic Survey. Dr. Wynn-Williams is a research group leader with 25 years' experience in studying Antarctic microbiology.

There will be opportunities for questions and interviews after the presentations. Copies of the printed report will also be available.

The briefing is expected to end by 12.30 pm.

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## Guyra 'UFO' - Small Meteorite

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Greetings list -

From: [http://news.ninemsn.com.au/01\\_national/story\\_10797.asp](http://news.ninemsn.com.au/01_national/story_10797.asp)

Guyra UFO mystery solved  
3:36 am AEST October 12 1999

AAP -- The mystery of the unidentified flying object that crashed into a northern New South Wales dam has been solved with police today confirming a small meteorite was responsible.

Police divers recovered sediment and fragments from the Guyra dam and geologists believed the sediment came from a small meteorite the size of a golf ball.

The meteorite penetrated the mud at the bottom of the dam and now was embedded about four metres into soft granite and was unable to be removed, police said.

Emergency services have left the area.

A council worker raised the alarm on Wednesday, when he discovered a 15m area of flattened reeds in the Guyra Reservoir at about 9am.

Several locals reported seeing an object falling out of the sky sometime between Monday and Wednesday morning.

Local authorities quickly cut-off the town's water supply after the discovery, concerned the object may have contaminated the water supply.

But experts yesterday said the water had not been contaminated and reinstated the town's water supply.

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Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
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Meteorite Blamed for Reservoir Mess

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — An object that crashed into an Australian reservoir was most likely a meteorite the size of a golf ball, authorities said Friday.

After signs that something had fallen into a reservoir, officials shut off the water supply to the nearby town of 235 miles north of Sydney.

Police set up barricades and scientists carrying Geiger-counters were called in to investigate.

The mystery made national news reports Thursday and triggered calls to radio talk shows from people offering explanations ranging from a Martian landing to a hoax by mischievous townsfolk.

A worker raised the alarm late Wednesday after noticing a path 50 feet long and several feet wide had been gouged through reeds growing next to the reservoir's dam, police said.

On Friday, police divers recovered sediment from the reservoir that geologists believe was stirred up by a small meteorite. Police said the meteorite was embedded about 14 feet into soft rock and could not be quickly removed.

Officials said radiation levels were normal and the water was not contaminated. Guyra's water supply was later turned back on.

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UFO ROUNDUP  
Volume 4, Number 33  
December 9, 1999  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

### MARS POLAR LANDER VANISHES

Like its sister spacecraft, the Mars Climate Orbiter, the Mars Polar Lander (MPL) vanished on Friday, December 3, 1999 while on the final leg of its trip to Mars.

The \$165 million spacecraft performed almost flawlessly during its 11-month, 470-million-mile voyage to Mars. It was set to land in the planet's southern hemisphere near the South Pole. Upon landing, two \$29 million electronic probes were to be jettisoned in order to burrow into the soil in search of water or ice. The probes were named Scott and Amundsen after two Antarctic explorers.

The Mars Polar Lander entered the planet's atmosphere shortly before noon (California time). The spacecraft sent a radio signal acknowledging the launch of the Scott and Amundsen probes at 12:06 p.m. The MPL then began a 30-minute period of radio silence as it descended to the surface.

"After the first contact (with MPL) failed at 12:39 p.m.PST, there was a second try around 2:04 p.m. and a third try at 8:30 p.m., but there was no success in those efforts, either."

"'So far I feel like I've been stood up on a date,' Mars program scientist Dave Crisp said late FRIday. But he held out hope that his date with Mars is not off, just late. 'If that's the case, all is forgiven.'"

"Engineers kept telling the probe to scan the sky to look for Earth late Friday, but it couldn't connect."

All day on Saturday, December 4, 1999, the team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, USA attempted to make radio contact with the Mars Polar Lander and its two mini-probes. "Going into two more tries late Saturday, officials at the Jet Propulsion Lab have tried 13 times to contact the three different probes without success."

Sunday, December 5, 1999, saw more heartbreaking news for MPL team members. "The failure to communicate with the spacecraft Sunday morning was a serious blow." MPL scientists "planned all day to try another method of communication at 9:40 p.m. PST, and if that failed, several more in the following days."

The Mars Polar Lander had two high-tech radio antennae aboard. The dish-shaped medium-gain antenna, located on the MPL's side, had to be pointed directly at Earth to communicate with the controllers. The tube-shaped ultra-high-frequency (UHF) antenna on top of the probe was able to communicate indirectly with Earth. The UHF antenna could send a signal to the Mars Global Surveyor, already in orbit around the planet, which would then relay the MPL signal to Earth.

"Just after 1 a.m. on Monday, scientists listened for a signal from the spacecraft's main antenna but heard nothing."

On Tuesday, December 7, the MPL team looked for "messages from a backup (UHF) antenna on the lander."

"If that failed, scientists were to make a final serious attempt to establish contact. They were to order the lander's main antenna to sweep the sky on Wednesday and beam signals to a wide swath of the universe."

"Two pods that rode the lander to Mars and were supposed to probe the Martian atmosphere almost are certainly lost. Nothing was heard from them Monday, the deadline for them to make contact with Earth."

Although no specific cause of the loss of the Mars Polar Lander has yet been announced, some NASA officials are speculating that the lander's rocket thruster fuel may have frozen during its long voyage through space.

"In particular, the panel warned that the hydrazine fuel for the lander's retrorockets might freeze in space, producing ignition delays, irregular pulses and possibly leading to a topsy-turvy landing."

On Tuesday, December 7, NASA officials said they had turned on "heaters to begin warming the hydrazine...before the lander began its descent on Friday."

"The panel" which investigated the loss of the Mars Climate Orbiter ten weeks ago "expressed worry that the lander's 12 thrusters had 'to act in unison to ensure a stable descent,' and that such a complex feat had never been tried before."

The loss of the Mars Polar Lander follows a pattern of doomed Mars missions. MPL's sister spacecraft, Mars Climate Orbiter, vanished while passing behind Mars to enter orbit. Pathfinder and its companion robot explorer, Sojourner, landed successfully on Mars but went dead six weeks later in 1997. The \$1 billion Mars Observer vanished while enroute to Mars in 1993. (See the Minneapolis, Minn. Star-Tribune for December 8, 1999, "NASA plans sweeping review," page 1; the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for December 4, 1999, "Mars probe fails to make connection with scientists" and December 8, 1999, "NASA report blasts inner workings of two Mars projects." Also USA Today for December 6, 1999, "Still no noise from Mars Polar Lander, probes;" December 7, 1999, "NASA prepares for last calls to silent spacecraft:" and December 8, 1999, "NASA may delay Mars missions." (Editor's Comment: Why do I get the feeling that the Mars Polar Lander is sitting in some giant saucer's cargo hold, right next to the Mars Climate Orbiter and the Mars Observer. Maybe the alien skipper plans to open a museum.)

#### CYLINDRICAL UFO HOVERS OVER SHANGHAI

A large light gray cylindrical UFO appeared over the western end of Shanghai, the largest city in China, and hovered there for one hour on Thursday afternoon, December 2, 1999.

The hovering UFO was seen by about 100 people and was reported in two large newspapers, the Shanghai Daily, and the Wenhui Daily, in their Friday, December 3, editions.

Upon receiving a telephone call from an eyewitness, "a reporter for Wenhui Daily hurried to the 43rd floor of a building" and "claimed he saw an illuminated object stationary in the sky for ten minutes before it disappeared."

Two TV stations in Shanghai broadcast color video footage of the UFO, described as "an object darting through the sky with a flaming orange tail."

"A former researcher at the Shanghai Observatory, Professor Jiang Xiaoyuan, was one of the witnesses but he could not offer an explanation."

"The UFO hovered over the city for an hour and a half, reports said."

Radar operators at Hongqiao International Airport near Shanghai said they detected "nothing out of the ordinary" on their radar sets. (See the Chinese newspaper Wenhui Daily for December 3, 1999, "UFO appears in the sky over Shanghai." Many thanks to Jim Hickman of Aerial Phenomena Research Group for forwarding the newspaper article.)

#### CHINESE BIGFOOT TRACKED AT NATURE PRESERVE

On Sunday, December 5, 1999, the China Daily reported that a scientific team in the Shennongjia mountains of Hubeir Province, China had found physical evidence of a large hairy hominid, which they called "a wild man."

"Standing eight feet tall with long red hair and a taste for corn on the cob, (China's) Big Foot is back and apparently running around a nature preserve in central China."

"Chinese scientists are on the trail of the legendary beast after a hunter reported seeing a creature in Hubeir province in Shenongjia Nature Reserve two months ago, the China Daily said. The scientists found 16-inch footprints, brown hair and chewed corncobs and concluded they were not left by a bear." (See USA Today for December 8, 1999, "Big Foot Returns," page 24A) (Editor's Note: Reports of hairy "wild men" in the Shennongjia mountains of Hubei province date back to 2,000 B.C. More recently, Zhou Guoxing encountered a seven-foot-tall hominid in the preserve in 1977. See Unexplained Mysteries of the Twentieth Century by Janet and Colin Bord, Contemporary Books, 1982, page 207.)

#### SEVEN UFOs SIGHTED IN BANDON, OREGON

On Monday, November 1, 1999, eyewitness A.S. and 12 other witnesses saw seven "circular things" in the sky over Bandon, Oregon (population 2,215), a small town on Highway 101 85 miles (112 kilometers) west of Roseburg.

"I was in Bandon at 9 a.m., visiting the cheese factory," A.S. reported, "And all of a sudden, I saw a flash of gray and looked and these things were headed for the (Pacific) ocean, which was right next to a campsite."

"They had a weird color on the bottom, like a little flash of blue light. They were going about twenty miles per hour and were three miles up. When I could not see them (anymore), I left my car." (Email Form Report)

#### SILVER CYLINDRICAL UFO SEEN IN DANDRIDGE

UFO hotspot Dandridge, Tennessee (population 1,540) is back in the news again.

On Thursday, December 2, 1999, Patricia G. reports, "At 12:25 p.m. this afternoon, I was sky-watching and actually got lucky. A silver cylinder flying north to southwest was flying rather slowly. I'm afraid I can't tell the altitude, but it was large."

"At first I thought it might be a jumbo jet, so I looked through my binoculars, and to my delight there were no wings or tail, just a smooth silver cylinder. There was no jetstream or contrail or whatever you call it."

On Wednesday night, December 1, Patricia's daughter "saw a blue light that pulsed in the northeast sky. She said it was as large as a pencil eraser. She was driving home and lost sight of it when she got home."

Dandridge is located 23 miles (36 kilometers) east of Knoxville. (Email Interview)

#### GREECE DEPORTS TWO BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIANS

"Two suspected members of a U.S. doomsday cult were deported to New York on Tuesday," December 7, 1999, "the second group expelled from Greece ahead of the millenium."

"Police said the two suspected cult members of the Denver-based group Concerned Christians and two children were taken into custody Monday (December 6, 1999) near the seaside town of Rafina, 15 miles (25 kilometers) east of Athens. Eighteen others were expelled Sunday (December 5, 1999) amid fears that the group was planning to mark 2000 with mass suicide."

"Those deported were U.S. citizens with expired resident permits, police said."

"Police have been looking for other suspected cult members near Athens, where the group is thought to have settled after 14 alleged members were deported from Israel in January." (See UFO Roundup volume 4, number 2--J.T.)

"The group's leader, Monte Kim Miller, has said he would die in Jerusalem this month and be resurrected three days later." (See the Minneapolis, Minn. Star-Tribune for December 8, 1999, "Greece deports two suspected soomsday cult members to N.Y.," page A10.)

Although the professed born-again Christians of Miller's sect have committed no crimes, they have been hunted and hounded by the Shin Bet, Israel's security police. In October, "twenty-one evangelical Christians, including at least 13 Americans, were arrested in Jerusalem early Monday and ordered to leave Israel by Thursday." (See USA Today for October 26, 1999, "Israel orders religious groups out.")

(Editor's Comment: So much for religious freedom in the NATO countries. Yeah, you can tell these born-again are a bunch of "terrorists." They're always walking around with a KJV. That's a Bible, by the way, not a firearm.)

Y2K: IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE D-DAY

December 28 is shaping up as a key day in the Y2K computer crisis. Several sources now cite this date as the launch point of the USA government's response to Y2K problems.

According to WorldNet Daily, "President Clinton has already made plans to declare a national emergency because of expected disruptions caused by the Y2K computer problem, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) documents.

"A final training session followed by a mock Y2K disaster exercise will include the actual disruptions and problems that Y2K emergency planners believe will take place during the change to the New Year."

"Plans for the emergency" response "were made known to the FEMA officials and all federal employees in preparation for use by the Information Coordinating Center, run by the President's Council on the Year 2000 Technology Problem."

"The staff on hand at the Information Coordinating Center have been told to expect a presidential declaration of a national emergency. FEMA staff who will run the actual operation centers have been told the same thing."

"Should it become necessary, a presidential 'emergency' rather than a 'major disaster,' will be declared, and assistance will be focused on determining threats to life, health, safety and property, the Senate committee was told in a report from Lacy E. Suiter from the Response and Recovery Directorate of FEMA."

"A national emergency will be declared because FEMA officials have concluded that there will be more than 50 simultaneous Y2K-related disruptions throughout the country, which will stretch the nation's local, state and national emergency resources to the limit."

"The (USA) Department of Defense is so concerned that Deputy Secretary of Defense John J. Hamre has issued a memorandum to commanders in the field to be very cautious about using the military to assist civilian agencies. Hamre said local requests for help might seem appropriate, but he urged local commanders to be cautious about using the military to help with Y2K disruptions."



"Immediate responses that appear rational from a local perspective, but could collectively undermine the Department's ability to execute operational missions, should be ruled out," Hamre said."

"Hamre has ordered commanders to avoid using the military for Y2K problems unless there is a threat to life or damage to property."

"A presidential 'emergency' rather than a 'major disaster' declaration will be made if Y2K" disruptions exceed state and local resources available to deal with them, FEMA and other federal employees were told at the training sessions. (See WorldNet Daily for December 2, 1999, "Clinton set to declare national emergency.")

On Wednesday, December 1, 1999, Edwards Air Force Base, 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Los Angeles, suddenly terminated telephone and email communication with the outside world. The sudden security buildup triggered much speculation in the UFO community.

According to Rev. Billy Dee of UFO Sky Searchers International (UFOSSI), residents in nearby Lancaster and Palmdale, California "saw 20 more (UH-60) Blackhawk helicopters brought in, along with many Marines. The Marines already have several large twin and single rotor helicopters, and I've seen them every night this week, flying in groups of three over Lancaster and Palmdale."

On Friday, December 3, 1999, a large truck convoy arrived at the base, Rev. Dee reported, which included "23 semis with stainless steel tank trailers, like fuel trucks, just plain stainless steel with no markings, 40 cement trucks, 13 flatbed semis carrying pallets of plywood, and four flatbed semis carrying nothing but Porta-Potties."

(Editor's Comment: No, I don't think the Porta-Potties are for aliens. Sounds like another big MOUT exercise to me.)

In addition, an airman with the New York state Air National Guard confirmed that December 28 would be the date of some sort of government response to the Y2K crisis.

The airman, John B., told UFOSSI, "I am in the New York Air National Guard in an Active Guard Reserve status, and we were told yesterday (December 5, 1999) that we, as a unit in (USAF) Security Forces, are going to be on call from the 28th of December to the 7th of January for Y2K. Not that we are going to be deployed but just on standby." (Many thanks to Rev. Billy Dee for this report.)

(Editor's Comment: So it looks like the USA has joined Canada, the UK, Australia, New Zealand and Israel in putting troops on alert for possible Y2K trouble during the last week of December. Will Operation Abacus be launched? Stay tuned.)

from the UFO Files...

1864: ROSWELL IN UPSTATE NEW YORK?

In 1920, horror and fantasy writer Howard Phillips Lovecraft (1890-1937) wrote to fellow members of the Gallomo literary club, talking about a strange dream he had recently experienced.

"I have lately had another odd dream--specially singular because in it I possessed another personality-- a personality just as definite and vivid as the Lovecraft personality which characterises my waking hours."

"My name was Dr. Eben Spencer, and I was dressing before a mirror in my own room, in the house where I was born, in a small village (Dolgeville, N.Y., formerly called Brockett's Bridge--J.T.) of northern New York state. It was the first time I had donned civilian clothes in three years, for I was an Army surgeon with the rank of 1st Lieut.."

"I seemed to be home on a furlough--slightly wounded. On the wall was a calendar reading FRIDAY, July 8, 1864 (Actually,

July 8 that year was a Saturday--J.T.) I was very glad to be in regular attire again, though my suit was not a new one, but one left over from 1861."

"After carefully tying my stock (tie), I donned my coat and hat, took a cane from a rack downstairs and sallied forth upon the village street. Soon a very young man of my acquaintance came up to me with an air of anxiety and began to speak in guarded accents. He wished me to go with him to his brother--my professional colleague Dr. Chester-- whose actions were greatly alarming him."

"I, having been his best friend, might have some influence in getting him to speak freely--for surely he had much to tell. The doctor for the past two years had been conducting secret experiments in a laboratory in the attic of his home, and beyond that locked door he would admit no one but himself. Sickening odours were often detected near the door...and odd sounds were at times not absent."

"The doctor was aging rapidly; lines of care-- and of something else--were creeping into his dark, thin face, and his hair was rapidly going grey. He would remain in that locked room for dangerously long intervals without food and seemed uncommonly saturnine. All questions from the younger brother were met with scorn or rage--with perhaps a little uneasiness, so the brother was much worried, and stopped me on the street for advice and aid."

"I went with him to the Chester house--a white structure of two stories and attic in a pretty yard with a picket fence. It was in a quiet side street, where peace seemed to abide despite the trying nature of the times. In the darkened parlour, where I waited for some time, was a marble-topped table, much haircloth furniture and several pleasing whatnots covered with pebbles, curios and bric-a-brac. Soon Dr. Chester came down--and he had aged. He greeted me with a saturnine smile, and I began to question him, as tactfully as I could, about his strange actions."

"At first he was rather defiant and insulting-- he said with a sort of leer, 'Better not ask, Spencer! Better not ask!'"

"Then when I grew persistent (for by this time I was interested on my own account--HPL) he changed abruptly and snapped out, 'Well, if you must know, come up.'"

"Up two flights of stairs we plodded, and stood before the locked door. Dr. Chester opened it, and there was an odour. I entered after him, young Chester bringing up the rear. The room was low but spacious in area and had been divided into two parts by an oddly incongruous plush red portiere. In the half next (to) the door there was a dissecting table, many bookcases, and several imposing cabinets of chemical and surgical instruments. Young Chester and I remained here, whilst the doctor went behind the curtain."

"Soon he emerged, bearing on a large glass slab what appeared to be a human arm, neatly severed just below the elbow. It was damp, gelatinous and bluish-white, and the fingers were without nails. (my emphasis--J.T.)"

"'Well, Spencer,' said Dr. Chester sneeringly, 'I suppose you've had a good deal of amputation practice in the army. What do you think, professionally, of this job?'"

"I had seen clearly that this was not a human arm, and said sarcastically, 'You are a better sculptor than doctor, Chester. This is not the arm of any living thing.'"

"And Chester replied in a tone that made me blood congeal, 'Not yet, Spencer. Not yet!'"

"Then he disappeared again behind the portiere and emerged once more, bringing another and slightly larger arm. Both were left arms. (my emphasis--J.T.)"

"I felt sure that I was on the brink of a great revelation, and awaited with impatience the tantalisingly deliberate motions of my sinister colleague."

"'This is only the beginning, Spencer,' he said as he went behind the curtain for the third time. 'Watch the curtain.'"

"And now ends the fictionally available part of my dream, for the residue is grotesque anticlimax. I have said that I was in civilian clothes for the first time since '61 (i.e. 1861--J.T.)--and naturally I was rather self-conscious. As I waited for the final revelation, I caught sight of my reflection in the glass door of an instrument case and discovered that my very-carefully-tied stock was awry. Moving to a long mirror, I sought to adjust it, but the black bow proved hard to fashion artistically. And the whole scene began to fade--and damn the luck! I awaked in the distressful year of 1920, with the personality of H.P. Lovecraft restored. I have never seen Dr. Chester, or his young brother, or that village since. I do not know what village it was. I never heard the name of Eben Spencer before or since. Some dream!"

The strange thing is, Lovecraft's "dream" has roots in reality. There really was a Lieutenant Spencer. He was 1st Lieutenant E. Gary Spencer of the 94th New York Regiment, U.S. Army, and he was born in 1839 in the small town of Brockett's Bridge, N.Y., in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. I've seen the house where he was born. It's still standing! (See Selected Letters of H.P. Lovecraft, volume 1, Arkham House, Sauk City, Wisconsin, 1965, pages 100 to 102.)

Next Week: In Search of Doc Chester's Unusual Houseguest.

Unless Y2K comes early, we'll be back in seven days with more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet--and some pretty strange documentation from upstate New York--all brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup. See you then!

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## Filer's Files #49

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IS ET CAPTURING OUR MARS SPACECRAFT?

One of the few scientists who ever studied UFOs, was Germany's world-famous father of rocketry, Professor Hermann Oberth. After three years of studying the information supplied by his own and other governments, the outspoken Oberth said at a news conference in 1954: "There is no doubt in my mind that these objects (UFO's) are interplanetary craft of some sort. I am confident that they do not originate in our solar system, but they may use Mars or some other body for a way station." MUFON's Antonio Huneeus interviewed him later and Oberth said he stood by his statements. His comments have new meaning based on the Mars Polar Lander failure and the September failure of the Mars Climate Orbiter. It is a total loss for the entire, \$330 million Mars '98 project, which consisted of Polar Lander, the Deep Space 2 microprobes and the Climate Orbiter. Doesn't it seem strange that two out of every three of Earth's space probes going to Mars fail? You might remember we lost the billion dollar Mars Observer spacecraft in 1993, just as it was about to go into orbit. That gave NASA a wakeup call particularly since the Russian probes at met a similar fate. I suggest that Dan Goldin and NASA review the March 28, 1989, images showing a huge cylinder shaped craft intercepting the Soviet Phobos 2 spacecraft. The UFO interceptor is very similar to the ones reported by hundreds of witnesses here on Earth. We have multiple witness reports including pilot reports, videotapes and photos of these objects. ET may be waiting near Mars to capture or knock out our probes, but they are also here on Earth.

NASA realized it's kind of tough to reveal to the American public that we're losing billion dollar spacecraft to ET, even if they do pay for all of scientists. So they did the next best thing. They cheapened the cost of spacecraft so American taxpayers only lost \$157 million dollars for the Mars Polar Lander. Let's face it, NASA is in a tough spot. Congress may get upset with failed space probes and cut NASA's budget even further. It's tough to blame the failed probes on ET, so they have to admit they made some sort of a mistake. NASA continues to search for life on Mars. However, the fact that only a few of our space probes succeed provides evidence that something is out there. These Filer's Files costs nothing and operate on a shoe string, but we're apparently getting closer to proving intelligent life exists in the universe than NASA. Of course we have the services of a lot of dedicated MUFON, ISUR, National Reporting Center, Skywatch and other volunteer investigators. Ufologists are getting better evidence each day. Imagine the kind of videos we could get with a few million dollars. The Filer Research Institute would be happy to consult with NASA and give them some techniques for getting past the ET defenders. NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin said, "It is conceivable that we will completely change our approach. "If I was Dan Goldin, I would want to get out the old Phobos 2 images and learn by the Soviet mistakes and a few of ours. According to Colonel Maria Popovich the Phobos infrared cameras picked up a great deal of heat in certain key areas indicating possible underground facilities on Mars. When the Soviet probe was ready to go into orbit of the Martian moon Phobos, an unidentified flying object came up to meet their craft. The ET welcoming team apparently captured the Soviet probe. If you assume ET actually exists your whole approach to visiting Mars changes. Other Mar's missions are now in preparation and much could be done to get them through the ET defenses. Dan Goldin admits privately something is out there. I suggest it might be time to start looking for evidence ET is visiting Earth and Mars on a regular

basis. NASA might even want to start examining those so-called ice crystals they keep spotting near the Space Shuttle. Those ice crystals are making 90 degree turns, fly over thunderstorms and suddenly stop. These objects defy the laws of physics if they are not intelligently controlled. It seems odd that our astronauts operating the space shuttle cameras spend time zooming in on these disc shaped ice crystals? I suggest NASA look closely at some of their own videos. They might be surprised at the evidence they have in their own files. The Filer Research Institute will even work on a contingency basis. NASA only has to pay expenses unless our craft get through to Mars. We'll even check to see if your calculations are correct. As a former USAF Intelligence Officer, I'm prepared to brief NASA or anyone else on the ET intelligence situation. Its time to weigh the evidence. We either have incompetent scientists at JPL and NASA or something else is out there causing these failures.

#### NOAA SATELLITE PICKS UP GIANT UFO IN EARTH ORBIT

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has several Geosynchronous Orbiting Environmental Satellites (GOES) in orbit watching the Earth's weather and environment. On November 21, 1999, at 14:45Z hours our satellites caught an amazing photo of a UFO at an estimated hundred miles above the Earth off the coast of the state of Washington. Russel Kirchner phoned to inform me that he had obtained the satellite photos and was sending them for all to see. The University of Colorado also keeps these photos on file for reference. One of the satellites is designed to pick up water vapor or clouds from space. When Russel caught sight of the UFO in the display he zoomed in and could see the steam coming off a UFO. It was the type we identify as a large Mother Ship. We discussed the possibility of the object image being caused by a computer error. Similar photos taken on June 8, 1995, over South America have also been widely distributed. Philip Imbrogno studied this case and NOAA explained the image was a "moon shadow UFO." This excuse will not hold in the latest photos. This UFO was present for only a few minutes and is not seen in images taken prior or afterwards. The UFO has structure, windows, and radiates heat in the infrared spectrum. Thanks to Russel Kirchner. [www.goes.noaa.gov/](http://www.goes.noaa.gov/) See photo at [www/filersfiles.com](http://www/filersfiles.com).

#### V-SHAPED UFO SEEN BY A FAMILY IN WEST VIRGINIA

LEWISBURG - November 14, 1999, Michele W. and her children were driving on Interstate Highway I-64, and, just before reaching Lewisburg, she spotted an unusual object in the sky. "While traveling on I-64 eastbound, I saw a quickly moving V-shaped craft fly soundlessly over the road and disappear over the mountain," Michele reported, "I saw it approaching from the right side of the south." And by the time I yelled to the kids, 'Do you see what I see?' it had disappeared over the mountains." "The lights were red and steady, not blinking," she added, "It seemed like it was flying low, but it was completely soundless. Did anyone else see this?" (Email Interview) Thanks to UFO Roundup, Vol. 4, #32, Joe Trainor, [Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com).

#### GEORGIA UFO

WATKINSVILLE -- On November 27, 1999, a UFO constantly changed shape and size and darted to higher altitudes for more than three hours starting around 9:00 PM. Ten friends and family members were camping out and hunting when one of the family members observed three small lights (green, orange, blue) that were zig zagging as one. As these lights were moving they eventually came together and changed into a small shape that was a circle at one end and star shaped at the other end. The craft appeared to come towards us extremely fast as a huge spinning rainbow colored ball. While closer to us, it changed back into the star shape very bright light. It was moving so fast and changing into so many shapes that it is difficult to accurately explain what was happening. Everything was caught on videotape. Thanks to the National UFO Reporting Center [www.ufosightings.com](http://www.ufosightings.com). NUFORC Note: "We talked to the witness who has submitted this report, and are satisfied that the events she describes here cannot be ascribed to the optics of her camcorder."

#### GEORGIA AND ALABAMA METEOR

John Thompson reports that in the early morning hours of Sunday, December 5, 1999, a huge bluish-white light was seen to cross the skies in Alabama and Georgia. According to Anderson Williams of Fox 6 News in Birmingham, Alabama a video of the large light was taken by a store surveillance camera positioned outside Caperton's in Weogufka, AL. The tape showed complete darkness until a brilliant light passed across the sky illuminating the area for three seconds as it passed. Seventy seconds later, the sound of an explosion could be heard." Light like the sun was rising was seen at 3:15 and 5:15 AM Eastern Time. Many reports of the white light being seen were called in to WLAG and WTRP radio stations in LaGrange, Georgia. Manager Mike Thompson of WTRP has given the best description of the meteor. He said while on his way to work at 5:15 AM, he saw a huge flash in the West. A split second later he saw a brilliant white ball, with tail, go "straight down" in

the West. The ball had no sparkler or rolling effect but did seem to be on fire he said. The ball had an apparent size larger than a full moon and the tail was somewhat smaller. The meteor was of an intensity not seen since 2 February 1993 when tens of thousands saw a huge reddish-orange-white meteorite travel northward along the Georgia-Alabama border. One witness on the Atlanta TV news broadcast was convinced he saw a UFO with a trail of smoke behind it. This individual thought he saw a triangle shaped UFO with red, yellow and purple lights. The smoke trail, of course, is a characteristic of a low burning meteor. Russ Henderson article can be seen at [http://www.annistonstar.com/news/news\\_19991206\\_3457.html](http://www.annistonstar.com/news/news_19991206_3457.html). Thanks to John Thompson.

#### ALABAMA UFO SIGHTING

BIRMINGHAM - J Vinsant writes, "At about 4:25 A.M. on December 5, 1999, I woke up to see a bright white light had lit up my entire back yard. I woke my wife and she also witnessed the light. The light then slowly climbed up my windows at a very slow pace, as if it were rising from the ground. We then watched the darkness of our house light up for approximately ten to fifteen seconds. Just as the light climbed up the window the darkness climbed up it also. Two minutes later, I heard an explosion that rocked most of Birmingham and was passed off as a meteor. I live south of Birmingham on a five hundred acre farm. However, my concern is not the light or the sonic boom. My concern is the UFO that I witnessed with my wife and her parents. After I heard the sound I then walked outside and saw an oval/circular shape covered with lights that was hovering over the mountain. The lights would rotate around the dish and would flash bright like a light house when they shone in our direction. We watched for an hour and a half. The UFO flew around and hovered without making any sound. It would sometimes appear to be one bright light and sometimes it appeared to be a complete circular saucer. Thanks to Mark Vinsant

#### WISCONSIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD F-16 CRASHES CHASING UFO?

BLANCHARDVILLE -- Bill McNeff, the MUFON Minnesota State Director reports that on September 13, 1999, a fighter aircraft thought to be from the 128th Fighter Wing (ANG) had crashed chasing a UFO at 2:15 AM. This was in the paper one day and then it was not mentioned again, Wisconsin State Journal 09/07/99 afternoon edition (Capital Times). (rough copied for speed) (API). The ANG was making unannounced low level flyby's and it (they) seemed to be chasing 6 little balls of light. This is not the first time either. Four previous nights they have been awakening folks in the middle of the night. However, the Control Tower at Truax Field denies any flight activity. Well today the proof is not in their hands, one of their F-16's did in-fact go down south of Mt. Horeb for no apparent reason. The Guard unit blames the crash on mechanical failure. Witnesses describe a shoot out between the jets and the objects. One of the lights turned a different color and emitted a ray type of glow and took out the F-16 #WNG46-5607 piloted by Col. Ralph Emmitt the Wing Commander. He was unavailable for comment and still is in University of Wisconsin Hospital being treated for nonlife threatening injuries. The Air National Guard has not officially commented on this matter and the NTSB was not present at the crash site. Editor's Note: We're attempting to investigate the report further for clarification. Thanks to NUFORC and Bill McNeff MUFON Minnesota.

#### CANADA DIAMOND LIGHT GROUP

MONTREAL - I read your Filer's files about the police in Massachusetts seeing a Diamond Light Group. My son and my husband, a friend who lives several miles away and another friend west of Montreal saw something similar in October at about 9:45 PM. Ron called to tell us to go out to see the lights in the sky. He told me to look in the western sky to see if we could see anything like that here. I saw it and so Philip and JG came out to see them too. Then when we came back inside JG called Ron and they chalked it up to some kind of spotlight for some sale. However at about 1:00 AM Florence who had just gotten home called us about the lights as she saw them too, through her balcony window. She said she had driven through the business areas there were no search lights. We hadn't thought more of it until I read this article. When I did I read it out loud our jaws just dropped because of the similar sighting. Thanks to Frances: [frances@sprint.ca](mailto:frances@sprint.ca) (Frances Fontaine)

#### NEW ZEALAND UFO SIGHTING

BETHWELLS BEACH -- My name is Jason Monds and we were on a holiday to North Island on November 26, 1999, when we saw a UFO. A group of my friends were heading to the beach for a late night dip at about 11:30 PM, because it's extremely hot. Before we made it to the beach, all five of us saw a cigar shaped object making incredibly fast advances up and down the shore. It was incredibly fast and silent. It was glowing glistening silver and would dematerialized and reappear. We could see the reflection of the moonlight on



the water and then onto the craft. It would almost disappear and then re-materialize at a different point along the shore. It had no visible lights, but at one point, there did seem to be a line of dots or smudges along the side/edge of it. My friend Andrew, his dog Wilbur and myself made an advance up the beach towards the craft. It stopped moving and hovered 500 meters off shore, although the shimmery appearance make it hard to estimate distance. So Andrew stupidly picked up a few shells and threw them towards the craft. I shouted, "I didn't think it was a good idea." Wilber kept barking and ran toward the craft every time it would move. We had been watching the craft now for about ten minutes and the craft had left the beach, hovering over the water about 600 meters off shore. I screamed at Andrew to stop messing about but he said he wasn't going to leave without the dog, which was standing in the water barking. Andrew entered the water and felt a strange gravity or static energy run through him, but he grabbed his dog and dragged him back to shore. By this time I was more frightened than I have ever been in my entire life. I felt the craft was watching us so we ran back along the beach as quickly as we could. The craft was sitting about 100 feet off the water when it suddenly gained altitude. It dematerialized again, leaving a strange shimmer and it was gone. Once we got back to the beach one of the girls, Jess had already dialed 111 emergency and contacted the police. She was in a hysterical state but the police turned up an hour later due to the remoteness of our place. We went back onto the beach with the police but the UFO had gone. Bethell's Beach is regarded by the local natives as a highly spiritual area and scientist's have found massive concentrations of iron in the sand, giving it a black or purple appearance. I spoke to Manu, a New Zealand native Maori who has lived on the beach for 30 years. He claims UFOs are a regular occurrence and that he'd actually made contact with the craft's occupants on a number of occasions. He said, that in Maori legend the natives had actually been guided by the sea beings to New Zealand on their journey from the Hawaiian Islands long before white people had arrived. Thanks to Jason Monds Christchurch, [pointblanknz@angelfire.com](mailto:pointblanknz@angelfire.com).

#### METALLIC MATERIAL FOUND ON MUTILATED CATTLE

HEREFORD - The Amarillo Globe Daily News story reports: Law-enforcement officers in the Hereford, Texas found they had something in common with officers in the Taos, N.M. On Dec. 9, 1978, officers found out that a metallic material on the hides of mutilated Texas cows was nearly identical to the material found on mutilated cows in New Mexico. The unexplained mutilations occurred during the previous summer. Between 15 and 20 of the mutilations happened near Hereford while 12 cattle were killed inexplicably in northern New Mexico. In both places, the mutilations were discovered after local people reported seeing UFOs. To make the incident even more strange, ranchers in both places reported that the udders, rectums, tongues, ears, testicles and sometimes tails were cut off the animals with sharp and precise instruments. Entire reproductive tracts were missing from some of the animals. But other cattle were left intact. Officers in both places reported that there were no tracks or traces of human activity around or leading to where the cattle were found dead. The substance found at both places looked like slivers of gray paint and contained high amounts of potassium and magnesium. The material was not fully identified, but was believed to be some type of Teflon. Thanks to [twitch02@hotmail.com](mailto:twitch02@hotmail.com) (Jeff Behnke) and compiled by Terry Moore Globe-News writer [http://www.amarillonet.com/stories/120999/new\\_tales.shtml](http://www.amarillonet.com/stories/120999/new_tales.shtml). Editors Note: Similar slivers of silver material has been found on abductees in New Jersey.

#### CORRECTION ON "NEW INTELLIGENT SIGNALS FROM SPACE"

ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO - Last week I ran a summary of a Gannett News article by Todd Halvorson that was published in the Home News Tribune on November 29, 1999. The newspaper did not run the entire article and left the reader with the impression this was a viable contact. The article indicated that the world's largest radio telescope, picked up what appeared to be an intelligent signal coming from a small star named HD119850. What's more a backup telescope at Jodrell Bank near Manchester, England was hearing the same beacon a clear sign the signal was not from Earth. Other tests were conducted from the Arecibo control room to determine if the signal coming from 106 trillion miles away was real. The telescope was moved away from the target star. The signal vanished and only returned when it was aimed again at the target star. The SETI Institute and Jodrell Bank wrote me to correct the story that the signal had faded and was never confirmed. I discovered later that the Home News Tribune did not carry the entire story. It ended the story prior to the announcement that this signal was not confirmed based on SETI scientific protocol. Editor's Note: Despite the denials several people wrote saying that the initial story is correct and what is not public knowledge is that the SETI people have very probably already intercepted dozens of ET 'messages' and radar signals. The signals from space are being picked up regularly. The problem is they do not stay long enough to be verified. I'm sorry for any inconvenience error this may have caused.



## CHINA UFO STAYS FOR 90 MINUTES OVER SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI - As reported last week, a UFO was seen over China's commercial capital Shanghai on December 2, 1999. Various newspapers and television carried the story. The UFO apparently stayed in view for 90 minutes allowing thousands to view the event. The object was cylindrical in shape with a long bright tail and appeared similar to a comet. The flying object may be a signal for further unrest and rioting. Usually staid official newspapers insisted Thursday's UFO sighting was no vision. Headlines shouted, "UFO Darts Across the City's Skyline," in the official Shanghai Daily. The Wenhui Daily said in a front-page story with color photographs "UFO Appears in the Sky Over Shanghai". Nearly 100 people claimed to have seen a cylindrical object with a flaming orange tail moving over the western part of the city for more than an hour on Thursday afternoon, the newspapers said. They offered no theories on what it might have been. The Chinese government is very sensitive to UFO reports because the outlawed Falun Gong are believers in extraterrestrials and UFOs. Thousands of Falun Gong leaders have been arrested across China. Only the several million Christians imprisoned by the government exceed the persecution of the Falun Gong. The photo can be viewed at:  
<http://www.scmp.com/News/China/Article/largephoto.asp?ArticleID=19991204023454691.asp>

## ALIENS ARE CHILDREN OF GOD TOO?

Whitley Streiber, hosting the Dreamland Nationwide Radio Program carried a story on November 28, 1999, a child asked the following question of Pope John Paul II during one of the Pontiff's Q+A sessions on one of his recent tours: "What about aliens?" The Pope replied: "We have to remember that they are children of God too." Several times, spokespersons within the Vatican have remarked publicly that the hierarchy of the Catholic Church has evidence and official confirmations from the world's governments that UFOs and their occupants are a reality. Thanks to Dreamland.

## NEWSDAY REPORTS FIRE FROM EGYPTAIR FLIGHT 990

The Newsday (Long Island) Edition: Nassau and Suffolk for November 4, 1999, stated, "The dull orange glow caught Stuart Flegg's attention in the dark sky of a bracing Halloween night on Nantucket island. And for the next four to five seconds, his eyes tracked the light falling down until it vanished into the horizon formed by the ink-black Atlantic Ocean. Hours later, Flegg and his friend Scott Proffitt, who also saw the dime-sized orange spot, concluded they'd viewed the flaming wreckage of EgyptAir Flight 990, which plunged from 33,000 feet at 24,000 feet per minute on what was supposed to be a routine flight from New York to Cairo. They called police, and Tuesday, they told their story to the FBI. "What caught my eye was like an orange glow in the sky. And then it was falling rapidly. I mean, it was falling very fast. And then, about halfway down, it started slowing down," Flegg, 32, said yesterday. "And then the flame got a little wider. As it was falling down, it got longer. And then it just kept coming down, going slower, slower, slower and then it just passed over the horizon from where I was." At first, Flegg thought the small ball-shaped glow was a meteor, a comet or a shooting star, but it was moving much too fast. It "didn't look anything like" those things, he said. Proffitt, 22, said the orange light dotting the black sky initially looked like fireworks. "But then I noticed that it was way too far up in the sky to be a Roman candle and too far away," Proffitt said. "It wasn't an extraordinary brightness, but it got our attention. It was orange. If I had to pick a shade, I would say burnt orange." Both men said they heard no sound at all. The men, carpenters who work together, were among a group of about five left after a Halloween party of 40 or so people at the Fleggs'. They were seated in chairs around a backyard fire pit about a mile from the water enjoying the last moments with friends and some beer. Though they cannot pin down the exact time they saw the glow, they said it was between 1:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m., when they retired for the night. The plane's signal was lost shortly before 2 a.m. more than 50 miles south of Nantucket... "I believe I saw the plane," Proffitt said yesterday. "I mean, there is no other explanation for what I saw. We were facing the right direction, it was the right time of the night, and I know it was not a shooting star. So I definitely believe I saw the plane." The men told their story Monday to local folks and to two local television crews. The next day, two FBI agents showed up with a lot of pointed questions. "They asked me how the lawn was set up with the yard chairs," said Stuart's wife, Monica Flegg, 34, who had gone to sleep before the crash. "I showed them the yard and showed them how it was set up. Then they interviewed Stuart and Scott, separately." Flegg said he told them he was facing south-southeast, with Proffitt sitting to his left. He said he saw it first, tapped Proffitt on the shoulder, and said, "Look at that." He told them there is very little light pollution off Nantucket, that you can see a "long, long way," and that he often sits in his backyard and watches airplanes on similar flight patterns. Sometimes he can even see their shining lights. Flegg acknowledges that he and the others

had had "a couple beers" that night, but, "I mean, we weren't falling over backwards, stone drunk." "I know what I saw-that's what I told the FBI guys," Flegg said. "I don't care what they say, I know what I saw. It was definitely that plane going down that I saw. It was definitely on fire..." Given this eyewitness testimony, the pilot's action in switching off both engines is again inconsistent with the suicide theory. Flegg and Proffitt described the EgyptAir 990 incident using phrases such as: orange glow, dime-sized spot ... fireworks ... Roman candle ... no sound. These eyewitness descriptions are remarkably similar to the descriptions of TWA 800's destruction given by Bushton, Desyron, Dougherty and Levine ..Why is it that the FBI can't believe eyewitnesses? It pulled in the CIA in the TWA 800 case to try to prove that a couple of hundred of them didn't see what they said they saw. " Thanks to Kent Steadman

<http://library.newsday.com/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=384da06f178612MshakeP11000&oc=results.html>

#### GEMINIDS SHOULD PROVIDE GOOD SHOW THIS YEAR

Geminids will start on December 7, but reach full scale observation on Monday December 13, 1999. Most well known meteor showers, like the Perseids and Leonids, are old. They've been observed for hundreds or even thousands of years. The earliest record of a modern-day meteor shower is probably a notation in Chinese annals dated 36 AD, regarding the Perseids, where it is said that "more than 100 meteors flew thither in the morning." The Geminids are a different story. The first Geminid meteors suddenly appeared in the mid-1800's. Those early showers were unimpressive, boasting a mere 10-20 shooting stars per hour. Since then, however, the Geminids have grown in intensity until today it is one of the most spectacular annual showers with as many as 140 per hour (zenithal hourly rate).

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An interesting web site tells some of the secrets of Wright Patterson Air Force Base <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/Sanctuary Of The Birds.htm>

KECKSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA CRASH TAPE -- UFO crash/retrieval Video Documentary  
Most readers of this column are familiar with the Roswell event, but many are unaware that a similar incident occurred in Pennsylvania in 1965, near a small rural community called Kecksburg. Veteran UFO researcher Stan Gordon, has been gathering information on this case for many years, and has produced a studio made 92 minute video called "Kecksburg The Untold Story." This production recently won the 1998 EBE film award for the Best Historical UFO Documentary. The video contains interviews with many people who have information about the case. Witnesses came across a large metallic acorn shaped object with strange markings, partially buried in the ground, before the military arrived on the scene. A witness says he saw the odd acorn shaped object on the back of an army flatbed tractor trailer truck. Civilians claim they were confronted by armed military personnel. For the first time witnesses speak out on camera discussing information which suggests that there could have been a cover-up. A startling revelation is revealed here from a witness, who says he saw a body in the same building with the Kecksburg object at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base only days after it was delivered there. Also contained in the documentary are some of the actual audio excerpts from the WHJB radio special called "Object in the woods." To order your copy of "Kecksburg The Untold Story" send a check or money order to: Stan Gordon Productions, Dept. GF, P.O. Box 936, Greensburg, PA 15601. The cost of the tape including shipping and handling is \$35.90. For PA residents the cost including tax, S&H is \$38.05. For more info check out Stan's website at [www.westol.com/~paufo](http://www.westol.com/~paufo)

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## Re: Attention Subscribers

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 03:31:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 08:52:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Attention Subscribers

>Many requests for "re-subscription" have been received. Let me  
>once again stress that subscribers have not been removed from  
>the list by UFO UpDates.

>Changes made by iprimus.ca are causing messages to the UFO  
>UpDates list to be 'sucked up' by the mail servers and consigned  
>to a cyber-dump. No delivery. No bounce-notifications to this  
>address.

>A new service is being set-up and should be completed by the  
>middle of next week. You'll be notified of the new address.

>Again, no one's address has been removed by UFO UpDates -  
>globalserve/imprimus are the culprits.

>I am still able to e-mail individual addresses - hence your  
>being able to read this.

>ebk

Thanx for all your hard work and hours of suffering so that we  
can all find something interesting to read on our favorite  
subject. I know what it's like to miss reading the UpDates.  
Apparently some folks 'go a little nuts' when the posts stop  
flowing. <VBG>

You're a good man Charlie Brown. Keep up the good work. :)

John Velez, UpDates junkie

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AIC - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 09:49:03 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 12:30:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 1999 13:12:51 -0800 (PST)  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 17:49:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 12:13:51 -0800  
>>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 17:24:34 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>I realize that you and Ray are friends but I just can't see how  
>there could ever be a "balanced discussion" of the Santilli  
>alien autopsy? The decision has already been made by most  
>Ufologists and the common folk: The footage is a bald hoax and  
>a scam.

>And this is the wrong decision, because...

Because when all the so-called "evidence" against the AA is  
examined, its found to be mostly flim flam, distortion, and  
hype.

>Case closed, right?

>Case closed, for me, a long time ago. But it was, IMO, Theresa  
>Carlson, who really put the final nail in the autopsy alien's  
>coffin.

I don't think Theresa's efforts proved anything except that she  
believes that the footage is faked. She has no proof, just more  
creative speculation, very creative and interesting but not  
evidence.

>Never mind that the evidence against the footage is sketchy, at

>How so? Perhaps it is sketchy to you because you refuse to see  
>the autopsy for the scam, perpetrated on all of us by Ray  
>Santilli and others (including Philip Mantle), that it really  
>is.

What is your proof for this statement?

If it is a fraud, then why hasn't Ray been arrested? Or Philip??  
And how was this scam perpetrated? Did Ray contract to have the  
film made, then transferred to old stock? Were others involved.  
How about Bob Shell? Was he a dupe or in on it? Do you have  
even one suspect? Did Ray invent the cammeraman? Do you know  
what slander is? Do you have even one person willing to state  
that Ray is a known cheat and scam artist? Do you know many  
dishonest scammers and hoaxers who are able to ask for and get  
\$100,000 on their word alone? Do you have any evidence that Ray  
has done something like this before? Is Volker also a scam  
artist and how did he profit from owning a hoaxed film? (he  
stated that he was more than pleased with his purchase) Do you  
have any idea what it would cost to perpetrate this hoax? (Yes,  
there was a cheap and pathetic hoax, not of the autopsy footage,  
but the tent footage and the result is what one would expect

from... a hoax. This hoax was perpetrated by some of Ray's friends, but it should not detract from the rest of the footage which is not hoaxed)

>best. Ray has been unjustifiably made to look like either a  
>dishonest con man and schemer( and worse), or a dupe or  
>disinformationist. Not one of these characterizations is true.

>>>So, what is he Ed? A Saint? I don't think so. Ray saw a way to  
>>>make money and he, more than likely, did.

That question has been asked before. This was Ray's answer:

Subj: A question of money  
From: Ray Santilli  
To: All  
Date: 20-Feb-96 17:20

I have been accused by some of profiteering, well lets look at the whole picture who has profited and who has lost???.

1. Is it the broadcasters who worldwide have achieved massive viewing figures and secured lucrative advertisers??.
2. Is it the News Papers that ran the story and increased their circulation??
3. Is it the Skeptical UFO publications that found their readership almost doubled as a result of the story and the debate??
4. Is it the UFO researchers that suddenly found themselves being offered money to appear on talk shows worldwide ???
5. Is it the experts that suddenly found themselves being offered money to write for publications and publishers??.
6. Is it the Internet forums that didn't know what hit them???.
7. Is it the Special Effects experts who suddenly found a means of free publicity??.
8. Is it the many people within the media that have traded (sold) pictures of the creature, based on the fact that if it's real, its in public Domain.
9. Is it either myself or my company.???

The point of the above is that hypocrisy runs rife, I have never tried to disguise the fact that I saw a commercial opportunity when I found the film, With regard to the above..that's a different matter. As far as the commercial aspect is concerned "let he who is without sin cast the first stone". Meanwhile something far more important has been lost in all this.

Best regards,

Ray Santilli

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>But what does seem to be true is that Ray Santilli, through a  
>set of fortuitous circumstances, came into possession of some  
>marvelously intriguing rolls of fifty year old film which shows  
>the dissection of a "creature with no business here" and some  
>of the debris from the creature's vehicle.

<snip>

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>deal about the "restricted" designation found on the first film  
>that Santilli publicly showed. Kent felt "restricted" wasn't  
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>knew was in doubt. There are many other examples of critics  
>using false assertions to condemn the footage and then not  
>correcting the record. I certainly don't mean any disrespect  
>to you or Tim, but what the Alien Autopsy needs, more than  
>another book, is a re-examination and debate, one that is,  
>open, honest, and cooperative.

>Even if these documents you claim exist were valid, that would  
>not make the autopsy real. All that would do is make that one  
>assertion by Jeffrey incorrect.

Perhaps, but these are not claims; you can verify the  
information yourself and it may be one of the strongest bits of  
evidence we have. It's hard to say just yet because all is not  
known about the circumstances under which these codes were  
obtained. They were part of the Tent footage but I don't know  
how the hoaxers came by them, yet. If anyone does know how the  
codes were obtained, I'd sure like to know.

>BTW, I suspect you are talking about me because I seem to  
>remember having several tiring emails from you. I didn't do  
>Kent's research for him, all I did was answer a few questions  
>and emails for him. Any questions you had were passed on to him  
>and any reply you received was a reply he directed me to send.  
>While I haven't looked at any of this autopsy crap (great  
>phrasing Roger!) in over a year and a half, I probably still  
>stand-by what Kent wrote in his last article about the autopsy  
>footage.<

>Best,  
>Rebecca

>If you have something new that requires a response, great,  
>if not, it's over for me.

Yes Rebecca, I was talking about you and I believe your response  
was about the same. That's my point. You weren't looking to  
find the truth about the Autopsy. I don't know why. If you were  
you would have considered my request that you reconsider the  
"restricted" matter. My proof was rock solid and it might have  
changed the whole tone of Kent's article.

It also made Kent look bad; his article contained serious  
disinformation and caused confusion over the "restricted" codes.  
Also I didn't expect you to want to be part of a new  
investigation, but all are welcome. You did have some very  
interesting information and doubts and you were a great help.  
I'd also like to interview the three cameraman. Can you help  
with that?

Thanks again.

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## Alfred's Odd Ode #329

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 09:12:24 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 23:38:54 -0500  
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #329

Apology to MW #329 (For December 11, 1999)

On its wave crest flying time -- we soar and cleave in words that rhyme. But we tire naming dates that \*might\* have happened soon or late. We have watched the haunting colors, splashing stories under cover, settled blues of satisfaction drifting twixt the main distractions, forgetting that it might be true -- that you have been insulted. You!

You who buy in to the lie that keeps things as they are -- contrived. You that just accepted \*heroes\*, made to order paper zeros -- mythic fathers \*deified\* to keep alive the lie despised. If a fraction of this stuff is on the mark (!) -- we've had enough! We deserve the hidden info kept from view and incognito.

Let it go! Become of USE! Treat us with respect we're DUE.

"You don't want to know the truth", is what I get from the aloof -- those that hold selected cards that they've maintained -- the way things are. Forgetting those that keep their nose within the \*trough\* so indisposed, I wonder at the SHAME they feel, when comes, at last, to rest . . . their wheel. I factor in their living \*well\*, with many homes (such trees to smell!) and know they're threatened by their \*slaves\* who prop them up -- like Sparta's days. They would see us turn them out; they're likely RIGHT, I hope to shout! They have earned our righteous anger -- putting us so far in danger. We're mere slaves and just don't matter (?), they live behind their walls and gather -- \*berries\*, \*nuts\*, and freeze dried food to insulate THEIR cherished broods.

All the science we are \*shown\* is just a fraction on the \*bone\* that keeps \*their\* status quo alive so \*they\* can live as \*they\* desire. Much remains that IS suppressed . . . would make a man autonomous -- would make a woman stand alone, and live a life that she would own. Energy, its sad production, is overpriced is my deduction. This is true or we would see the profits made could set us free. There would be NO misery, gone the threat to you and me. Homeless people disappear, battered women lose their fear, worried men take easy breaths, and we would come to KNOW we're blessed. Not a few, or a minority, even most, or a majority, but ALL the people satisfied by what they make of joyful lives.

The point is to self-actualize. To build upon what's realized. So, taking Maslow at his word, we build the tiers of pyramids, sir. Everyone a place to stay, with food and health a given, say. Education on demand, plus ethics training -- understanding! Looking for those single persons, those reaching for a star's assertions, but copping to ubiquitous of most of us in so much need. Many reaching for the stars still team up gladly -- fly to Mars . . . make the belt 'twixt Mar's and Jove a three ring garden treasure trove. Bubbles blow up huge in space that, fusion heated (just so placed), would make a wealth, yes (!), unimagined by the greatest minds imagined. Near Earth Asteroids are a BOON ignored by our contentious loons who place the center of their lives in Aristotle's spheres despised.

Lost in seas of ignorance, awash in our belligerence, and TAUGHT our lack of confidence I ponder our inconsequence. We won't BE, at all, superior, we will tend to the inferior; we will lose our glad interiors, and ROT consume our false exteriors. Buying in to Earth's rape WILLS we swallow bitter poison pills, counting all the maimed and killed -- surveying massive graves we've filled . . . but COP, and we could make it passed this paying down the bill amassed by unelected (jealous) men who'd live sweet lives becoming them. More could share, it's not denied, the lack of it's to be decried, and we could be as gods (described) if we but looked into our skies.

We'd extend our grasp and reach, have brand new stuff to learn and teach, and fly the plumbless, endless skies that are the futures we'd desire. We can take our trips through time, and sing our songs of righteous rhyme to vibrate down their castle walls -- these chosen few who'd cause our fall. Less is more, one would imagine, and we can have our nice distractions, watch them curl, a pleasing tease, to bring you from your scarred up knees.

The colors shall be pulsing order, faces lifting (painted borders), colored kisses meant for fun when you, at last, see insult done. And you BEAR your insult, more, from church and state, and corner store; you see them on your smaller screen from institutions cold and mean. It's all about manipulation, our selling soap and burger nation -- making millions from the ones that pay their taxes under guns. We deserve much more than that, and get it trading phact™ for fact, for we could cure our own disease if we got up from callused knees. Presently we have \*some\* answers (lost in drawers or killed by \*sponsors\*) that we'd USE for elevation, self improvement -- satisfaction. First, SEE the insult done to you and open wide your field of view. You would gain; you would not lose -- to open up the gates they've used to hide the \*secrets\* from your eyes that fall like fruit from starry skies.

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On the crest of your wave and rushing gleefully to some foreign shore. Whatever recedes in my rearview mirror was NEVER Kansas! I'll know it when I see it; I came from there after all.

Restore John Ford!

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EXPLORE Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his Fortunecity URL.

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

\*\*<Updated 11 December>\*\*

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/witches/237/lehmborg.html>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- Send your checks and money orders to \_me\_, Alfred Lehmborg (cut out the lawyers, they got theirs) at: 304 Melbourne Drive, Enterprise AL, 36330. Strict records kept. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, burned at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 09:14:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 09:14:00 -0500  
Subject: Subscriber Notice

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imprimus/globalserve are the culprits.

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A new, high-speed, ADSL service is being set-up and should be  
completed by the middle of next week. You'll be notified of the  
new address.

I am still able to e-mail individual addresses - hence your  
being able to read this.

Please send your responses to list-posts at the archive [URL  
below] to [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net) - for now.

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Ed,

I have to question if you have studied Theresa's comprehensive exhibition of why the footage must be a hoax.

The evidence which highlights our celebrated footage as an unequivocal ruse is substantial and so far as I'm aware, factually unchallenged.

>She has no proof, just more creative speculation, very creative  
>and interesting but not evidence.

Of course it's evidence - which components can you cite as being otherwise and again, more importantly, where can we find the refutation of the facts Theresa presented?

Last I heard, this was unassailable, however, factual reasons to the contrary would be of great interest. That requires providing explanations for the anomalies Theresa so painstakingly demonstrated.

>Yes, there was a cheap and pathetic hoax, not of the autopsy  
>footage, but the tent footage and the result is what one would  
>expect from... a hoax.

This 'cheap and pathetic hoax', was proclaimed by Michael Hesemann in October 1995 to be one of his 'major revelations' at the then forthcoming 'World UFO Congress Dialogue with the Universe' in Dusseldorf-Kaarst, Hesemann exuberant that "Phil Mantle will show the complete tent footage".

Philip also took our 'tent footage' to the July 1996 Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) conference in Greensboro.

As I mentioned long time ago, in correspondence with Hesemann, he replied thus to my suggestions that the 'tent footage' was a probable hoax:

"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..".

We now know it was the consummate cheap production and can in hindsight dismiss it as 'pathetic', however, it wasn't universally considered as such when there was no proof otherwise.

You previously wrote:

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I can certainly fill in those details for you.

As you may recall, on the CompuServe 'UFO' forum, Ray sometimes contributed to discussions and I asked him about 'security coding' which Colin Andrews had reported in his newsletter as being visible in the 'tent footage' (the first film which Ray had privately shown). The notice read:

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SUBJECT 1 OF 2  
JULY 30th 1947

Ray responded that, "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)".

However, the true story was first published in the 'Mail on Sunday' article on 17 January 1999, as explained in the following extract:

"...knowing Santilli was in the market for this kind of material, Bateman and Price-Watts decided to try to make their own version.

Their research led them to a story already well established in UFO mythology - of how, after a space-craft had supposedly crashed at Roswell, an alien had been taken to a barn nearby where a medical examination had taken place. President Truman was rumoured to have visited during the operation.

'We found a barn in the quiet village of Ridgmont, Bedfordshire, through a farmer I knew,' says Andy-Price Watts. 'I had an old paraffin lamp and we brought along a table, some sheets, overalls and rubber gloves.

'We filmed it in the evening to make it look as if it had been shot in the dark. The gloves - Marigolds - looked too modern so we had to discard them. We tried to get a mannequin from a local store, but it was impossible. Elstree studios offered to make us one for 25,000 pounds, which was ludicrous.

'In the end we used a wig holder we bought for a few quid, which Elliot Willis, our tape operator, transformed using painted orange peel for the eyes. Elliot and the local butcher, Roger Baker, played the two medical staff. Roger got the part because he could supply the chicken guts we used as the alien's innards.

'We were thinking of using human pig guts, but they looked too human.' As they were filming, the farmer walked in to see what they were doing. 'I suddenly thought we could use him,' says Bateman. 'There was an old scarecrow in the corner of the barn and we got the coat from it, put it on him and he had a little cameo role as President Truman. We could hardly stop ourselves laughing as we shot the video, which took about an hour and a half to complete.'

Andy Price-Watts' 12-year-old son played the alien, with his head covered by the sheet and the dummy head placed on top. 'We used a Sony video camera mounted on a tripod and kept jogging it to give the impression it was being held,' says Andy. 'The strange camera angles added to the veracity of the film'.

The resulting film was edited down to six minutes. Shot in colour, it was processed in black and white and animators in the studio drew scratch lines on computer and overlaid this onto the film. It was then transferred between different video formats to make it as grainy as possible.

'We then went to see Santilli and told him we had some alien footage which we had bought in the states,' says Bateman. 'He told us we had been conned and didn't think it was very good. He said it should have been clearer and should also have a restricted notice on it'. Bateman got the film back, superimposed the bogus classification message and sent it back to Santilli, who told the two men he could not use it".

Yet, Ray did use it and it was the first 'autopsy' film privately shown to Reg Presley, Colin Andrews and others during December 1994/January 1995. The central 'alien autopsy' footage didn't appear until April 1995.

There's a copy of a still from the 'tent footage', showing that 'RESTRICTED' notice, on my web site at:

[http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/mail\\_os.htm](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/mail_os.htm)

In all the early correspondence Ray and I had about this and in his public statements, he never once indicated, to my knowledge, that the 'tent footage' wasn't part of the claimed 'archive film' acquired from the cameraman who supposedly shot it.

On the contrary, Ray initially promoted it as an integral component and for further evidence of this, I suggest you read my detailed, archived UpDates posting at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/jan/m22-013.shtml>

>Jeffrey adds: "The Sunday Times article points out, however, >that 'restricted' access' is not a recognized U.S. military code >and that the A01 classification had been dismissed as 'pure >Hollywood'. Even more telling is the month-day-year format of

>the date. The U.S. military always uses a day-month-year format.  
>Therefore, the date should have read '30 July 1947'."

The Sunday Times article wasn't original research and the author, their resident 'hard core sceptic', Maurice Chittenden, had poached some of my comments on the CompuServe forum without attributing them.

The source is in public mail I sent to Ray, when I wrote:

"The following are self explanatory and originate from someone with a detailed knowledge of classified documents:

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These comments are supported by further independent evaluations from contacts with comprehensive experience of working within the military intelligence services:

'Restricted Access' as a 'classification' is a new one on me.'

'Classification status 'A01' sounds like Hollywood.'

At which point, you will hopefully appreciate that if this "security marker" alone is bogus, there are potentially terminal problems here.  
[End]

It's all superseded by our knowledge this 'security coding' was simply made up.

If defending the probable reliability of Ray's claims, we should additionally keep in mind some material I have also previously highlighted:

"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'."

Do you find this consistent with the fact we now realise where the 'tent footage' came from and that Ray always knew it wasn't part of the purported 'archive film'?

Or, can we equate the following information I confirmed - before it was known the 'tent footage' had been created in a rural barn - with that later disclosure? :

"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'.

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'."

Do you see any indications here that Ray knew the 'tent footage' had come from another source and wasn't part of the alleged cameraman's crumbling 16mm 'autopsy' reels?

Or do we perhaps clearly see something else entirely.

>Yes Rebecca, I was talking about you and I believe your response  
>was about the same. That's my point. You weren't looking to  
>find the truth about the Autopsy. I don't know why. If you were  
>you would have considered my request that you reconsider the  
>"restricted" matter. My proof was rock solid and it might have  
>changed the whole tone of Kent's article.

Appreciating how seductive the entire 'alien autopsy/government cover up/only we know the truth' scenario is, there's also a need for some critical and sceptical appraisal.

>It also made Kent look bad; his article contained serious  
>disinformation and caused confusion over the "restricted" codes.

Serious disinformation?

As you can contemplate, the 'restricted' codes were the simplest spoof imaginable, being the product of rank (sic) amateur hoaxers.

Kent merely saw common sense about the entire 'Roswell' debacle. To be fair, surely Kent doesn't look half as bad when considered in the light of how that 'cheap and pathetic hoax' was sufficiently believable to be vehemently defended and reach the platforms of at least two (I recall more) paramount 'UFO' related conferences.

Something I haven't mentioned publicly before, is being contacted by the person who was involved in producing that finished 'tent footage' video for Keith Bateman and Andy Price-Watts. He summarised:

"I have worked (but no longer) for Keith & Andy for the past 7 years as manager of the animation department dealing with computer animation and graphics. You'll find my name printed on various videos that we've produced either on the credits or the back sleeve for the design. My involvement in the Tent Footage was to put the scratches and bits of dirt onto the video (I say video because none of it was on film, all Beta and VHS). I created such a loop of a few thousand frames so that any small section of the footage would not show the loop. From the computer, the animated scratches and bits were laid over the footage".



His insights into the story are interesting and I'll publish them, together with his identity, in due course.

I can only point out some facts which should perhaps be taken into account in the context of Ray's overall story.

More than that, I leave for now.

James.

E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

Voyager On-line: <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 00:51:57 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 09:20:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>Re: Alien Autopsy

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 09:49:03 -0800  
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 12:30:56 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Previously, Ed declared:

>>If it is a fraud, then why hasn't Ray been arrested? Or Philip??  
>>And how was this scam perpetrated? Did Ray contract to have the  
>>film made, then transferred to old stock? Were others involved.  
>>How about Bob Shell? Was he a dupe or in on it? Do you have  
>>even one suspect? Did Ray invent the cameraman? Do you know  
>>what slander is? Do you have even one person willing to state  
>>that Ray is a known cheat and scam artist? Do you know many  
>>dishonest scammers and hoaxers who are able to ask for and get  
>>\$100,000 on their word alone? Do you have any evidence that Ray  
>>has done something like this before? Is Volker also a scam  
>>artist and how did he profit from owning a hoaxed film? (he  
>>stated that he was more than pleased with his purchase) Do you  
>>have any idea what it would cost to perpetrate this hoax? (Yes,  
>>there was a cheap and pathetic hoax, not of the autopsy footage,  
>>but the tent footage and the result is what one would expect  
>>from... a hoax. This hoax was perpetrated by some of Ray's  
>>friends, but it should not detract from the rest of the footage  
>>which is not hoaxed)

Hi, Ed.

Oh, if only the producers of bad television could really be  
punished by law.....

Your theory seems to be something like this:

Ray wasn't arrested for fraud, therefore AA is real.

You can't think of a way to fake it, therefore AA is real.

Ray says he didn't contract someone to produce it, therefore AA  
is real.

Bob Shell hasn't said that the film is fake, therefore AA is real.

Ray says he didn't invent the cameraman, therefore AA is real.

Because Ray has no history of fraud, therefore AA is real.

Ray got paid for it, therefore AA is real.

You assume it would cost a lot to fake, therefore AA is real.

The tent footage was shot down, therefore AA is real.

Give us some proof, Ed.

Or do you have a bumper sticker on your car that reads, "Ray  
said it. I believe it. And that settles it."?

Re: Alien Autopsy

Dumb....No, wait....Yeah. Dumb.

Later,

Roger Evans

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## Re: Polar Lander?

From: Tom Austin <[toaustin@toaustin.freemove.co.uk](mailto:toaustin@toaustin.freemove.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 11:21:21 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 09:25:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Polar Lander?

I have just had this sent to me and I am forwarding it for comments or information which sheds light.

I know the source of this message very well, and I can assure you that if he says he sat and watched it on Terrestrial TV here in the UK, you can be certain this did happen as it described below. Did this interview also appear on any US news feeds?

1999 1:05 AM  
Subject: Polar Lander

Hi Tom,

Dean has been watching the BBC News 24 lately in the very early hours of the morning. On two nights together the Polar Lander was featured. On the first night A guy from NASA was being given a hard time by some other guy who was asking why they were lying about its not working when in fact it was sending data in a coded fashion.

On the second night the BBC told the story of a disgruntled NASA employee who has, supposedly, placed the necessary de-coding information on the net to enable people to de-code the info sent by the Lander.

I don't know if this second guy is Kosher or not. Is there anything flying around the net on the subject?

The guy on the first night also accused NASA of lying about the Climate Orbiter burning up and that it was also sending coded info back to NASA.

Interesting that the BBC should feature this, eh? Also interesting that they should only feature it when most people are in bed, but to be expected!

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THE LUNASCAN PROJECT (TLP): An Earth-Based Telescopic Imaging (EBTI) program using live and recorded CCD technology to document and record Lunar Transient Phenomena (TLPs).

The Lunascan Project HomePage  
<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/lshomepage.html>

The Project's Mission Statement :  
<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/miss.html>

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## UFO Video Vault @ UFO Folklore

From: **Dan Geib** <[geibdan@qtm.net](mailto:geibdan@qtm.net)>  
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 09:16:07 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 09:36:38 -0500  
Subject: UFO Video Vault @ UFO Folklore

Hello all and Happy Holidays,

I have recently finished posting all the shuttle UFO videos, several Cylinder UFO videos, Triangular UFOs, UFO videos from Mexico and some military unconventional drone videos.

They are located in the UFO Folklore Video Archive at:

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

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From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 10:36:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 1999 02:43:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>From: James Easton <[voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 05:14:31 -0000

James,

I think we should take one thing at a time.

I'd like to deal with the security codes and get them cleared up first, but I want you to understand that I can only defend the Alien Autopsy footage, not the tent which I too have had serious problems with from the start.

Also Ray isn't a saint, just not a scammer or a faker or a hoaxter and you have absolutely no evidence he is. He may not have handled the AA just as folks would have wanted but I think he did the best he could under the circumstances.

His friends have caused him problems, as in the tent footage, but what are friends for, anyway.

I'd like you or Teresa to also explain, in simple English, just why you think her work is so important. I don't see anything of substance there. Just what is her point?

But on to "RESTRICTED".

You said:

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>"security marker" alone is bogus, there are potentially terminal  
>problems here.  
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Sorry James but you are wrong, very wrong.

"RESTRICTED ACCESS This is a known and proven security designation for the time, known to only a few, but I have the proof of its reality. The hoaxers must have seen it written on something because "restricted" would have been the designation for the AA, as it turns out.

A01 CLASSIFICATION This is the priority. This means that if you have a full desk of things to work on, A01 would be the number one you would start working on. This was the way the Army did things. Everything had a priority of some kind. I have examples of this also.

SUBJECT 1 of 2 This is common and is the way it is written.

JULY 30th 1947" Mostly the date would have been written 30 JULY 1947 but that's when it is used as the lead date, usually in the upper right hand corner of a letter, directive or memo but if its found in a list as above I have an example of it being written as July 30, 1947. So while not common, it was done that way, sometimes; so the date problem is certainly no reason to declare the AA a hoax.

I guess you haven't been following the list lately. I posted this a while back:

There is other supporting information on the RESTRICTED classification which can be found on pages 387-389 in 'UFOs Exist' by Paris Flammonde (1976) and in the Condon report pgs. 894-897..

For those of you who aren't able to access these books, here's a summary.

On Sept 23rd., 1947 General Nathan Twining wrote General George Schulgen and informed him that the UFO "phenomenon(sic)... is something real and not visionary or fictitious" and that he wanted to establish an investigative section to deal with all unknown aerial activity.

He requested that it be given a code name and a security and priority classification.

There is much more, and the letter should be read by all. It's an important document that everyone agrees is authentic.

Another authentic document is the reply to this request from General Craigie, Chief of staff, USAF, who on December 30th, 1947 wrote that the Airforce would not ignore UFO activity but would investigate these reports. He was forming a project to "implement this policy".

This section was given the priority 2-A, the second highest possible, and a security designation of "restricted" and the code name of "SIGN".

It was also stated that " Where data of a classification higher than restricted is handled by the project such data should be classified accordingly."

Therefore TOP SECRET RESTRICTED is a logical classification for that period.

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Date: Mon, 13 Dec 1999 17:09:29 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 1999 02:55:41 -0500  
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>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 09:49:03 -0800  
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 12:30:56 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>>From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 1999 13:12:51 -0800 (PST)  
>>>Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 17:49:21 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

Dear All,

I'd just like to add a couple of comments to the following.

>Ed wrote:

>>....when all the so-called "evidence" against the AA is  
>>examined, its found to be mostly flim flam, distortion, and  
>>hype.

>>I don't think Theresa's efforts proved anything except that she  
>>believes that the footage is faked.

>Ed,

>I have to question if you have studied Theresa's comprehensive  
>exhibition of why the footage must be a hoax.

>The evidence which highlights our celebrated footage as an  
>unequivocal ruse is substantial and so far as I'm aware,  
>factually unchallenged.

>>She has no proof, just more creative speculation, very creative  
>>and interesting but not evidence.

>Of course it's evidence - which components can you cite as being  
>otherwise and again, more importantly, where can we find the  
>refutation of the facts Theresa presented?

>Last I heard, this was unassailable, however, factual reasons to  
>the contrary would be of great interest. That requires providing  
>explanations for the anomalies Theresa so painstakingly  
>demonstrated.

I think it's correct to say Theresa did a stirring job of observation regarding the AA footage, the one fly in the ointment though as I see it, is that her analysis hinges on the fact of taking the film reel sequence as given by the film box numbers as a cast iron fact.

As I understand it there were no physical numberings on the film reels or film stock, only the boxes carried the sequence numbers, it would only take two of these reels to be cross boxed to provide the "evidence" that Theresa found to judge the film by.

My local cinema, now sadly closed, could still manage to run reels out of sequence and backwards too!, and they had the assistance of reel numbers on the film leaders!. (Mmmm maybe thats why they're now closed?<g>)

>>Yes, there was a cheap and pathetic hoax, not of the autopsy >>footage, but the tent footage and the result is what one would >>expect from... a hoax.

>This 'cheap and pathetic hoax', was proclaimed by Michael >Hesemann in October 1995 to be one of his 'major revelations' at >the then forthcoming 'World UFO Congress Dialogue with the >Universe' in Dusseldorf-Kaarst, Hesemann exuberant that "Phil >Mantle will show the complete tent footage".

>Philip also took our 'tent footage' to the July 1996 Mutual UFO >Network (MUFON) conference in Greensboro.

>As I mentioned long time ago, in correspondence with Hesemann, >he replied thus to my suggestions that the 'tent footage' was a >probable hoax:

<snip>

Re the Hoax Tent Footage Story... some of this as published, I find a little questionable in itself.

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????? They try to sell "version one" to Santilli, he doesn't think it's much good so they go away rehash it by adding the "Restricted" notice and try to sell it to him again still as "original footage" version\_two\_????

They were slightly giving the game away here weren't they, if they were trying to sell "original" footage?, modifying it as they went along?

I find this scenario hardly credible.

Did Ray twig he was being sold a "dummy" at the first bite? Did he know all along? Or maybe he concluded he couldn't get away with passing such poor footage off as original along with the rest?

Well only Ray can tell us what was going through his head at the time.

>Yet, Ray did use it and it was the first 'autopsy' film >privately shown to Reg Presley, Colin Andrews and others during >December 1994/January 1995. The central 'alien autopsy' footage >didn't appear until April 1995.

A trial run to "test the water" and judge acceptance of the TF?

Or was he really having problems with the core footage and felt he had to produce/show something, anything, to provide time and keep interest alive after being "outed" in public earlier than planned by Reg's over-enthusiasm.

>There's a copy of a still from the 'tent footage', showing that >'RESTRICTED' notice, on my web site at:

>[http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/mail\\_os.htm](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/mail_os.htm)

"Version one" stills \_minus\_ the notice board can be seen at:

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

>In all the early correspondence Ray and I had about this and in  
>his public statements, he never once indicated, to my knowledge,  
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>film' acquired from the cameraman who supposedly shot it.

>On the contrary, Ray initially promoted it as an integral  
>component and for further evidence of this, I suggest you read  
>my detailed, archived UpDates posting at:

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/jan/m22-013.shtml>

More film would generate more money at the end of the day.

If he was "thinking" of trying to pass the TF as part of the package he would have been potty to come out and say it wasn't sourced with the other stuff, it would make far more business sense to vaguely "gloss over" or avoid addressing the point altogether.

Remember Ray was out to maximise his profits, you don't knock your own product do you? He didn't set out to "get to the truth" or "uncover the US Govt's dirty bed linen", he was just out to sell a film for the best price he could get, one way or another.

>If defending the probable reliability of Ray's claims, we should  
>additionally keep in mind some material I have also previously  
>highlighted:

I would suggest that Ray was a little more than creative (but in a very good marketing way) at times with his claims all the way through this saga, so what we can or cannot take as fact is moot. What is true, is that the remainder of the "footage" has been badly tainted by all this, but at the end of the day that might have been the point of the exercise.

On the positive side, yes there is one, the remaining footage still has a few supprises left up it's sleeve, and these I suspect even Ray, Volker or even our creative friends with the barn and camcorder didn't know about.

Neil.

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## Canadas X-Files Grow Dusty?

From: **Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 12:36:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 12:36:17 -0500  
Subject: Canadas X-Files Grow Dusty?

The National Post - Toronto,

Monday, December 13, 1999

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Canada's X-Files grow dusty as fewer people spot UFOs

BY PAUL WALDIE

Maybe we're getting too much science fiction on television or maybe we just don't care anymore.

Whatever the reason, Canadians are reporting fewer UFO sightings, according to the federal bureaucrat who receives the reports.

"I would say it's really dropped off," said Mike Hunzicker, who heads Transport Canada's Aviation Operations Centre in Ottawa. "Nobody really cares anymore. I really wish I could find somebody who wanted these [reports]. UFOs are just a non-issue."

The centre monitors all air traffic in Canada but it also has the job of keeping reports of UFOs. At onetime, the military and the National Research Council monitored UFO sightings. But they stopped doing that years ago, Mr. Hunzicker said. Now the sightings end up in a folder marked "X-Files" that sits in a drawer in his office.

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"We seem to be the only ones that are collecting these things," he said, adding that he receives about one report a month. "We used to take these things and pass them to the military thinking they were doing something with them, and they were sending them back to us thinking we were doing something with them. Now we're the end of the line."

Mr. Hunzicker said most of the sightings end up being meteorites or "space junk" that's burning up while re-entering Earth's atmosphere. Many of those reports are passed on to researchers at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick who are studying meteorites.

The centre is not generally open to the public and most reports it receives have been passed on from local air traffic control towers. Although regular people sometimes manage to get through on the phone, the centre has no plan to prepare for any rash of calls when the millennium closes. Instead, it's concentrating on monitoring possible computer problems associated with the new year.

"That's all I need are UFO calls. We just don't need to tie up our phone lines with that."

When asked if he believes in extraterrestrials, Mr. Hunzicker replied: "I'd like to think so. I think it would be neat"

So, has he ever seen a UFO? "I haven't been that drunk yet."  
National Post

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I talked with Paul Waldie on 12-14-99.

Waldie checks, on-line, for Canadian access to information releases. One area he checks regularly is the Canadian Military, who post all the access to information requests on a monthly basis. One request was for UFO information. He ordered a copy of the request and found that it contained "basically nothing - just Hunziker's telephone number... that was it. I thought it would include some reports, because in the past there have been some reports. So I started with him." [Hunziker]

I have Hunziker's telephone number should any Canadian Researcher's feel the need to get in touch with him.

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## Server Switch

From: **Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 15:13:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 15:13:22 -0500  
Subject: Server Switch

Gentle & Patient Subscriber,

Seems like a month or two has gone by since I was last able to mail the List directly.

Globalserve.net, who were bought out by iprimius.ca at the beginning of the year, reneged on their contract with me and made it impossible to operate UFO UpDates in the way that it has over the past few years.

Consequently, the List has been moved to a new address - and with any luck the List will function better because of it.

Please change your address book to reflect the change to [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca) - globalserve.net will be phased out in the next week or two.

There were many over the List 'outage' who perhaps did read the housekeeping and posting rule messages in the past but failed to retain essential info such as, "if you don't receive UpDates for any length of time, please check the archive at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/> ."

I received dozens of individual messages asking what was wrong - all of which was explained at the Ufomind site this past week.

Please, in future, should you be deprived of your UpDates check at the Archive first.

Following this message will be re-posts of the few messages that did make it out of here and to Ufomind and that you may have missed.

UFO UpDates is back on-line - please send in your mail - without your input this List is nothing.

Thanks,

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## Re: On False Memory

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 18:35:48 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 17:47:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 12:59:19 EST  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:25:18 EST  
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:02:20 -0600 (CST)  
>>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <[brianc@fc.net](mailto:brianc@fc.net)>  
>>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>>>Subject: On False Memory

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>>>>List and all -  
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>>>>MACK: Well, the argument around so-called false memory, or  
>>>>doubting memories, is applied to situations which are not  
>>>>of core significance to the individual. There's a study at  
>>>>Harvard going on now where people have been deeply  
>>>>traumatized, as the abductees have, in many cases -- have  
>>>>distortions of memory, but not for the traumatic events.

>>>>Snip

>>Gosh, I am so grateful that you cleared that up for us. In  
>>particular I am happy that the traumatic situations I've had,  
>>which are both burned into my mind and have been verified by  
>>witnesses when applicable, have no basis in your pair of dimes.  
>>Now I can sleep better.

>Nope. Didn't say that. Said that Mack's statement was not true  
>because of other evidence. He was making a blanket statement and  
>I was saying that it didn't cover everything.

My take was your statement, "This is nonsense...!"

I am not a psychologist or psychiatrist, but I can see your  
attitude as being just as king sized a blanket as the one you  
accuse Mack of using. He said:

>>>there is no evidence that  
>>>you get false memory when you have very powerful traumatic  
>>>events that are described with great conviction and great  
>>>detail by people who are of otherwise sound mind and reliable  
>>>observers.

He went on to say that in this case, the traumatic event is  
recalled accurately and it is the rest of the poor bastard's  
life which often becomes confused. He did not say that this was  
so in every case. That was your assumption.

However what irritates is your certainty. Perhaps Mack, with

all his psychiatric credentials is wrong. However if so, it is less likely than your being wrong. At least in my opinion.

I would debate a point with a client, but never with an opponent who knows a hell of a lot more than I do, unless I had proof positive. Fortunately for both of you gentlemen, neither of you does, have proof positive. Opinion? Yes. Allowed. Certainty? I don't think so. What I have had in spades, is the actual perceived event happen to me. That, in my not so humble opinion, makes me as expert on the subject from the perspective of the perceived abductee.

>>Also, I am happy to note that Dr. John Mack is a psychiatrist >>and you are a ... uh ... UFO researcher. Or are you no longer >>one of those since your own personal transformation? >>Ever been shot? Ever seen a murder? Ever experience a >>perceived abduction or witness a UFO sighting? Neither has >>Mack, or Hopkins, yet they have opinions which claim a view >>different from yours. Does that make you wrong or right? Of >>course not. So why the statements of such certitude, "This is >>nonsense!" You got your degree in psychiatry I take it? >>Shot at? Seen a murder? Relevant, how?

Could be any traumatic experience taken from your own life. Use this as a litmus test for your opinion as to recall. It turns out that I've had all of those things happen to me and I can assure you that I remember every detail, and wherever possible to do so, verified every detail. So in my case, at least, you are mistaken. I tend therefore, to agree with John Mack.

>>As I've said so often on this list and elsewhere, when someone >>tells me or someone else that they are dead wrong and they have >>the truth, I tend to go a little ballistic. I cannot trust >>memories of my own which to me are real, yet so astoundingly >>impossible in my personal paradigm, that it just cannot be. I >>am a walking contradiction and you are a walking genius on >>truth. Perhaps the title of your next book should be, "Finally, >>the Truth about Who has the Motts!"

>Didn't say that and didn't apply it to you. Merely indicated that >Mack's statement about the reliability of memory based on a >core of significance is nonsense. Didn't say that all memory >was false or that a traumatic experience gave rise to a false >memory. Did suggest that Mack's statement was inaccurate.

It is not inaccurate in my case, as an experiencer. However I've never read the book and had trouble with Psych one and two in college. I also had trouble with the electron in a box theory. I can only go by what I know to be true.

>>>With Satanic abuse, however, we learn that there is no evidence >>>that it has ever existed in the way described by so many of the >>>"victims." The physical evidence, in the form of scars, does not >>>exist. Outside investigation of the claims has been unable to >>>confirm that these large groups of Satan worshippers exist, and >>>the hundreds of sacrifices that have been claimed, were >>>committed without leaving any evidence for homicide detectives >>>to find. These beliefs, however, are of core significance to >>>those who recount them.

>>>This is the same claim that he made about the viability of >>>hypnosis in such circumstances. It didn't work then and it >>>doesn't work now.

>>>I'm not even sure that we can still make the claim that the >>>memory around traumatic events is highly accurate based on some >>>recent studies. In THE ABDUCTION ENIGMA, we cite Ulric Neisser's >>>study of the Challenger disaster. He found that in about 25% of >>>the cases, the memories of the events around hearing the >>>disaster were completely false, yet the subjects held onto those >>>beliefs because it was the way they remembered it, even in the >>>face of facts that proved them wrong.

>>Well, that certainly is conclusive. If I read you correctly, in >>75% of the cases, the memories of the events around the hearing >>the disaster were completely TRUE, yet the subjects held onto >>those true beliefs because it was the way they remembered it, >>even in the face of facts that proved right to them. I see your >>25% and raise you 50 more percent.

>Nope. Doesn't mean that 75% were accurate, only that 25% of

>those in the study were wholly and completely wrong in their  
>memories of the event. Others were less inaccurate, but nearly  
>all of them had some flaws in their memories of the event. And,  
>it didn't mean that all of those looking at their original  
>statements refused to believe them accurate. It means that some,  
>even in the face of evidence that proves them wrong, will not  
>change their minds. I see your 50% and I call.

Surely memory, being based in electro chemical reactions in the nervous system, are prevalent in any given situation. However in your original post, you said nothing but that 25% of the people tested were wholly and completely wrong in their recall. Nothing was said about the remaining group. The assumption for a simple soul such as me is the one drawn.

>>>Yes, hearing about a traumatic event and living through one are  
>>>a different situations. In the days that followed the sinking of

>>>Snip

>>>There are also many studies, conducted through the VA in which  
>>>Vietnam Veterans, whose tales of horrific combat are central to  
>>>their core beliefs. When these tales of combat are checked  
>>>(which they rarely are) it is found that few of these memories,  
>>>gathered under the influence of a group environment, hypnotic  
>>>regression, and the use of memory enhancing drugs, are based in  
>>>reality. The memories are strong, detailed, and are of core  
>>>significance. They just never happened in the way being related  
>>>by the victim.

>Snip

>Here is where I am outraged. I point to these alleged Vietnam  
>Vets who are taking VA money from those who really need it.  
>These alleged Vets tell the most horrifying stories of combat  
>when their service records, if they were ever in the service,  
>reveal that their tales are untrue. Read *STOLEN VALOR* to  
>understand exactly what is happening here.

Excuse me, Sir, but in your own words, you point to Vietnam vets whose recall is false when tested and in your own words, are rarely tested, then you tell us that the Vets you referred to are those attempting to steal valor or obtain services or benefits to which they are not entitled. You got there pretty quick in the paragraph above, but one would have to be prescient indeed to get there from your original statement, Sir. You wrote:

>The memories are strong, detailed, and are of core  
>significance. They just never happened in the way being related  
>by the victim.

Where does it say about:

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>when their service records, if they were ever in the service,  
>reveal that their tales are untrue. Read *STOLEN VALOR* to  
>understand exactly what is happening here.

And YOU are outraged? Oy!

>And, are you suggesting here that I can't understand the horrors  
>of combat unless I have lived through them? Are you suggesting  
>that I can't understand them even if I have talked to veterans  
>who had actually experienced combat? Is the only path to  
>understanding through living the experiences?

In a way, yes. Guilty, with an excuse. Perhaps I should have said that had you experienced any of the above, you would, I assure you, NOT have the strength of conviction you demonstrate in your posts. That would have been more accurate.

>>>Mack's whole argument here is based on a false assumption. He  
>>>cannot even prove the initial event is reflected in reality so  
>>>the idea that it is of core significance is irrelevant. His  
>>>claim sounds good, but it is not an appropriate argument here.

>>Have you considered the possibility that your opinion is based

>>on a false assumption? With all due respect Dr. Randle, I  
>>suppose that you can prove that the initial event \_is not\_  
>>reflected in reality?

>Of course I have considered the possibility that my opinion is  
>in error. On the other hand, in the case of many of the  
>abductees who I have interviewed, and those interviewed by  
>others such as Hopkins, the initial event could have been an  
>episode of sleep paralysis. David Jacobs describes, in SECRET  
>LIFE, the typical abduction which is also the typical episode of  
>sleep paralysis. Are you suggesting that none of those cases are  
>the result of this psychological problem (not to suggest that  
>those suffering sleep paralysis have psychological problems) are  
>the result of sleep paralysis rather than alien abduction?

No, I am not. However I have experienced sleep paralysis on a few occasions, admittedly not many. Maybe half a dozen time in my life. But I have experienced perceived abduction, have been shot, and shot at, have witnessed cold blooded murder and, in my case, and in my opinion, your assumptions are wrong and Mack's are correct. And the only thing of which I am certain, is that I am not certain. You seem not to suffer from that human failing.

Jim Mortellaro

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## Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 16:28:07 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 17:50:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video

>>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 10:36:54 -0500  
>>From: Tony Spurrier <[TSpurrier@compuserve.com](mailto:TSpurrier@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles '99 Lecture/Video  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>>Hi Roy

>>Has the footage been analysed?

>>Tony

Hi Tony,

As far as I know the footage has not yet been analysed, although saying this I am not quite sure if Peter Sorrensen or any other researcher who has a copy of the footage has had it analysed.

I do know that Dave Bowden has taken a good close up look of the tape, and perhaps Dave could jump in here and tell us what he found out?

Also if you look close enough you can just about see a second object shoot off the screen as the first one disappears.

What I personally like about the footage is the acceleration of the first object as it climbs and the brilliant colour & clarity of the whole film.

Regards,

Roy..

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## AA Film Research

From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 11:42:53 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 17:51:00 -0500  
Subject: AA Film Research

Dear All,

Does anyone out there happen to have a copy of the research done by Rob Irving on the alleged film canister labels from the Alien Autopsy film?

Rob specifically looked at the 'official stamp' on the labels and suggested that it was bogus as it did not exist at the time.

Unfortunately I have been unable to contact Ronb Irving to ask him for a copy hence my request here.

Please be aware that Tim Mathews and I are about to embark on a new book on the alien autopsy film which will be well balanced giving all sides of the argument. If you therefore have any information on the film I would greatly appreciate it if you could contact me direct at: [pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle.

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## Shanghai Appears Convinced of UFO Visit

From: **Steven J. Dunn** <[SDunn@logicon.com](mailto:SDunn@logicon.com)>  
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 05:14:13 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 17:52:41 -0500  
Subject: Shanghai Appears Convinced of UFO Visit

Friday December 3 1:20 AM ET

Shanghai Appears Convinced of UFO Visit

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Shanghai appeared convinced on Friday that an unidentified flying object had visited China's commercial capital.

Usually staid official newspapers insisted Thursday's sighting was no vision.

"UFO darts across the city's skyline," screamed a headline in the official Shanghai Daily.

"UFO appears in the sky over Shanghai," the Wenhui Daily said in a front page story with color photographs.

Nearly 100 people claimed to have seen a cylindrical object with a flaming orange tail moving over the western part of the city for about an hour on Thursday afternoon, the newspapers said. They offered no theories on what it might have been.

But the Shanghai Daily ran the story on the same page as an advertisement for "The X Files Movie," based on the popular television series about two U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who probe unexplained phenomena.

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## Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 09:08:50 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 17:56:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman  
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 23:11:41 -0400

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 08:22:20 EST  
>>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

<snip>

>My point was not so much that Saucer Smear is a gossip sheet,  
>but that somebody asking questions about me and Bill Moore and  
>MJ-12 should have given some indication that he has reviewed my  
>very extensive writings... which are listed in the snip.

Okay, Stan, fair enough.

<snip>

>I didn't say I had any of the other documents using TOP SECRET  
>RESTRICTED.

>Read my comments again.

>Here is a direct quote from page 80 of the GAO's 450 page  
>overview of what they did for Steve Schiff:

>DATE: December 7, 1994

>Ms. Laura Jackson and I reviewed records pertaining to the Air  
>Force Atomic energy projects and certain mission and weapons  
>requirements. These files were classified up to and including  
>top secret. The period covered by these records was from 1948  
>to 1956. There was no mention of the Roswell Incident. No  
>information pertaining to the assignment was obtained. In  
>several instances we noticed the classification Top Secret  
>Restricted, used on several documents. This is mentioned  
>because in past references to this classification (Majestic  
>12) we were told that it was not used during this period.

>It would certainly appear that these were documents that had not  
>been declassified and are not available to you or me.

>I have no problem in believing that the GAO personnel are  
>telling the truth. Do you?

Of course not. However, there is the possibility that they have  
made a mistake. That is why it would be nice to see some of these  
documents that they mentioned. That would resolve this aspect of  
the question.

>It would seem extremely unlikely that a forger would use an  
>unusual security marking bound to raise eyebrows.

It was also seem unlikely that a forger of great works of art would sing his own name to them somewhere but that has happened.

<snip>

>I will also enclose a listing of items available from UFORI  
>including the "Zeta Reticuli Incident" by Terence Dickinson and  
>"Update on The Zeta Reticuli Incident". These seem to have been  
>left out of your discussion about the Betty Hill star map in  
>your "The Abduction Enigma".

Irrelevant to the current discussion of MJ-12.

KRandle

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Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 09:41:03 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 17:59:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 02:45:25 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 14:27:11 EST  
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 18:18:57 -0600 (CST)  
>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <[brianc@fc.net](mailto:brianc@fc.net)>  
>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>>Subject: Re: On False Memory

>>>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 09:48:31 EST  
>>>>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>>>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 12:02:20 -0600 (CST)  
>>>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <[brianc@fc.net](mailto:brianc@fc.net)>  
>>>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>>>>>Subject: On False Memory

>>>>>List and all -

>><snip>

>>>>This is the same claim that he made about the viability of  
>>>>hypnosis in such circumstances. It didn't work then and it  
>>>>doesn't work now.

>>>>Just an observation based on Mack's quote: Mack's comment  
>>>>sounds less like a "claim" than a recital of results of a real  
>>>>study at Harvard, maybe not even his study (he didn't say "my"  
>>>>study). That would be a bit more than a "claim".

>Kevin Randle responds:

>>I used the word claim beside he cited no references. He believes  
>>that a study is underway which will underscored his beliefs that  
>>memories of core significance are more accurate than memories of  
>>another kind.

>>Until the study is completed, we have nothing other than Mack's  
>>suggestion that it might be concluded in the way he says it will  
>>be.

>"Nothing other than (Mack's) suggestion, . . ."

>For someone whose degree in psychology is still 'warm in the  
>frame' you are quick to dismiss (and minimize) the statements of  
>a man who headed a psychology department at Harvard! They don't  
>give posts like that to 'slackers' Kevin. Don't be so quick to  
>dismiss a man who has -years- of experience over you. You only  
>do so because his views don't jibe with yours. It's nothing

>deeper than that really. It shows in the dismissive language  
>that litters your comments. Example: Re: Mack's remarks, you  
>offer the pronouncement, "This is nonsense!" If you don't think  
>that folks/readers can see through proclamations like that one,  
>you have a lot more to learn about psychology.

Sorry, but his comment about the memory around an experience of  
"core" importance being better has not been scientifically  
proved and the information available suggests the opposite.

I certainly agree that John Mack has impressive credentials, but  
that doesn't mean he is automatically right. I have seen him  
claim that confabulation is the result of alcoholism and is  
associated only with alcoholism and therefore is not relevant to  
a discussion of alien abduction. But, other, equally  
credentialed people have said that confabulation can be caused  
by a number of problems and is not necessarily related to  
alcoholism.

>Says you.

>In the meantime we can look at the work of Elizabeth Loftus,  
>Richard Ofshe and Robert Baker about false memories and  
>hypnosis. Yes, we can look at Lenore Terr's work, which seems to  
>be at odds with the work of the others, and then we can look at  
>the evidence as played out in "reality" to decide who has the  
>better theories.

>In place of John Mack you would have people turn to the work of  
>"academic psychologists" who have never spoken to anyone outside  
>of a lab or a college campus. Each of the individuals you have  
>mentioned have all put forth mutually exclusive theories and  
>explanations regarding alien abductions. None of them -has ever-  
>worked with anyone who is reporting alien abduction.

Haven't you just dismissed their work without giving it a fair  
hearing? Can't we say the same about the abduction researchers  
putting out mutually exclusive theories? Can Budd Hopkins'  
aliens be the same as those reported by David Jacobs or John  
Mack? We can read Mack's comment that "It seems clear to me that  
Jacobs, Hopkins and Nyman may pull out of their experiencers  
what they want to see." Hasn't Mack just suggested here that a  
key to understanding the abduction experience is understanding  
the belief structure of the researcher? Hasn't Mack really just  
accused these others of leading their witnesses into the arena  
they want?

David Jacobs criticizes other researchers writing in 'The  
Threat' that researchers such as Dr. John Mack, Dr. Leo  
Sprinkle, (he who shall remain nameless, and John Hunter Gray,  
among others, suggest that the abduction experience is  
essentially positive. Jacobs rejects the positive outlook,  
suggesting that it is the result of "incompetent hypnosis" (his  
words, not mine). Jacob writes, "Without links to a temporal  
sequence, the abductee can interpret the events without the  
facts necessary to guide his thoughts, which leads to  
confabulation and other memory problems."

So Jacobs is suggesting that even if the core of experience is  
important to the abductee, the researcher, using incompetent  
hypnosis can induce false memories in the abductee. That would  
seem to contradict the statement by Mack which touched off this  
threat.

>Without ever having spoken to me (or any of the other abductees  
>who participated) they edited my comments to unrelated questions  
>in between Loftus and the late Robert Baker expounding their  
>"theories" on alien abduction. As if they were "analysing" the  
>abductees whose cases were reviewed on the program. Now how  
>"ethical" is that? They all could have 'said something' after  
>the fact. Not a single one of them made any effort to either  
>interview us or review our cases (the details of what we were  
>reporting) before passing judgement on us in a very public  
>medium. I participated in that thing because I thought mental  
>health professionals would give us a fair hearing. Boy, was I  
>ever naive!

>Loftus, Baker, et al can't find agreement among themselves. Why  
>should we give them (or their mutually exclusive theories) 'more  
>credence' than we'd give to someone like Dr Mack who has  
>actually worked with live human beings!

And we can say the same things about the abduction researchers. They can't agree among themselves so why should we give them credence? See above.

>Gimme a break Kevin. I'm surprised you don't have neck problems  
>after wearing those gigunda blinders for so long. Open minded  
>and objective you are not.

Is it really necessary to devolve into personal attacks?

KRandle

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## Re: On False Memory

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 09:52:51 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 18:00:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>From: Sue Strickland <[strick@H2Net.net](mailto:strick@H2Net.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 07:11:14 -0700

>Dear Kevin,

>I would like you to interview me.

>IF you do your homework after that interview, and you do it  
>thoroughly, you will come away with a far different opinion than  
>you presently hold.

But what if I don't. What if after all of this, I find a  
plausible explanation?

Are you going to be willing to review that explanation  
objectively, or will you reject it out of hand?

>But, because I question your ability to consider having those  
>opinions changed, I dare say you won't even respond to this  
>note, much less follow through with a one-on-one interview with  
>me.

How do you suggest that we conduct this interview? Over the  
telephone? In person? Through the internet? And if we don't do  
it in person, will that invalidate it in the minds of some?

>I asked for help several months ago from the list members,  
>qualifying that it be someone who is not a believer. You're  
>in for a shocker, Mr. Randle, whether you decide to interview me  
>or not.

Wouldn't be the first time I was shocked.

KRandle

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### Scientists go to camera in search for Mars Lander

From: **Steven L. Wilson Sr** <[Ndunlks@aol.com](mailto:Ndunlks@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 1999 21:47:34 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 20:11:03 -0500  
Subject: Scientists go to camera in search for Mars Lander

Scientists go to camera in search for Mars Lander

By Michael Kahn

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 13 (Reuters) - Scientists will try to learn later this week whether the ill-fated Mars Polar Lander landed on the Martian surface even though they have not been able to make direct contact with the spacecraft, a project scientist on the mission said on Monday.

The Mars Global Surveyor, currently orbiting the red planet, will begin using its powerful camera on Thursday in an effort to locate the spindly, three-legged lander, scientist Richard Zurek said.

"We believe it is on the surface of Mars," Zurek said at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union (AGU). "We're really putting some hope into seeing something on the surface itself."

Zurek and a team of scientists had planned to present the first results from the mission at the AGU meeting. But they instead held a news conference to detail their attempts to keep contacting the missing lander and emphasise the need for further missions to the red planet.

The \$165 million Mars Polar Lander was supposed to have landed on the planet's south pole on Dec. 3 to probe the barren Martian surface for signs of water -- which, if found, could have provided vital clues on whether life ever existed there.

But the lander has not been heard from since it made its final approach toward the planet -- so far failing to signal that it has landed safely on the Martian surface. Now scientists are ready to turn to the Mars Global Surveyor's camera for help in locating the spacecraft.

The search will focus on an area of a few square kilometres and scientists hope to find the lander's 65-foot long (20 metres) parachute draped over the surface.

Because the lander is too small to show up in the images beamed from the satellite, the parachute gives researchers the best chance of finding the missing spacecraft and would provide important data for future missions, Zurek said.

"If you see the parachute is there, you know it separated from the the cruise stage; you know that it deployed the parachute and you also know you are very close to where the lander is," he said.

But Zurek cautioned that pinning down the parachute was no easy task, although he said it was within the "realm of possibility."

The best chance for success is if the parachute is spread along the Martian surface and not covered in dust or balled-up, he added. "If it is spread out, we should be able to see it."

It could take up to three weeks to gather a complete picture of the area and scientists should see the first images as soon as Friday.

The failure of the Mars Polar Lander, which disappeared along with two probes, is not the first high-profile snafu for NASA.

The lander's sister ship, the Mars Climate Orbiter, was lost due to human error in September, and the two probes that accompanied the lander to the red planet also failed to call home -- adding up to a \$265 million loss for the latest Mars mission.

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 20:01:37 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 02:10:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

It's deja vu all over again.

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 09:49:03 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 12:30:56 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>>I realize that you and Ray are friends but I just can't see how  
>>>there could ever be a "balanced discussion" of the Santilli  
>>>alien autopsy? The decision has already been made by most  
>>>Ufologists and the common folk: The footage is a bald hoax and  
>>>a scam.

>>And this is the wrong decision, because...

>Because when all the so-called "evidence" against the AA is  
>examined, its found to be mostly flim flam, distortion, and  
>hype.

Ed, I really don't want to get into a lengthy discussion here,  
but, IMO, the most important evidence against the film, is the  
lack of evidence supporting its reality. First you have to find  
some of Ray's 50+-year-old film with a picture of the "alien" on  
it then you need to test the damn film and prove it is 50+ years  
old and I might be interested in it again. Until that happens,  
count me out.

>>>Case closed, right?

>>>Never mind that the evidence against the footage is sketchy, at

>>How so? Perhaps it is sketchy to you because you refuse to see  
>>the autopsy for the scam, perpetrated on all of us by Ray  
>>Santilli and others (including Philip Mantle), that it really  
>>is.

>What is your proof for this statement?

It's my opinion and I'm entitled to it!

>If it is a fraud, then why hasn't Ray been arrested? Or Philip??

I think the police have better things to do. Why hasn't Ray  
asserted his copyright?

>And how was this scam perpetrated? Did Ray contract to have the  
>film made, then transferred to old stock? Were others involved.

Don't know. Probably on the contract or maybe he saw a unique  
marketing opportunity. Others, hmmm. I think so, yes.

>How about Bob Shell? Was he a dupe or in on it? Do you have

Unfortunately, I think Bob went into this with good intentions  
and got mixed-up with the wrong folks.

>even one suspect? Did Ray invent the cammeraman? Do you know

Yes, I have at least one suspect: Ray. Probably the cameraman

was "invented."

>what slander is? Do you have even one person willing to state

Yes, I know what slander is.

>that Ray is a known cheat and scam artist? Do you know many

Nope, not my area.

>dishonest scammers and hoaxers who are able to ask for and get  
>\$100,000 on their word alone? Do you have any evidence that Ray

Several of them were arrested in Houston recently. I think the paper said \$2 million had changed hands in one evening -- all on someone's word.

>has done something like this before? Is Volker also a scam

Nope.

>artist and how did he profit from owning a hoaxed film? (he

How do you know Volker owns the film? And I'd think about that question a little, if I were you. If Volker owns the film, I think we could figure out how he made his profit.

>stated that he was more than pleased with his purchase) Do you  
>have any idea what it would cost to perpetrate this hoax? (Yes,

I have an idea, but so what? I'm not an expert on making videos.

>there was a cheap and pathetic hoax, not of the autopsy footage,  
>but the tent footage and the result is what one would expect  
>from... a hoax. This hoax was perpetrated by some of Ray's  
>friends, but it should not detract from the rest of the footage  
>hich is not hoaxed)

I don't follow your logic at all.

>>best. Ray has been unjustifiably made to look like either a  
>>dishonest con man and schemer( and worse), or a dupe or  
>>disinfomationist. Not one of these characterizations is true.

>>>So, what is he Ed? A Saint? I don't think so. Ray saw a way to  
>>>make money and he, more than likely, did.

>that question has been asked before. This was Ray's answer:

<snip>

>I have been accused by some of profiteering, well lets look at  
>the whole picture who has profited and who has lost???.

>1. Is it the broadcasters who worldwide have achieved massive  
>viewing figures and secured lucrative advertisers??

I'm not accusing him, Ed. The man has a right to make a profit, I guess. If he doesn't want to be accused of profiteering, perhaps he should be prepared to back-up his claims. He hasn't done that.

>2. Is it the News Papers that ran the story and increased their  
>circulation??

I doubt that you could really call those tabloids newspapers. And I doubt that they made a lot of money off the autopsy. But hey, tabloids carry hoaxes all the time. What better place for Ray to get free advertising.

>3. Is it the Skeptical UFO publications that found their  
>readership almost doubled as a result of the story and the  
>debate??

" Skeptical UFO publications?" Name five.

>4. Is it the UFO researchers that suddenly found themselves being  
>offered money to appear on talk shows worldwide ???

They've never been offered money before. And hey, more free advertising for Ray! He didn't have to pay a dime.

>5. Is it the experts that suddenly found themselves being offered  
>money to write for publications and publishers??.

Michael Hesemann had written "books" before. As had Bob Shell,  
so I doubt that they found themselves newly confounded with the  
big bucks to advertise Ray's movie for him.

>6. Is it the Internet forums that didn't know what hit them???.

Ray came into the game at the right time. The internet did love  
this story. But more free advertising for Ray.

>7. Is it the Special Effects experts who suddenly found a means  
>of free publicity??.

As if the Stan Winston's of the world needed more publicity.  
Honestly, Ray couldn't believe that these fellows did these  
programs just to get more gigs. A good SFX expert doesn't need  
that kind of publicity.

>8. Is it the many people within the media that have traded (sold)  
>pictures of the creature, based on the fact that if it's real,  
>its in public Domain.

Not sure I understand that, but Ray could sue those folks who  
violated his copyright, couldn't he. Any smart businessman would  
do this.

>9. Is it either myself or my company.???

>The point of the above is that hypocrisy runs rife, I have never  
>tried to disguise the fact that I saw a commercial opportunity  
>when I found the film, With regard to the above..that's a  
>different matter. As far as the commercial aspect is concerned  
>"let he who is without sin cast the first stone". Meanwhile  
>something far more important has been lost in all this.

I read Ray's words when he first wrote them. And for the life of  
me I can't see why he's complaining about all the free publicity  
he received.

<more on the Restricted nonsense snipped>

>Perhaps, but these are not claims; you can verify the  
>information yourself and it may be one of the strongest bits of  
>evidence we have. It's hard to say just yet because all is not  
>known about the circumstances under which these codes were  
>obtained. They were part of the Tent footage but I don't know  
>how the hoaxers came by them, yet. If anyone does know how the  
>codes were obtained, I'd sure like to know.

Ed, seriously I don't follow your logic. Maybe it's me. I  
haven't been all that well and perhaps I have forgotten a few  
things, but if you claim, as I believe you do, that the tent  
footage is a hoax, then what is the importance of the markings  
on something which has been hoaxed? How does that validate the  
autopsy video?

>Yes Rebecca, I was talking about you and I believe your  
response >was about the same. That's my point. You weren't  
looking to >find the truth about the Autopsy. I don't know why.  
If you were

You are absolutely wrong about that. You don't know me at all  
and you do not know what I think.

>you would have considered my request that you reconsider the  
>"restricted" matter. My proof was rock solid and it might have  
>changed the whole tone of Kent's article.

Well, having read your reply to James Easton, I don't see how  
your proof is "rock solid" but that's just my opinion vs your  
opinion. However, I feel confident there are any number of folks  
on this list who can shoot your opinion down. Maybe they will  
care enough to do that.

>It also made Kent look bad; his article contained serious  
>disinformation and caused confusion over the "restricted" codes.  
>Also I didn't expect you to want to be part of a new  
>investigation, but all are welcome. You did have some very

>interesting information and doubts and you were a great help.  
>I'd also like to interview the three cameraman. Can you help  
>with that?

I don't think it bothers Kent that he looks bad in some people's eyes. I'm sure he sleeps well at night. You are right that I don't want to be a part of any new investigation. Perhaps you can help Phil Mantle with his new book about the film. Maybe you can profit from Ray's business venture, too.

As for the three cameraman...many have asked but I don't have that information. I only had access to it. You could try finding them the same way Kent did. It's called research. He didn't know these guys, he found them. If he found them, I imagine you can too.

Thanks ,

Rebecca

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## SkyFlash or Meteor in Montgomery Alabama?

From: Stephen MILES Lewis <[elfis@austin.rr.com](mailto:elfis@austin.rr.com)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 21:35:36 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 02:23:32 -0500  
Subject: SkyFlash or Meteor in Montgomery Alabama?

Just saw a news blurb on CNN about a sky flash which some suspect was actually a meteor which flew by last night.

The news blurb showed a security camera of a gas station with a gradual lighting up of the scene "as bright as day" (in the B&W footage) as the source seems to move or pass by. The source can not be seen but the scenes illumination seems to shift as if the source did so as well.

Any more info available out there?

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## Giant UFO [was: Re: Filer's Files #49]

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 16:43:54 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 02:18:59 -0500  
Subject: Giant UFO [was: Re: Filer's Files #49]

>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 00:54:13 EST  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 09:20:40 -0500  
>Subject: Filer's Files #49

<snip>

>NOAA SATELLITE PICKS UP GIANT UFO IN EARTH ORBIT

>The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has  
>several Geosynchronous Orbiting Environmental Satellites (GOES)  
>in orbit watching the Earth's weather and environment. On  
>November 21, 1999, at 14:45Z hours our satellites caught an  
>amazing photo of a UFO at an estimated hundred miles above the  
>Earth off the coast of the state of Washington.

<snip>

>It was the type we identify as a large Mother Ship.

<snip>

>Similar photos taken on June 8, 1995, over South America have  
>also been widely distributed. Philip Imbrogno studied this  
>case and NOAA explained the image was a "moon shadow UFO."  
>This excuse will not hold in the latest photos. This UFO was  
>present for only a few minutes and is not seen in images taken  
>prior or afterwards. The UFO has structure, windows, and  
>radiates heat in the infrared spectrum

[<http://www.filersfiles.com/noaaimages.htm> --ebk]

So does the Moon (about 15%). Astronomer Rik Hill checked this out and found that our natural satellite was at the right place, and showing the right phase to account for the oval image at the time the pix was taken.

Some additional information about this picture:

The shape of the object was due to the motion of the Moon, which caused trailing, even though the Moon phase was nearly Full, so the actual disk was about circular. The time between pictures was 30 minutes, not 15 minutes. Therefore the shifts of the Moon from one picture to the next are about 15 Moon diameters. The pictures are usually cropped and the Moon is not visible. The picture that you received seemed to have been cropped fairly wide, which made the Moon visible.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

No man really becomes a fool until he stops asking questions.  
-- Charles Steinmetz (1865-1923), electrical engineer, helped pioneer alternating current systems in the U.S.

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## UK Conference 2000!

From: **Tim Mathews** <[TMMatthews99@aol.com](mailto:TMMatthews99@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 20:24:52 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 02:42:54 -0500  
Subject: UK Conference 2000!

Dear All,

Tim Matthews here - the Ufologist the governments want to shut up - at any cost.....

I'm just taking a little time out from looking after my beautiful three-week old daughter Alexandra to bring you important information on "CONFERENCE 2000! Worlds Without End!"

Well - my annual Conference takes place on Saturday 29th January 2000 (let's hope we get past Y2K - we've been stocking up just in case..) and details are available on my new website:

[www.angelfire.com/sd/discoveryuk/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/sd/discoveryuk/index.html)

This promises to be a great event and you're all welcome. Speakers include;

Roger Hennessey - author/researcher/philosopher, speaking on his new book "Worlds Without End", which deals with the philosophical, historical and scientific aspects of SETI.

Jenny Randles - Britain's best-known researcher and writer on matter Paranormal, speaking on "Living in the Past - investigating British cases of reincarnation.

Jon Downes - world authority on matters Fortean; Director of the Centre for Fortean Zoology, Environmental Editor to the new UK newspaper, The Planet on Sunday.

Ralph Ellis - author and airline pilot! Has written two critically acclaimed books on sacred sites, ancient monuments and the links between them....

Andy Roberts - Armchair Ufologist and sceptic, speaking on his latest book "the UFOs That Never Were" (pub. Alice and Busby).

Brian Allan - Strange Phenomena Investigations/SPI Scotland - speaking on Rosslyn Chapel and the Knights Templar

Tim Matthews - ever-controversial and brilliant researcher whose investigations into military UFO systems have landed him in BIG trouble and made him a focus for a smear campaign funded by MI5. He has recently investigated the Winter Hill MIB case - perhaps the biggest UFO-related event since the Alan Godfrey abduction of 1980.

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Bye for now - best wishes for the season and the New Year! Take care!

Tim Matthews.

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## Open Letter To Larry O'Hara And Steven Booth

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Open Letter To Steve Booth And Larry O'Hara.

(Background; last week O'Hara and Booth, both political extremists, (Booth has served time for conspiracy to cause violence etc.) fulfilled the terms of their agreement with MI5 - or whomever - and were apparently paid to publish a glossy and patently ridiculous smear booklet about me, Jenny Randles, Kevin McClure, Eric Morris, Rory Lushman and various other noted Ufologists entitled "At War with the Universe" claiming that I had 'invented sightings' and worked for virtually every intelligence organisation they could spell.

Any ufologist work his/her salt knows that their claims are;

1 - Libelous 2 - Defamatory 3 - Illegal 4 - Factually incorrect  
5 - Ludicrous

Their claims are so full of holes, factual errors and mistakes that actually many of us over here have been crying with laughter. Nevertheless, and given the ability of Ufology to believe just about anything, I thought I should shoot down some of the glaring errors.

What O'Hara and Booth known about modern Ufology could be written on the back of a postage stamp from a small Balkan republic.....

The more sinister side to all this is that in recent weeks members of my research team have had their houses burgled, I have my phone tapped, our mortgage payments were mysteriously cancelled... and that's just for starters. To cap it all, this latest publication appears at a time when several of us are looking into potentially the biggest UFO case in the UK for 20 years; the Winter Hill MIB and CE3 case, exclusively featured on Jeff Rense Sightings a couple of weeks ago.)

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10th December 1999

Dear Steve and Larry,

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate you both on keeping both myself, my wife, numerous friends, relatives and colleagues in fits of laughter over the last few days as we have read excerpts from your fictional "At War With The Universe". Can I suggest a better title; "Larry and Steve, at War With Reality!"

Of course, the more paranoid amongst us (that's you guys) might ask where you get all the money to peddle and print your lunatic theories...

Perhaps, Steve, you did some sort of a 'deal' in order to get yourself out of prison. I bet it was a shock in there when you

discovered that in the real world (there is one beyond the realms of Anarchist conspiracy) there are no 'get out of prison free' cards! What was it; "Now then Steve, we know you're a reasonable man, now how's about your cooperating with us? You've got a wife, a teenage son...."

I must say, you two clowns have made so many factual errors in your new booklet that I haven't the time to answer them all. Incidentally, I'm more than happy to appear in a 'filmed debate' with you idiots, as long as it's organised fairly. This time we'll be ready for any sneak attacks. Having said that, you only have around 5 supporters in the whole world - and I think we'll smell them coming...

You really must get it organised! I'll enjoy wiping the floor with your fantasies, exposing your incredible lack of knowledge regarding classified aircraft projects and UFOs, your inability to grasp simple facts and the violence and hatred that oozes out of your various publications.

I think that Steve's City Death was once described by Paul 'Petroleum' Rogers as the "Turner Diaries of the Left".

How apt.

Of course, moving away from the hilarity, I must pass comment (although passing wind might be more appropriate - given the contents of your booklet) on some of the glaring errors contained within "At War", not to mention the less than subtle irony.

First of all, Steve, you will remember your Philosophy course at the University of Lancaster. I have met several of the people who had the misfortune to have to put up with your miserable 'pop philosophy' - as I understand some of your MA work was later described. One of these, Albert Hewerdine has become a friend of mine. In August 1996, I was no longer running my music shop in Lancaster because of my unfortunate bankruptcy (these things happen to better people than me).

Albert and I both share a love for Philosophy and, more particularly, classical music.

Albert's long-time partner Wendy Pattinson (she's calling herself Lully Pattinson now; unlike you Steve, she got a first class Honours degree from the University this Summer) knew of my interest in things Ufological and reported the 29th August sighting to me.

She drew me a brief sketch of her 'UFO' and she gave me the basic details of the event. Whilst we can all argue and debate what was actually seen, the facts are clear; other people in Kendal saw the object, described as triangular.

Ironic, don't you think, that the witness to a so-called "hoax" sighting should be the partner of one of your old University betters Steve? Albert and Wendy still live at the same address - in Stirling Road, Lancaster. They know that the sighting is mentioned in my excellent and fully-referenced UFO Revelation, and they agree with the treatment I gave it.

Bottom line - a real sighting, a real witness. Wendy was, indeed, on the phone to Albert when the event took place!!

You, Steve and Larry, have really cocked up this time! You shouldn't have listened to those losers in the NLUFOIG group - they're well-known for their lack of investigative ability!

The October 1997 'HMS Shetland affair'.

This, not unlike the Kendal sighting, can hardly be described - and hasn't been by me at any time - as a 'major' case; just another intriguing case in the annals of Ufology.

The facts are again clear. I was invited to appear (twice) on the popular Tony Newman nightly talk radio (Red Rose 999MW) show AFTER the sighting had been reported to the station. I had been on Tony's show before where I had discussed the whole UFO situation. As usual, my appearance improved ratings and led to an enjoyable and thought-provoking programme. Furthermore, numerous Ufologists heard the show, including members of our

friendly rivals, the Lancashire Aerial Phenomena Investigation Society (LAPIS), one of whom phoned in to give out their number.

Neither they, nor I, could make any forward progress. The MOD admitted that the HMS Shetland was indeed on patrol at the time of the reported event. In addition, there have been several well-documented cases involving 'high strangeness' off the Fylde Coast. No doubt you were both unaware of this when you wrote "At War"...

The 'Knutsford Incident'.

When this bizarre story broke, I was in Scotland on a music course - a fact to which every member of the British UFO Studies Centre, my wife Lynda and the rest of the family are able to testify. I heard about the claimed 'landing' case from Carolyn Buckley, one of the BUFOSC investigators whose full report I have and which was sent to several Ufologists and Fortean Times.

This was indeed a most suspicious business with two obvious liars - Wenham and Sutton - trying to hoax BUFOSC. Eric Morris, Dave Kelly, Irene Dale and Sarah Cardwell were also involved in aspects of the investigation and Carolyn's full report is available from her via email;

[cosmiccarrie@hotmail.com](mailto:cosmiccarrie@hotmail.com)

She awaits your request for information with interest.

She will be able, no doubt, to confirm having met the two witnesses to this claimed event, namely Caroline Bradley and Graham Wenham.

These are but three examples of your complete idiocy, your inability or unwillingness to ask the right people the right questions and more than enough evidence to relegate the whole of your booklet to the ashcan of history - where it belongs.

I am very tempted to ask you for a bulk discount on, say, 50 copies of "At War." I could give them to friends and family as joke Christmas presents. Let's be honest guys - nobody takes you seriously; not even the left where activists like Noel Molland have made it perfectly clear that they were responsible for their actions in regards to their arrest. Molland rejects any notion of 'state conspiracy' - I have his letter here. In other words, he (and others) acted as they did in the full and certain knowledge that they were breaking the law. I quote him directly;

"Statement by Noel Molland. Sent to SchNEWS on 25 December 1997.

"There has been a rumour going around that Agent Provocateurs encouraged the Gandalf Defendants to write allegedly inciting material. I totally distance myself from such theories.

As the editor of Eco-Vegan, a contributor for Earth Liberation Prisoners Journal, the early editions of Do or Die and the Diary of Animal Liberation, and Eco-Defence diary contributor in GA mag, I know I was never encouraged by an Agent Provocateur to write such stuff. All of the above have been held up as containing inciting material. I take full responsibility for my own writings. I do not try to cowardly shift the blame onto anyone else."

I remember, when discussing one of your (Larry) lunatic outbursts with Stuart Booth (by the way, he's a respected and Senior Editor at Cassell, and not the non-entity you seem to claim), his comment that your claims were 'completely impossible'. I saw copies of the letters you wrote to the Cassell directors and you will be glad to know that at no time did I even consider mentioning you in my book!

Larry - you're not even in the proofs!!

In terms of the book you will have noticed - as have a host of reviewers - that all my material is referenced. The vast, vast majority of pages are unrelated to any 'German' material and I have always made it perfectly clear that I am interested in the work of the Horten Brothers, Alexander Lippisch and friends only because of their immediate and direct impact on post-war

American aviation design - and, therefore, man-made UFOs. For instance, one of the more successful aircraft, the Douglas Skyray, was developed using German expertise. The fact is that the German jet engines were far more effective than similar US systems. This is an historical fact - and nothing to do with supposed "nazi" propaganda.

These historical facts - that you willfully choose to ignore - are available in any (and every) standard history of aviation, whether it be the Jane's team or Bill Gunston as Editors.

We are all fully aware - and highly critical - of the war records of many of the Paperclip scientists, and I have made this point very clear in lectures, on TV and radio.

As to your other comments, what can a sane person say? They are so inaccurate, hateful and libelous. I knew that before long you pair of idiots would outdo yourselves and make such wild claims that nobody would take them seriously.

It now appears that we have arrived at that point.

You have no evidence of my being involved in organising or attending paramilitary camps; no evidence of my handling explosives, of being a 'member' of Combat 18, of using 'stormtrooper tactics' and mob violence at the lectures to which you often send your flunkies. Oh, and if you're still sore about being ejected from our Conference in 1998 - tough. You sneaked in at the back with Rogers and co and got thrown out. If you turn up to a future event, we'll throw you out again.

You have no evidence because there is NO EVIDENCE. All you have is childish conspiracy theories and in Steve's case, only yourself to blame for falling foul of the law. After all Steve, you were the one who published the violent novels, encouraged and promoted violence in Green Anarchist, produced hitlists of bailiffs for attack in 1990/1 (we all remember that, you hypocrite!) and a great deal more.

And then there's Larry's lunatic letters to my parents. His implied threats and the very fact that he wrote in such hateful terms to a couple of pensioners speaks volumes for the kind of men you both are.

They have put the matter in the hands of their solicitors.

So, Larry and Steve, continue to keep us all amused - and horrified - by your stupidity. Don't forget to do me a bulk deal on the booklets and get that debate organised. (I'm sure you have a kangaroo court in mind though!) In terms of your 'understanding' of Ufology, you have none and are regarded as a joke by one and all. For your information, it was my wife Lynda who encouraged me to get involved in Ufology in March 1995. She has an excellent track record in terms of paranormal investigation as shown in her articles for Beyond magazine. Given this, and her tireless devotion to 'ghost hunting' and so on, I think you would be wise to stop criticizing her investigative abilities.

Finally, the fact that you chose to send out this barrage of hate and venom at the same time as Lynda and I are celebrating the birth of our first (and beautiful) daughter Alexandra Maia, is all the evidence people need to make a sensible decision about your modus operandi.

Some researchers have also commented upon the fact that you did this at the same time that a group of us is investigating a potentially very significant case involving MIB reports in the Bolton area - as featured on US talk radio last week.

We wonder who is really pulling your strings - because nobody can be so stupid.

This letter will be posted on the Internet and on the new Tim vs. Larry website that I am struggling to put together at the moment. You see, guys, my computer skills are limited and this machine is only 18 months old. This rather disqualifies me from being able to produce high-class hoax 'alien' photos in early 1996!

Yet again, it looks like you've got it wrong! At least some

things never change.

I await your reply in anticipation. Perhaps a free review copy for my CV?

Best wishes,

Tim Matthews.

PS - More provable nonsense from y'all.

1 - In your booklet you claim that Dave Baker of the Yorkshire UFO Society. I haven't got a copy of your booklet but Jenny Randles states, in relation to Dave's efforts;

"The two references I saw to you are the fact that Tim deliberately set up your meetings at the Cranes because its a Nazi pub and he reckons possibly bugged by Special Branch (no doubt with mikes hiding in the cocktail umbrellas). I should imagine this is as big a load of twaddle as much else in this book. Why would Tim set up your meeting venue when you live in the city and he lives 100 miles away?

In a recent edition of Lobster, some guy wrote in to completely dismiss the idea that the Three Cranes Public House is a "Nazi Pub". In fact, the correspondent stated, the Sheffield Humanist Society regular meets at the Queen St. location!!

Your suggestion that this is either a 'Nazi pub' or 'bugged by Special Branch' probably qualifies you for an 'MIWC' award; Men In White Coats.

Wrong AGAIN guys!

(I thought that MI5 and SB ops were mutually exclusive; I must re-read my manual!)

PPS - I understand that you're hoping for some sort of a witch hunt undertaken against me against your alleged 'sources'. Sorry guys - I'll have to leave the witch-hunting to you two instead!

In any case, I'm really not bothered if Ufology likes me or not. I'm just hoping you two will keep boosting my profile...

Thanks guys!

QUESTION: When is an Animal Liberationist revolutionary not an Animal Liberationist revolutionary?

ANSWER; When his name is Steve Booth, he eats meat and enjoys waking up to a bacon sandwich in the morning!

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## Re: False Memory

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>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 09:52:51 EST  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 07:11:14 -0700

Dear Kevin,

First, thank you for responding to my note. I am very surprised that you did so, and even more surprised that you tentatively suggest (dare I say "agree") to interview me. It would be \*wonderful\* if you could find a plausible explanation for what has happened to me. Period. I will not reject out-of-hand anything you suggest. I will weigh it and gauge it against the burn incident, which is the only tangible "proof" I have that all that happened prior to that incident was also real.

I can talk over the phone with you, but I imagine a one-on-one interview would be more productive for both of us. If you think it is important for the truth to be understood by others, then you will probably want to either tape the conversation and/or interview me in person with a witness or colleague with you.

You are welcome to stay at our home. We live in the mountains between Conifer and Bailey, Colorado. I can take a few days off from work, if you can arrange to get to DIA in Denver, I can pick you up at the airport. Unfortunately, I can't pay for your plane ticket. I don't know where you live, so maybe you could drive the distance, or we could meet 1/2 way somewhere.

I will need you to do some homework after discussing what I tell you. Are you ready? Will you \*let\* yourself follow-up, despite what your better judgment tells you? When you hit a road block will you stop, or will you push ahead because something nettles your mind? Because what I tell you will bother you. Will you later crumble and fall in a deep abyss if you're able to get your mind around what I tell you? I'm asking you if you are of sound mind and body now, because you will question \*everything\* after this interview. I need you to be strong. It is important to me to know you \*really want to know.\* If you do, fine. If not, maybe someone else will offer to help me. Sincerely, Sue Strickland

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>From: Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

>The National Post - Toronto,

>Monday, December 13, 1999

>Page A1

>Canada's X-Files grow dusty as fewer people spot UFOs

>BY PAUL WALDIE

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Regarding the article in the Toronto Post...

Is this to be interpreted as meaning that there are only two categories of interest in the UFO phenom...

- 1) Those who are interested
- 2) The rest of the world (ROW) who could care less?

On the assumption that the ROW hasn't the faintest interest in the subject, then this leaves us, a small group of ragtag lunatics, who just happen to have an open mind on the issue. In fact, "just having an open mind" is probably a wild understatement. From my perspective, "fascination" on the subject would be just as much if not more the understatement.

We listers seem to have an opinion on everything from Venus to Pelican droppings (crap circles). I would be very interested in commentary from the UFO researchers on list.

Personally, I do not understand the article, relative to the fact that my entire life revolves around this subject. Is it that people have compartmentalized this issue as a result of exposure to half a century of maligning people such as we? Our entertainment media use a level of "reality" such as never before in our recent history. Blood squirts wildy from entrance and exist wounds, brains splatter over wide areas, clothing tends to be removed often, body parts openly (literally) displayed without shame, etc..... etc.... etc.....

Have people developed an immunity to this subject and relegated it to "entertainment" and/or "making fun" value only?

Reality appears to be relegated only to that which can be presented to appear real on the big screen. But imagination, that faculty of the brain which we used in the days of radio,

Re: Canadas X-Files Grow Dusty?

has been discontinued due to lack of interest and use.

I am confused by this article. Whilst I respect those who seek truth, asking for the opinion of UFO researchers may be what happens before rigor mortis. A death rattle.

(sighs)

So what's your opinion folks?

Jim Mortellaro

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Kevin wrote in reference to John Mack:

>Sorry, but his comment about the memory around an experience of  
>"core" importance being better has not been scientifically  
>proved and the information available suggests the opposite.

Depends on 'whose' information you are giving more credence/weight to Kevin. Although I cannot quote 'chapter and verse' I have read papers that reinforce Macks statement. (That memory which is associated with experiences of core importance are better.) I'm sure that equally compelling arguments can be made for both views. What I was objecting to was your blanket dismissal of Dr. Mack's statements with the proclamation that, "This is nonsense."

Until one theory 'checkmates' the other, it remains an open question as to which one better describes how memory actually functions. How then can you make such a statement? If it is based solely on the theories that are expounded by the researchers that you happen to agree with, then the remark is prejudiced.

>I certainly agree that John Mack has impressive credentials, but  
>that doesn't mean he is automatically right.

Doesn't automatically make everything he says, "nonsense" either! It's not just the credentials Kevin. The guy has years of experience working with 'live ones' which is one hell of a lot more than can be said for Loftus, et al. Because of that very important factor I have a tendency to give more weight to comments from a guy who has actually worked the trenches than an "Ivory Tower" academic who never deals with anyone over the age of 20 and most of them only trying to 'please' the professor. (Either for 'grades' or a spot in the department.) Think about that. It's true.

I have seen him claim that confabulation is the result of alcoholism and is associated only with alcoholism and therefore is not relevant to a discussion of alien abduction. But, other, equally credentialed people have said that confabulation can be caused by a number of problems and is not necessarily related to alcoholism.

I don't agree with everything the man says either Kevin. You read UpDates and you know that I have criticized him strongly on more than one occasion.

Re: confabulation

Until it can be proven on a case by case basis whether abductees as a group are all telling manufactured/elaborate lies folks should be taken at their word. Maybe I'm just naive and old fashioned but I hesitate to imply that a whole group of folks are engaged in propagating the same elaborate lie. In all of it's details.

You speak of 'confabulation' as if it was a given and that there was enough hard evidence to justify considering it as an acceptable explanation for a majority of abduction reports.

That's not true.

As you are fond of saying, "it hasn't been proven yet!" In fact, the opposite is true! What few psychological studies have been performed on those who claim 'abduction' experiences shows them to be no more or less neurotic than anyone else in the population. People who tell elaborate lies 'usually' lie compulsively. Yet no significant character disorder has been discovered or reported about those 'experiencers' who were tested psychologically.

I wrote:

>>In place of John Mack you would have people turn to the work of  
>>"academic psychologists" who have never spoken to anyone outside  
>>of a lab or a college campus. Each of the individuals you have  
>>mentioned have all put forth mutually exclusive theories and  
>>explanations regarding alien abductions. None of them -has ever-  
>>worked with anyone who is reporting alien abduction.

Kevin responds:

>Haven't you just dismissed their work without giving it a fair  
>hearing?

Not at all Kevin. When I consented to participate in the NOVA episode that was 'allegedly' looking into UFO abductions I learned that Loftus, Baker, Persinger, and Sagan would also be participating. I made it my business to bone up on who they were, what their credentials were, and what theories they were expounding.

Tell me Kevin doesn't "their work" also include proving the value of their theories in 'real world' situations?

Wouldn't you think that before claiming (in a very public venue) that those of us who appeared on that program were either suffering from; 'delusions/hallucinations' (that one was from the eminent psychologist Carl Sagan,) or false memory (Loftus) or sleep paralysis (Baker) they would have to (at the very least) take the time to interview us and review our case histories? Even if just to determine whether their theories actually applied to us or not.

No, like yourself, they made pronouncements and presumed to 'diagnose' us on-air without ever once having spoken to any of us! Without knowing who we were or the details of what we were reporting.

If that is the way academic psychologists formulate their original theories (in a vacuum) then no, I don't give them or their theories much credence at all. They are much more interested in getting attention for their own 'pet theories' than they are in determining any truth.

For 'academics' life revolves around things like 'grants' and 'publishing.' (publish or perish!) Nope, sorry, they showed me (first person) what they were 'made of' and how they conduct their business. I'm not impressed.

>Can't we say the same about the abduction researchers  
>putting out mutually exclusive theories?

You bet. I'm not defending them here. As far as I'm concerned most of them are as incompetent and full of it as Loftus and Baker and that sad clown Persinger and his electric football helmet! I agree with you that many of them and their 'theories' are no better.

>Can Budd Hopkins' aliens be the same as those reported by David  
>Jacobs or John Mack?

See, this is the kind of insidious/unsubstantiated stuff that  
you have a nasty habit of 'putting out there' Kevin.

They are not "Budd's or Mack's or Jacob's" aliens. They are  
our "aliens!" Those of us who have reported to them. Budd or  
David didn't 'invent' Grey aliens and then 'suggest' them to all  
of us who went to them. We told them! All they have done is to  
report that in their accounts of the cases they have worked  
with.

That's a far cry from what you implied in your statement.

>Hasn't Mack really just accused these others of leading their  
>witnesses into the arena they want?

I can only speak for myself Kevin. I spent a ton of time over  
a six year period working very closely with Budd. I have also  
had the pleasure of spending time talking with Dave Jacobs.  
(both of whom are very intelligent, honest, and straightforward  
men.) Never, (not once) in all those years did I hear anything  
come from either of them that could even remotely be considered  
'leading.' Or an 'attempt' to lead me or anyone else.

That's just another one of those 'bones' that skeptics are fond  
of giving voice to that has no basis in reality. Lawyers do  
stuff like that. I believe the axiom is, "Just say the words!"  
Even if the judge strikes the comments from the record it's too  
late... the jury already "heard the words."

'Saying it' (that abduction researchers all 'lead' their  
clients) doesn't make it so.

I wrote re: NOVA

>>Without ever having spoken to me (or any of the other abductees  
>>who participated) they edited my comments to unrelated questions  
>>in between Loftus and the late Robert Baker expounding their  
>>"theories" on alien abduction. As if they were "analysing" the  
>>abductees whose cases were reviewed on the program. Now how  
>>"ethical" is that? They all could have 'said something' after  
>>the fact. Not a single one of them made any effort to either  
>>interview us or review our cases (the details of what we were  
>>reporting) before passing judgement on us in a very public  
>>medium. I participated in that thing because I thought mental  
>>health professionals would give us a fair hearing. Boy, was I  
>>ever naive!

>Loftus, Baker, et al can't find agreement among themselves. Why  
>should we give them (or their mutually exclusive theories) 'more  
>credence' than we'd give to someone like Dr Mack who has  
>actually worked with live human beings!

>And we can say the same things about the abduction researchers.  
>They can't agree among themselves so why should we give them  
>credence? See above.

See my comments above about what I think of most abduction  
researchers!

I wrote:

>>Gimme a break Kevin. I'm surprised you don't have neck problems  
>>after wearing those gigunda blinders for so long. Open minded  
>>and objective you are not.

Kevin responds:

>Is it really necessary to devolve into personal attacks?

Gee Kevin, that's just what I wonder about you when you imply  
that abductees are 'confabulating' their stories (if not telling  
outright elaborate lies) or that we are all so weak minded  
that we are all being 'led' by abduction researchers. Why is it  
okay for you to imply that we are all nuts, liars, or some form  
of mental deficient and it isn't okay for me to say that I  
don't think you're being very objective.

Personal attacks?

I believe it was you who started that. I don't take well to being called a liar or told that things that happened to me in real life while I was fully conscious and awake are all somehow mistakes because after all, they just have to be 'something else' other than what is being reported. Again I say, gimme a break Kevin. Look into a 'mirror' from time to time other than to shave.

Peace,

John :)

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AIC - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@space-lab.net](mailto:jvif@space-lab.net)

"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: **Karl T Pflock** <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 19:01:58 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 08:30:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 22:15:50 -0600  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Drake Equation

>>Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 14:04:00  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

<snip>

DENNIS et al. --

>The occurrence of circular orbits may require special initial  
>conditions, to avoid the gravitational perturbations and to  
>avoid the tendency of the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics to scramble  
>the orbital ellipticities of planets. Perhaps, our Solar System,  
>with its coplanar, nearly circular orbits represents a  
>remarkably fortuitous low-entropy state for a planetary system."

>Note the use of the phrase "remarkably fortuitous."

Note the word "may" in the first sentence above.

-- KARL

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## Re: Canadas X-Files Grow Dusty?

From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA](mailto:rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 10:18:45 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 13:23:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Canadas X-Files Grow Dusty?

>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 12:36:17 -0500  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Canadas X-Files Grow Dusty?

>From: Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

>The National Post - Toronto,

>Monday, December 13, 1999

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>Canada's X-Files grow dusty as fewer people spot UFOs

>BY PAUL WALDIE

<snip>

>I talked with Paul Waldie on 12-14-99.

>Waldie checks, on-line, for Canadian access to information  
>releases. One area he checks regularly is the Canadian Military,  
>who post all the access to information requests on a monthly  
>basis. One request was for UFO information. He ordered a copy  
>of the request and found that it contained "basically nothing -  
>just Hunziker's telephone number... that was it. I thought it  
>would include some reports, because in the past there have  
>been some reports. So I started with him." [Hunziker]

>I have Hunziker's telephone number should any Canadian  
>Researchers feel the need to get in touch with him.

>ebk

Errol:

After several conversations with DOT, I have arranged that any unidentified aerial object reports they receive will be passed along to me for inclusion in our annual survey of UFO activity in Canada. Unfortunately, this is not retroactive. It will apply only to reports received as of Jan 1, 2000. (This assumes the end of the world will not occur on Dec 31, 1999.)

So, the good news is that these reports will not be lost. Previously, the reports were received \*and discarded\* after 30 days. Such is the march of science.

- Chris Rutkowski  
- Ufology Research of Manitoba

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Nobody in particular



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## Re: Filer's Files #48 -- 1999

From: **Brian Straight** <[brians@mdbs.com](mailto:brians@mdbs.com)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 09:22:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 13:25:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #48 -- 1999

>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 13:36:42 EST  
>Subject: Filer's Files #48 -- 1999  
>To: undisclosed-recipients;

>NEW INTELLIGENT SIGNALS FROM SPACE

>ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO -- Gannett News Service reports that on  
>November 29, 1999, the world's largest radio telescope, picked  
>up what appeared to be an intelligent signal coming from a small  
>star named HD119850.

This story has subsequently been exposed as a hoax.

Brian

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## Re: Giant UFO [was: Re: Filer's Files #49]

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 13:06:40 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 13:29:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Giant UFO [was: Re: Filer's Files #49]

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 16:43:54 EST  
>Subject: Giant UFO [was: Re: Filer's Files #49]  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 00:54:13 EST  
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 1999 09:20:40 -0500  
>>Subject: Filer's Files #49

<snip>

>>NOAA SATELLITE PICKS UP GIANT UFO IN EARTH ORBIT

>>The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has  
>>several Geosynchronous Orbiting Environmental Satellites (GOES)  
>>in orbit watching the Earth's weather and environment. On  
>>November 21, 1999, at 14:45Z hours our satellites caught an  
>>amazing photo of a UFO at an estimated hundred miles above the  
>>Earth off the coast of the state of Washington.

<snip>

>>It was the type we identify as a large Mother Ship.

<snip>

>>Similar photos taken on June 8, 1995, over South America have  
>>also been widely distributed. Philip Imbrogno studied this  
>>case and NOAA explained the image was a "moon shadow UFO."  
>>This excuse will not hold in the latest photos. This UFO was  
>>present for only a few minutes and is not seen in images taken  
>>prior or afterwards. The UFO has structure, windows, and  
>>radiates heat in the infrared spectrum

> [<http://www.filersfiles.com/noaaimages.htm> --ebk]

>So does the Moon (about 15%). Astronomer Rik Hill checked this  
>out and found that our natural satellite was at the right place,  
>and showing the right phase to account for the oval image at the  
>time the pix was taken.

>Some additional information about this picture:

>The shape of the object was due to the motion of the Moon, which  
>caused trailing, even though the Moon phase was nearly Full, so  
>the actual disk was about circular. The time between pictures  
>was 30 minutes, not 15 minutes. Therefore the shifts of the  
>Moon from one picture to the next are about 15 Moon diameters.  
>The pictures are usually cropped and the Moon is not visible.  
>The picture that you received seemed to have been cropped fairly  
>wide, which made the Moon visible.

Hi Bob.

I sent an e-mail request to NOAA for any other images of the  
full Earth they have which also include the Moon in the same  
pictures.

Until then, let's do a quick mathematical check to see if the alleged UFO Mother Ship was in fact the Moon.

The mean diameter of the Moon: 3475 km

The mean diameter of the Earth: 12,756 km

The mean distance of the Moon to the Earth: 384,500 km

The approximate distance of NOAA's GOES satellite to the Earth (since it is in geostationary orbit): 35,786 km

The approximate distance of NOAA's GOES satellite to the Moon (since the Moon is on the opposite side of the Earth with respect to GOES, this will be 384,500 plus 35,786 or): 420,286 km

From trigonometry we get:

$\tan X(M) = 3475/420,286 = 8.268 \times 10^{-3}$

and

$\tan X(E) = 12,756/35,786 = 3.564 \times 10^{-1}$

where X(M) is the angular size of the Moon and X(E) is the angular size of the Earth.

From the inverse tans we get:

X(M) = 0.47 degrees and X(E) = 19.62 degrees

The ratio in sizes of the Earth to the Moon in the GEOS images should be  $19.62/0.47 = 41.7$ . In other words, the Earth should appear 41.7 times larger.

The diameter of the Moon (long axis) on one GEOS images I downloaded was about 3 mm (plus or minus 0.5 mm) and the diameter of the Earth was 96 mm (plus or minus 1.0 mm). This gives ratios as large as  $97/2.5 = 38.8$  or as small as  $95/3.5 = 27.1$ .

Observations:

The object in the GEOS images is smaller than what we would expect for the Moon (assuming there is no pronounced distortions near the edges of the GEOS images).

Also, the axis of the nearly full Moon phase (less than two days from Full Moon), should be parallel to the Earth's N-S axis. It isn't (nonsymmetrical distortions?).

Yes, GEOS images of the Earth are taken every 30 minutes but it does not take up to 30 minutes to take this image so no trailing of the Moon should be evident. Note that the Moon revolves around the Earth once (360 degrees) in just over 27 days so in a 30 minute time frame the Moon would move in the sky by:

$(360 \text{ degrees} / 27 \text{ days}) / (24 \text{ hours} \times 2) = 0.27 \text{ degrees in } 30 \text{ minutes.}$

This is about a half Moon diameter, not the 15 Moon diameters you mention.

If we assume it is the Moon in the GEOS image, since it is a few lunar diameters from the edge of the Earth and it moves about half a lunar diameter in the sky each 30 minutes, there MUST be a few more images of the Moon in GEOS images taken before and after this one.

Conclusion:

The object in the GEOS image (taken November 21, 1999 at 14:45Z cannot be easily explained as the Moon - it remains a UFO.

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Physics and Astronomy  
York University

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 12:58:34 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 13:31:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Giant UFO [was: Re: Filer's Files #49]

Stuart Goldman of SKY & TELESCOPE Magazine has posted a view of what the sky should have looked like at the moment the satellite pix of Moon was taken. Go to:

<http://members.aol.com/MrAstro/NotUFO.gif>

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Giant UFO

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 14:51:23 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 15:04:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Giant UFO

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 12:58:34 EST  
>Subject: Giant UFO [was: Re: Filer's Files #49]  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

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>what the sky should have looked like at the moment the satellite  
>pix of Moon was taken. Go to:

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Hello again Bob.

Jupiter was at opposition (opposite the Sun with respect to the Earth) a month before the November 21 GEOS picture. Why does it appear to be behind the Earth in the picture I thought? Well since the Sun was not shining directly down on the Earth but a little to the right (notice that the left edge of the Earth is not as sharp as the right edge), Jupiter would be roughly at the location where Sky & Telescope says.

Then I thought, where would the Moon be with respect to Jupiter? Well since the Moon moves by just over 12 degrees in the sky each day and according to my Observer's Handbook the Moon had the same R.A. or celestial longitude as Jupiter on November 20 at about 22:00Z, then 3/4 of a day later when the GEOS picture was taken the Moon be nearly 10 degrees further East (to the left of the picture). Since I calculated earlier that the Earth in the GEOS picture was about 20 degrees across, the Moon would indeed be in the general vicinity of the UFO is in the picture.

Conclusion: Our "...Giant UFO in Earth Orbit" (there is no way one can in fact tell) is now an IFO - the Moon. This conclusion agrees (well within an order of magnitude) with the relative sizes of the Earth and the Moon I got in the calculations I made in my earlier e-mail (taking the usual sources of errors into account).

I am still looking forward to seeing any other images of the Moon taken by GEOS, especially those just before or after where it was claimed that the UFO was "not seen in [GEOS] images taken prior or afterwards".

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Physics and Astronomy  
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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 11:48:35 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 15:13:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 20:01:37 -0800 (PST)  
>From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

<snip>

>Ed, I really don't want to get into a lengthy discussion here,  
>but, IMO, the most important evidence against the film, is the  
>lack of evidence supporting its reality. First you have to find  
>some of Ray's 50+-year-old film with a picture of the "alien" on  
>it then you need to test the damn film and prove it is 50+ years  
>old and I might be interested in it again. Until that happens,  
>count me out.

Rebecca,

Yes one of the difficult problems in working with the footage is that Ray seems to hesitate when it comes to providing enough film ( with the image of the Alien) to prove that the footage is what he and the cammeraman say it is. I can't explain this. But this doesn't mean the footage is a hoax. If you wish to prove that, you have to find problems with the film itself as Teresa did. (I don't believe that Teresa has made a case for hoaxing but her work is important. The problem is that there were 200 rolls of film shot by the cammeraman and he sold Ray 22. The film itself wasn't marked so one or two rolls may be out of order and that would invalidate Teresa's efforts, but not the eligance of the experiment.) It's that type of work that will eventually pay off. Also have you seen Dennis Murphy's work on the debris. I think it's brilliant and is another example of what can be found through effort and research:

<http://www.uforeport.com/debris.htm>

<snip>

>seriously I don't follow your logic. Maybe it's me. I  
>haven't been all that well and perhaps I have forgotten a few  
>things, but if you claim, as I believe you do, that the tent  
>footage is a hoax, then what is the importance of the markings  
>on something which has been hoaxed? How does that validate the  
>autopsy video?

Yes the tent footage is a hoax. That is admitted by all; but the security codes are another matter. The hoaxers used information from somewhere for the codes. I believe that they copied the labels from the film cans. This is important information because it could not have been guessed. "Restricted" should have been the designated marking for the film and should have been found on the film cans. If the hoaxers copied this information from the cans, then we have proof that the film cans, at least, were legitimate. This code was unknown to most folks and continues to be. You still refuse to even look for yourself.

<snip>

>Well, having read your reply to James Easton, I don't see how

>your proof is "rock solid" but that's just my opinion vs your  
>opinion. However, I feel confident there are any number of folks  
>on this list who can shoot your opinion down. Maybe they will  
>care enough to do that.

It's not a matter of opinion and this is "deja vu all over  
again" because it's exactly the way you reacted at the time,  
three years ago when I first told you about the restricted  
codes. If you were interested in the "truth", you would have  
simply looked at the letters I told you about to see for  
yourself that this is not a matter of opinion but as I said  
"rock solid". If there are those who can refute this, have at  
it.

Also, as then, I was looking for cooperation, not confrontation.  
You have many connections that I and others don't. Why can't we  
all work together on this.

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## Sighting Report OZ File 13.12.1999

From: **The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia** <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 09:58:02 +1000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 22:35:09 -0500  
Subject: Sighting Report OZ File 13.12.1999

Sighting Report OZ File 13.12.1999

FOLLOWUP Charmaine Ballam AUFORN SA

1800 Callin Code: 00431 13.12.1999

Date: 13.12.99  
Day: Sunday  
Time: 9.11pm  
Name: Venessa & Nick  
Location: North Field Adelaide SA  
Telephone number:  
Given to investigator: Charmaine Ballam AUFORN SA

Report:

Shape: Star Trek like spaceship  
Size: A loaf of bread  
Objects: 1  
Colour: Blue  
Sound: None  
Speed: Fast  
Duration: 15 seconds  
Direction: West to East over to where Yatala Gaol on a level path  
Witnesses: 4

(Charmaine)

I called Vanessa today about her phone call, she told me that she had actually called on behalf of her husband Nick, who had seen the UFO, with 3 other men.

She then proceeded to hand the phone over to her husband Nick. Nick was sitting outside with 3 of his mates, when all of a sudden a bright light appeared out of no where in the sky. First off, Nick thought it might be the Police helicopter, and that it had turned on its search light. But, what seemed strange to Nick and made him change his mind, is that as the object got closer he could make out that it was quite large, and coloured a blue colour, not white, like the search light would be.

When I asked Nick how big he thought the object looked to him, he said roughly the size of a loaf of bread...it was long and quite large. He said, he felt it looked like a ship and reminded him of a Star Trek like spaceship.

(Nick )

"It just appeared from behind a tree !!... I sat there with my mates and we watched it travel levelly for about 15 secs. I live near the Northfield Velladrome and it moved from West to East over to where Yatala Gaol is. The funny thing was, it all of a sudden spurted a bright fluro coloured tail...the same sort of colour that you get with a gas flame..that colour blue.

It seem to spit out the flame, which then made it move...then it again stopped...spitted once, then twice, the flame came spinning out of its end and started to move off again, then to our suprise, as we watched it just disappeared.

(Charmaine)

"I spoke to Nick about how it had been said in the media that a Meteorite was reported in the night sky at the same time.

(Nick replied)

"NO, NO, I know what a meteorite looks like, I've been interested in the night sky for some years now, since I was a young kid. My parents owned a shack down at Willunga, and I know I have seen some strange things in the sky down there, in fact I would say some UFO's. I own a telescope, (Charmaine said) [which he has had for approx. 12wks] and have read up on things in the night sky, so I truly believe that it was NOT a meteorite, but something else. " How did could a meteorite just disappeared into thin air??", " I should have been able to follow its path through the sky "

(Charmaine said)

Nick and his mates sighting lasted for approx. 15 secs, and during that time, Nick states the object travelled on a level path. Nick is happy to be contacted again, if any further info is required.

End of Report.

Thankyou Charmaine for this report

Regards Diane Harrison

Director Of The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia  
Co Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
Australian Skywatch Director

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 19:23:03 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 22:40:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 21:17:59 EST  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 18:01:09 -0600  
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 07:54:12 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>So some talent there, but apparently since dissipated on sex, drugs,  
>rock-and-roll ... and then debunking.

David,

And during the same time-frame, approximating, of course, you were no doubt squandering your family's money on charm school, which apparently was money down the drain.

So try this instead: Howabout a wonderful marriage and an 8-year-old son? How about creating The Anomalist out of thin air? What about that Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism award for my six-part series in OMNI? What about that UFO book I edited with Hilary Evans, UFOs 1947-1997: Fifty Years of Flying Saucers? What about editing the MUFON UFO Journal for 12 years? (Oh, I forgot: the CIA made me do that.)

And for my next debunking effort? Check out:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0380802651/>

And you're contributing \_what\_ to the UFO literature in the meantime? Pretty much zilch, as far as I can determine, but maybe you'd like to enlighten the List if I'm wrong? Favor us with a list of your UFO or relevant scientific publications, please. None? Now why did I instinctively think that?

>Thank you for your honesty here.

No thanks for honesty needed. Why would you expect anything else?

>>That said (you asked), I wasn't criticizing Mallon's science so >>much as his use of the English language and some of his glib >>conclusions. (See my response to Jerry Clark's post.)

>As will be clear soon, his language is the same as some of the experts >themselves who refer to the extra-solar planets as "confirmed." His >conclusions are also the same as many of the astronomers, who comment that >the results suggest that solar systems are probably dirt common. E.g., one >quote by Geoff Marcy, one of the pioneers astronomers in the detection of >extra-solar planets, was that these early results suggest that there are >probably hundreds of millions of earth-like planets in our galaxy.

If you want this feather in your cap, I'll happily concede the point. See, I went to charm school, too. I responded as I did because it so happened that the very day I read the Mallon quotes the NY Times had a headline announcing the first confirmation by direct observation of an extrasolar planet. As a

professional writer myself, I wouldn't have used the same words Mallon did, such as "sudden profusion of confirmed planet detections" -- and that's still my opinion. But I'm confident you'll get over it.

That said, you have your experts, I have mine. Here are a couple:

"David C. Black of the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, Texas considers Gatewood's sighting to be the only one that would satisfy his definition of what a planet is. "It is not clear that any of the others have anything to do with planets," he says, arguing that they probably formed in a fundamentally different way than the planets that orbit the sun." See:

<http://www.sciam.com/explorations/052796explorations.html>

And this:

<http://cannon.sfsu.edu/~gmarcy/planetsearch/bd/ecc.html>

Which contains the following:

"The occurrence of circular orbits may require special initial conditions, to avoid the gravitational perturbations and to avoid the tendency of the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics to scramble the orbital ellipticities of planets. Perhaps, our Solar System, with its coplanar, nearly circular orbits represents a remarkably fortuitous low-entropy state for a planetary system."

Note the use of the phrase "remarkably fortuitous."

When we get past the snide personal remarks and Rudiak's tendency to endlessly nitpick (this is a man who could nitpick an elephant to death with a pair of tweezers), we're left with the following:

The solar systems presently being discovered in no way resemble our own; They were completely unanticipated and cannot be accounted for by current theories of solar system formation, unless Rudiak would like to correct me. (Charm school pays off?)

They are planets and solar system by name only.

I don't really have the time or inclination to go into this (having dissipated so much of my available energies on drugs, sex, and rock and roll), but the reason why astronomers can refer to something as a Class-G sun has to do with their realization that not all suns (or stars) are created equally. Hence a classification system.

Yes, Rudiak is right if he wants to say that almost any sparkling light in the night sky is a sun and any conglomerated body circling same a planet, and that the combination of the two constitutes a solar system by definition -- thereby, somehow (and inevitably) leading to more creatures like us, only more advanced.

But it doesn't take too much deep reading or shallow Internet surfing to see that Rudiak's main gripe is both a canard and a red herring (intermixed with anything I have to say about anything).

The "solar systems" presently being discovered in no way resemble our own; for the most part it is hard to imagine how they could have given rise to life at all, let alone ETI. That is, they are non-starters from the word get-go.

What I suggested was, that as time went along, scientists would find a new terminology to refer to such systems, just as they can now look at stars spread throughout the universe and refer to them as Class-G or other type stars.

Rudiak seems to be opposed to this idea, seemingly arguing that all classification systems are already fixed -- for now and evermore. Or that while we can apply them to suns (hey, I thought all suns were the same by definition?), we can't apply them to planets and solar systems.

My viewpoint remains the same. Rudiak needs to go back to charm school. That, or drugs and rock and roll. Nothing else seems to

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help much.

Dennis Stacy

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## Re: Open Letter To Larry O'Hara And Steven Booth

From: Henny van der Pluijm <[hvdp@worldonline.nl](mailto:hvdp@worldonline.nl)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 02:28:38 +0100 (MET)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 22:42:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Open Letter To Larry O'Hara And Steven Booth

At 03:05 16-12-99 -0500, you wrote:

>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 20:37:50 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Tim Matthews <[TMMatthews99@aol.com](mailto:TMMatthews99@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Open Letter To Larry O'Hara And Steven Booth  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Tim Matthews, P.O.Box 15, Southport PR8 1GR.  
>Tel; (01704) 213517 Mobile; (07944) 047195  
>Email; [TMMatthews99@aol.com](mailto:TMMatthews99@aol.com)

>Open Letter To Steve Booth And Larry O'Hara.

>(Background; last week O'Hara and Booth, both political  
>extremists, (Booth has served time for conspiracy to cause  
>violence etc.) fulfilled the terms of their agreement with MI5 -  
>or whomever - and were apparently paid to publish a glossy and  
>patently ridiculous smear booklet about me, Jenny Randles, Kevin  
>McClure, Eric Morris, Rory Lushman and various other noted  
>Ufologists entitled "At War with the Universe" claiming that I  
>had 'invented sightings' and worked for virtually every  
>intelligence organisation they could spell.

Dear Tim,

What evidence or indication do you have that these people  
work for MI5?

Groeten,  
Henny

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## Malaysians Interested In UFOs?

From: **Lesley Cluff** <[manitou@fox.nstn.ca](mailto:manitou@fox.nstn.ca)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 21:57:42 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 22:50:30 -0500  
Subject: Malaysians Interested In UFOs?

I have a strange request of the list for a friend who is off to teach math in Malaysia the end of this month. Is anyone out there in or know of anyone in the capital area of Malaysia who is into UFOs?

Rather than clutter the list, would appreciate any responses to [manitou@fox.nstn.ca](mailto:manitou@fox.nstn.ca) so I can pass the info onto Kevin.

Lesley Cluff

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## Peter Davenport Chat Log

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 19:33:48 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 23:02:14 -0500  
Subject: Peter Davenport Chat Log

Greetings list -

The chat log from Mr. Davenport's December 13th chat at the Alabama Live website can be found at:

<http://www.al.com/chat/chats/peterdavenport.html>

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)

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## TMP News: Possible Alien Life On Europa?

From: Paul Anderson - TMP / CPR-Canada <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 20:06:47 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 23:27:42 -0500  
Subject: TMP News: Possible Alien Life On Europa?

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Scientists Look to Jupiter's Moon for Possible Life

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Scientists looking for possible alien life are focusing on Jupiter's moon Europa, where huge cracks in the surface indicate that a massive liquid ocean may be sloshing under an icy crust.

"I don't know if there are organisms (on Europa), but it's a great environment to live in," Richard Greenberg of the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona-Tucson said on Thursday.

Scientists have posited the possibility of life on Europa before. But Greenberg told reporters at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union here on Thursday that new evidence from the moon, including photographs returned only last week from the Galileo spacecraft, show a "clement and comfortable" world where microorganisms may well have taken hold.

"It really is an environment very conducive to life," he said.

Key to the evolving theory of possible life on Europa is the notion that the moon is not only covered by ocean, but that it also experiences tides which - - interacting with the icy surface crust -- could generate friction and heat enough to sustain life.

Scientists are fairly certain that Europa, which is about the size of our moon, has a 100-mile thick layer of water which, at least on the surface where temperatures hover around minus 170 degrees Celsius (minus 274 Fahrenheit), is ice.

But if liquid exists beneath the surface then Jupiter, which is 300 times as massive as the Earth, would exert an enormous tidal pull.

Greenberg said that this theory was gaining strength as new photographs show Europa to be covered by a network of mysterious surface cracks, known as "cycloids", which may have been caused by tidal forces in the partially frozen ocean.

Stressed by the ebb and flow of the tides, the cracks open and close, pushing water and partially-frozen slush to the surface, the scientists believe.

"As a result of tides, liquid water regularly bathed crustal cracks and surfaces with heat and whatever nutrients are included in the oceanic chemistry, creating a variety of

potentially habitable crustal environments," Greenberg said in his report.

"Moreover, these various processes in the crust make life possible in the ocean as well, because if the ocean were not regularly exposed to oxidants in the surface, oceanic life would suffocate," he added.

Other parts of Europa's surface show evidence of huge "melt-throughs" as the ocean reached the surface through thin ice, leaving terrain which appears to include huge icebergs that have been refrozen into the surface.

And Greenberg said that scientists were eager to take a closer look at the "cycloid" cracks themselves -- giant fissures which can stretch for thousands of miles and appear in some cases to be flanked by some sort of orangey-brown residue.

"We don't know what that stuff is. But it sure looks delicious," Greenberg said with a smile, adding in a serious aside that it was far too early to suggest that the residue might be some sort of organic material.

These and other questions about Europa may get clearer answers in 2003, when NASA's Europa Orbiter is due to visit the moon to look for closer evidence of an ocean. More information about that mission can be found at [http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/ice\\_fire//europao.htm](http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/ice_fire//europao.htm).

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 22:55:25 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 00:01:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>From: Dennis Stacy  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 19:23:03 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 22:40:09 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Previously, Dennis offered:

<snip>

>The "solar systems" presently being discovered in no way  
>resemble our own; for the most part it is hard to imagine how  
>they could have given rise to life at all, let alone ETI. That  
>is, they are non-starters from the word get-go.

<snip>

Hi Dennis,

I'm not necessarily taking sides, here. However, I believe that the context of this entire discussion has been less about what constitutes a planet and more about what constitutes a "livable" planet. I understand your point as it regards the possibility of life as we know it. But you must admit the term "as we know it" really becomes very subjective and leaves out hundreds, perhaps, millions of possibilities that are simply beyond our limited imagination.

For instance, oceanographers have been constantly surprised to find sea life at pressure and depths that no living thing should survive. In addition, fish, crustaceans and microscopic organisms have been found to thrive in underwater "thermal spouts" ranging from several hundred degrees to thousands of degrees F. Until recently, none of these conditions were thought to support living organisms, yet they do.

If you want to take the position that only Earthlike planets can support

life as we know it; fine. But I think it would be narrow minded to assume that ONLY Earthlike planets can support life of ANY kind. As far fetched as it may sound, perhaps a gas giant has it's own unique life forms; something we simply don't understand or recognize. Perhaps they, too, assume that life can only develop via another gas giant! ;)

Besides, I'm not at all convinced that man is native to this planet.

After all, everywhere he leaves his mark, things seem to be in conflict with nature. I truly feel that we are simply unwelcome visitors with our feet on the coffee table. Once we disappear, the Earth will revert to it's original balance. Unlike all other life on this planet, we have nothing to contribute to the "natural" order of things.

In view of this, does the term "life as we know it" really seem to apply to this Earthlike planet?

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Just a thought....

later,

Roger Evans

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 21:54:13 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 09:27:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 11:48:35 -0800  
>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>Yes one of the difficult problems in working with the footage  
>is that Ray seems to hesitate when it comes to providing enough

Seems to hesitate... geez Ed, you are so kind. The man doesn't  
seem to hesitate -- he has flat-out refused. Very suspicious.

>film ( with the image of the Alien) to prove that the footage  
>is what he and the cameraman say it is. I can't explain this.  
>But this doesn't mean the footage is a hoax. If you wish to prove  
>that, you have to find problems with the film itself as Teresa

Actually Ed, I don't have to prove anything a hoax, it is up to  
Ray to prove his claims, something he has failed to do!

>did. (I don't believe that Teresa has made a case for hoaxing  
>but her work is important. The problem is that there were 200  
>rolls of film shot by the cameraman and he sold Ray 22. The  
>film itself wasn't marked so one or two rolls may be out of  
>order and that would invalidate Teresa's efforts, but not the  
>elegance of the experiment.) It's that type of work that will  
>eventually pay off. Also have you seen Dennis Murphy's work on  
>the debris. I think it's brilliant and is another example of  
>what can be found through effort and research:

Ask Dennis Murphy what he thinks now!

>Yes the tent footage is a hoax. That is admitted by all; but  
>the security codes are another matter. The hoaxers used  
>information from somewhere for the codes. I believe that they

Could the hoaxers have gotten this information from the say...  
the same place you got it?

>copied the labels from the film cans. This is important  
>information because it could not have been guessed.  
>"Restricted" should have been the designated marking for the  
>film and should have been found on the film cans. If the  
>hoaxers copied this information from the cans, then we have  
>proof that the film cans, at least, were legitimate. This  
>code was unknown to most folks and continues to be. You still  
>refuse to even look for yourself.

Because it is nonsense, Ed. You refuse to even understand what  
I've been trying to say for all these years: I DON'T CARE!  
There's enough evidence for me, personally, to call it hoax.  
But really what does it matter what I think? I'm not anyone  
special.

>>Well, having read your reply to James Easton, I don't see how  
>>your proof is "rock solid" but that's just my opinion vs your  
>>opinion. However, I feel confident there are any number of  
>>folks on this list who can shoot your opinion down. Maybe they

>>will care enough to do that.

>It's not a matter of opinion and this is "deja vu all over  
>again" because it's exactly the way you reacted at the time,  
>three years ago when I first told you about the restricted  
>codes. If you were interested in the "truth", you would have  
>simply looked at the letters I told you about to see for  
>yourself that this is not a matter of opinion but as I said  
>"rock solid". If there are those who can refute this, have at  
>it.

Maybe they will, but more than likely they are smarter than I  
and are staying out of this silly mess. Ed, give it up!

>Also, as then, I was looking for cooperation, not confrontation.  
>You have many connections that I and others don't. Why can't  
>we all work together on this.

I don't have any connections that I haven't made via the  
internet and writing right here on UpDates. Yes, some I may have  
pursued. Some I met the MUFON and/or UFO gatherings. It's called  
networking. I've done my work, you do yours.

I'm only confrontational because you annoy me. You annoyed me  
three years ago and you annoy me now.

I'm sorry to be so rude, but I don't have time for this. Perhaps  
someone else will listen to what you have to say.

Rebecca

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## Re: On False Memory

From: Russ Estes <[BGBOPPER@aol.com](mailto:BGBOPPER@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 01:25:47 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 09:41:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

As Dennis Miller once said, "I don't want to rant ... but,"  
Ranting is an easy thing to do.

I have been on this list for over two years and I have posted  
two whole times, this will be the third.

The first time that I posted it was a comment in support of firm  
scientific protocols for the research of paranormal anomalies  
including the UFO Phenomenon.

My second post was in defense of Stanton Friedman and the fine  
work that he had done in the past and a question directed to Mr.  
Friedman as to the protocols that he used in his research. The  
response from Mr. Friedman was as negative as they get. He  
questioned my motives for even asking that question without  
reading his many papers and books. Oddly enough I have read most  
of what Mr. Friedman has put into the public arena and I still  
wondered what protocols he used, needless to say, I never got  
the answer.

When I first became aware of this list I thought, what a great  
idea, an insiders list where the sharing of information could  
possibly get us closer to the real answers. How silly I was to  
think that. It was easy to see that opposing opinions turned to  
personal battles at the drop of a hat. I often wanted to throw  
my two cents worth into the ring but then I thought that life is  
far too short to waste my time battling or dueling with others  
for no other reason than to stoke a fire that is already  
blazing.

I have seen questions asked and challenges made . Of course when  
some answers were posted the questioner would reject any  
comments out of hand or attack the motives of the individual who  
dares to post an opposing view.

What has prompted my post are the following comments made by  
John Velez;

>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 02:45:25 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory

>For someone whose degree in psychology is still 'warm in the  
>frame' you are quick to dismiss (and minimize) the statements of  
>a man who headed a psychology department at Harvard! They don't  
>give posts like that to 'slackers' Kevin. Don't be so quick to  
>dismiss a man who has -years- of experience over you. You only  
>do so because his views don't jibe with yours. It's nothing  
>deeper than that really. It shows in the dismissive language  
>that litters your comments. Example: Re: Mack's remarks, you  
>offer the pronouncement, "This is nonsense!" If you don't think  
>that folks/readers can see through proclamations like that one,  
>you have a lot more to learn about psychology.

I would now like to clear a few things up for Mr. Velez about  
his personal attack on Kevin Randle and his "still warm in the  
frame" degree.

I am sure that it is common knowledge that Kevin and I have co-authored three books, One of those books is "The Abduction Enigma" with William P. Cone Ph.D..

Over 6 years of hands on research went into that book. The opinions that Kevin posted about memory are not only his but also mine and Dr. Cone, whose Diploma is not a bit warm in its frame. Matter of fact, Dr. Cone has over 25 years of clinical experience with a vast majority of that time dealing with memory and the human mind.

John Velez Continues:

>In place of John Mack you would have people turn to the work of  
>"academic psychologists" who have never spoken to anyone outside  
>of a lab or a college campus. Each of the individuals you have  
>mentioned have all put forth mutually exclusive theories and  
>explanations regarding alien abductions. None of them -has ever-  
>worked with anyone who is reporting alien abduction.

<snip>

>Loftus, Baker, et al can't find agreement among themselves. Why  
>should we give them (or their mutually exclusive theories) 'more  
>credence' than we'd give to someone like Dr Mack who has  
>actually worked with live human beings!

The above noted comments are very interesting if you consider the fact that Dr. Mack has "Mutually exclusive theories" of his own. Budd Hopkins aliens are of the malevolent variety and Dr. Macks are of the benevolent ilk. And then we have the "Academic Psychologists" comment. Again very interesting considering that Harvard, at least to my recollection is still Academia and a true Ivory Tower if there ever was one. Also when we look at false memory we must look long and hard at the work of Dr, Elizabeth Loftus who actually did a number of proper scientific studies with real "Live human beings."

>Gimme a break Kevin. I'm surprised you don't have neck problems  
>after wearing those gigunda blinders for so long. Open minded  
>and objective you are not.  
>John Velez

I have considered Kevin Randle a friend for a very long time and I am proud of him for the effort that he put forth in gaining his Ph.D.. He did that for his own reasons not to do the research for the 'Abduction Enigma'. All of that research was done long before his degree was even in the works. The degree does not make the person, the person brings credit to the degree.

Now that I have had my rant I suppose that I have left the door open for dagger throwing in my direction. I will warn the list that I'm not into name calling or dueling for no better reason than to put down another person for their research or their views. My opinions are all in the book 'The Abduction Enigma'. If you haven't read it you might just find it an interesting read. None of us have all of the answers and we will never get the answers if we don't stop all of the bickering and get together with some standardized protocols and cooperation.

It's My Opinion... I May Be Wrong,

Russ Estes

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## Brightest Full Moon In 133 Years...

From: Sue Kovios <[bradford@globalserve.net](mailto:bradford@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 05:29:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 13:32:51 -0500  
Subject: Brightest Full Moon In 133 Years...

<http://www.earthchangestv.com/breaking/index.htm>

Brightest Full Moon In 133 Years...12/12/99

Everyone should mark their calendars this month. It will be the Last Lunar Hurrah of the Millennium:

This year will be the first full moon to occur on the winter solstice, Dec. 22, commonly called the first day of winter. Since a full moon on the winter solstice occurred in conjunction with a lunar perigee (point in the moon's orbit that is closest to Earth) The moon will appear about 14% larger than it does at apogee (the point in it's elliptical orbit that is farthest from the Earth) since the Earth is also several million miles closer to the sun at this time of the year than in the summer, sunlight striking the moon is about 7% stronger making it brighter.

Also, this will be the closest perigee of the Moon of the year since the moon's orbit is constantly deforming. If the weather is clear and there is a snow cover where you live, it is believed that even car headlights will be superfluous.

In laymen's terms it will be a super bright full moon, much more than the usual AND it hasn't happened this way for 133 years! Our ancestor's 133 years ago saw this. Our descendants 100 or so years from now will see this again.

Remember this will happen December 22, 1999.....  
Laurie L Brown  
International Space Station Support  
Puget Sound Location via "Scott" <[Creators@inet.net.nz](mailto:Creators@inet.net.nz)>

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## Re: On False Memory

From: **John C. Thompson** <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 12:24:31 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 13:54:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 01:25:47 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Russ Estes <[BGBOPPER@aol.com](mailto:BGBOPPER@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>As Dennis Miller once said, "I don't want to rant ... but,"  
>Ranting is an easy thing to do.

>I have been on this list for over two years and I have posted  
>two whole times, this will be the third.

<snip>

Why doesn't someone point out that many "abductees" are mentally ill or unstable. Many are, also, lonely and sad people who seem to have some kind of sexual hang-ups. There is so much hog-wash afloat regarding abductions I can't believe anyone would consider anything they obtain as being reliable; whatever your position is on abductions.

With no physical proof or reliable witnesses to support physical "abductions" it is pathetic that any follow these accounts at all. I have, yet, to meet an abductee, whose story of space aliens snatching them, would hold up. It's not that hard to kill their stories; just a minimal amount of investigation and background checks will do it.

Abductions by space aliens and their space-ships have been the biggest fraud put on the American public since ufology became an art (not a science) 52 years ago.

My own idea of what "abductions" constitute can be seen at:

[http://www.isur.com/articles/john\\_int.html](http://www.isur.com/articles/john_int.html)

No, I wouldn't stake my life that is what is happening but it's far better than anything else I've seen.

John C. Thompson

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 10:51:34 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 16:58:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 21:54:13 -0800 (PST)  
>From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Rebecca:

>Seems to hesitate... geez Ed, you are so kind. The man doesn't  
>seem to hesitate -- he has flat-out refused. Very suspicious.

Yes I am kind to Ray. His actions are not the actions of a criminal or hoaxer but someone confused and perhaps somewhat frightened. I have had many email conversations with Ray and found him to be honest, open but unable to answer all my questions. Those who know him think he's honest. Volker was pleased with his purchase. The footage is owned mostly by Volker but Ray and the cameraman still retain some rights. Ray hasn't flatout refused to give out a sample, but he is hesitant and I doubt if he now controls the film and can do only as he pleases. Volker has made it clear that he doesn't care one whit about proving the film authentic.

I don't think the UFO community gave Ray the reception he imagined or deserved. Do you know that at the first showing in 95 one UFologist stole Ray's copy of the footage video (from a table Ray had placed it on), took it to his room, had it for some time, then returned it to Ray that evening. Instead of being upset or perturbed, Ray sent the guy a bottle of wine for returning the video. Does that sound like the behavior of a crook or hoaxer? There are other forces at work. Ray was visited by the US Authorities (MIB maybe) and won't talk about it. I just think you should leave the door open to the possibility that there are other factors working that we don't quite understand.

>actually Ed, I don't have to prove anything a hoax, it is up to  
>Ray to prove his claims, something he has failed to do!

I thought we were trying to find out if the film was legitimate or not. What if we only had the film and were trying to prove it was what it seemed to be. No Ray, no cameraman, just the film and the cannisters it came in. What would we do then? This is important footage. Would we just let it sit there and wring our hands and say "I don't have to prove anything"? Aren't you interested?

>Ask Dennis Murphy what he thinks now!

I did contact Dennis and have given him this address and realize he now has doubts. I hope he follows this discussion and can make up his own mind. I think he's at least open to being convinced. I also would like to hear what Teresa has to say about all this. I reviewed my copy of the AA and believe that at least two sequences are out of order. Also her reference to the second autopsy isn't clear to me. I thought she might answer Neil's post.

>Could the hoaxers have gotten this information from the say...

>the same place you got it?

No there is no evidence they did because they didn't use the same priority number and had no idea about the processing date on the film which was correct: July 30th, 1947. These guys were not ufologists and would have no access to the information. I believe they copied the information from somewhere. I'm sure they didn't guess!

>Because it is nonsense, Ed. You refuse to even understand what  
>I've been trying to say for all these years: I DON'T CARE!  
>There's enough evidence for me, personally, to call it hoax.  
>But really what does it matter what I think? I'm not anyone  
>special.

Rebecca, you are someone special. You and Kent are/were/continue to have a major influence on how folks think about this footage. I don't believe you have any evidence that the film was hoaxed except Ray's refusal to cooperate with you. If it were only you, personally, then of course it wouldn't matter, but I do believe you care and besides it's much bigger than you or Ray or Kent or any individual. Aren't we trying to get to the truth of the matter? Kent never gave the footage a chance. He left the film showing in 95 and declared the footage a hoax and never, as far as I can tell, looked back.

>Maybe they will, but more than likely they are smarter than I  
>and are staying out of this silly mess. Ed, give it up!

Why is trying to find the truth about this "silly mess" a problem for you? If the Santilli footage is proved to be legitimate, it would be the most important evidence we have so far that these creatures exist and that our government knows it. It's a worthwhile project, and a way to practice our cooperative behaviors, too. You might even enjoy it.

Ed

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

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Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 12:11:44 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 19:28:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 22:26:59 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>>From: Ed Gehrman  
>>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 12:13:51 -0800  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 17:24:34 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>Previously, Ed wrote:

>>>I realize that (Philip Mantle) and Ray are friends but I  
>>>just can't see how there could ever be a "balanced  
>>>discussion" of the Santilli alien autopsy? The decision  
>>>has already been made by most Ufologists and the common  
>>>folk: The footage is a bald hoax and a scam.

>><snip>

>>>Never mind that the evidence against the footage is sketchy, at  
>>>best. Ray has been unjustifiably made to look like either a  
>>>dishonest con man and schemer (and worse), or a dupe or  
>>>disinformationist. Not one of these characterizations is true.

>Dear Ed,

>Prove it.

>Better, yet; let Ray prove it.

>The AA footage is a piece of crap.

>Roger Evans

I find your comments very insulting.

Please provide one (just 1) piece of evidence from the film that  
proves that the film itself is a hoax.

Anyone?

It may be a scam, and it has not been proved a hoax.

PB

<http://www.padrak.com/ufo/>

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## Re: On False Memory

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 14:29:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 19:40:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 01:25:47 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Russ Estes <[BGBOPPER@aol.com](mailto:BGBOPPER@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Russ Estes wrote:

>When I first became aware of this list I thought, what a great  
>idea, an insiders list where the sharing of information could  
>possibly get us closer to the real answers. How silly I was to  
>think that. It was easy to see that opposing opinions turned to  
>personal battles at the drop of a hat. I often wanted to throw  
>my two cents worth into the ring but then I thought that life is  
>far too short to waste my time battling or dueling with others  
>for no other reason than to stoke a fire that is already  
>blazing.

Hi Russ.

I find your highly selective labeling amusing. It's cute how any implied insults toward those who report abduction experiences (when it comes from 'your own views') are to be taken as a noble intellectual inquiry of some kind, while any opposing views (or God forbid, should someone actually take offense at Kevin's unsubstantiated statements) are labelled 'rants' or 'personal attacks.' BTW, has your name been mentioned? Why am I 'suddenly' talking to you and not Kevin? Hmmm, interesting phenomenon. You talk to one head and like the game, Smack the Mole you find that another one has 'popped up' to take its place! <lol> You two guys are a pisser. Chinese tag team eh?

>I have seen questions asked and challenges made . Of course  
>when some answers were posted the questioner would reject any  
>comments out of hand or attack the motives of the individual  
>who dares to post an opposing view.

Comical. Turn it around and aim it back at yourselves! What prompted my original response was Kevin's "out of hand attack" of John Mack's "opposing views" with the statement/proclamation: "This is nonsense!" It seems to me the pot calls the kettle black here. :)

>I would now like to clear a few things up for Mr. Velez about  
>his personal attack on Kevin Randle and his "still warm in the  
>frame" degree.

There was nothing any more 'personal' in my comments, than those issued by Kevin in regard to abductees over the years. Somehow we're not supposed to question anything he says. Here -you- are 'defending him!' (do you really think he needs to be defended Russ?)

I never mentioned your name anywhere in any of my postings. Yet here you are "setting me straight" and taking your partners place in the discussion. What are you guys a WWF tag team? When one guy is 'floundering' you slap hands and change places in the ring? Someone should have told me! I would have gotten Greg Sandow or someone to be my 'Red cross' partner! <lol>

>I am sure that it is common knowledge that Kevin and I have  
>co-authored three books, One of those books is "The Abduction  
>Enigma" with William P. Cone Ph.D..

Apparently you guys have been attached at the hip longer than  
I was aware of. Explains why you are responding and not Kevin.  
(To whom I was speaking.)

>Over 6 years of hands on research went into that book. The  
>opinions that Kevin posted about memory are not only his but  
>also mine and Dr. Cone, whose Diploma is not a bit warm in its  
>frame. Matter of fact, Dr. Cone has over 25 years of clinical  
>Texperience with a vast majority of that time dealing with memory  
>and the human mind.

Ha, ha, ha! <lmao!>

Kevin has expounded these -same- interpretations and 'beliefs'  
about the nature of abduction -long before he got his degree-  
Russ. There is nothing 'new' in -anything- Kevin has for sale. So  
what came first, the chicken or the egg?" Was his opinion -before-  
he knew anything about memory different from what it is now?  
Or, has he just found a new 'vehicle' for his own personal bias.

Chicken, egg, chicken, egg, . . . . such a conundrum! :)

John Velez Continues:

Russ I don't mean to be disrespectful but I -was- speaking to  
Kevin. If Kevin wishes to respond to any of my comments then  
fine, I'm here.

Personal note: I grew up on some tough streets in NYC Russ. I've  
been 'ganged up on' before. I'm not going to allow myself to  
get sucked into your 'tag team' match.

Your partner is a 'big boy' and fully capable of speaking for/  
defending himself. You really should have a bit more confidence  
in him and allow him to fight his own battles! :)

John Velez, solo wrestler/"one, . . . against a thousand!" ;)

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AIC - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Editor: Joseph Trainor

UFO CRASHES INTO DAM  
IN NEW SOUTH WALES

On Wednesday, December 8, 1999, radio stations in Australia broadcasted the startling news that "a UFO had crashed into a water supply dam" in Guyra, New South Wales, Australia.

The incident took place sometime after dark on Tuesday, December 7. "Witnesses reported the object skipped across the (reservoir's) surface and left a gouge of flattened reeds and mud measuring 15 metres (50 feet) by 8 metres (24 feet). Media people were being turned away from the site by the hazardous material officers."

According to Australian press reports, "a township in northern New South Wales is having severe water restrictions after an unidentified object crashed into the local dam."

"The projectile slammed into the Guyra water supply dam at the outskirts of the town, north of Armidale," or about 236 miles (377 kilometers) north of Sydney.

"Police said it was first noticed by an employee carrying on routine maintenance tasks at the dam" on Wednesday.

"Fire brigade spokesman John Hobar said an area of reed beds measuring four by ten metres had been flattened, fuelling suspicion that the object may have fallen from the sky.."

"But he had said that he had checked with a number of space agencies, meteorological experts and officials in Canberra (Australia's capital--J.T.) and there had been no sighting of an unidentified object falling from the sky."

"There's a township of about 5,000 people and they're on severe water restrictions," Mr. Hobar said.

On Thursday, December 9, 1999, divers entered the lake behind the Guyra dam "to test for toxins or radioactive material."

On Friday, December 10, 1999, "Authorities lifted the restrictions after tests showed the water is safe to drink. Police divers have found a 12-metre (39.6 feet) cavern in the floor of the dam. The object has not been found, and the divers are going to continue the search today. The object came from the south on a 45 degree" angle of approach.

"Speculations seem to be fixed on either a meteorite or a piece of space junk. One scientist has suggested it was approximately one and a half inches (3.3 centimeters) in diameter."

USA Today reported that some people were speculating that the object was one of the two mini-probes, Scott or Amundsen, which disappeared with the Mars Polar Lander last week. (See USA Today

for December 11, 1999, "UFO," page 4A.)

Over the weekend, authorities announced that the divers had indeed found the "meteorite" lodged in the cavern. (Many thanks to Peter Van Komen, UFO Roundup correspondent in Australia, and to Trevor Griffett, and to Diane Harrison of Australian UFO Research Network for the many Guyra reports.) (Editor's Comment: Totally forgotten are the original witness reports of a large object and the mysterious 120-square-foot "gouge" in the reed beds.)

TWO STAR-LIKE UFOs SEEN  
IN JIMBOOMBA, QUEENSLAND

On Saturday, December 4, 1999, at 7:25 p.m., Fred C. stepped outside his workplace in Jimboomba, Queensland, a suburb of Brisbane, for a smoke and saw an unusual object in the sky.

"I stepped outside to have a smoke when I noticed these two star-like objects travelling together from the southeast," Fred reported. "What I thought was really strange, they stopped for a while., then they moved around a metre and stopped again. They did this twice."

"I noticed a plane going past but it was a lot lower than the two objects. I could see that the plane had flashing lights. I see lots of planes because we are on the Brisbane-to-Sydney flight path, and I know a plane when I see it. I'm very sure this wasn't a plane. I have never seen a plane act like these things did." (Many thanks to Diane Harrison of AUFORN for this news story.)

LUMINOUS UFO SIGHTED IN  
NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

On September 21, 1999, Gary S. and his family were at their home in Zinkwazi, a small port in northern Natal, about 275 kilometers (165 miles) north of Durban, South Africa.

At 3:30 p.m., they saw a luminous object approaching from the northeast, Gary reported. "We saw a strange light that looked like an airplane at first, but it was much too fast to be one. It also turned way too sharp. It wasn't flashing. It just shone with a very white blinding light--a roundish object of a very bright white appearance."

Gary estimated the UFO's speed at "about 600 kilometers per hour (360 miles per hour) at a height (altitude) of 10,000 meters (33,000 feet)." (Email Form Report)

MORE UFOs REPORTED  
IN ITALY

On Saturday, December 4, 1999, at 11 a.m., two people in Li Punti, a suburb of Sassari, a large city in the northwest corner of Sardinia, "watched for several seconds a silver flying object in the form of a tube coming with flattened ends. The flying object was headed in the direction of Osilo."

"Another tube-shaped OVNI (Italian acronym for UFO--J.T.) was seen at the same hour by a motorist on highway SS-131 near Li Punti."

Sardinia is a large island in the Mediterranean Sea belonging to Italy.

The following day, Sunday, December 5, 1999, at 11:10 a.m., three people in Aosta in northern Italy "sighted in the sky a brilliant luminous form that moved extremely slowly." The witnesses were interviewed by Italian ufologist Danilo Tacchino of CUN Piemonte e Val d'Aosta.

Aosta is a city in the Alps about 150 kilometers (90 miles) west of Milano (Milan) and located very close to the border with Switzerland. (Grazie a Alfredo Lissoni, Antonio Cuccu e Danilo Tacchino di Centro Ufologico Nazionale d'Italia, CUN, per questi rapporti.)



WOMAN VIDEOTAPES UFO  
IN WEST LOTHIAN, SCOTLAND

On Monday, November 29, 1999, at 8:13 p.m., Sandra Whelan was at her home in Craigshill, Livingston, West Lothian, Scotland, UK when she "saw two bright golden oval-shaped objects in the sky."

Immediately Ms. Whelan rushed to grab her videocamera and began shooting footage of the two objects. "The lights were seen changing shape from ovals to rhomboids."

The local newspaper ran a story on the sighting and "actually showed a still from the video on the front page," John D. reported, "It seems the MOD (UK Ministry of Defence--J.T.) is very interested in the video." (Many thanks to John D. for this report.)

MYSTERIOUS SKY SOUNDS  
PUZZLE OHIO POLICEMEN

On Sunday, December 5, 1999, from 10:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m." several residents of Defiance, Ohio (population 16,768) telephoned the city police to report weird sounds in the sky above their homes.

"Several city residents along with two Defiance police officers reported hearing strange sounds coming from the skies above the city Sunday night."

"According to police, the sounds were heard 'moving very fast' above Wildwood Drive residences and from as far away as Ayersville."

"The noises, which one witness described as sounding like a motorcycle hum, were reported between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m."

"Police have not determined a possible source for the noises."

Defiance is on Route 24 approximately 53 miles (84 kilometers) southwest of Toledo. (See the Defiance, Ohio Crescent-News for December 6, 1999, "Defiance residents report strange sounds," page 1. Many thanks to Kenneth Young of Cincinnati UFO Research for forwarding the newspaper article.)

TRIANGULAR UFOs SPOTTED  
IN PLEASANTVILLE, N.Y.

On Sunday, December 12, 1999, at 10:09 p.m., Paul S. was at his home in Pleasantville, New York (population 6,592) when he spotted an unusual light through his living room window. Because the window has an excellent view of nearby Westchester County Airport, he thought at first it was a plane's landing lights. But then it did something very strange--it halted in mid-air!

"Tonight, however, a light appeared out of the northwest and stopped. I kept expecting it to turn south, as all the planes do, but it just stayed there. After about 20 seconds, another light, or another object (for now they were both close enough for me to see two or three white lights on each object--P.S.) seemed to appear out of nowhere. My view was greatly blocked by bare tree branches."

"A few seconds after it appeared, both objects began to move slowly towards the west. I quickly ran to fetch a pair of binoculars out of my closet, and the objects were still in view when I returned, slowly moving to the west."

"For about 10 or 15 seconds, I watched with the binoculars until they passed out of sight, slowly but steadily gaining speed, then quickly ran to my bedroom, which has a northward-facing window. By the time I got the blinds up and the window opened, one of the objects had disappeared, but the second was closer than ever, traveling to the west, or perhaps the southwest."

"I could see that the three white lights were actually three corners of an equilateral triangle, and there was one dimmer red light in the center of the bottom of the object. I have no idea how

high it was, but it seemed that it was about the size of a dime held at arm's length when it was closest, just before it passed out of view."

He had the UFO in view until 10:12 p.m.

Pleasantville is on Route 1 approximately 27 miles (43 kilometers) north of New York City. (Email Form Report)

(Editor's Note: Pleasantville is also the home of Reader's Digest magazine.)

#### BLACK HELICOPTERS INVADE NEW ZEALAND

Two black helicopters were seen flying over Godzone, near the large city of Auckland, on New Zealand's North Island, around November 15, 1999.

This was the first reported sighting of black helicopters in New Zealand.

According to eyewitness C.S.M., "two black Iroquois helicopters flew over my workplace. The helicopters were black, not olive drab. They were flying at 300 feet and were easy to identify. A pity I didn't have a camera."

The Royal New Zealand Air Force operates a fleet of 12 UH-18/H Iroquois or Huey helicopters from two air bases, RZNAF Hobsonville and RZNAF Manurewa, near Auckland. However, these helicopters are olive drab and have clearly identifiable RZNAF blue-and-red roundels on the tail boom.

Another witness reported seeing a black helicopter over the Waikato Valley south of Auckland. "After flying around for a while, it headed out to sea." (Email Interview)

(Editor's Comment: Auckland, with its population of one million people, will be the first major municipality to experience Y2K when the midnight rollover to January 1, 2000 occurs two weeks from now. Could someone be positioning black helicopters in New Zealand in anticipation of this?)

#### Y2K: MAGAW TAKES OVER SPECIAL FEMA TASK FORCE

"The outgoing director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) said Monday (December 13, 1999) that he thinks Olympic bombing suspect Eric Robert Rudolph, a fugitive for almost two years, is dead."

"My gut instinct is that he is still there, in a cave, and he is dead," ATF director John Magaw said. "That's only my opinion."

"The last reported sighting of Rudolph was more than a year ago near Andrews," North Carolina.

"Rudolph is the only person on the 'most wanted' lists of both the ATF and the FBI."

(Editor's Comment: By now, Rudolph could have hiked from Andrews, N.C. to Van Buren, Maine...by way of Cuddapali, India!)

"Magaw, who steps down next Monday as the ATF director, said that despite his own opinions, authorities will continue working the case and 'trying to create a situation where he can never be a threat again,'"

"Magaw has been director of the ATF since 1993. He is leaving to coordinate the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) domestic terrorism efforts. Before joining the ATF, he was the director of the Secret Service." (See USA Today for December 14, 1999,

"Outgoing ATF chief expects fugitive is dead.")

Some researchers have questioned FEMA's statements about the severity of the Y2K problem and are questioning the agency's policies concerning the evangelical Christian community.

On Sunday, December 12, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. Central USA time, Michael Bunker, author of Mark of the Beast: The Final Connection, appeared on the radio show The Prophecy Club of Topeka, Kansas and talked about secret FEMA

training sessions that were held in June 1999.

According to Bunker, a police officer who attended the session said the all-day seminar included speakers from the FBI, ATF, FEMA, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), with emphasis upon the USA federal government's plans to respond to Y2K.

Bunker claimed that the FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) was asked by a state official, "Just what plans does the federal government have? And from your comments, it doesn't look like state and local governments will be consulted or even included in the making of this plan?"

The SAC reportedly replied, "American government is set up to continue under the most stressful conditions. However, it has always fought on foreign soil. (Editor's Comment: Dolley Madison and Jefferson Davis might give you an argument about that, friend.) No one can say for sure what a civil war would be like. To be frankly blunt, the (Clinton) administration has been cultivating friendships to help with this, but we will not go into that. I see no need for it, and I am not sure how much I can say."

(Editor's Comment: Translation--NATO troops in the USA for training under the Partnership for Peace program will be used to combat rioters during any Y2K-related civil unrest.)

Bunker said the FEMA representative "talked about disruption of the food supply, possible hijackings (of food trucks--J.T.), differences between hoarding and stockpiling,. And other subjects included price gouging, bank runs, store runs, gas runs, the power grid and the emergency distribution of electricity."

The representative of the U.S. Marshals Service, Bunker added, said their role in a Y2K crisis would be "to transport prisoners to the right place of internment" and "to work together with the FBI to monitor people and their activities around the country."

(Editor's Comment: Begins to sound more and more like Roosevelt's roundup of the Nisei--the Japanese-Americans--back in 1942, doesn't it?)

Meanwhile, more strange military activities have been reported in the southern USA.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1999, several motorists traveling on Interstate Highway I-24 just east of Pleasant View, Tennessee, 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest of Nashville, reported seeing two C-130 Hercules turboprop transport planes "flying low and heading north towards Kentucky." The planes were painted white and had the black letters UN on the fuselage.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1999, a man from Fort Smith, Arkansas was hunting in the woods near the decommissioned Army post of Fort Chaffee. He said he "saw brand-new chainlink fences surrounding the (existing) barracks. At the top of the fence was razor wire turned inward to keep people in." (Newswatch magazine radio broadcast for December 10, 1999, courtesy of Pastor David J. Smith.)

(Editor's Note: From 1980 to 1982, Fort Chaffee was the camp where the Marielito Cubans were interned after Castro deported them from Cuba.)

from the UFO Files...

1997: CHEAP DETECTIVE

I don't have a trenchcoat. Or a gun. Or a 1949 Cadillac Coupe de Ville. I don't call women "dame" or "sister." Why, I don't even own a fedora! So why was I playing private eye in the Mohawk Valley of upstate New York in 1997?

Well, it all started when I read H.P. Lovecraft's 1920 letter to the Gallomo literary club. If you recall last week's UFO Roundup, (See UFO Roundup, volume 4, number 33), Lovecraft had a

strange dream in which he, as an army surgeon named Lieutenant Spencer, visited his hometown in upstate New York in July 1864. Prompted by a worried young man, Spencer paid a call on his old friend, Dr. Chester. Although resistant at first, Dr. Chester finally invited his visitors to a locked attic and showed them an astounding sight--two amputated arms of a clearly non-human creature.

Lovecraft's "dream" seemed so startlingly lifelike that I began to wonder if there might be anything to it. HPL had certainly left enough verifiable details in the narrative, so I decided, come vacation time, I would drive to New York state from Rhode Island and do some on-site research.

First I asked a librarian friend in Windham, Connecticut how to track down a Civil War soldier. She told me that in 1884 the Adjutant General had compiled a list of everyone who had served in the Union army during the USA's Civil War (also known as the War for Southern Independence in Mother Dixie--J.T.). Each state had its own book listing all of its Civil War veterans.

Before my trip, I wondered if "Lt. Spencer" might have a Rhode Island connection. Perhaps he had earned his medical degree at Brown University in Providence. No such luck! The Alumni office at Brown had no record of an "E. Spencer" from New York state studying there in the middle of the Nineteenth Century.

At the end of May 1997, I set out for Saratoga, N.Y. I'd used their library previously and was pretty familiar with it. But again I struck out. Same story in Troy, N.Y. The librarian there warned me that I was in search of the proverbial needle. Nearly 500,000 men from New York state served in the Union army during the Civil War. Here I was, 132 years later, trying to find one soldier out of half a million. But he did point me in the right direction--to the State Capitol Library in Albany, N.Y.

The microfilmed enlistment records listed four "E. Spencers." Two were from New York City. I dismissed them out of hand. Another was from Binghamton, in the southern part of the state. That didn't fit HPL's narrative. He was quite explicit about "northern New York state."

That left Number Four--First Lieutenant E. Gary Spencer, surgeon, 94th New York Regiment, from Brockett's Bridge, N.Y.

"Where's Brockett's Bridge?" I asked the librarian, as I returned the box of microfilms.

She gave me a blank look. "Never heard of it."

Returning to the car, I got out my trusty Rand-McNally 1997 Road Atlas. No listing for a Brockett's Bridge, N.Y. in the index.

I purchased the most detailed New York state road map I could find at a gas station in East Schodack. No Brockett's Bridge!

Crestfallen, I started back to Rhode Island. I was almost ready to give up. But then I started wondering if this Brockett's Bridge was a portion of an existing New York city or town.

Back to the library--this time to a community college. The student librarian showed me their extensive collection of books on New York state. I began poring over the index of each one. She was very helpful.

"Brockett's Bridge," she murmured, "I know I've heard that name somewhere. But I just can't remember where."

And then...paydirt! The elusive name of Brockett's Bridge turned up in an 1855 book entitled The Gazeteer of New York State.

"On the banks of West Canada Creek," it said.

"Where's that?" I asked.

"Up north, Near Herkimer."

Herkimer! The Mohawk Valley! Northern

New York! I thought excitedly, Yesssss!

Don't ask me how, but I kept under the speed limit as I drove back to Albany, past Amsterdam, past Syracuse and on to Little Falls. I got there late in the day and checked in at Best Western.

At first I thought Brockett's Bridge was the original name of Little Falls. But a trip to their public library put me straight. Brockett's Bridge, founded in 1794, was the original name of the nearby town of Dolgeville.

Here at the Little Falls library, I dug up more information about Lt. Spencer, including the family address on Fourth Street in what used to be Brockett's Bridge. But no mention of a Chester family.

Next stop--Dolgeville. To show you how completely the name Brockett's Bridge had been forgotten, only one person at the Town Hall knew the original name. But they were all extremely helpful and friendly and said my best bet would be to check out the county historical museum in Herkimer, N.Y.

Here I learned everything I needed to know about Gary Spencer, as I've come to think of him, from his birth in March 1839 to his enlistment in the U.S. Army in 1862. He was one of six children, his father Thomas was town schoolteacher, and his grandfather was one of the original settlers. Yes, there was quite a bit about Gary, nee Elbridge Gerry Spencer, a.k.a. Eben Spencer, age 16, in the original town census of 1855.

I also learned the real name of the sinister "Dr. Chester." There were four doctors in town back then. Doc Chester is the oldest one, the herbalist, the one with the baby brother.

Another strange fact--in 1871, a Swiss financier named Alfred M. Dolge stepped off the boat in New York City--and without stopping for lunch at Delmonico's--hopped the first train to Little Falls and confronted the town council of Brockett's Bridge with an amazing proposition.

If you will rename your town after me, said Dolge, I will, at my own personal expense, build a shoe factory here in town AND a railroad spur line to connect with the main New York Central track in Little Falls.

Mighty generous of him, eh? You have to wonder why this wealthy European was so eager to erase the name of Brockett's Bridge.

And there's another strange fact. According to the 1870 Census and the first Dolgeville town directory of 1881, there are no listings for Gary Spencer, Doc Chester or the baby brother. Apparently, they all up and left town before the year 1870.

So here's my theory of what happened. Sometime between April and July of 1862, during a period of intense UFO activity (Fate magazine in 1998 reported UFO sightings in Niagara Falls, N.Y. and Manassas, Virginia for that year. Also, Charles Fort recorded numerous instances of mysterious lights on the moon during the same period--J.T.), a saucer crashed in the remote rural area between Salisbury Center, N.Y. and West Canada Creek. Either the alien pilot was badly injured or the crew was killed and there was only one survivor--a bluish-green humanoid with four arms and two legs.

Along comes Doc Chester, out in the woods gathering herbs. He either sees the crash or encounters the injured pilot. He gets the creature back to nearby Brockett's Bridge under cover of darkness.

In this age before antibiotics, Doc Chester cannot save the alien's two left arms. But somehow he pulls the alien through and nurses him back to health. And his unusual houseguest learns English and tells him about new forms of life out there beyond Earth's atmosphere.

But now it's July 1864 and Doc Chester is getting nervous. He knows that someday the alien's friends will be back. Worse, the ever-present strain of discovery is getting to him. Confederate guerrilla raids in Vermont have triggered a spy hunt that has reached even sleepy Brockett's Bridge.

I mean, the good doctor can't exactly write to Abe Lincoln and say, "Guess who's staying at my house?"

So finally he lets his baby brother and Gary Spencer in on the big secret. And then...

I don't know. I don't know what happened. All I know is that Gary and the brothers Chester were no longer in Dolgeville, N.Y. in 1870.

An obituary of Gary's sister printed in the Herkimer newspaper in 1889 simply states that he "vanished twenty years ago."

And there the matter rests--for now. And why do I even bring it up? Two reasons, actually.

My on-site research confirmed a number of the facts in Lovecraft's 1920 "dream" story. There are too many verifiable facts to be merely coincidence.

Also, it's been two years, and I don't know when--if ever--I'll be able to get back to upstate New York and do some more digging. And since there's no Nobel Prize for ufology, I've decided to make my research public in the hope that an honest ufologist will someday continue this important research.

The year 2000 rollover could be the biggest fizzle since the Comet Kohoutek in 1974. Or it could be a watershed event like the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand in 1914.

On the chance that Y2K is the latter, I am giving this vital information to the UFO community. Brockett's Bridge is too important a story to keep to myself. We could have a Nineteenth Century Roswell here. I hope someone will find out for certain.

So, to whichever Roundup reader takes up the quest, here are the clues you need.

Good hunting!

We'll be back in seven days with more on the flap in China and plenty of UFO news from elsewhere in the world, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup."

Get that shopping done. It's nine days until Christmas...and 16 days till D-Day!

Have a great week.

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Hello John,

Thank you John. I'll get onto intensive psychotherapy  
immediately and I promise to take my Prozac regularly. It's so  
good that after all this time 'someone' finally came along and  
stopped the insanity and to clear things up as you have!

In deep gratitude for your unbiased contribution, I remain,

John Velez, Mentally disabled abductee

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>This year will be the first full moon to occur on the winter  
>solstice, Dec. 22, commonly called the first day of winter.

Ever? In this Millennium? It couldn't be this year because by definition there is only one Solstice. The cycle of lunar phases is 18.6 years long and is known as the Saros cycle of eclipses, well known to the ancients. I got my 1980 RASC Observers' Handbook out and there was a Full Moon on Solstice day then, it was even closer to the Solstice than this year.

>Since a full moon on the winter solstice occurred in conjunction  
>with a lunar perigee (point in the moon's orbit that  
>is closest to Earth) The moon will appear about 14%  
>larger than it does at apogee (the point in it's elliptical  
>orbit that is farthest from the Earth)

Something which happens each month.

>since the Earth is also several million miles closer to the  
>sun at this time of the year than in the summer, therefore  
>, sunlight striking the moon is about 7% stronger making  
>it brighter.

Joe Rao, a meteorologist and experienced amateur astronomer has called attention on another list to, Jean Meeus, a Belgium meteorologist and renowned celestial mechanic, who recently wrote of the closest/largest full Moon of the 20th century (which occurred in 1912):

"The most extreme perigee, of January 4, 1912, coincided almost exactly with the full moon. Moreover, the Earth was very close to its perihelion, so that the Moon received more sunlight than under average circumstances. Was that full moon exceptionally bright?

"The perigee distance on that date was 356,375 km. Let us also suppose that an observer saw the Moon directly overhead, yielding a distance to its center of only 349,997 km. The Earth's distance to the Sun was 0.9832 astronomical unit.

"Now, remembering that the mean distance of the Earth-Moon is 384,400 km. and the Earth-Sun 1.0 a.u., and that the apparent brightness of a body varies inversely as the square of its distance, we find that the full moon was  $(384,400/349,997)^2 \times (1.0/0.9832)^2 = 1.2478$  times as bright as the "mean" full moon. This corresponds to an increase of only 0.24 magnitude; thus the moonlight was not exceptionally bright."

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>If the weather is clear and there is a snow cover where you  
>live, it is believed that even car headlights will be  
>superfluous.

Nonsense.

The main thing is that the Moon will be as high in the sky as it gets, because it is close to the Solstice. Most of us probably remembers brilliant winter Full Moons lighting up a snowy landscape.

Enjoy Clear skies,

Bob Young

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I am unaware of any actual psychological data to substantiate  
the above, which seems merely an expression of hostile opinion.  
Whatever the abduction experience may or may not be, the  
available empirical evidence suggests that the average abductee  
is within the normal psychological range. Of course, it's  
always more fun to kill the messenger than to hear what one  
doesn't want to hear, isn't it?

Jerry Clark

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Thanks to Mr J. Thompson we have just relegated anyone who said something that doesn't fit in with physical science to the loony bin.

To say that many are ill, unstable individuals, with sexual hang-ups is the biggest hog-wash I have ever heard.

There may be no physical proof of abductions, but something is happening to these people. Why don't we examine what we know is happening, that people are "experiencing" things "in their own minds" and that they could do with some help dealing with it.

Kicking these people into the gutter, as Mr Thompson has just done helps no-one.

Fantastic discoveries have been made by science and individuals over thousands of years, usually by accident. Science does not prove theories, it merely provides the best one, until another comes along to overturn it.

I don't doubt that some abductees are swinging the lead, but the gutter that Mr Thompson throws them all into is very long and there is plenty of room for him in it.

Re: On False Memory

Mark Haywood

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## Re: On False Memory

From: Joel Henry <[jhenry@visi.com](mailto:jhenry@visi.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 16:17:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:23:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 12:24:31 -0500 (EST)  
>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>Why doesn't someone point out that many "abductees" are mentally  
>ill or unstable. Many are, also, lonely and sad people who seem  
>to have some kind of sexual hang-ups. There is so much hog-wash  
>aflloat regarding abuctions I can't believe anyone would consider  
>anything they obtain as being reliable; whatever your position  
>is on abductions.

<snip>

>My own idea of what "abductions" constitute can be seen at:

>[http://www.isur.com/articles/john\\_int.html](http://www.isur.com/articles/john_int.html)

>No, I wouldn't stake my life that is what is happening but it's  
>far better than anything else I've seen.

>John C. Thompson

Probably because it isn't true. Most abductees are not mentally ill or unstable. Some abductees are. They are in the minority not the majority. Anyone who has done enough work with them including psych workups have found this to be true. The so-called sexual hangups are the result of the sexual abuse of the abductions. Just look at rape victims. They have the same symptoms and problems, only it's a lot harder to get over because it is so bizarre and usually happens multiple times.

As far as stories holding up, what would you do if it happened to you and all you had to show for it was marks on your body, strange pregnancies, and the occasional implant. I think you need to do a better job of selecting what sources your data comes from. Check with John Carpenter. He has accounts where people have witnessed the abductions of others without themselves being abducted and they fully conscious during the event.

Your opinion shows us only what you personally can accept. I started out being very skeptical about alien abductions. As time went on and I learned more, and experience with MUFON field investigations with our local group amassed enough information, I began to realise that it is possible for even the most bizarre and unlikely things to be true.

Joel Henry  
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## Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 18:38:05 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:27:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 1999 09:08:50 EST  
>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman  
>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 23:11:41 -0400

>>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 08:22:20 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman  
>>>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

><snip>

>>My point was not so much that Saucer Smear is a gossip sheet,  
>>but that somebody asking questions about me and Bill Moore and  
>>MJ-12 should have given some indication that he has reviewed my  
>>very extensive writings... which are listed in the snip.

>Okay, Stan, fair enough.

><snip>

>>I didn't say I had any of the other documents using TOP SECRET  
>>RESTRICTED.

>>Read my comments again.

>>Here is a direct quote from page 80 of the GAO's 450 page  
>>overview of what they did for Steve Schiff:

>>DATE: December 7, 1994

>>Ms. Laura Jackson and I reviewed records pertaining to the Air  
>>Force Atomic energy projects and certain mission and weapons  
>>requirements. These files were classified up to and including  
>>top secret. The period covered by these records was from 1948  
>>to 1956. There was no mention of the Roswell Incident. No  
>>information pertaining to the assignment was obtained. In  
>>several instances we noticed the classification Top Secret  
>>Restricted, used on several documents. This is mentioned  
>>because in past references to this classification (Majestic  
>>12) we were told that it was not used during this period.

>>It would certainly appear that these were documents that had  
>>not been declassified and are not available to you or me.

>>I have no problem in believing that the GAO personnel are  
>>telling the truth. Do you?

>Of course not. However, there is the possibility that they have  
>made a mistake. That is why it would be nice to see some of these  
>documents that they mentioned. That would resolve this aspect of  
>the question.

Yes, I would very much like to see any of these documents and had talked to several GAO people. Nothing useful yet.. and not very suprising considering the huge volume they reviewed.. Their whole goal was to find stuff about Roswell. I am just glad that they even mentioned this finding. It is hard to believe that they were mistaken.

It seems to me that they were quite surprised or they wouldn't have made note.

One might hope that some of these documents have been declassified in response to Executive Order 12958. Unfortunately the deadline for review and declassification has been extended from April 2000 to April 2003

>>It would seem extremely unlikely that a forger would use an  
>>unusual security marking bound to raise eyebrows.

>It was also seem unlikely that a forger of great works of art  
>would sing his own name to them somewhere but that has  
>happened.

><snip>

>>I will also enclose a listing of items available from UFORI  
>>including the "Zeta Reticuli Incident" by Terence Dickinson and  
>>"Update on The Zeta Reticuli Incident". These seem to have been  
>>left out of your discussion about the Betty Hill star map in  
>>your "The Abduction Enigma".

>Irrelevant to the current discussion of MJ-12.

>KRandle

Not really, since leaving out significant information is a frequent tactic in ufology including in the attacks on the early MJ-12 documents as I noted in my long paper "Operation Majestic 12? YES!"

Stan Friedman

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 17:38:24 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:33:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 22:55:25 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: The Drake Equation  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Dennis Stacy  
>>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 19:23:03 -0600  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 22:40:09 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>Previously, Dennis offered:

><snip>

>>The "solar systems" presently being discovered in no way  
>>resemble our own; for the most part it is hard to imagine how  
>>they could have given rise to life at all, let alone ETI. That  
>>is, they are non-starters from the word get-go.

><snip>

>Hi Dennis,

>I'm not necessarily taking sides, here. However, I believe that  
>the context of this entire discussion has been less about what  
>constitutes a planet and more about what constitutes a "livable"  
>planet. I understand your point as it regards the possibility of  
>life as we know it. But you must admit the term "as we know it"  
>really becomes very subjective and leaves out hundreds, perhaps,  
>millions of possibilities that are simply beyond our limited  
>imagination.

>For instance, oceanographers have been constantly surprised to  
>find sea life at pressure and depths that no living thing  
>should survive. In addition, fish, crustaceans and microscopic  
>organisms have been found to thrive in underwater "thermal  
>spouts" ranging from several hundred degrees to thousands of  
>degrees F. Until recently, none of these conditions were  
>thought to support living organisms, yet they do.

>If you want to take the position that only Earthlike planets  
>can support life as we know it; fine. But I think it would be  
>narrow minded to assume that ONLY Earthlike planets can  
>support life of ANY kind. As far fetched as it may sound,  
>perhaps a gas giant has it's own unique life forms; something  
>we simply don't understand or recognize. Perhaps they, too,  
>assume that life can only develop via another gas giant! ;)

Roger,

I couldn't agree more. Even Sagan speculated that balloon-like beings might have evolved on one of our solar systems. He even wanted the Mars Rover (I think it was) to carry a flashlight they could turn on at night and watch with remote camera to see if it might attract Martian moths. (See Captured by Aliens for more details.)

What we're looking for is a stable planetary environment that could not only give rise to life, but, eventually, spacefaring

life. For instance, there may well be planets out there completely covered in water. Maybe superintelligent dolphins are swimming around in them right now. But as Michael Swords has pointed out numerous times, intelligent dolphins are not likely to develop spaceships for the obvious reason that they will never undergo an Iron Age. It's damnably difficult to light a furnace and smelt iron ore when you're surrounded by water.

The deep vent discoveries are truly phenomenal and show that old Mother Earth hasn't given up all her surprises yet, just as we continue to find something new and startling on an almost regular basis about our own solar system and the larger universe at large. Such as the new gas giant systems which were totally unexpected in numbers and nature that they will undoubtedly result in new theories of planetary and solar system formation. It may well be that huge gas giants are the "preferred" byproduct of solar systems, not puny little rocky ones like ours. Our own system has two, conveniently placed where they don't do us any harm, and in the case of Jupiter may even serve as a sort of inner solar system sentry, sucking up all sorts of space debris that we'd otherwise not want to encounter at this particular stage of our evolution.

Evolution is a strange bird, too. It hung around this paradise of a place (roughly speaking) for something like 3 billion years in single cell form before starting down the road that led to ufologists and astronomers. If only it had started a few million years earlier, who knows, we might really be somewhere -- instead of where we are now. Anyway, it should be an interesting century.

Dennis Stacy

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## FO Sighting Report OZ File 09.12.1999

From: Diane Harrison <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 10:19:59 +1000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:41:09 -0500  
Subject: FO Sighting Report OZ File 09.12.1999

FOLLOWUP Russell Boundy UFORB 1800 Callin Code: 00422  
09.12.1999

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 09.12.1999

Date: 09.12.99  
Day: Friday  
Time Reported: 8.31pm  
Location: Helenvale , Cooktown North QLD  
Reportee: Carol & Kids  
Report given to: Russell Boundy UFORB QLD  
Tel: 07

Report:

Shape: Star like  
Size: ?  
Objects: 4  
Colour: Bright white  
Sound: None  
Speed: Of a jet aircraft  
Duration: ?  
Direction: South to North  
Witnesses: 1 & Kids

Carol stated that she was in her residence when her "kids" ( nb: the "kids" are adult children) called her outside, when she went out they pointed out a light high in the clear night sky.

The object was a bright white star like light and moved in a steady trajectory across the sky from South to North, a moment later a second similar object followed the same trajectory, then followed a third then a fourth similar object all on the same trajectory at similar separations apart.

The flight trajectory of all objects was horizontal and they travelled out of sight to the North. Carol went inside again to call someone about her observations when she was called back out side, this time a similar object to those previously seen travelled from North to South on the same track, a moment later this was followed by a second object again on the same track (N-S) All of the objects were of the same appearance and travelled about the speed of a jet aircraft silently across the sky, they appeared to be high in the sky.

The light on all of the objects was of a constant brightness. The witnesses also saw a satellite pass on a different track during their observation, the satellite was flashing and travelled much slower in an arc across the sky.

Carol said she was very familiar with high altitude aircraft passing over the area, south west of her location on track from Darwin or Cairns. The objects did not display normal aviation lighting and were not on the usual flight track. Checks with Cairns ATC revealed no military flights in the area at the time of the incident.

The reporter also recalled a sighting of a large bright object about eight years ago near Aloomba South of Cairns.

End Message.

Regards to all Russell Boundy.

Thankyou Russell Boundy for this report

Regards Diane Harrison

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## Re: On False Memory

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:06:44 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:52:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 01:25:47 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Russ Estes <[BGBOPPER@aol.com](mailto:BGBOPPER@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>As Dennis Miller once said, "I don't want to rant ... but,"  
>Ranting is an easy thing to do.

>I have been on this list for over two years and I have posted  
>two whole times, this will be the third.

>The first time that I posted it was a comment in support of firm  
>scientific protocols for the research of paranormal anomalies  
>including the UFO Phenomenon.

>My second post was in defense of Stanton Friedman and the fine  
>work that he had done in the past and a question directed to Mr.  
>Friedman as to the protocols that he used in his research. The  
>response from Mr. Friedman was as negative as they get. He  
>questioned my motives for even asking that question without  
>reading his many papers and books. Oddly enough I have read most  
>of what Mr. Friedman has put into the public arena and I still  
>wondered what protocols he used, needless to say, I never got  
>the answer.

>  
>When I first became aware of this list I thought, what a great  
>idea, an insiders list where the sharing of information could  
>possibly get us closer to the real answers. How silly I was to  
>think that. It was easy to see that opposing opinions turned to  
>personal battles at the drop of a hat. I often wanted to throw  
>my two cents worth into the ring but then I thought that life is  
>far too short to waste my time battling or dueling with others  
>for no other reason than to stoke a fire that is already  
>blazing.

>I have seen questions asked and challenges made . Of course when  
>some answers were posted the questioner would reject any  
>comments out of hand or attack the motives of the individual who  
>dares to post an opposing view.

>What has prompted my post are the following comments made by  
>John Velez;

>>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1999 02:45:25 -0500  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory

>>For someone whose degree in psychology is still 'warm in the  
>>frame' you are quick to dismiss (and minimize) the statements of  
>>a man who headed a psychology department at Harvard! They don't  
>>give posts like that to 'slackers' Kevin. Don't be so quick to  
>>dismiss a man who has -years- of experience over you. You only  
>>do so because his views don't jibe with yours. It's nothing  
>>deeper than that really. It shows in the dismissive language  
>>that litters your comments. Example: Re: Mack's remarks, you  
>>offer the pronouncement, "This is nonsense!" If you don't think  
>>that folks/readers can see through proclamations like that one,  
>>you have a lot more to learn about psychology.

>  
>I would now like to clear a few things up for Mr. Velez about  
>his personal attack on Kevin Randle and his "still warm in the  
>frame" degree.  
>  
>I am sure that it is common knowledge that Kevin and I have  
>co-authored three books, One of those books is "The Abduction  
>Enigma" with William P. Cone Ph.D..  
  
>Over 6 years of hands on research went into that book. The  
>opinions that Kevin posted about memory are not only his but  
>also mine and Dr. Cone, whose Diploma is not a bit warm in its  
>frame. Matter of fact, Dr. Cone has over 25 years of clinical  
>experience with a vast majority of that time dealing with memory  
>and the human mind.  
  
>John Velez Continues:  
  
>>In place of John Mack you would have people turn to the work of  
>>"academic psychologists" who have never spoken to anyone outside  
>>of a lab or a college campus. Each of the individuals you have  
>>mentioned have all put forth mutually exclusive theories and  
>>explanations regarding alien abductions. None of them -has ever-  
>>worked with anyone who is reporting alien abduction.

><snip>

>>Loftus, Baker, et al can't find agreement among themselves. Why  
>>should we give them (or their mutually exclusive theories) 'more  
>>credence' than we'd give to someone like Dr Mack who has  
>>actually worked with live human beings!

>The above noted comments are very interesting if you consider  
>the fact that Dr. Mack has "Mutually exclusive theories" of his  
>own. Budd Hopkins aliens are of the malevolent variety and Dr.  
>Macks are of the benevolent ilk. And then we have the "Academic  
>Psychologists" comment. Again very interesting considering that  
>Harvard, at least to my recollection is still Academia and a  
>true Ivory Tower if there ever was one. Also when we look at  
>>false memory we must look long and hard at the work of Dr,  
>Elizabeth Loftus who actually did a number of proper scientific  
>studies with real "Live human beings."

Dear Russ, Errol and Listers, kind, gentle and all the rest...

Velez can defend himself, this one's for me.

\_Budd Hopkins' aliens\_? \_John Mack's aliens\_? \_Gesundt's  
aliens\_? These are not anyone's aliens, they are those which have  
been described by Mack's patients and Budd's perceived abductees.

You assume (a very dangerous thing to do when one considers the  
act of making an ass out of you and me... you know the old cliché')  
that these aliens belong to those men. Now don't you feel a little  
silly? No? You should.

Your paradigm does not fit into those of either Hopkins or Mack.  
They certainly do not fit into mine. And I have seen, heard and  
perceived myself to have been with aliens. Along come a few  
researchers with or without degrees, who proceed to inform me  
(us) that what we've perceived is not likely what actually  
happened. You folks wrote that down in a book. Then, some other  
folks come down on you for drawing conclusions different from  
theirs. You don't like that. Too bad. It's the nature of this  
beast.

But don't feel too badly. I for one, react similarly. Which  
brings me to several conclusions. That you are quite correct in  
your estimation of the current situation in the field. And  
secondly, quite correct about another matter, that of degrees.

They mean dicksquat. And I have several, maybe even more than  
several. Some people seem to get really uptight, some  
intimidated and some, downright ticked off over the number and  
level of a person's degree of education. How many times have I  
heard remarks about people with Ph.D.'s being about as useful as  
mammary glands on a log.

But you know? The degree doesn't really matter. It's what a man  
is worth by virtue of his word, not his education or lack of it.  
I just happen to be among the best at what I do. But I was so



long before my wife decided that she liked the sound of "Doctor" before my name. Now that we've been thru hell together, it no longer matters.

Want to know what does? Matter, I mean. How people perceive YOUR truth. Right or wrong. How they perceive your word matters. You can be downright dead bloody wrong about everything. But you may still be respected for your soul, your heart and your attitude, care, love and respect for others and their opinions.

See what I mean?

Snip

>I have considered Kevin Randle a friend for a very long time and  
>I am proud of him for the effort that he put forth in gaining  
>his Ph.D.. He did that for his own reasons not to do the  
>research for the 'Abduction Enigma'. All of that research was  
>done long before his degree was even in the works. The degree  
>does not make the person, the person brings credit to the  
>degree.

>Now that I have had my rant I suppose that I have left the door  
>open for dagger throwing in my direction. I will warn the list  
>that I'm not into name calling or dueling for no better reason  
>than to put down another person for their research or their  
>views. My opinions are all in the book 'The Abduction Enigma'.  
>If you haven't read it you might just find it an interesting  
>read. None of us have all of the answers and we will never get  
>the answers if we don't stop all of the bickering and get  
>together with some standardized protocols and cooperation.

>It's My Opinion... I May Be Wrong,

And here sir is where you redeem yourself. At least in my book.

Jim

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>all. I have, yet, to meet an abductee, whose story of space  
>aliens snatching them, would hold up. It's not that hard to  
>kill their stories; just a minimal amount of investigation and  
>background checks will do it.

>Abductions by space aliens and their space-ships have been the  
>biggest fraud put on the American public since ufology became an  
>art (\_not\_ a science) 52 years ago.

>My own idea of what "abductions" constitute can be seen at:

>[http://www.isur.com/articles/john\\_int.html](http://www.isur.com/articles/john_int.html)

>No, I wouldn't stake my life that is what is happening but it's  
>far better than anything else I've seen.

>John C. Thompson

Dear John:

Well, you got me. I am defeated. I am deflated (which if you've  
ever seen me will draw a gasp, as the deflation process would  
likely create a huge tsunami up to Kansas). No! Really.

I really mean that I agree with you wholeheartedly. However,  
I would like you and the other listers to understand \_why\_ I  
agree with you. Are you guys ready?

Good.

It's because I went to the site address you gave above, you  
know, the: [http://www.isur.com/articles/john\\_int.html](http://www.isur.com/articles/john_int.html)

address....

Well, was I shocked and impressed when I read the title of your tomb... tome... whatever... it was exactly the title and nothing more which drove me over to your side. Didn't even have to read it, altho I did. 'S OK, I took a prozac.

The title is:  
Abductions: The Truth  
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I think I am about to have an orgasm. And not only are all my clothes on, not only are my hands at the keyboard of this putter, but even Pia Zadora is not here. And yet, I am about to explode.

God speed John C. Thompson. You made my day. And as me granny used to say ... uh ... I can't say that here. Oh well, you get the stench of it. I meant to write "drift of it." I don't know what's the matter with me.

Doctor J. Jaime Gesundt, Ph.D.'s too numerous to mention.

PS:

And some of 'em I never even aksed for even. God, whilst I am pretty smart, I aint nearly as smart as you. You are blessed with the truth. Uh, I was wondering, has it set you free?

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:08:52 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 21:19:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>From: Dennis Stacy  
>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 17:38:24 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:33:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 22:55:25 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans  
>>Subject: The Drake Equation  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I offered:

>>For instance, oceanographers have been constantly surprised to  
>>find sea life at pressure and depths that no living thing  
>>should survive. In addition, fish, crustaceans and microscopic  
>>organisms have been found to thrive in underwater "thermal  
>>spouts" ranging from several hundred degrees to thousands of  
>>degrees F. Until recently, none of these conditions were  
>>thought to support living organisms, yet they do.

>>If you want to take the position that only Earthlike planets  
>>can support life as we know it; fine. But I think it would be  
>>narrow minded to assume that ONLY Earthlike planets can  
>>support life of ANY kind. As far fetched as it may sound,  
>>perhaps a gas giant has it's own unique life forms; something  
>>we simply don't understand or recognize. Perhaps they, too,  
>>assume that life can only develop via another gas giant! ;)

Dennis replied:

<snip>

>What we're looking for is a stable planetary environment that  
>could not only give rise to life, but, eventually, spacefaring  
>life. For instance, there may well be planets out there  
>completely covered in water. Maybe superintelligent dolphins are  
>swimming around in them right now. But as Michael Swords has  
>pointed out numerous times, intelligent dolphins are not likely  
>to develop spaceships for the obvious reason that they will  
>never undergo an Iron Age. It's damnably difficult to light a  
>furnace and smelt iron ore when you're surrounded by water.

<snip>

Hi, Dennis.

I think you miss my point. Science assumed that no carbon based  
life form could survive in the high temperatures of "thermal  
spouts". Now, of course, it's known as fact. Likewise regarding  
carbon based organisms found surviving the tremendous pressures  
at the bottom of the ocean. According to science, they shouldn't  
exist. But they do.

We simply can't use the development of Earth as the litmus for  
worlds we haven't seen when the world we've seen for thousands  
of years still holds so many contradictions to scientific  
assumptions about what defines the term "life as we know it".

And if we're wrong about "life as we know it" here on our own

planet, then "life as we DON'T know it" must surely be within the realm of possibility on other planets; even seemingly hostile ones.

When one begins to include the possibility of non-carbon based life forms, even more opportunities present themselves.

Regarding your assumption about underwater metal work; obviously you are unaware of underwater welding? Submerged metal work is done all the time. Besides, I would think working in the relative weightless environment of space would be very familiar to a sea creature like a dolphin! ;)

take care,

Roger Evans

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: James Easton <[voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 02:34:33 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 01:25:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

Regarding:

>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 10:36:29 -0800  
>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

Ed wrote:

>>From: James Easton <[voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 1999 05:14:31 -0000

>James,

>But on to "RESTRICTED".

>You said:

>>"The following are self explanatory and originate from someone  
>>with a detailed knowledge of classified documents:

>>'RESTRICTED ACCESS

>>Not a valid classification. RESTRICTED DATA is a marking that has  
>>been used for probably 50 years on nuclear weapons information.

>>A01 CLASSIFICATION

>>I've never heard of anything like this. Sometimes, the  
>>classification has a codeword designator indicating the program,  
>>i.e. TOP SECRET-DINAR where DINAR was a NSA program.

>>JULY 30th 1947

>>Invalid date format. Since World War II, military documents use a  
>>different date format, Day Month Year. For example, 30 July  
>>1947.'

>>These comments are supported by further independent evaluations  
>>from contacts with comprehensive experience of working within the  
>>military intelligence services:

>>'Restricted Access' as a 'classification' is a new one on me.'

>>'Classification status 'A01' sounds like Hollywood.'

>>At which point, you will hopefully appreciate that if this  
>>"security marker" alone is bogus, there are potentially terminal  
>>problems here.

[End]

>Sorry James but you are wrong, very wrong.

Ed,

If I clarify further, it will hopefully set this in context.

Firstly, the above comments were, as stated, an explanation of where the debate originated and why the 'Sunday Times' article mentioned some comments I made to Ray, without attributing their source was a discussion on the CompuServe 'UFO' forum.

Subsequent to this, it was known that, for example, as I disclosed long ago in an article, 'The Manikin Who Fell to Earth':

"Researcher John Stepkowski had written to historian Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, asking for an informed opinion on the use of a 'Restricted Access' classification in general.

Aftergood's opinion was that, 'The term Restricted Access has sometimes been used interchangeably with Special Access, which refers to special dissemination controls above and beyond the classification level and the clearance level of the recipient'.

'Classification markings from that era were not standardized or consistent. Every organization could use more or less whatever markings it wanted'." [End]

The full article, which still contains by far the most factual and objective summary of the footage, can be seen at:

[http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/aa\\_ga.htm](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/aa_ga.htm)

My observation in the UpDates posting was that, "It's all superseded by our knowledge this 'security coding' was simply made up".

Which was why I hadn't gone into more detail. Given that we know the 'security codes' from our tent footage were, like the filming itself, the product of a hilarious prank which capitalised on an earnest belief in 'Rowell, plus specifically, related 'alien autopsy' tales, I thought it unnecessary to elaborate.

Your demonstration why the 'security codes' may have some validity is noted, however, in context it seems to highlight how we can 'make something out of nothing'.

I'm sure, as with myself and John having objectively taking time, pre 'hoax proof', to seek related opinions from some eminent historians [there were others I obtained and never published], it would be of great amusement to those who must have wondered if anyone would actually take it seriously.

Aside from the consummate footage analysis which evidences it to be a hoax - quelle surprise - and much as we might like to see some reality in the 'alien autopsy', I would have thought by now any contemplation that the US government has 'covered up' evidence of alien contact, whether crashed saucers and requisite autopsies, reverse engineered Meier-like saucers at Area 51, underground bases and so on, would have been seen to be exhausted of evidence.

Some might say that's a charitable conclusion and the farcical 'cover up' nonsense, exemplified by the MJ-12, 'everyone else is fooled but us, and we're no fools' junk, is a major factor in why, what is demonstrably an ongoing 'UFO' enigma, has become an increasing anathema to ever being taken seriously.

At some point we do actually have to be sceptical and embark on critical investigation.

Otherwise, we are prone to be gullible and even defend embarrassing garbage, perhaps more than the hoaxers ever conceived was possible.

James.  
E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 17:42:37 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 01:28:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>From: Ed Gehrman  
>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 10:51:34 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 16:58:17 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 1999 21:54:13 -0800 (PST)  
>>From: Rebecca Keith  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Previously, a very patient Rebecca wrote:

>>actually Ed, I don't have to prove anything a hoax, it is up to  
>>Ray to prove his claims, something he has failed to do!

To which Ed replied:

>I thought we were trying to find out if the film was legitimate  
>or not. What if we only had the film and were trying to prove it  
>was what it seemed to be. No Ray, no cameraman, just the film  
>and the cannisters it came in. What would we do then?

Well, Ed, to a degree, that's where we are right now!

Ray's participation in his own defense is non existent. So,  
there's no Ray. On top of that, Ray refuses to reveal the  
identity of the cameraman.

So... No Ray. No Cameraman..... No proof.

It's all well and fine to say, "Let's pretend that there's no  
Ray and the self imposed notoriety that surrounds him and, by  
extension, AA."

But the truth is, we can't. And that doesn't mean that we are  
mean spirited or that we don't want the truth about AA. It's  
simply that truth is relative to the available information.  
Since Santilli has provided only the information he wants us to  
have, you can't get bent out of shape by the "truth" we've  
arrived at.

On the other hand, you want to supplant Santilli's known  
information with information of your own making in order to  
change the "truth" we've arrived at. It doesn't work that way.  
Santilli has no evidence to back his claims and neither do you.  
In fact, you have even less.

Let me ask you a question. Why do you defend someone that has  
the means but won't defend himself? All Ray has to do is reveal  
the identity of the cameraman so the story can be checked out.  
Don't you find it more than a bit suspicious? After all, you  
maintain that Ray is confused and frightened. If so, then why  
not spill the beans? If Ray is telling the truth, then the best  
way to vindicate himself is to provide the proof that only he  
supposedly has access to. To not do so reveals more about  
Santilli's motives than you are obviously willing to accept.

I'm sure your intentions are just, but I feel you are wasting  
your time.

I think Rebecca has been very patient, considering.

Take care,  
Roger Evans

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## Filer's Files #50 -- 1999

From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 22:53:18 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 01:43:24 -0500  
Subject: Filer's Files #50 -- 1999

Filer's Files #50 -- 1999, MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NOTE: I would like to point out that these files contain initial reports from concerned people who spend a considerable bit of effort and time to report their sightings. They have observed, photographed, or video taped unidentified flying objects (UFOs). A UFO is not necessarily an alien craft, it may be any type of various phenomenon such as plasmas, Earth lights, classified aircraft, blimps, etc. The cases are investigated whenever possible and only a small portion are determined to be truly unidentified. This investigation may take weeks or even years. Often these initial reports are supported by others observers, creating a stronger case for a particular UFO. Hundreds of reports are received each month from high quality observers.  
---George Filer

Arthur C. Clark stated, "We are either alone in the universe or we are not. Either case is over whelming!"

### TWENTY THREE OUT OF THIRTY ONE MARS PROBES FAIL

My experience chasing a UFO while in the Air Force has led me to believe that we are not alone in the universe. I attempt to show evidence that supports this belief. Officially, NASA, the US Government, most scientists, and numerous Ufologists feel that I'm wrong, and I admit I may be in error. I certainly could be, but many people who I never thought would agree with my perspective are sending letters of support. By far the hardest people to convince are those who claim to be Ufologists. This phenomena is a valid one that's needs investigation using scientific instruments and research. The phenomena is real and in my opinion the evidence exists in space, on Mars, and here on Earth. The scientific images of a large cylindrical shaped object taken by the Soviet's Phobos 2 scientific mission to Mars is virtually the same cylindrical shaped object described by a witness in the Florida story below. These images and testimony could be used in a court of law and should be considered as scientific evidence as well. The objects are reported by hundreds of witnesses each month. Insiders seem very worried and encourage these reports.

NASA claims they are searching for intelligent life on Mars with something like 15 Billion dollars of the taxpayer's money. I can only assume these are competent scientists with advanced technology.

On December 16, 1999, I phoned Doug Isbelle at NASA Public Relations (407 867-2468) who told me that better than 90 percent of all missions sent into space are successful. He did admit that something like 23 out of 31 probes going to Mars have failed. Only eight got through for a 26% success rate. I explained my theories that someone or something was laying in wait near Mars, and was preventing our space probes from getting through. He stated, "There is not much evidence anything is out there so they are reviewing their technology, computers, mission

management, and the craft themselves to determine why Mars missions are jinxed. I told him, I was at one time a Flight Planner, intelligence officer and flyer that planned flights for the President of the US, various military transports and fighters. All flights were successful to my knowledge. If we lost over two-thirds of our aircraft we would have been fired. I suggested that if you even suspect foul play, you must make adjustments in how the mission is flown. There are numerous penetration techniques that might improve our chances of getting through to Mars and save billions of dollars. NASA has already announced that bacterial life once existed on Mars. Perhaps it has grown up? Furthermore, the 1989, last images from the Soviet Phobos mission showed a huge cylinder UFO closing on the Phobos spacecraft just before it stopped operating. Doug stated, "That was an old Soviet mission to Mars and not really of any interest to NASA." He assured me that they have decreased the cost of each mission down from the billion dollars each, and that the newer missions are much more reasonable. I wish to point out that Soviet Colonel Maria Popovitch, one of the world's most famous test pilots appeared on the television show Hardcopy with a video of a long cigar shaped object that apparently caused the failure of Phobos 2. Photos of the UFO can be seen on my [www.filerfiles.com](http://www.filerfiles.com) Webpage. Hit, : "Is ET capturing our Mars Spacecraft?" at the top of the page.

#### NEW JERSEY

THOROFARE - Nick Altamuro was driving to work on Route 295 on December 17, 1999, when he spotted a bright pinkish light in the sky at 7:15 AM. The light descended vertically and suddenly streaked off to the northwest disappearing at tremendous speed. The color and high speed movement was much faster than any normal aircraft in the sky and lasted for only 30 seconds. Thanks to Nick Altamuro Woodbury, NJ.

#### PENNSYLVANIA PLASMA UFO

LANSDOWNE -- In a most unusual experience prior to this summer, myself, my sister Dolores and friend Kathleen Simon watched as a jet flew due west of Philadelphia. It formed a contrail along its path from which an object broke off of the trail, just a short distance behind the jet. Afterwards, the object veered off for about ten to fifteen seconds and then, vanished. The object was well defined so as not to be simply vapor from the trail itself. This curious event occurred May 30, 1999, 8:00 PM EST This has been, undoubtedly, the most outstanding incident in sightings for myself and others here. Thanks to: Michael Kelly [kellyguy65@hotmail.com](mailto:kellyguy65@hotmail.com)

On December 15, 1999, at 9:52 PM a friend and helpful assistant with my UFO Discussion Groups at the local Sidetracks Cafe in Lansdowne, PA related having noticed a streak of bluegrass light through the window of her sixth floor apartment. The light came from the direction of the roof just left of her window which curved to the right. It seemed like a firework and made a popping sound. She was frightened and couldn't explain it. Her room glowed, briefly. We discussed the possibility of arcing electricity but didn't come to any conclusion. Michael Kelly  
<[skyecj@bellatlantic.net](mailto:skyecj@bellatlantic.net)>Editors Note: We suspect a buildup of electrical energy or plasma causes this phenomenon.

#### VIRGINIA THREE DISCS

DANVILLE -- Adam Clark reports that on November 4, 1999, at 5:30 PM my friend and I were outside talking when I noticed three disc shaped objects in the sky. I told my friend to look and we watched the three objects for about 30 minutes when the objects flew off. One of the disc objects was smaller than the other two. They were metallic gray in color. No detail could be seen. On November 18, we were outside again and my friend told me to look up, because the same three objects were in the sky. We watched them for about 10 minutes around 5:30 PM. Thanks to Adam Clark [doc45@gamewood.net](mailto:doc45@gamewood.net)

#### GEORGIA UFO ACTIVITY

NORCROSS -- MUFON State Director Tom Sheets reports that NUFORC has several recent cases posted from our area to include a November 21, 1999, illuminated object near Highway 141 in Norcross, possible disc hovered and then accelerated at a tremendous speed.

LAWERENCEVILLE -- On November 24, 1999, a circle shape was observed near Highway 316. It was the size of a large car sending out blinding flashes like lightening strikes. ASD Mark Ausmus of Lawrenceville also observed some sort of unusual explosion in the sky a little over a week ago. Possibly related to the above is a witness living outside of Cumming at the south end of Lake Lanier. He has observed unusual bright multicolored star like objects coming up above the horizon and then going back down. Within the last few days, the witness has observed these darting objects again.

ROME -- A few weeks ago, our Diane Headrick referred a witness to SSD Janssen in Rome regarding a 'ferris wheel' appearing UFO.

ZEBULON - On December 12, 1999, at 2:10 PM, a dump truck operator was unloading on County Line Rd. in Pike County. As he checked his outside mirror, he noticed a distant object in the sky, his truck facing to the SW, appearing just over the top of his mirror. He stuck his hand out and spread his fingers to measure it's travel from NE to SW and stated that it went from the tip of thumb to tip of finger in about 3 seconds. He continued to watch the object for about 10 seconds, describing it as round, aluminum color, glistening in the sun, about 3 times the size of a BB shot or small ball bearing at arm's length. The witness indicated that it had no aircraft like structures such as wings, tail etc. He had earlier been watching regular jet liners leaving contrails overhead, and that the viewing conditions were good in the blue sky. This witness was an attendee at a recent MUFONGA meeting.

#### TENNESSEE SILVER CYLINDRICAL UFO

DANDRIDGE -- On December 2, 1999, Patricia G. reports, "At 12:25 PM, I was sky-watching and saw a silver cylinder flying north to southwest rather flying slowly. I'm afraid I can't tell the altitude, but it was large." "At first I thought it might be a jumbo jet, so I looked through my binoculars, and to my delight there were no wings or tail, just a smooth silver cylinder. There was no jetstream or contrail." On Wednesday night, December 1, Patricia's daughter "saw a blue light that pulsated in the northeast sky. She said it was as large as a pencil eraser. She was driving home and lost sight of it when she got home." Thanks to UFO Roundup Vol. 4, # 33, 12/9/9, Editor: Joseph Trainor

#### ALABAMA METEOR

John Thompson writes I think the December 5, 1999, flash was caused by a bolide. I believe the meteor blew up between Anniston and Birmingham. There was no direction to speak of because one or more pieces fell basically straight down. This would explain why most people near Montgomery and LaGrange only saw flashes and the folks in Tennessee only saw a flash. The radio manager down here was in a totally cleared area he said. He caught the "ball" just barely going down. In truth, he probably saw it at its highest -- 20 miles or higher -- and saw it disappeared because of the curvature of the earth between LaGrange and the location where it blew up at. The deputies probably saw much the same in Douglas County except they were looking more to the west whereas the radio man was looking to the northwest. It might have traveled somewhat down to the west but I'll bet it was almost a pure vertical free-fall for the ball and tail into Alabama. We know the bolide wasn't that high because of the witnesses in Alabama say they heard it only 1 1/2 minutes to 2 minutes later. Simple math of 760 mph for the speed of sound shows it was not more than 25 miles away when the flash occurred. That's not that high at all. Joel Vincent said that since the December 5, explosion he has had lots of callers from Georgia and Alabama saying that their have been crisscrossed "chem-trials" galore in the sky. Joel was implied a decontamination effort was under way. He asked if I had heard about "cow poop" hitting north of Atlanta in August. He said he got a call off the air that some stuff that can only be described as cow manure had seemed to have been hurled to the ground and splattered. It was not cow manure but it looked like this. Strange! I told him the Big Birds have returned! I was wondered what had happened to them. Best Regards, gin@wp-lag.mindspring.

#### FLORIDA CYLINDER

TAMPA - The witness was driving south on Highway 75, and saw this cylinder shaped object in very pale muted blue and green cast sky. It stood out as a huge cylindrical upright object. It appeared as if the sky was a fabric and that this object was coming through a

slit in the fabric. The witness was not sure what could be so huge and its vertical position like a column was unlike the horizontal positions of a plane, craft or birds, etc. It was solid white in color with a definite outline to it and it did not mover or change shape. The witness watched for about five minutes. The length of the object at arm's length was about the size of a new pencil, eight inches by half an inch in width. The witness also compares the length of the object to approximately six full moons, at arm's length. The sighting took place on November 9, 1996, at 9:00 AM. Thanks to MUFON's Baywatch Newsletter 12/99 editor Fred Miller.

#### TEXAS GOLDEN FLYING TRIANGLE

SILSBEE -- Sue reports that she observed a UFO, 25 miles north of Beaumont, Texas on December 10, 1999. Sue was traveling home from work when she saw a large golden flying triangle at 5:00 PM. It appeared to be heading towards the ground on a fairly steep angle. She thought it might crash and looked for the smoke or fire and the sound of a crash, but there was none. She tried to get her husband to come outside and look but he doesn't believe in UFOs. This is the first time Sue ever saw a UFO. Sue said, "This is my first sighting ever." Thanks to: SANKYSUE13

HOUSTON -- On December 10, 1999, at 8:00 - My daughter was looking at the sky and asked me, "What is that?" and I replied it's the Moon. She said, "The moon is to the right!" I looked again and seen this bright light with what looked like lots of stars or fire maybe, behind it. I was amazed. We watched it for about 20 seconds and went to get my wife and she came out, but it was gone. We stood there a couple more minutes and saw it again going the other direction. First, we saw it coming down. The second time it was shooting up. I can only explain it as a strange feeling. It looked more like a rocket landing or missile. We thought Russia sent one at us, but the second time we saw it going the other way. Well, we were amazed. Thanks to the World Wide UFO Reporting Center

#### CONTRAILS IN OKLAHOMA AND NEW MEXICO SKY AGAIN

ELK CITY -- was visited again on December 16, 1999, by Contrails. The contrails were last observed on November 29, 1999, Scarecrow writes, "I observed a whole sky full of parallel contrails. There were huge lines in the sky at low level, all parallel. Then there were contrails crossing the first at right angles causing a checker board sky. Thanks to Scarecrow "Lions and Tigers and Grays, Oh My! [scarecrow@colaw.net](mailto:scarecrow@colaw.net) Editor's Note: There are many stories explaining why Air Force and government aircraft are spraying large areas of the country with unknown substances. Some of the best explanations indicate that some kind of anti-viral, or anti-bacteria spray is being spread to kill disease or biological warfare agents. See [www.filersfiles.com](http://www.filersfiles.com) and [www.contrailconnections.com](http://www.contrailconnections.com). link for photos.

#### EGYPTIAN PILOTS REJECT SUICIDE

CAIRO -- Egyptian pilots have threatened a US television station with legal action over a news report into the theory that Egyptian Flight 990 was brought down by a copilot suicide. All 217 people aboard the EgyptAir flight to Cairo died. The head of the Egyptian Pilots' Association, Captain Walid Murad rejected a report on CNN, which said the pilot suicide theory had not been ruled out. Captain Murad said: "The association reserves the right to take legal action against these allegations, which amount to defamation. "These accusations are unacceptable and I don't know on what they are basing them." US television network CNN quoted "two sources familiar with the investigation" as saying that a recently completed transcription of the cockpit conversations did not alter the suicide theory.

The sources said relief copilot Gambol al-Baitty was heard asking or offering to take the controls half-an-hour after Flight 990 left New York for Cairo, CNN said. He was then heard saying "I put my faith in God's hands", which he uttered "multiple times" before a series of unexplained maneuvers. The autopilot was turned off, the plane went into a dive, the elevators went in different directions and the engines were turned off, CNN said. The sources emphasized that the voice recorder information was not conclusive by it and acknowledged that there has been considerable debate about the meaning of the religious phrase, CNN said, EgyptAir president was



not accepting the possibility that one of his pilots was responsible for the disaster. He said in an interview published in the Al-Ahram weekly, that "serious damage" to the aircraft's tail section might have been the cause of the crash. He said: "Serious damage to the tail unit caused, perhaps, by a collision with a solid body, would explain the rapid descent."

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY DEEP SPACE PROBES

Bill Hamilton Executive Director of Skywatch International, Inc. writes that when I served in the US Air Force in the 1960s I was assigned to Security Service which reported directly to the National Security Agency (NSA). NSA is mainly concerned with signal intelligence (SIGINT) and uses the finest radio equipment to tune into the signals transmitted by various military organizations throughout the world. These military communications are often encrypted so that only the intended receiver can decipher them. We have heard from various sources that have worked within compartmentalized NSA projects that NSA may also be interested in intercepting signals from extraterrestrial sources in order to maintain national security. We know from documents released from FOIA requests that the NSA has maintained an interest in UFOs. The mission of tapping some type of signal from UFOs operating within or without our atmosphere, or from planetary bases of operation is conceivable. "There are many intelligence reports that NSA may have numerous "Deep Space Probes" some reaching beyond the orbit of Neptune. The real purpose of these space probes has not been determined. NSA/OCR is the reported office responsible for tracking these probes. Why then is NSA in deep space when the "threat" as we know it is centered here in the near Earth environment? A NSA source reported that one of these NSA Deep Space Probes detected a failed parachute on the Mars' Lander. NSA reported this to JPL, but JPL did not inform the public. And, the "Aliens" are reportedly suppose to have a base on Neptune's moon Triton. Perhaps these NSA Deep Space Probes monitor "Alien" activity in our Solar System? A list of the successful NSA probes can be seen at:  
[http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/reports/nsa\\_deep\\_space\\_probes.htm](http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/reports/nsa_deep_space_probes.htm)  
 Thanks to Bill Hamilton: [skywatcher22@hotmail.com](mailto:skywatcher22@hotmail.com).

#### SATELLITE DISAPPEARANCES

Mike Smeltzer comments that for several years I have watched a growing list of satellites and space probes just disappear. I watched footage of the Space shuttle Columbia explosion, only to discover less than one second before the explosion occurred, two UFO fly past at high speed (they only appear in two frames of video). This was the real beginnings of my watching of strange situations unfold (only two weeks after the shuttle explosion, the Russians watched Chernobyl go into meltdown). The list is growing. Several Canadian communication satellites just stop broadcasting. Two CIA black project Mars probes just disappear, one of which was launched shortly after our Mars probe stopped broadcasting. The other CIA satellite, after the Russian Mars probe video transmissions stop. The list goes on and on. Insurance company's are not only just aware of the tremendous lose of satellites but also the five fold increase in lost aircraft over the past several years. I feel some ones or some things are trying to tell us that we are NOT in control of the skies. (Snip.) Thanks to Mike Smeltzer <[mikes@ptway.com](mailto:mikes@ptway.com)>

#### AIR FORCE CLAIMS MJ-12 DOCUMENTS FABRICATED

Researcher Joseph Stefula writes: In his book "The F.B.I. Files-The FBI's UFO Top Secrets Exposed," Nick Redfern, a FBI memo from SAC, Dallas, to Director, FBI, states they had received copy of a MJ-12 document. (MJ-12 Documents claim that an alien craft crashed at Roswell.) Dallas requested Headquarters discern if the document is still classified? Dallas would withhold any investigation in abeyance until further direction from FBI Headquarters.

FBI Headquarters inquired if the Air Force's AFOSI, Washington, DC, had any information on MJ12, the FBI would like to know? On November 30, 1988, Headquarters AFOSI advised the FBI that the document was "fabricated". But Special Agent Frank Batten, Chief of the Information Release Division at the Investigative Operations Center admitted to Mr. Redfern that AFOSI had no records pertaining to MJ12 or any investigation that the papers were faked. This situation is odd to say the least, without any investigation how could Air Force

AFOSI state to the FBI that the MJ12 document was faked? Redfern interviewed Col. Dick Weaver (ret). He, too, conceded, however, that there were "no documents responsive to Redfern's request for Air force files on how such a determination was reached."

#### INVESTIGATION CONTINUES ON SATELLITE OF UFO OR MOON?

Numerous experts have attempted to solve the mystery of the giant anomalous object picked up on November 21, 1999, at 14:45Z on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Geosynchronous Orbiting Environmental Satellite (GOES) in orbit watching the Earth's weather. Nicla Camerin writes that he had observed the NOAA Satellite photos above Earth. These objects are not the moon. I looked at the images for the day before and after at the same time. If that object had been the moon, it would have been there on those days as well." The image appears to be a full disk, and in the left corner you can see another 'spot'. I zoomed in, and rendered and seems to be another 'object'. Do you have any idea at what timing are get this satellite images? 1/500, 1/1000, 1/8000 etc. In the full disk 4 seems to be a 'blur' in the top-left part instead of the bottom are defined. In the full disk there seems to be some kind of heat around the object. Thanks to Nicla.

Another person wrote US Military satellites also pick up the Fast Walkers on a regular basis. They are the ones knocking out our satellites.

Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@York U. So does the Moon (about 15%). Astronomer Rik Hill checked this out and found that our natural satellite was at the right place, and showing the right phase to account for the oval image at the time the pix was taken. The shape of the object was due to the motion of the Moon, which caused trailing, even though the Moon phase was nearly Full, so the actual disk was about circular. The time between pictures was 30 minutes, not 15 minutes. Therefore the shifts of the Moon from one picture to the next are about 15 Moon diameters.

I sent an E-mail request to NOAA for any other images of the full Earth they have which also include the Moon in the same pictures. Until then, let's do a quick mathematical check to see if the alleged UFO Mother Ship was in fact the Moon.

The mean diameter of the Moon is: 3475 km, while the mean diameter of the Earth: 12,756 km. The mean distance of the Moon to the Earth: 384,500 km. The approximate distance of NOAA's GOES satellite to the Earth (since it is in geostationery orbit): 35,786 km. The approximate distance of NOAA's GOES satellite to the Moon (since the Moon is on the opposite side of the Earth with respect to GOES, this will be 384,500 plus 35,786 or): 420,286 km. From trigonometry we get:  $\tan X(M) = 3475/420,286 = 8.268 \times 10^{-3}$  And  $\tan X(E) = 12,756/35,786 = 3.564 \times 10^{-1}$  where  $X(M)$  is the angular size of the Moon and  $X(E)$  is the angular size of the Earth. From the inverse tans we get:  $X(M) = 0.47$  degrees and  $X(E) = 19.62$  degrees, The ratio in sizes of the Earth to the Moon in the GEOS images should be  $19.62/0.47 = 41.7$ . In other words, the Earth should appear 41.7 times larger. The diameter of the Moon (long axis) on the GEOS images I downloaded was about 3 mm (plus or minus 0.5 mm) and the diameter of the Earth was 96 mm (plus or minus 1.0 mm). This gives ratios as large as  $97/2.5 = 38.8$  or as small as  $95/3.5 = 27.1$ .

Observations: The object in the GEOS images is smaller than what we would expect for the Moon (assuming there is no pronounced distortions near the edges of the GEOS images). Also, the axis of the nearly full Moon phase (less than two days from Full Moon), should be parallel to the Earth's N-S axis. It isn't (nonsymmetrical distortions?). Yes, GEOS images of the Earth are taken every 30 minutes but it does not take up to 30 minutes to take this image so no trailing of the Moon should be evident. Note that the Moon revolves around the Earth once (360 degrees) in just over 27 days so in a 30 minute time frame the Moon would move in the sky by:  $(360 \text{ degrees} / 27 \text{ days}) / (24 \text{ hours} \times 2) = 0.27$  degrees in 30 minutes. This is about a half Moon diameter, not the 15 Moon diameters you mention. If we assume it is the Moon in the GEOS image, since it is a few lunar diameters from the edge of the Earth and it moves about half a lunar diameter in the sky each 30 minutes, there MUST be a few more images of the Moon in GEOS images taken before and after this one. Conclusion: The object in the GEOS image (taken November 21, 1999, at 14:45Z cannot be easily explained as the Moon - it remains a UFO. Nick Balaskas, Physics and Astronomy, York University Thanks to Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>



There is some disagreement if the moon will show up on infrared. Anyone know? The Photos are located at:

[http://spica.cira.colostate.edu/jpeg/325/1999325144514i08\\_fulldisk\\_c01.jpg](http://spica.cira.colostate.edu/jpeg/325/1999325144514i08_fulldisk_c01.jpg)

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KECKSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA CRASH TAPE -- UFO crash/retrieval Video Documentary Most readers of this column are familiar with the Roswell event, but many are unaware that a similar incident occurred in Pennsylvania in 1965, near a small rural community called Kecksburg. Veteran UFO researcher Stan Gordon, has been gathering information on this case for many years, and has produced a studio made 92 minute video called "Kecksburg The Untold Story." This production recently won the 1998 EBE film award for the Best Historical UFO Documentary. A startling revelation is revealed here from a witness, who says he saw a body in the building at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base only days after it was delivered there. Send a check or money order to: Stan Gordon Productions, Dept. GF, P.O. Box 936, Greensburg, PA 15601. The cost is \$35.90. For more info check out Stan's Website at [www.westol.com/~paufu](http://www.westol.com/~paufu)

US GOVERNMENT UFO PROOF RELEASED: Audio tapes of a genuine UFO Alert at Edwards Air Force base and studied by the Foreign Technology Division at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, are now available for distribution to the public. Lunar Astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell was at Edwards the night the UFO chase occurred. The 6th person to walk on the moon said, "The night it happened I investigated it myself and this was a real event." Sam Sherman's audio documentary tape called THE EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE ENCOUNTER on the night of October 7, 1965, uses the actual voice recordings provided by the Air Force. During this event 12 high tech luminous UFOs invade secure air space and came down low over the runways at Edwards AFB. Tower operator Sgt. Chuck Sorrels spotted them and notified the Air Defense Command. Sgt. Sorrels is heard on the original tapes and in a new segment where he verifies the event as it is heard on the archival recordings. The UFOs are described and a decision is made to launch F-106 fighter interceptors. You are there for an important part of UFO history. Hear it for yourself, it's the best UFO tape ever made. Tape cost is \$14.95 each plus \$2.00 for shipping -- total \$16.95 -- (for overseas orders-out of US - add \$6.00 shipping cost -- total -- \$20.95) you can send either a personal check or money order to: Independent International Pictures Corp, Box 565, Dept. GF, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 01:52:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

Members,

After reviewing the 20 or so posts of this lively and interesting thread, I was forcibly grabbed by this thought:

For 55 years we have been witnessing a continuous outpouring of phenomena and events. The top media go against every basic tenet of their profession, turn away and refuse to engage it. The university leadership cower at any possible inclusion of the field in their realm. The politicians will literally flee the podium rather than respond intelligently to the issues raised. The government has tied itself up with so many lies, it will take a new and separate agency just to sort them out.

And then, out of this cauldron of fear, elitist self delusion, avoidance, failure and subversion; a few, then many, then a torrent of basic citizens - with reluctance and trepidation - step forward and say, "This is happening to me. It troubles me, it harms me, it elates or confuses me. Will someone help? Can someone assist me to understand?"

A very good case could be made that these experiencers, abductees, or whatever they wish to be called, are the only "sane" people involved in this ongoing human fiasco.

Steve Bassett

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I said:

>>Why doesn't someone point out that many "abductees" are mentally  
>>ill or unstable. Many are, also, lonely and sad people who seem  
>>to have some kind of sexual hang-ups. There is so much hog-wash  
>>afloat regarding abductions I can't believe anyone would consider  
>>anything they obtain as being reliable; whatever your position  
>>is on abductions.

<snip>

>>My own idea of what "abductions" constitute can be seen at:

>>[http://www.isur.com/articles/john\\_int.html](http://www.isur.com/articles/john_int.html)

>>No, I wouldn't stake my life that is what is happening but it's  
>>far better than anything else I've seen.

>>John C. Thompson

>Probably because it isn't true. Most abductees are not  
>mentally ill or unstable. Some abductees are. They are in the  
>minority not the majority. Anyone who has done enough work with  
>them including psych workups have found this to be true. The  
>so-called sexual hangups are the result of the sexual abuse of  
>the abductions. Just look at rape victims. They have the same  
>symptoms and problems, only it's a lot harder to get over  
>because it is so bizarre and usually happens multiple times.

I didn't say "most" I said "many." Let's see I had one that  
told his shrink that he had been abducted at one place but told  
me another. Then on confronting him on this he said he was  
embarrassed to tell me about the second encounter because the  
giant aliens had told him on their next attempt they were "going  
to fix his brain." His shrink didn't believe a word of it; I'm  
more neutral. His wife who was frozen during his abduction --he  
claimed--never spoke to me to prove she saw him abducted..

Then on the many with "sexual hang-ups" I had one tell me that  
he had a naked lady put a metal box on his chest and then the  
mean ol' aliens cored out his bottom. I like the guy and I  
respect him--he's a real worker and I do believe he believes  
what he is telling me-- but he's not all there. It's really  
tragic but the guy doesn't have a shred of proof of what he  
claims. Others have met him and pretty much agree with my  
assessment.

Well, then we have the abductee who's been married for nearly 20 years and was abducted into a big white light. Never told her husband but told a complete stranger--me--her account.. Her mother, a shrink, told her she just had a bad nightmare. I think mom was closer to the truth.

A retired homicide detective and licensed hypnotherapist wouldn't touch her with a 20 foot pole. His conclusion after talking to her: She may have been sexually abused when young and not by aliens. Oh yea: she freely admitted that she was on anti-depression medicine and once did illegal drugs but not while she was being abducted. In short, how could anyone call this person a credible witness? Abduction accounts aren't worth the paper they're dribbled on if background and reputation checks aren't made on those who claim to be abducted. Indeed, all sensational UFO accounts fall in the same category.

Gee, I had one who claimed several years ago that her car was stopped by a flying saucer. The sucker put out so much heat she had to roll her windows up to keep the heat out . She, of course, had a friend with her to verify this. But the friend didn't want to talk to me because she "might lose her RN job if word got out." Even her boyfriend verified both of them telling him of the account and washing "silver dollar" paint spots off their car because of the intense heat that saucer put out. They had missing time and thought they might be abducted....

Guess what? You got to know these folks for a long time! Keep tabs on them. The witness, who signed a standardized UFO case form, was just arrested for being the get-away driver in an armed robbery where a man was beaten. I found out through one of my sources that out of all the lie-detecter tests ever given by this particular police agency that has arrested her she was the biggest liar ever seen! Her now ex-boyfriend says, "I don't know what to believe from her." Yes, I guess we could say this all came about from the terrible trama related to her assumed abduction; sure!

Then we have the little engine that wouldn't pull. Now he isn't crazy he just wants lots of attention. He read Fate magazines all his life and almost conned me. He really had cooked one up. Even went to the point of waking an old lady up to tell her he had seen a UFO and was missing time. Told the police too about seeing his UFO. But the little ol' lady and her son, the Bank VP who was there when the little engine who couldn't pull came in, said he didn't remember seeing anything strange on the abductee's pickup. (He had claimed that splotches were left on it but the truck was gone before I met him.). They didn't remember the cinnamon smell his mother said was all over his clothes the next day. That's because he got the cinnamon idea from Whitneys' first book and doused himself between leaving the lady's house and arriving at his own home.

Well, I got so taken in by his bull I tried to make this guy a UFO investigator.

Big mistake! Never allow an abductee to investigate anything!

I found the strangest things: He had witnesses saying things they never said!

When not enough, embellish, embellish!

Then mom told me that he lived in HER house and she didn't want him to be making long-distance calls anymore as she was all out of money. Real crunch time came when the Atlanta Journal Constitution writer met him and concluded rightly the guy was a flake. He wrote him out of the story and Mr. Abductee didn't show up for his coming out party in Atlanta where he was going to tell all to the world. Around the same time he abruptly quit running for city council two days before the election because his old buddy the police chief threatened him. The police chief was going to plant "four pounds of marijuana" in his car to stop him from cleaning up corruption in their fair community. You get the idea: the little engine who couldn't pull always had a script where he was going to save the world. Last I saw he was still living at mom's house.

>As far as stories holding up, what would you do if it happened

>to you and all you had to show for it was marks on your body,  
>strange pregnancies, and the occasional implant. I think you  
>need to do a better job of selecting what sources your data  
>comes from. Check with John Carpenter. He has accounts where  
>people have witnessed the abductions of others without  
>themselves being abducted and they fully conscious during the  
>event.

I don't need to talk to John Carpenter, Mack, Hopkins or whoever else you want me to talk to. I do my own investigations and am bored to tears with abduction accounts. They got their views, I got mine. By-the-way all those "abductees" of above signed standardized MUFON case forms or other similar forms and consented to video testimony; didn't make any difference.

Now when we come to those who only claim to see entities, the score is better. Their basic story is "I saw a shadow or something similar and I don't know what it was." Oh yea: Most have a thought that what they saw was evil. Jacobs is on to something here.

On marks on body never saw any that could be conclusively proven to come from aliens. Much is coincidence; much like all the physical trace events; horse hockey. If it was all over as many claim I would have seen it in my 120 plus formal investigations in Georgia and Alabama. Nothing is ever conclusive about physical evidence or physical abductions. I'm sorry but it's just not there. . I started out believing and became skeptical after so many sensational claims falling through. I predict if you do many cases you will come back to where you rightfully began: a skeptic regarding physical abductions. Abductions are a mental process pure and simple, if anything. I could spend 20 pages expanding but this is enough. My work can be seen at <http://www.isur.com>

Nearly all my work has been peer reviewed at one time or another; even by the director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency who said my report on an 8/2/99 mystery boom near LaGrange, Georgia was "thorough." Considering I told him that his Agency and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation were dead wrong on concluding the 8/2/99 blasts were caused by a meteor I'd say my work must not be too shabby..

I should point out that ISUR or MUFON, who I sent about 90 UFO/entity/abduction signed reports to, do not necessarily endorse or agree with my views. I am solely responsible for my own investigations and where they have taken me. I let the evidence or lack of evidence drive me; not what I, perhaps, would like to believe. I do believe there are reliable UFO reports.

What they are remains unknown..

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>"sane" people involved in this ongoing human fiasco.

>Steve Bassett

Hi Steve,

You have no idea how rarely that 'theory' of yours gets tabled!  
It has never ceased to amaze me how the possibility that 'some  
folks' are simply reporting the truth of events they had to live  
through, is beyond consideration for so many.

I 'see' your comment and I 'raise' you one! :)

We live in a world where the basest aspects/parts of humanity  
are given all the press, emphasis and attention. Everybody is so  
leery and paranoid of one another that a simple concept like  
"taking a man or woman at their word" is almost universally  
accepted as a patent absurdity. The 'Law of the Land' re:  
experiencers is, "guilty until proven innocent!" If it was the  
other way around, we would have gotten a serious and thorough  
investigation long before now.

You read the list. We are basically the brunt of jokes, pity,  
derision, and (even more recently,) a form of extreme 'right  
wing' skepticism that proposes: "Let's lock all of them sexual  
pervs up in mental institutions and forget em" type of thing.  
You know, the run of the mill 'Party Line' for card carrying  
morons and \_bigots\_.

Thank you for giving us the benefit of the doubt. I don't  
encounter it often. Most are so preoccupied looking for an  
'angle' that they never quite get the import/implications of  
dismissing or ignoring what is being reported. It \_never\_ occurs  
to them that what they are hearing from their neighbors "may be"  
the \_accurate\_ reports of \_honest\_ men and women who care enough  
about their fellows to risk ridicule and social rejection.

As far as I'm concerned the biggest contribution I can make to  
society right now is to 'report' and stand my ground no matter  
what the personal cost. It's that important.

John Velez, Graphic artist, self employed business person,  
homeowner, married 30 years, father of two, grandfather of two,

abductee.

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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## An Exceptional Abduction and SETI

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As a member of the Planetary Society and a dedicated UFO researcher, I am of course very interested in the investigation of extraterrestrial life from both ends of the empirical enquiry. Having witnessed myself the flight of an extraordinary disc in broad daylight, quite beyond any technology that we possess, and therefore having no doubt that contact is underway, I have the greatest respect for those who logically come to the conclusion that life must be out there and patiently seek to gather evidence for it in a scientific way, having had no experience of it to drive them forward.

One such observer is Tim Ferris, who has done much to promote the search for extraterrestrial intelligence and in an article in the current Planetary Report (The Planetary Society's Magazine Vol XIX Number 6) says in response to the question of what attracted him to the subject of extraterrestrial life: "One of the things that troubles me most about this subject is that the human species has only begun to learn how to think about it. I'm most often asked if I believe there is life out there, and that's the WRONG question. Questions of belief have their place in life, but they are wholly irrelevant to questions of what might be out there. I've always couched the question in empirical terms.

For scientific and philosophical reasons, WE WON'T UNDERSTAND OURSELVES UNTIL WE KNOW ABOUT EXTRATERRESTIAL LIFE (my capitals L.J.R.)

If you are still reading bear this in mind and read on:-

This article by Jorge Martin first appeared in EVIDENCIA OVNI (Puerto Rico) numbers 9 10 11(1995-1996). When it was first published in Puerto Rico and later in this country the two ladies concerned preferred to be quoted under the pseudonyms Myriam and Sonia Rivera. The reason for this may well have been that "Myriam" (Marleen) had become Jorge Martin's wife. It was translated from Spanish by Gordon Creighton and published in the Flying Saucer Review Volume 43/1 Spring 1998 and again drawn attention to in The Flying Saucer Review Volume 44/3 Autumn 1999. Gordon Creighton, Editor of the Review, has given permission for this article to be published.

I have chosen to omit Marleen's mother's account, brimming with unimpeded detail, simply because I am wilting with the effort of reproducing this. However her mother gave us a very important date which I feel obliged to quote... "August 16th of the year 2010. On that date many things are going to happen"

Back numbers of the Flying Saucer Review are available on order from <http://www.corpex.com/users/archmage/fsr/fsrhome.htm> should anyone wish to have the full translation. I stress this is not an advertising gimmick. There are useful details in the mother's account but the essential message was given to Marleen. Larry Robson.

Jorge Martin writes: Throughout the entire history of the study of the UFO Phenomenon there have been certain cases of encounters with these devices and their occupants which present extremely interesting angles, inasmuch as they appear to be

related to the Spiritual, the Transcendental....

These cases have led some students of the subject to ask themselves whether the phenomenon may not fit with the conception of a manifestation, on our physical plane of existence from Superior or Angelic levels. This following case from Puerto Rico which we now present, and which has been investigated by us, reveals certain aspects which might imply precisely that possibility. We invite you to read and study it, and reflect on the information that is given.

A few years ago we have already published some details of a case of what, up until that time, had seemed to be merely a matter of teletransportation (the paranormal and sudden transportation of persons or objects to another place distant in time and space.)

It involved a young woman (NOW the wife of Jorge Martin Editor of Evidencia Ovni Puerto Rico but at that time unknown to him L.J.R.) and her mother as they were travelling in their car along Puerto Rico Highway No. 2 in the Bayamon area, right behind the West Bayamon Commercial Centre, at about 7p.m. one day in the Summer of 1979-80.

They were going from the capital San Juan, to the municipal region of Florida. The young woman was taking her mother there so that her uncle - the mother's brother - might look after her, as she was suffering from a grave state of mental depression. The father had recently died, and this had been such an emotional shock for the wife that she was unable to get over it, and had fallen into this profound depression and now weighed only 85lbs. In despair the daughter prayed for her recovery. The shock of losing her mother would be unbearable. So she removed her mother from the sanatorium where she was being treated and was now taking her westward to the uncle, with the plan to leave the car with her too, for the uncle to use if necessary. Another person (who prefers to remain un-named at present) was following them in a second car, in order to bring the daughter back to San Juan.

As we were saying, just as they were at Hato Tejas, at a point behind the Commercial Centre there, the mother and daughter suddenly found everything becoming dark and obscure, and everything seemed to have vanished from view - the road, the trees, the street lamps - everything!

They began to hear a strange humming noise, and to feel queer themselves. As Marleen recalls it, "the car seemed too light. She could not feel as if they were on the road, and she was very confused. She asked her mother what she thought was happening, but the mother did not answer, and simply sat there, gazing ahead, "as though in a trance". On the other hand, the mother said the very same thing about her daughter!

A mysterious bluish-white light entered the car, and the next thing that they both remembered was being still in the car and seeing the road and trees and the street lamps reappearing before them. But they were now arriving at Arecibo, and they had no idea how they got there! Looking at their watches, they saw that it was 9.30 p.m. Two-and-a-half hours had elapsed...and they had no memory of what had occurred during that period.

For years they both continued wonder what could have happened. But this situation changed when, at last, in the summer of 1994, both ladies - separately underwent a number of sessions of regressive hypnosis. We present below, the revelations which were derived from these sessions of hypnosis:-

(To avoid the "contamination" of the statement of either of them, it was decided that each one of them should undergo her sessions separately from the other, and that neither of them would know anything about what the other one had said until the hypnosis sessions were over. We were thus able to be quite certain that the information arising from each of them would be totally independent and free of any influence by details furnished by the other.)

The sessions of hypnosis were conducted by the well known hypnotist, Manuel Mendez del Toro, assisted by myself.

HYPNOSIS SESSION WITH MARLEEN LOPEZ DE MARTIN

Under hypnosis she remembered that she was driving her 1974 Montecarlo car along the Hato Tejas sector, when everything became dark and obscure, she was no longer aware of the road, and all she could see was a faint mistiness around the car, and all she could hear was a loud hum.

Then a bluish-white light came down and invaded the car, and she asked her mother what was happening, because she could not understand it. But her mother, gave no answer, and seemed to be in a trance.

Then a brilliant ray of white light came into the car from the right side, and enveloped the mother who disappeared!

Terrified and bewildered, Marleen looked out of the car, and saw that hanging above it was a large flying object of a metallic silvery grey colour.

At that same time another beam of light enveloped her too. Terrified, she tried to hunch down into the corner of the car and put her arms up to protect her face, and found herself going out of the car through the roof - passing through it as though it did not exist.

At this point she shouts, weeping and distraught with fear, "What's this! What's this!...(sobs, desperation)...Where's Mama?"

Glancing back she saw that the car was floating in the air there, at a great height, very close to the huge round object! And far below in the distance she could see faint white lights - the street lamps and lights in the houses.

Terrified, she went on weeping and asking what was going on, unable to make any sense of it. She looked up again at the flying object, and saw that a door in the side of it was starting to open.

Then, to her amazement, she saw that there was a very strange, very tall figure standing in the doorway. He was a humanoid being, about six feet in height, and very white, very slim. He had a large head, somewhat rounded, dark eyes not very big, and a gentle tender mien and look. His mouth was very small, almost imperceptible, with a soft smile, and his nose was like ours, but very small. He had long arms, and hands with fingers like us, but long. He did not appear to have clothing, and his entire skin was of a pale grey, whitish shade. "He is very dainty, delicate", says Marleen.

Addressing her mentally, the grey being said: "Come with me. Don't be afraid. We aren't going to harm you. Don't worry", and she felt he was speaking truthfully, and at once felt calm and at great peace. She said: "I felt great goodness emanate from that being".

He stretched out his hands, gripping them gently, lovingly, and took her into the flying saucer. She felt even calmer now. Once they were inside, he continued to tell her, telepathically, in a voice that sounded masculine, but yet tender, that she should not be afraid, that everything was going to be alright, and that nothing bad was going to happen to her.

Marleen asked about her mother, and he assured her that her mother was there too, that she should not be fearful on her account, and that all was well with her.

The entire interior of the craft was a pearly-silver shade, very beautiful.

The next thing that Marleen remembered is that a number of others of the "Grey" type appear, similar to the tall one, but very small, only about 3 1/2 feet high, and together with the tall one they take her up a little curved passage to a round chamber on one of the walls of which there is a curved protuberance which appears to be a "sort of seat that comes out from the wall itself."

In fact everything in the chamber appears to be moulded in one

piece, with the sole exception of a small metallic bed, with something like a white sheet on it, standing in the middle of the chamber. Beside the bed there is a small metallic table with a tray, also of metal, and silvery colours "like stainless steel" with many strange instruments, many long small rods, and something resembling a compass.

Marleen continues: "In the chamber there are more of the little beings, very graceful; they emanate a great sensation of love and peace. They too talk to me mentally. They tell me that they are going to help me."

The "tiny ones" lift Marleen up under the arms and carry her to the small bed, where a source of very bright light is placed upon her head. And there the tall being and the little ones examined her physically and, at a given moment introduced the sort of very fine, long metallic rods into various parts of her body: her feet, knees, elbows, and especially into the abdomen, through a point corresponding to the position of the ovaries. They explain that they are giving her an energy reinforcement. so as to improve the condition of her organism.

Furthermore they took samples from her body with the same little rods. Then the small beings brought some strange instruments resembling clamps like those that are put on the legs of people having any sort of orthopaedic problem, and fitted them onto her legs, while the tall being continues to tell Marleen not to be afraid, that she was ill, but they now are curing her with that instrument.

She said : "Those things had a rectangular metallic plate on which the feet were put, and on the upper end they had five little rings, as it were, and they put my toes into the rings...they have some pins on them, and they put them in and they close them on my legs above the knees"

Instantly, as they fixed the devices on her legs, Marleen felt a powerful heat or energy rising up throughout her entire body, seemingly passing up through her bones. The sensation was a strange one, no pain or discomfort, but indeed rather pleasant. (Ever since she was a small child, Marleen had been suffering severe pain in the bones of her legs and in her joints, but the doctors had never been able to diagnose the cause of the pain.)

On the right-hand wall of the chamber, several of the "little greys" were manipulating machines like computers with lots of little lights. Marleen said: "it was just like a laboratory, and there they were, at those little machines with the little lights , working away... On the other (left-side) side there was nothing - just the wall with the seat attached to it. At the extreme right of the left-hand side there was a gap - a curvature - showing that part led into another chamber.

#### EXAMINATION HEALING AND EXPLANATION OF IT ALL

Gazing tenderly at her, the tall "Grey" said: "You have got what your people call cancer of the bones, but don't be afraid, we are curing you, because you have got to be well for some very important work that you are going to have to do in the future, and you need to be in complete good health to do that work.

"In the future you are going to meet a person who is also doing very important work, and who will make known something very important for mankind; he will reveal the relationship that you humans have with us, and you will have to join with him in order to be able to help him carry out his job.

"You are both going to have to inform people about the reality of our existence. This person has come to do this very important work, which will be connected with information, with the process of evolution, and with changes that are going to take place in your world."

Marleen asked where her mother was, and the being answered: "Don't have any fears about her. She is here too. She is very seriously ill, but we are curing her, because her condition also affects you very greatly, and if anything were to happen to her, you would not be in the right condition for carrying out that important work that you will have to do in the future.

And that is why we are curing her too."

Thereupon one of the small beings handed to the tall one an instrument "resembling a compass" and placed it on Marleen's forehead. Instantly the strange instrument began to emit flashes, while the tall being explained to her that "this is for the psyche (apparently for some psychic effect), it will deepen your intuition even further." It was a metallic thing, a silvery grey, but long V with something curving across it like a compass.

After that they let her sit up in bed, and at that moment another being of completely human appearance, came into the chamber. He was about six feet tall and very handsome, with a rosy pink complexion, light greenish eyes and fair hair, and with a very tender countenance and smile. He was wearing a shining white tunic, and he projected a sensation of enormous love.

Meanwhile, the tall "Grey" was explaining to Marleen who they were, and why they were here. He said: "All of us are working together (the tall "Greys", the little ones, and the beings of human type) in a great mission."

He went on to explain that his species specifically, is a very, very ancient race, in a very high grade of development, already close to the creation, on a quasi-spiritual plane, and that they do not come from any specific point in our physical universe (i.e. giving her to understand that his species transcends the dimensional planes.)

He also explained that his species is working "in one of creation's plans which watches over the continuity of the evolution of the worlds and of the races that inhabit them, and that they are very near to the Originator, the Creation.

He said: "We have many problems with your world (the earth), for it has been very difficult for us to help both yourselves as a species, and the planet itself, to evolve. You have fallen into a vicious circle due to your excessive materialism, which does not permit you to transcend, to grow, to enter upon the process of evolution. This time the process is irreversible. It has got to work... the whole Globe itself, and yourselves as a race, are going to enter into a new vibratory dimension."

"If you do not develop a consciousness of the spiritual world, side-by-side with your consciousness of the world of matter, then you will not survive, many, many lives will be lost, for the vibrational shock, which will be reflected on the physical plane, will be so great that you will be unable to stand it, you will be unable to transcend...and you will die.

"Only by raising the level of your consciousness through knowledge, will you be able to refine yourselves vibrationally and be capable of transcending this process. The moment is approaching and there is almost no time left to prepare yourselves. The work that that person will be doing, will help you all understand where you come from... your relationship to us... and to the universe."

"The origins of your species and of earth are far, far older than you have all been led to believe to believe, because the Earth, and you, have evolved three times and then fallen back three times and started afresh. The archeological remains that your people have found and have investigated are only the most recent remains of the most recent of the vanished civilisations, of the last attempts at evolution on the planet... but there are far, far more."

"The origins of the evolution of the Earth and of the human beings inhabiting it, have undergone interventions by beings from other worlds and from other planes of existence who have come to help you evolve.

"On various occasions those other species have mingled with you, have crossbred with you, and your Authorities (not necessarily covert government L.J.R.) know this but don't want to reveal it because they want to maintain their own total control, and knowledge of all this would bring down the entire system of power and manipulation which they have created in order to control the human beings, their own terrestrial

brethren.

"But the change which is coming, IS ALREADY IRREVERSIBLE, and this time it has got to succeed. And the terrestrial humans have got to develop a consciousness, but in order to grow and evolve, the terrestrial human must be conscious of who he is, and from whence he really comes, in order to be able to enter into the Light Ray, the vibration which has to carry him towards God. The human beings must break away from material things, if not they will not be able to enter into that vibration, that divine energy."

While the tall being was explaining all this to Marleen, she saw him suddenly light up, become transfigured, and a beautiful aura of light enveloped him, and simultaneously she felt a powerful sensation of love and goodness emanating from him. "It was something sublime - you could see it, feel it, that he was very, very wise...with a lofty level of spirituality - very lofty. I never felt, here on earth, the love, the goodness that emanated from himself."

He also told me that there are other beings, resembling themselves, who are doing things with our governments, and that this ought not to be happening, for the other species, less evolved than they are, has a very grave problem, which has led them to form an association with governments of the earth in exchange for something they need.

"He said that our governments have availed themselves of those beings and of their need, and have managed to secure for themselves technical information which is highly dangerous for anyone in that state of consciousness in which we ourselves are at present.

"He assured her that he and his people had no connection whatsoever with that other species that resembles them, and that they condemn the activities of those others here."

The tall being went on to describe some of the physical changes that are coming upon the Earth. Then they let Marleen get dressed again. Standing close by was the tall, fair "human" type being, wearing a pearly-white coloured tunic of some shining material like linen. The tunic fitted tightly at the neck, and gathered on the chest in pleats, and with long sleeves down to the wrists. On his feet he had gilded sandals.

The tall "Grey" told Marleen that this other type of being (fair "human" type) are another species of humans, very evolved, and related to us terrestrial humans, and that these highly evolved ones are working together with the tall Greys to assist the evolution of the Earth and of the Earth's inhabitants. He explained furthermore that these fair extraterrestrial humans, although originating from a very distant place in the Universe, actually also have a base on Mars.

And because they are brethren of our own species, although more evolved than we are, having already passed through the evolutionary stage through which we are present going, they want to help us take this forward step.

In order to make certain facets of their work here easier, they mingle with our populations and interact with us socially, bringing about certain changes, inasmuch as, being so like us, they are able to pass so easily for terrestrial. All this helps them speed up their work here.

The tall "Grey" remained behind in the examination chamber along with some of the little ones, and the tall Blond, accompanied by a few of the little "greys", took Marleen to a part of the craft which she thought would be the front - a curved chamber with many control panels and a wide curved window. In addition there were a lot of chairs set in rows in the rear part of this chamber, with five or six of the little greys standing there watching Marleen and the blond man.

To her right was the entrance through which she had been brought into the craft by the tall "Grey". Looking through that entrance, she saw that the craft was standing - landed somewhere high up, and in the distance down below she could see what seemed to be a village with very nice little houses.

Looking out through the wide curved window, she could see a lovely landscape, with great mountains, of which the highest had snow on its summit. The tall blond being told her mentally that they were at a very high spot in the Swiss Alps. Down below the craft, there was a very deep precipice, in a hollow between the mountains. She was unable to see the bottom, but the tall blond told her:

"Down there, right at the foot of this precipice, is the entrance to one of our bases in your world. That's where our craft go in and out. We have another of our main bases in your country (Puerto Rico) The entrance to it is in a very deep spot under the sea, but one can also get to it via the ground, under one of the mountains"

"People from your Governments have tried to penetrate our base there, but they have never succeeded so far. There are individuals in the Governments of your world who don't want to see this change take place which has simply got to occur for you and your world to evolve to a higher and more spiritual level.

" They want to maintain the present state of affairs so as to be able to go on controlling and manipulating everybody. the only things they are interested in are economic and political power, for their own benefit - nothing else.

"And those other beings who are working with them (i.e. the other variety of "Greys") are helping them too with the aim of preventing the coming of this change, this evolutionary leap forward.

"But the change has got to come - for if it doesn't, you would be preventing many other worlds from being able to follow you too in the evolutionary chain. You are not alone...and what you do affects others.

"For that reason the change has got to happen this time. The process is already an irreversible one."

Marleen and her mother were reunited, and the tall blond took them back into the craft, which shortly afterwards touched down on a beautiful spot rather like an extensive beach. And there Marleen and her mother had an even more astounding experience. For they found the husband and father who had died nine months previously - in September 1978.

During the last years of his life, he had been severely wounded in the Korean War, was quite unable to walk. Now he was walking perfectly as he came towards Marleen and took her into his arms. Marleen was in tears, for she had not felt strong enough to bear going to see him in hospital just before his death - or even to attend the funeral - and she felt very guilty over that....

The craft finally put both the women down during the night, right beside their 1974 Montecarlo car.

The next thing of which she became aware - without the benefit of hypnosis - was that she was once more driving the car, with her mother sitting beside her.

Marleen glanced at her watch. It was 9.30p.m., and they were just coming into Arecibo! They had no knowledge whatsoever as to how they had come to be there, and of course no knowledge of anything which had been happening (and which has just been described).

Terrified and confused, Marleen turned back and drove off to her uncle's home in Florida, which lies inland to the south-east of Arecibo.

Postscript:

It is thought (with good reason) that information derived from hypnotic regression should be treated with the utmost caution. However, if one accepts that abductions are occurring, as strong circumstantial evidence shows, then serious researchers are in danger of throwing out the baby of communion for the bathwater of yet another fleeting observation. No one wants to be made a

fool of. Contact with alien beings, so likely to be full of misperception, deception, and gullibility, provides those seeking credibility (witnesses and researchers alike) with a powerful motive for denial and skepticism. Professional researchers are particularly vulnerable.

As a pious atheist, (to quote Jonathen Miller), I do not find it hard to believe that Angels require a base on Mars nor that "getting close to the Creation" (the Big Bang) produces profound knowledge, as witness the mind experiments of our physicists. Nor do I find it difficult to cope with the idea of an advanced civilisation providing those of us capable of perceiving it, with a vibrational lifeline in the event of a necessary short term calamity to our civilisation. (I am sure a Christian would find echos in "It is easier for a rich man to pass through the eye of a needle than into the kingdom of heaven")

I earnestly recommend anyone who wishes to cross the bridge from speculative guess work to a practical understanding in this field, to study "The Sensory Order" An Inquiry into the Foundations of Theoretical Psychology by F.A.HAYEK. (Routledge and Kegan Paul) Larry Robson

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## Re: The Drake Equation

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>Previously, I offered:

>>>For instance, oceanographers have been constantly surprised to  
>>>find sea life at pressure and depths that no living thing  
>>>should survive.

<snip>

>Hi, Dennis.

>I think you miss my point. Science assumed that no carbon based  
>life form could survive in the high temperatures of "thermal  
>spouts". Now, of course, it's known as fact. Likewise regarding  
>carbon based organisms found surviving the tremendous pressures  
>at the bottom of the ocean. According to science, they shouldn't  
>exist. But they do.

I do not recall "science" or any particular scientists  
disallowing life at high pressures. I could be wrong, but I've  
never heard anyone argue that before... maybe that was the  
belief one or more centuries ago. As long as the internal  
pressure of an organism pretty much matches his environment,  
there's no problem. -LH

>We simply can't use the development of Earth as the litmus for  
>worlds we haven't seen when the world we've seen for thousands  
>of years still holds so many contradictions to scientific

>And if we're wrong about "life as we know it" here on our own  
>planet, then "life as we DON'T know it" must surely be within  
>the realm of possibility on other planets; even seemingly  
>hostile ones.

>When one begins to include the possibility of non-carbon based  
>life forms, even more opportunities present themselves.

>Regarding your assumption about underwater metal work; obviously  
>you are unaware of underwater welding? Submerged metal work is  
>done all the time. Besides, I would think working in the  
>relative weightless environment of space would be very familiar  
>to a sea creature like a dolphin! ;)

How about a creature as intelligent as a dolphin say, but with  
claws like a crab and/or tentacles like a squid. Its interesting

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to speculate what a critter like that might evolve into, given an environment where smarts is at a premium.

Who knows? Maybe they would make excellent musicians.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch.

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## PRG Programming Announcement - 12/18/99

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12/17/99

Stephen Bassett, consultant, lobbyist and executive director of X-PPAC, will speak on the Politics of UFOs/Disclosure and other topics at the following upcoming venues:

What: UFO Desk w/ host Paul Williams  
(w/ Peter Gersten, Larry Bryant)  
[www.anomalies.net/~ufodesk](http://www.anomalies.net/~ufodesk)

When: Jan. 3, 1999, Monday  
May be available sooner at url:  
[www.anomalies.net/~ufodesk](http://www.anomalies.net/~ufodesk)

Where: WBAI FM 99.5 FM  
New York  
[www.wbai.org/](http://www.wbai.org/)

Netcast: [www.anomalies.net/~ufodesk](http://www.anomalies.net/~ufodesk)

What: Fox News Cable Channel, One Hour Documentary  
When: Mid December w/ repeats into January  
Where: Fox News Cable Channel - National

What: Talk Back with Larry Hughes  
When: Dec 21, 1999, Tuesday, 8:15 am EST  
Where: WEOK AM 1390  
WALL AM 1340  
Poughkeepsie, NY

When: Dec 18, 1999, Saturday, 9:10 pm EST  
What: CyberCity with Jack Landman  
[www.ktsa.com/cybercity.shtml](http://www.ktsa.com/cybercity.shtml)

Where: KTSA AM 550  
San Antonio  
[www.ktsa.com/](http://www.ktsa.com/)

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <[thiagolt@opengate.com.br](mailto:thiagolt@opengate.com.br)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 08:53:25 -0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 09:30:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 17:42:37 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 07:04:05 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 17:37:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 08:53:25 -0200  
>From: Thiago Ticchetti <[thiagolt@opengate.com.br](mailto:thiagolt@opengate.com.br)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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Dear Thiago:

Thank you for your very welcome comments.

The Santilli affair has been kicked around by this and other  
UFO lists for years now.

Please correct me if I am wrong, but my perception is that the  
vast majority of list readers is that Santilli et. cie. are  
nothing but complete and utter fakes.

If this is wrong, then please allow me to say that my personal  
opinion is (again) that Santilli and company are complete and  
utter fakes, attempting to squeeze the last ten centavos out of  
an artfully constructed fake film.

It is Santilli and his crew making the extraordinary claim that  
he has film of an Alien Autopsy. I don't care if its in a tent  
or a saloon Tucson,AZ. Santilli makes the claims, and he must  
provide the extraordinary proof.

Failure to do so puts him in the Adamski league in my not so  
humble opinion.

I would advise anyone who gives even a passing glance at the AA  
story to look through the archives of this very list.

Re: Alien Autopsy

Personally, I think that the Santilli/AA story is complete and utter bilge. ['Crap' --ed.]

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## 'Abductions: The Truth'

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 11:07:12 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 17:42:22 -0500  
Subject: 'Abductions: The Truth'

Dear Mr. John C. Thompson

I read your 'Abductions: The Truth' and here are some of my points:

We have to compare the abductions reports with the sighteng reports. We can't said they are all "extraterrestrial" or "Innerterrestrial as you point out. After severe study, manny UFOs sighting became IFOs, the same goes to the "abductions".

Yes, there are abductions cases with physical proof and reliable witnesses. We studied one of those cases; the Filiberto Cardena's case.

Hybrid experiments are rare in South America; Villas Boa's encounter is different and it could be compared to those here.

Of course, there are demons, gnomes, ghosts, fairies, and so on. The same way there are satellites, ball of Fire, asteroids, birds, and so on in the sky.

The real entities (extraterrestrial) with their abduction programs, manipulating our conscience throughout the world, are violating our freedom of throught and conscience. They are a real danger in our conscience.

For more information about these cases visit our web page:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>

Very truly yours,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo Miami UFO Center  
<http://www.angelfire.com/fl/ufomiami/index.html>  
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## Alfred's Odd Ode #330

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>

Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 09:26:38 -0600

Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 17:44:25 -0500

Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #330

Apology to MW #330 (For December 18, 1999)

Bottom line? You're unconvincing, authoritarian, and non thinking. What you call your bearing facts ASSUMES your views are valid, Jack, and assumptions are what they WOULD be -- an ass that's made of you and me. Your "proclamation with a sneer" betrays the tap root of your fear, that non-admitted holes abound within the walls you've built unsound. Walls unsound by inculcation churn elitist infestation, and we're distracted from our wounds that you discount and would impugn. Conspiracy's a living monster you would hide or call imposter, but if power and control are there, then there are those who TAKE that dare.

I'm not your strict \*believer\*, friend, and I won't pay that freight -- comprende'? But I won't buy what YOU sell, either -- it stinks of fish. I need a breather. You would argue tick turds gladly, spin the facts to dervish madly -- convince us all that what we're seeing CANNOT be what we're believing. There is \*more\* than what you offer, volunteer, propose or proffer, and I must call your smirking bluff. I'm quite fed up. I've had enough. You don't make the slightest dent in what I'm thinking we could spend to do the work and NOT pretend, but YOU won't even LOOK my \*friend\*.

You're quick with whistled catcalls, hooting, haughty smirks or "cheap shot" shooting -- Webs of non support you weave so most won't know what they believe. It's you that keeps the lie alive, you fake the truth you have contrived, and you have strained a stained credulity casting your aspersions (!!!) -- truly! A living lie is what you use to keep an edge that you abuse -- and all to keep us on your meter, paying taxes. You foul creature!

Frankly, you're a shameful boor, a cad that should be shone ones door. You embarrass education, reproductionist's infestation -- you won't call a spade a spade; we live within the lies you've made. You sell a soulless, useless brew of sharp derision -- sad excuse. And what does obfuscation do but compliment your glad abuse. All your aims are systematic, inculcated -- autocratic, and status quo is what you'd have to keep \*your\* pleasures close at hand.

Consider Gingrinch bopping pages, while critiquing Clinton's graces. \*Mourning\* "death of all morality", he slides it IN for them you see. It's YOU, like this, with UFO's. You KNOW that something flies and glows, yet you find \*ways\* -- pretend it's final . . . blow your smoke and make denials. Interpret facts as you would have them, proclaim some \*facts\* to keep us guessing -- add your tiny bit of truth to sell agendas that you use.

Soon, it is, that you're found out, and then we'll see what you're about. We will find what you have hidden -- take Tesla out of his derision, read the books that Sitchin writes as text books that just might be right. We would open hanger doors, we would search you're \*hallowed\* floors, we would see what's been so secret, you've abused your privilege -- SEE it! We would open wide the shades that keep us stupid, scared -- betrayed. We'd expose those unelected scabrous thugs now undetected -- living more fulfilling lives we'd soar and cleave from what's despised.

You will come to know you're through, your time run out and leaving you to stew in juices you once used to further what you have construed. I'm glad to say you'll suffer shame, and more when you avoid your blame. Plain it is you better start (to break it loose) or come apart. Do it now, you filthy wealthy, aging \*bad\* news makes you guilty. Come clean now and save yourself the slings of \*fortune\* talked about. I'm betting you'll procrastinate, and do too little much too late. There's little hope you see some light, and do your part to put things right; so I await for your glad demise, and watch our starry, starry skies. They, at least, admit some truth: that time and space are monstrous, HUGE, and all that you imagine happens -- plus the stuff you won't . . . imagine.

[Lehmberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmberg@snowhill.com)

You know who you are.

Restore John Ford.

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EXPLORE Alfred Lehmborg's Alien View" at his Fortunecity URL.

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

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<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/witches/237/lehmborg.html>

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### Re: On False Memory

From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 14:50:51 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 18:00:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

Hi,

I have been following this debate with interest and will contribute a UK perspective.

I have been associated with perhaps 50 abduction cases since 1978 and worked with about ten different clinical psychologists or psychiatrists in that process. They have many different ideas about what is going on but not one has ever believed that the witnesses they have met are suffering from any known form of psychopathology or obvious signs of unknown psychopathology. Indeed they have often expressed their astonishment at having to say just that.

In fact only one witness out of maybe 100 that I have worked with in this area have shown clear signs of this effect. I won't name them for obvious reasons but their case does feature in a UFO book.

Ideas that various doctors have expressed about what is happening range from temporal lobe epilepsy inducing hallucinations, narcolepsy (of which there is some evidence in some cases) and an unusually high level of visual creativity causing internal visions to appear indistinguishable from reality. However, by far the most preferred explanation given to me when I have asked doctors at the end of a case is 'this event really happened - somehow or other - but don't ask me how'.

There have been occasions where false memory has played its part. My own experiments (being regressed by a clinical psychologist to a LITS encounter) (reported in the MIT symposium) proves that conclusively and I have seen it at work in case histories. But its a factor, not an explanation. It complicates the evidence (and is one reason I am totally opposed to the use of hypnosis) but it does not create the evidence in the first place.

The abduction phenomenon is a very complex issue. It is clearly visionary in essence and occurs via an altered state of consciousness. But it equally clearly cannot be waved away as imagination or fantasy. These are the obvious first stops on the road to a solution and have been looked for carefully by researchers all over the world (especially in sceptical nations like the UK) and virtually without exception the data has found these simplistic ideas wanting. The same is true of fantasy proneness and false memory syndrome that emerge merely as themes within the data to confuse the issue but do not resolve the data.

As a result of decades of work by researchers often reluctant to believe that no rational answer would be traced we surely now have to conclude that basically normal witnesses, who are psychopathologically whole, are having experiences that do happen at some measurable level of reality.

However, we do have to balance that against the clear evidence that these events occur to visually creative people with something interesting about the working of their brains (that for instance facilitates early life recall far beyond the normal

level) and that they essentially happen during an altered state - the gateway to which is the Oz Factor state.

Also that being an abductee is only different in degree and interpretation from being an NDE witness or a medium. In fact, these can (and in some cases I have researched) clearly have been interchangeable. Indeed I suspect that we, as ufologists, bring the baggage of our expectations to an essentially ineffable experience and in effect shape it unconsciously but markedly within our own image. Much of the nature of the abduction is not down to the phenomenon or to the witness but is a consequence of us.

Which is not to say there is not a real phenomenon occurring onto which our alien space rider expectations are projected. There is very definitely a fundamental 'abduction' phenomenon. I simply feel we are seeing it through a very frosted glass and may not really have any true inkling as to what it means because we are obsessed by proving it to be either some form of delusion or a genuine visit from an alien civilisation. This polarised approach means that we miss much of the most important evidence because the phenomenon does not actually fit that well with either of these options.

My guess is that it is neither of these beliefs and that we will only start to understand what is really going on when we accept that a lot of what we assume to be true about abduction cases is imposed by ourselves and the now prevalent cultural expectation. And also when we realise that there are many cases that are part of the 'abduction' phenomenon that are hardly ever investigated by ufologists because they are interpreted and reported completely beyond our far too narrow context.

You will never solve a mystery if you take notice of less than half the evidence but thats exactly what we are doing with abductions.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 11:16:29 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 21:41:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>From: Larry Hatch  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 02:06:38 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 09:15:17 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:08:52 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I had offered:

>>>>For instance, oceanographers have been constantly surprised to  
>>>>find sea life at pressure and depths that no living thing  
>>>>should survive.

Larry correctly points out:

>I do not recall "science" or any particular scientists  
>disallowing life at high pressures. I could be wrong, but I've  
>never heard anyone argue that before... maybe that was the  
>belief one or more centuries ago. As long as the internal  
>pressure of an organism pretty much matches his environment,  
>there's no problem.

Hi, Larry.

Actually, I sort of grouped a variety of organisms together to make my point. There are really two different issues here; depth and pressure. Regarding pressure, you are correct. As long as the pressures are the same internally and externally, then there shouldn't be a problem. However, (and I am not an oceanographer) I have read that scientists have been continually surprised at how far down air breathing animals such as dolphins and whales can go; much farther than previously thought.

Regarding depth; beyond a certain point, sunlight ceases to penetrate. In addition, it gets darned cold!

To find life under such inhospitable conditions is the exception to the rule regarding scientific expectations about the development of life "as we know it".

Continuing, Larry offered:

>How about a creature as intelligent as a dolphin say, but with  
>claws like a crab and/or tentacles like a squid. Its interesting  
>to speculate what a critter like that might evolve into, given  
>an environment where smarts is at a premium.

>Who knows? Maybe they would make excellent musicians.

They might at that. Of course, intelligence is a relative thing. One researcher into artificial intelligence was asked what defines intelligence. For instance, how smart is a cat?

His reply: A cat is VERY smart...at being a cat.

Likewise, a musician is very smart... at being a musician...

Re: The Drake Equation

Take us out of our natural environment and see how smart \_we\_  
are! :)

take care,  
Roger Evans

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## Re: On False Memory

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 12:32:16 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 21:47:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 14:29:15 -0500  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 01:25:47 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Russ Estes <[BGBOPPER@aol.com](mailto:BGBOPPER@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Russ Estes wrote:

>>When I first became aware of this list I thought, what a great  
>>idea, an insiders list where the sharing of information could  
>>possibly get us closer to the real answers. How silly I was to  
>>think that. It was easy to see that opposing opinions turned to  
>>personal battles at the drop of a hat. I often wanted to throw  
>>my two cents worth into the ring but then I thought that life is  
>>far too short to waste my time battling or dueling with others  
>>for no other reason than to stoke a fire that is already  
>>blazing.

>Hi Russ.

>I find your highly selective labeling amusing. It's cute how many  
>implied insults toward those who report abduction experiences  
>(when it comes from 'your own views') are to be taken as a noble  
>intellectual inquiry of some kind, while any opposing views (or  
>God forbid, should someone actually take offense at \_Kevin's\_  
>unsubstantiated statements) are labelled 'rants' or 'personal  
>attacks.' BTW, has your name been mentioned? Why am I 'suddenly'  
>talking to you and not Kevin? Hmmm, interesting phenomenon. You  
>talk to one head and like the game, Smack the Mole you find that  
>another one has 'popped up' to take its place! <lol>You two  
>guys are a pisser. Chinese tag team eh?

Well, John, since my first comments were not directed at you,  
then why am I talking to you? I thought this was an open forum  
in which all the list members were encouraged to express their  
opinions. I wasn't aware that we had to wait for an invitation  
from you, or a comment directed from you, before we could  
participate.

>>I have seen questions asked and challenges made . Of course  
>>when some answers were posted the questioner would reject any  
>>comments out of hand or attack the motives of the individual  
>>who dares to post an opposing view.

>Comical. Turn it around and aim it back at yourselves! What  
>prompted my original response was Kevin's "out of hand attack"  
>of John Mack's "opposing views" with the  
>statement/proclamation: "This is nonsense!" It seems to me the  
>pot calls the kettle black here. :)

Mack's comment was, and is, nonsense. I waited to see if anyone  
would bother to check the studies to which he referred to learn  
what, if anything, they had to do with personal memories. These  
studies are about memorizing lists of real words as opposed to

nonsense words, among other things. They have found that people more easily, and more accurately, remember the lists of real words. In one study, a chess master more easily remembered the position of the pieces on the board if it revealed a crafted strategy rather than random placement. Mack's attempt to use these studies to suggest that a traumatic experience, which is of more importance to a subject than what he or she had for lunch seven weeks ago Tuesday, are more accurate does not apply here. The studies he cited do not show what he suggested they did and therefore, his comment about them was, in fact, nonsense.

And this was why I mentioned confabulation. Not because I was suggesting that you confabulated your memories of abduction, but because Mack had said that confabulation was only associated with alcoholism. This was nonsense as well.

>>I would now like to clear a few things up for Mr. Velez about  
>>his personal attack on Kevin Randle and his "still warm in the  
>>frame" degree.

>There was nothing any more 'personal' in my comments, than those  
>issued by Kevin in regard to abductees over the years. Somehow  
>we're not supposed to question anything he says. Here -you- are  
>'defending him!' (do you really think he needs to be defended  
>Russ?)

No one suggested that, John. But, no one dares to question anything said by Mack, Hopkins or Jacobs without risking the wrath of the believers.

>I never mentioned your name anywhere in any of my postings.  
>Yet here you are "setting me straight" and taking your partners  
>place in the discussion. What are you guys a WWF tag team? When  
>one guy is 'floundering' you slap hands and change places in  
>the ring? Someone should have told me! I would have gotten Greg  
>Sandow or someone to be my 'Red cross' partner! <lol>

You don't need Greg because you already have half a dozen people who will join your crusade.

>>I am sure that it is common knowledge that Kevin and I have  
>>co-authored three books, One of those books is "The Abduction  
>>Enigma" with William P. Cone Ph.D..

>Apparently you guys have been attached at the hip longer than  
>I was aware of. Explains why you are responding and not  
>Kevin. (To whom I was speaking.)

Gee, John, why are you responding to a comment that was not directed at you? And when were you appointed to the rules committee on this list?

>>Over 6 years of hands on research went into that book. The  
>>opinions that Kevin posted about memory are not only his but  
>>also mine and Dr. Cone, whose Diploma is not a bit warm in its  
>>frame. Matter of fact, Dr. Cone has over 25 years of clinical  
>>Texperience with a vast majority of that time dealing with  
>>memory and the human mind.

>Ha, ha, ha! <lmao!>

>Kevin has expounded these -same- interpretations and 'beliefs'  
>about the nature of abduction -long before he got his degree-  
>Russ. There is nothing 'new' in -anything- Kevin has for sale.  
>So what came first, the chicken or the egg?" Was his opinion  
>-before- he knew anything about memory different from what it  
>is now? Or, has he just found a new 'vehicle' for his own  
>personal bias.

>Chicken, egg, chicken, egg, . . . such a conundrum! :)

>John Velez Continues:

>Russ I don't mean to be disrespectful but I -was- speaking to  
>Kevin. If Kevin wishes to respond to any of my comments then  
>fine, I'm here.

>Personal note: I grew up on some tough streets in NYC Russ.  
>I've been 'ganged up on' before. I'm not going to allow  
>myself to get sucked into your 'tag team' match.



This commentary is crapola. There is no tag team.

>Your partner is a 'big boy' and fully capable of speaking for/  
>defending himself. You really should have a bit more confidence  
>in him and allow him to fight his own battles! :)

That's right, John. Heaven forbid that someone out there might agree with me and not you. Heaven forbid that you actually look at the evidence rather than reject it out of hand because it doesn't agree with you. Heaven forbid that anyone have an opinion other than one directed by you.

Have you ever noticed that Hopkins, Mack, and Jacobs have provided the answers? Mack has said, "It seems to me that Jacobs, Hopkins and Nyman may pull out of their experiencers what they want to see?" And, of course, Jacobs is the only competent hypnotist out there.

You want to understand what is happening? Then open your eyes.

KRandle

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 22:07:07 -0500  
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>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 02:34:33 +0000  
>From: James Easton <[voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

James,

You wrote:

>Researcher John Stepkowski had written to historian Steven  
>Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, asking for  
>an informed opinion on the use of a 'Restricted Access'  
>classification in general.

>Aftergood's opinion was that, 'The term Restricted Access has  
>sometimes been used interchangeably with Special Access, which  
>refers to special dissemination controls above and beyond the  
>classification level and the clearance level of the recipient'.

>'Classification markings from that era were not standardized or  
>consistent. Every organization could use more or less whatever  
>markings it wanted'." [End]

This is what Steven thought was true, but he didn't really know;  
it was just his "informed opinion".

When Rebecca gave me advance information on what Kent would  
write in his article, I noticed that "the Restricted Codes" were  
to be given quite a bit of play and I remembered seeing  
something written about "restricted codes" somewhere so I  
checked through my collection of UFO material.

This took some time but finally I came across what I knew I had  
previously read. It was from Paris Flammonde's \*UFO Exist!\* pgs  
386-387 and clearly proves that the "restricted Codes" used in  
the Santilli tent footage were/could be legitimate.

I informed Rebecca; she informed Kent and, I guess, you too.

This evidence is "rock solid" as I told Rebecca but you all  
ignored it.

Why you did that, and continue to do so is beyond me?.

I'd like a simple answer: Is "restricted" a legitimate security  
marking from that period for UFO related material, or not?

Are you, too, going to refuse to look at the evidence which can  
be found on pgs 894-896 of the Condon report.

I don't see how we can keep this discussion going until you  
admit that you may have been mistaken about the "restricted"  
markings.

Once that's cleared up, then we can go on to something else and  
eventually we may be able to come to some conclusions about the  
nature of the Santilli footage.

Right now we have only a hodge-podge of observations,

conflicting opinions, research( some of which is very good & some not so strong), and anomalous facts.

I believe that the preponderance of evidence indicates that the footage is indeed what Ray and the cammeraman say it is, but I'm open to being proven wrong.

I've read your opinions on the subject and find little that is convincing in your arguments.

Would you mind listing what you consider to be your best evidence for the footage being a hoax? (Not the tent footage which we all agree is hoaxed)

Keep it simple and direct and I'll try to do the same in answering.

Ed

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## US Air Force To Take Over Area 51 Land

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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 22:23:19 -0500  
Subject: US Air Force To Take Over Area 51 Land

The Las Vegas Review Journal on Thursday, December 16, 1999 reported that the 38,400-acre rectangle surrounding Groom Lake are (a.k.a. Area 51) is being relinquished by the Department of Energy and is being officially handed over to the Air Force for total control, ownership and jurisdiction.

The full article can be found at:

[http://www.lvrj.com/lvrj\\_home/1999/Dec-16-Thu-1999/news/12566049.html](http://www.lvrj.com/lvrj_home/1999/Dec-16-Thu-1999/news/12566049.html)

Here is an excerpt (posted on Dec. 16 by Glenn Campbell of Las Vegas and webmaster of world-renowned UFOMIND.COM) from the article by Keith Rogers of Las Vegas Review Journal:

The Department of Energy made it official Wednesday: the Nevada Test Site has grown by nearly 200 square miles thanks to some surface contamination from a 1968 nuclear test and President Clinton's signature on a law this year.

The new law, according to an Energy Department statement, also serves "to correct several land use and jurisdiction misalignments throughout the complex". That means the Air Force takes control over DOE's rectangle around Groom Lake, along the northeastern corner of the test site, which had been controlled by the Air Force under a secret agreement.

The location, also known as Area 51 - the site of at least one classified airstrip - has been shown on government maps as a 38,400-acre rectangle primarily in Lincoln County that belonged to the Department of Energy but was controlled by the Air Force and had not been shown by DOE as part of the Nevada Test Site.

The "misalignments", according to the Energy Department's statement, "had become outdated and inefficient because of evolving mission needs among the Department of Energy and Department of Defense.

--End Excerpt--

COMMENTS by Norio Hayakawa:

What does this all mean? This basically means that the DOE gained 200 additional square miles in Nevada in partial exchange for relinquishing "ownership" of land around Groom Lake to the Air Force, which was exactly what the latter had wanted all along!

It means that the Air Force finally got what it always wanted from the very beginning, i.e., total control and "ownership" of the 38,400-acre rectangle that surrounds Groom Lake (a.k.a. AREA 51, which had always been a strictly DOE-designated name, not an Air Force-designated name).

This was the final result of a series of Public Hearings which were held during 1998 in Nevada to correct "misalignments" and "confusing jurisdictions" of the past that would have hindered any new modifications to future land use of the entire Nevada Test Site.

This means that there will be no more "secret agreements" with DOE necessary. Now the Air Force will be free to name this base in Air Force's terms, for example, "Groom Lake Air Base", etc. and expand its multi-faceted programs at the base, which they are already doing anyway.

This would be perfectly all right with us, as long as they address once and for all the yet unresolved issue of former workers' compensatory rights and also abide by environmental statutes.

This also means that the Air Force will be able to provide its own Air Force's Guard Shack and Air Force's own Security Personnel, without having to rely on "anonymous", semi-private security contracted through DOE's Special Response Team (SRT) or even other entities such as Wackenhut Special Security personnel.

The Air Force will also technically be empowered to erect a definite, clearly-marked security fence (for safety to the public) all along the borderlines of Groom Lake base.

What new changes will actually be made at the restricted boundary line on Groom Lake Road, as a result of this new "change of hands", remains to be seen.

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## Re: On False Memory

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Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 20:05:13 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 22:44:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 14:50:51 +0000  
>From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Hi,

>I have been following this debate with interest and will  
>contribute a UK perspective.

<snip>

Dear Ms. Randles, List Members and other assorted - uh -  
creatures...

Never have I read a more compelling and sensible homily over the  
question of the Abduction Experience. In point of fact, I've  
had to read it thrice in order to make sure I didn't miss some  
piece of undigested beef, some Gripple-Addled flashback or  
peyote smoke wafting across High Point Condominiums.

Congratulations, Ms.Randles. Not only could I not have said it  
better by myself alone, I could never say it that well.

Jim Mortellaro

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## Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'

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Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 20:10:40 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 22:50:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 11:07:12 -0600  
>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
>Subject: 'Abductions: The Truth'  
>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Dear Mr. John C. Thompson

>I read your 'Abductions: The Truth' and here are some of my  
>points:

Thanks for taking the time to read it.

>We have to compare the abductions reports with the sighteng  
>reports. We can't said they are all "extraterrestrial" or  
>"Inneterrestrial as you point out. After severe study, manny  
>UFOs sighting became IFOs, the same goes to the "abductions".

When I speak of any being extraterrestrail I mean what has been  
termed "true" UFOs; not IFOs or unexplained natural phenomenon  
which in my estimation constitute over 95 percent of all  
reports.

>Yes, there are abductions cases with physical proof and reliable  
>witnesses. We studied one of those cases; the Filiberto  
>Cardena's case.

I'm sorry but I was unable to examine your report as I have an  
old 486 and dated Netscape browser; I got a "netscape protection  
fault failure" when I went to your site. This I must ask, how do  
you know you have physical proof? .

Also did you investigate the case yourself or personally know  
the investigator who did it? If the latter, do you trust this  
investigator's methods fully?

Are you sure the physical proof was caused by the alleged  
abduction? Or do you just know it occurred around the same time  
and assume such?

Was the case investigated in near real time or much later? On  
the witnesses, were they independent or are they related to each  
other? I must say if they are related then you don't have true  
independent witnesses.

Here is an example of a true independent witness: I had a couple  
see a "moon" UFO at close quarters. The UFO was intially  
hovering then left like a streak of lightning.

Twelve miles away, another person who did not the other  
witnesses or know of the event, saw, from her limited vantage  
point, a "shooting star" go westward and upward.

This witness reported this to me the very next day before  
I had learned of the moon close-encounter. Her estimate  
of distance-- she said "eleven miles"--direction and apparent  
size all fit in exactly with what she should have seen from  
her vantage point.

Here is an example of what is not true indepenent witnesses: I

did another close-encounter case with a mini-van size UFO. An entire family saw it just above their heads. Some friends claim to have seen it also.

Now while I believe that is what happened you could not say these other folks--despite being down the street--are true independent witnesses in the purest sense.

It also troubled me that this lady had a sister and niece who had had a dramatic close-encounter and had received much attention over it.

Nothing I can prove but it bothers me. On the sister and niece's UFO encounter, one of the best in Georgia or anywhere. Despite more witnesses with the other case, I judge the other better as they ran into a stranger's house they were so terrified.

A strange noise was also heard immediately before by home dwellers. They called a TV station it bothered them so much. I judged the sister to be of strong character.

That's where the judgement and experience of the investigator comes in. It's not always easy. I can tell you I'm a better investigator after many, many cases.

Did any independent witnesses see an airborne craft while the alleged abduction was taking place? Did you do background checks on all of these folks and see how reliable any and all witnesses were?

I must say I have had all kinds of STORIES regarding physical proof. The closest I came was a much dated case in Alexander City, Alabama. But the witnesses did not see a UFO; they assumed it could've been a UFO that caused it.

Ten years later there were marks in the concrete driveway when I met them. The only real strength was that the witnesses were totally beyond reproach and well educated and respected in their community. But that doesn't prove a UFO made the marks.

had others who claimed they've UFOs landed but didn't prove it to me. I've seen a small crop circle where there was much UFO activity in an area but again no UFO was seen to make the circle. Much trace evidence when carefully examine falls along these lines.

Something is seen strange and UFO activity is going on and assumptions are made. Of course we all know why mainstream science won't accept any of this is that even if a connection could be proven the "evidence" is never of out-of-this world material; the ultimate proof, which never exists.

I know of one lady here in Georgia who I consider reliable who says she saw some entities in her bedroom and that a scorched mark was left on her blanket the next morning. I do not doubt what she saw but the evidence has proved inconclusive on what it is. Certainly nothing extraterrestrial or alien. Some have said a textile imperfection.

To her credit she never claim she saw the entities make the mark; only that it was there the next morning and she doesn't know where it came from.

For many, maybe most in the UFO community, this would be "physical trace" evidence. Not in my book and not in anyone else's that is truly objective.

>Hybrid experiments are rare in South America; Villas Boa's  
>encounter is different and it could be compared to those here.

I do not believe at all in hybrid experiments. There is not one ounce of proof for alien-human intercourse. Let us see one of these physical creatures!

>Of course, there are demons, gnomes, ghosts, fairies, and so  
>on. The same way there are satellites, ball of Fire, asteroids,  
>birds, and so on in the sky.

That's right but the entities are what I call interterrestrials (INTs). I suspect they were/are real. But their not physical creatures as we know them. Much like the chupacabras and



Bigfoot, haints or shadows or grays. Its all connected.

The other is only natural phenonemon that is often, particularly satellites and meteors, confused for UFOs.

>The real entities (extraterrestrial) with their abduction  
>programs, manipulating our conscience throughout the world, are  
>violating our freedom of thought and conscience. They are a  
>real danger in our conscience.

Interestingly, this same Georgia lady I speak of above thought she saw several grays with at least one of them having a Panama Jack style hat on... that is, a hat with wide brim that is turned down.

She believes the entities she saw were of extraterrestrial origin. Well I have two other witnesses, all living in different cities in Georgia, who saw the same type hat on their entities.

Despite one these witness being an earlier UFO witness, neither of them thought they saw grays. They all thought they saw haints or INTs.

Now, how can it be that three entities are seen by three strangers living in seperate cities and they all wear the same type hat? I believe all of them saw the same type alien and it is an INT.

It should be pointed out that none of these witnesses, one black male, one white female and one black female, saw any spacecraft with their entities. All entities were only bedroom visitors.

No one else is known living around or with them that saw any UFOs near their homes on the night of their visitations. For that matter no one else saw their entities as they saw them.

Yet, you can't blow it all away as nothing because of the same hats worn by all three entities. None of these folks had any way of knowing what the others saw.

The first drawing was faxed to me by another investigator who did the so-called gray case. I had the other two witnesses, two months apart as I came to the cases, draw what they saw on their entities.

These two were also not told that anybody else had seen a hat on an entity. They brought it up themselves in their respective interviews. Only then did I ask them to draw the type hats they saw

Only after doing their drawings did I tell them others were seeing entities with the same type hat. So something real here!

I agree with everything you say in your last snip except "the threat"--as Dr. Jacobs likes to call it--is NOT extraterrestrial for reasons stated in my article.

Can INTs hurt people despite not being physical creatures as we know them? I am open to this because of other cirmcstances I'm aware of regarding other INT sightings. How this is possible is unknown to me and far from conclusive.

I also have investigated a murder case here that seemed to be out of character. The murderer claims to have seen a haint when she was 14 years old. She says she heard the "devil talking" in her head when she stabbed her new-born baby to death.

It made a roaring noise as the baby came out.

This woman is a mother of another child who by all accounts--and I did check extensively on all of this, talking to many he knew or worked with her--loved this child dearly. She also has never done drugs or drinks excessivley or exhibited violent behavior..

She was gainfully employed. The house allegely had extreme INT activity several months before the murder.

According to her mother and sister she, her brother and son fled the house in terror and didn't return for two nights. The murder caught my attention because of numerous UFO cases, including the mini-van one of above, I had already done on this same street

and area in 1995.

TV-33 of LaGrange even filmed a UFO here. (Well, it was not proven as such but that's another story.)

Their are complications: I, believe she killed the baby because she was, perhaps, afraid that her boyfriend would leave her if she had the baby. (He is the father of the other child and did leave her for awhile after its birth according to the mother and sister..)

She was also into "Root". Don't know alot about this but something along the lines of voodoo. Someone makes up potions, ect. It's a strange world we live in!

Whatever is coming into people's houses is evil; that I'm sure of.

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>James,

Pardon me for butting in...

<giant snip>

>Would you mind listing what you consider to be your best  
>evidence for the footage being a hoax? (Not the tent footage  
>which we all agree is hoaxed)

1. 5+ years and still Santilli has yet to pony up one damn  
frame of film with the alien on it to prove his claims!

>Keep it simple and direct and I'll try to do the same in  
>answering.

Hope that was simple enough for ya!

Doesn't matter one teeny-tiny-little-bitty, bit about security  
markings.

You just don't get it, Ed.

Investigate whatever you like -- it's a free country -- but you  
will never, ever prove this video to be what it is claimed,  
without a qualified film expert testing the film (if there is  
even film to begin with).

Have fun!

Rebecca

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## When Police Meet the Paranormal ...

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Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 07:17:52 -0500  
Subject: When Police Meet the Paranormal ...

Thanks to Felinda for forwarding this to the Forteana list.

SMiles  
<http://www.elfis.net>

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When Police Meet the Paranormal ...  
Hidden Files Examines Strange Cop Cases

Dec. 16, 1999

By Maralyn Lois Polak

NEW YORK (APBnews.com) -- In Costa County, Colo., two startled deputies told their sheriff they witnessed a cow "floating through the air in a beam of light," held aloft by an unearthly buzz.

Around the same time in Mora County, N.M., sheriff's Deputy Greg Laumbach got a call about a cow from a hunter and didn't think much was amiss, until he actually examined the grotesque wounds of the mutilated cow.

Skin and half a nostril had been removed from the cow's face in clean, crisp cuts. The tongue had been sliced off and the cow's genitalia were missing.

Think Dagnet meets X-Files and you'll have a handle on Sue Kovach's book Hidden Files: Law Enforcement's True Case Stories of the Unexplained and Paranormal (Contemporary Books, \$14.95) -- wacky, wild, weird police cases bordering on the incredible, peculiar, implausible and downright impossible.

Extraterrestrials and U.S. government

Theories behind the cattle mutilations, Kovach speculates, range from extraterrestrial "harvesting" of cells for some purpose -- perhaps new methods of protecting themselves from disease -- to secret U.S. government projects about which citizens must be kept in the dark. Neither prospect floats my boat.

You don't usually hear of regular-joe police involvement in "paranormal" cases, particularly when it comes to cattle mutilations, UFO encounters, mysterious monsterlike creatures, ghost "visitations," unexplained graveyard exhumations, occult sacrifices and other odd stuff.

But Kovach has uncovered an arresting array of atypical cases in this vaguely goofy catalog of law enforcement believe-it-or-nots, where, she writes, "most incidents involve actual police cases, occurring while the officer was on duty."

There's something for everyone here, from a police chase of an alleged UFO through several jurisdictions to a supposed spirit of a Native American medicine man intervening to save the life of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable in 1986.

## Police 'paranoia'

The author notes a general police "paranoia" about discussing such matters on the record. This is prudent logic on their part, since law enforcement careers have been damaged by mentioning words such as UFO or ghost. Though, paradoxically, police are -- or would be -- among the most credible witnesses for such goings-on, since normally they do not truck with superstition or folklore. Some were willing to share their stories:

Jeopardizing his 21-year police career, Hernando County, Fla., sheriff's Deputy Ron Chancey filed a report saying that he'd seen from his patrol car a huge, dark, boomerang-shaped object flying some 300 feet off the ground beside him. "It's changed my life forever and got me thinking about my beliefs," he said. "I really have to believe there is something else out there. And as wonderful as that prospect can be, it's also somewhat scary."

Sgt. Jim Riffle recalls eerie goings-on after the West Virginia State Police converted a deceased man's home into a small three-person barrack for their troopers. Everything was fine until they bulldozed and paved over the man's precious, perfect front lawn. "I think we upset him a bit," Riffle says, recalling the strange thumpings, typing sounds, pacing noises, door slammings, and once even a "horrendous bang" as though somebody had kicked in the back door.

Deep in the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia, Morgantown Police Chief Bennie Palmer and Officer Ralph Chapman received a call from the town cemetery's caretaker about some apparent vandalism. The lid of a concrete vault had burst through the ground. There were no signs of digging -- in fact, the ground had broken from underneath, but it didn't look like it was caused by an explosion.

It was the grave of Harry Spitz, a child who had died of cholera in 1912, but the body was well-preserved and still had some skin. "In fact, you could recognize Harry from his facial features. He even had lots of long blond hair," Chapman said. Even after Harry was re-buried and apparently behaving himself, the officers found themselves haunted by his memory. Not only had Harry been in remarkably good shape, but so was his clothing, a stuffed lion found at his feet and some dried flowers. Yet the fabric on the lid of the casket had rotted away. No one could explain why.

## Paranormal help

Some police officers even shared instances in which paranormal occurrences have helped them solve cases.

Detective Robert W. Lee of the Lake Oswego, Ore., Police Department didn't just embrace the paranormal after a psychic helped him with a homicide investigation -- in which it eventually was revealed that a husband had killed his wife -- he even married the woman who provided him with 30 details that eventually proved true.

When Los Angeles Police Department Detective Tim Moss was assigned to the brutal stabbing murder case of well-known California psychic D. Scott Rogo, the officer fielded amazingly precise predictions from a handful of Rogo's psychic colleagues, who even were able to pinpoint the owner of a bloody fingerprint on a drinking glass.

Deputy Rich Strasser, of the El Dorado County, Calif., Sheriff's Office, was assigned to a baffling missing persons case in June 1994 when a driver called 911 after claiming to spot an "apparition" of a naked woman by the side of a highway en route to Nevada from California. An investigation revealed a crashed car in the nearby underbrush and a 3-year-old boy still alive next to the amazingly preserved corpse of his 24-year-old mother. "It's almost as though the condition of her body was preserved to make things easier for her son," Strasser said. "In his mind, he thought his mom was just asleep."

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Weird Page: <http://www.athenet.net/~felinda/WeirdPage.html>

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## Re: On False Memory

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <[brianc@fc.net](mailto:brianc@fc.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 23:04:29 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 07:25:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 12:32:16 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Mack's comment was, and is, nonsense. I waited to see if anyone  
>would bother to check the studies to which he referred to learn  
>what, if anything, they had to do with personal memories. These  
>studies are about memorizing lists of real words as opposed to  
>nonsense words, among other things. They have found that people  
>more easily, and more accurately, remember the lists of real  
>words. In one study, a chess master more easily remembered the  
>position of the pieces on the board if it revealed a crafted  
>strategy rather than random placement. Mack's attempt to use  
>these studies to suggest that a traumatic experience, which is  
>of more importance to a subject than what he or she had for  
>lunch seven weeks ago Tuesday, are more accurate does not apply  
>here. The studies he cited do not show what he suggested they  
>did and therefore, his comment about them was, in fact,  
>nonsense.

Just to educate us on his research technique, I wonder if Kevin might point us at any web references that document his above claim which ties the studies he cites above to Mack's statement on the PEER site. Mack stated that people remember traumatic events much better than other events. The above studies sound totally unrelated to the study of memories of traumatic events.

Hence I'd suspect the above studies are NOT the ones Mack is referencing. Now, no doubt Mack may be involved in the above studies; in his position I assume he is/has been involved in any number of studies, past and ongoing. But if Kevin can cite hard references showing conclusively that Mack's comment specifically references the above study, I'd definitely like to see it "in print" (as it were) right here. Point us at a web page or journal or whatever, Kevin, that clearly ties Mack's PEER site remark to the specific study you cite above, to the exclusion of any other study Mack may be involved in.

If you can, my opinion of Mack may take a nosedive;  
if you can't, the same may happen with respect to you.

Thanks in advance,

-Brian Cuthbertson

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## More Young People Believe In Aliens Than God

From: **Stephen Miles Lewis** <[elfis@austin.rr.com](mailto:elfis@austin.rr.com)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 23:13:50 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 07:29:18 -0500  
Subject: More Young People Believe In Aliens Than God

Another gem from the Forteana list.

SMiles  
<http://www.elfis.net>

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From: [Apoganza@aol.com](mailto:Apoganza@aol.com)  
To: [forteana@primenet.com](mailto:forteana@primenet.com)  
Subject: Young Alien God  
Date: Sat, Dec 18, 1999, 4:48 AM

More Young People Believe In Aliens Than God

By Anjali Kwatra, PA News  
AOL News  
18/12/99

More young people in Britain believe in aliens and ghosts than in God, according to a new survey.

Some 67% of 15 to 24-year-olds had some belief in ghosts and 61% in aliens, but only 39% felt the same way about Christianity.

The poll of 1,000 young people was carried out by ROAR, a consortium of Carlton Screen Advertising, The Guardian/The Observer, Kiss FM, Channel 4, EMAP Consumer Magazines and advertising agency, BMP OMD.

A quarter of them said they did believe in ghosts, while 42% said there was probably something in it, a total of 67%.

Meanwhile 22% said they believed in alien visitations and UFOs and 39% thought there was something to it, a total of 61%.

And 23% said they believed in Christianity, while 16% said there was probably something in it, a total of 39%.

And while 10% of people said they did not believe at all in ghosts, even more people - 13% - did not believe at all in God.

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <[thiagolt@opengate.com.br](mailto:thiagolt@opengate.com.br)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 04:24:18 -0200  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 07:33:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 07:04:05 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Dear Thiago:

>Thank you for your very welcome comments.

>The Santilli affair has been kicked around by this and other  
>UFO lists for years now.

>Please correct me if I am wrong, but my perception is that the  
>vast majority of list readers is that Santilli et. cie. are  
>nothing but complete and utter fakes.

<snip>

Hello Larry,

I do agree with you! I'm not saying that Santilli is right,  
because in my opinion he is not.

That film is amazing, too amazing to be true... and without  
proof it gets harder to believe.

The ufology is full of this type of claim, films, photos and  
contactees.

I have to see beyond what our eyes can.

See ya

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## Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 01:20:05 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 07:39:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'

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>old 486 and dated Netscape browser; I got a "netscape protection  
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>you know you have physical proof? .

>Also did you investigate the case yourself or personally know  
>the investigator who did it? If the latter, do you trust this  
>investigator's methods fully?

I'm sorry you were unable to enter our web page and miss all  
the case data. We spend 9 years in this investigation and still  
continue in close contact with Mr. Cardenas.

The Filiberto Cardena's case was published in 1982 in a book  
called 'UFO: Contact From Undersea'. We are now in the process of  
publishing an updated account of this and others cases in a  
book: 'UFOs: Danger In Our Conscience', by February 2000.

During his abduction, Cardenas was told that they expect to have  
some 3,000 hybrids to improve their race. If they are able to  
reproduce with us, then their chromosomes must be compatible  
when the sperm and the ovum are joined. This means that we are  
the same species, contrary to some biologist that did not accept  
these sexual contacts. Also, if they said is for improving their  
race, you will not find those hybrids among us because, against  
our will, they are improving their physical defects.

We are facing the worst entity that visit us. In addition to  
being ugly, they lack the senses, are deaf-mute, lack of  
touch, show lack of feeling, are liars, etc.. Their only weapon  
is an extraordinary ability to control the human psyche,  
manipulating it thoroughly.

Yes, I investigated myself this case with the late Dr. J. Allen  
Hynek. And Yes, I trusted this investigator's methods fully.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
Miami UFO Center  
<http://www.angelfire.com/fl/ufomiami/index.html>  
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 23:15:59 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 07:47:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 11:16:29 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Larry Hatch  
>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 02:06:38 -0800  
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 09:15:17 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:08:52 -0600  
>>>From: Roger Evans  
>>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Previously, I had offered:

>>>>For instance, oceanographers have been constantly surprised to  
>>>>find sea life at pressure and depths that no living thing  
>>>>should survive.

>Larry correctly points out:

>>I do not recall "science" or any particular scientists  
>>disallowing life at high pressures. I could be wrong, but I've  
>>never heard anyone argue that before... maybe that was the  
>>belief one or more centuries ago. As long as the internal  
>>pressure of an organism pretty much matches his environment,  
>>there's no problem.

>Hi, Larry.

>Actually, I sort of grouped a variety of organisms together to  
>make my point. There are really two different issues here; depth  
>and pressure. Regarding pressure, you are correct.

>Regarding depth; beyond a certain point, sunlight ceases to  
>penetrate. In addition, it gets darned cold!

To a critter at great sea depths, having evolved there for millions of years, those temperatures must seem quite comfy, even though I would hate it.

An interesting question nonetheless! As we dig miles into the Earth for gold mines etc., we find temperatures rising, not falling. At sea, the specific heat, thermal conductivity and ocean currents of salt water complicate matters terribly.

I really don't know. Do temperatures rise or fall as probes descend into oceanic abysmal troughs? By how much?

>To find life under such inhospitable conditions is the exception  
>to the rule regarding scientific expectations about the  
>development of life "as we know it".

>Continuing, Larry offered:

>>How about a creature as intelligent as a dolphin say, but with  
>>claws like a crab and/or tentacles like a squid. Its interesting

>>to speculate what a critter like that might evolve into, given  
>>an environment where smarts is at a premium.

>>Who knows? Maybe they would make excellent musicians.

>They might at that. Of course, intelligence is a relative thing.  
>One researcher into artificial intelligence was asked what  
>defines intelligence. For instance, how smart is a cat?

>His reply: A cat is VERY smart... at being a cat.

>Likewise, a musician is very smart... at being a musician...

I would rather debate with a musician, much more fun than a cat.  
They are highly opinionated about all the stuff they know  
nothing about. I used to be one, so I know.

In fact, I got so bugged not knowing anything else that I went  
back to college for a second tour of math, chemistry and  
physics. Now I can take my goofy opinions and dress them up with  
the proper terminology!

>Take us out of our natural environment and see how smart \_we\_  
>are! :)

Agreed.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: On False Memory

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 23:25:23 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 08:01:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 20:05:13 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[jmortell@aol.com](mailto:jmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 14:50:51 +0000  
>>From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Hi,

>>I have been following this debate with interest and will  
>>contribute a UK perspective.

><snip>

>Dear Ms. Randles, List Members and other assorted - uh -  
>creatures...

>Never have I read a more compelling and sensible homily over the  
>question of the Abduction Experience. In point of fact, I've  
>had to read it thrice in order to make sure I didn't miss some  
>piece of undigested beef, some Gripple-Addled flashback or  
>peyote smoke wafting across High Point Condominiums.

>Congratulations, Ms.Randles. Not only could I not have said it  
>better by myself alone, I could never say it that well.

>Jim Mortellaro

Dear Jim and Jenny:

One word has me puzzled. Jenny said something like "In a  
sceotical nation like the UK..."

Sceotical? I don't know what sceotical means, and my dictionary  
is hidden under several layers of dust.

Nevertheless I'm willing to wager that the denizens of  
California are as sceotical as anyone else, especially down in  
the Los Angeles area.

"Sceotical" sounds like a highly majuberous term to me. Was it a  
typo?

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 04:07:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 08:12:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 12:32:16 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 14:29:15 -0500  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 01:25:47 -0500 (EST)  
>>>From: Russ Estes <[BGBOPPER@aol.com](mailto:BGBOPPER@aol.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: On False Memory  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Hi Kevin, hi All,

Out of sympathy for my fellow list members I'll keep this as short and sweet as I can.

Mr.Randle writes:

>Well, John, since my first comments were not directed at you,  
>then why am I talking to you? I thought this was an open forum  
>in which all the list members were encouraged to express their  
>opinions.

Sorry Kevin, I didn't know I wasn't supposed to participate.  
Thank you \_and\_ Russ for taking so much of your valuable time to  
'set me straight'.

What a guy(s.) <g>

>I wasn't aware that we had to wait for an invitation  
>from you, or a comment directed from you, before we could  
>participate.

You probably weren't aware of it Kevin because it isn't so. See  
how that works now? <VBG>

>Mack's comment was, and is, nonsense.

There it is folks. Pack yer bags and go home. We have heard from  
'The' expert. Will the peons be receiving a hard copy of this  
Proclamation/Decree or are we supposed to commit it to "memory?"  
<lol>

Question:

Kevin, Are you reading your own stuff before you hit the  
'send' button? You're burying yourself.

>No one suggested that, John. But, no one dares to question  
>anything said by Mack, Hopkins or Jacobs without risking the  
>wrath of the believers.

Do tell Mr. Randle, just what are 'my' beliefs? I didn't know  
you were a psychic Kevin! Bit of a closet 'New Ager' eh? <g>  
C'mon, give it up man. Did you 'remote view' me, or was it

'telepathy?'

I wrote to Russ:

>>>I never mentioned your name anywhere in any of my postings.  
>>>Yet here you are "setting me straight" and taking your partners  
>>>place in the discussion. What are you guys a WWF tag team? When  
>>>one guy is 'floundering' you slap hands and change places in  
>>>the ring? Someone should have told me! I would have gotten Greg  
>>>Sandow or someone to be my 'Red cross' partner! <lol>

Kevin responds:

>You don't need Greg because you already have half a dozen people  
>who will join your crusade.

Nope, just me here Kevin. Just to keep it scientific, I looked around my office and nope, no one else here. Just me.

Re: My comment about Greg.

Gee Kevin, I just thought that 2 on 2 would be much fairer than 2 on 1. Didn't realize I had to give you 'rook odds' in order to 'play.' <g>

>>>Apparently you guys have been attached at the hip longer than I  
>>>was aware of. Explains why you are responding and not Kevin.  
>>>(To whom I was speaking.)

>Gee, John, why are you responding to a comment that was not  
>directed at you? And when were you appointed to the rules  
>committee on this list?

Sorry Kevin, I didn't realize my comment was such a 'low blow.'  
I thought that piss poor attempt at a little 2 on 1 was low so I kinda responded in kind. Funny, I don't like it either when that kind of stuff is directed at me. We're a lot alike that way! :)

You still have not addressed the following:

>>>Kevin has expounded these -same- interpretations and 'beliefs'  
>>>about the nature of abduction -long before he got his degree-  
>>>Russ. There is nothing 'new' in -anything- Kevin has for sale.  
>>>So what came first, the chicken or the egg?" Was his opinion  
>>>-before- he knew anything about memory different from what it  
>>>is now? Or, has he just found a new 'vehicle' for his own  
>>>personal bias.

You skate past that one and instead you chose to respond to this:

I wrote:

>>>Russ I don't mean to be disrespectful but I -was- speaking to  
>>>Kevin. If Kevin wishes to respond to any of my comments then  
>>>fine, I'm here.

>>>Personal note: I grew up on some tough streets in NYC Russ.  
>>>I've been 'ganged up on' before. I'm not going to allow  
>>>myself to get sucked into your 'tag team' match.

Your response:

>This commentary is crapola. There is no tag team.

You're right! 2 on 2 is a tag team. What you and Russ were attempting is what we 'Yankees' refer to as a, 'gang bang!' Set the alarm clock for a little earlier Kevin. You'll have a better shot at 'catching me asleep!'

Re: Your 'crapolla' comment:

"Crapolla" eh? Such emotion! Did I 'wing you' with that one buddy?

>That's right, John. Heaven forbid that someone out there might  
>agree with me and not you. Heaven forbid that you actually look  
>at the evidence rather than reject it out of hand because it  
>doesn't agree with you. Heaven forbid that anyone have an  
>opinion other than one directed by you.

Sometimes if you let people talk long enough, they'll hang themselves. Check your neck for 'rope burn' Kevin. ;)

>Have you ever noticed that Hopkins, Mack, and Jacobs have  
>provided the answers? Mack has said, "It seems to me that  
>Jacobs, Hopkins and Nyman may pull out of their experiencers  
>what they want to see?" And, of course, Jacobs is the only  
>competent hypnotist out there.

Perhaps you should express these feelings directly to them instead of to me Kevin. You dialed the wrong number. I'm not Budd or David or John Mack or...

>You want to understand what is happening? Then open your eyes.

You too buddy! :)

John Velez, F.C.L.R.C.C.\*

\*Full of Crap List Rules Committee Chairman ;)

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AIC - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.space-lab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@space-lab.net](mailto:jvif@space-lab.net)

"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 09:18:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 09:22:36 -0500  
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>race, you will not find those hybrids among us because, against  
>our will, they are improving their physical defects.

I'll reserve complete judgement until I can see your site.  
Still, I would've thought if y'all had anything you could've at  
least given the 'proof' that makes you think this story is real.

Something this sensational--and I believe it was Hynek himself  
who made a comment along these lines--requires sensational  
proof. Proof that the witness is not a looney helps but its not  
enough. Independent witnesses of some physical vehicle being  
seen as the abduction took place helps much, much more.

Real physical proof of alien origin, of course, would be the  
best; but that doesn't exist anywhere! I would even accept  
'Travis Walton' type proof-- mulitple witnesses, although not  
independent, going to their local police agency to report a  
space-kidnapping--as something at least engaging.

Remember, I'm not argueing that abductions don't happen; I'm  
saying they are not a physical process that involves ET  
creatures physically snatching folks away. To say that  
'abductions' don't happen, would be to say we have millions who  
are totally sick; I don't believe that.

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>being ugly, they lack the senses, are deaf-mute, lack of  
>touch, show lack of feeling, are liars, etc.. Their only weapon

>is an extraordinary ability to control the human psyche,  
>manipulating it thoroughly.

I can think of no other reason why 'abductions' are going on. I do believe they have and are negatively effecting man's mental condition and evolution.

I think nearly everyone is probed at one time or another. Most are unaware of it but successfully resist... Some are, unfortunately, vulnerable and succumb. The worse of this is that most of these are unaware they have been 'abducted'. This is where the real damage is going on at.

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 08:20:09 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 09:26:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>From: Larry Hatch  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 23:15:59 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 07:47:47 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 11:16:29 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I had mentioned the following as it relates to the development of life in hostile conditions:

>>Regarding depth; beyond a certain point, sunlight ceases to >>penetrate. In addition, it gets darned cold!

Larry responded:

>To a critter at great sea depths, having evolved there for >millions of years, those temperatures must seem quite comfy, >even though I would hate it.

Hi, Larry.

Well, of course, that's the entire point of my post. WE might hate it. In fact, we might even declare that carbon based life could never evolve in such an environment. None the less, we are constantly surprised by what this planet has to offer regarding the diversity of life. For anyone to assume that they could predict how life cannot develop on another, unseen world would be unfounded speculation. The only model they could base their theories on would be our own planet; something they obviously don't know enough about as it is.

Moving on, Larry wrote:

>An interesting question nonetheless! As we dig miles into the >Earth for gold mines etc., we find temperatures rising, not >falling. At sea, the specific heat, thermal conductivity and >ocean currents of salt water complicate matters terribly.

>I really don't know. Do temperatures rise or fall as probes >descend into oceanic abysmal troughs? By how much?  
>

I do not know. But I do know this; NASA was surprised to find living microbes that had survived a ride through space on a piece of hardware retrieved by the Space Shuttle. They had no explanation. In addition, according to one documentary, the only thing that survived the first atomic tests at Los Alamos were bugs! (Cockroaches, I believe. No wonder I can't get rid of the little bastards.)

Continuing, I had offered:

>>Take us out of our natural environment and see how smart \_we\_ >>are! :)



>Agreed.

Regarding "smarts":

There is a yearly competition among AI (artificial intelligence) researchers called the "Touring Competition". This was named after Alan Touring, the man most responsible for breaking the Enigma Code during WW2. He had envisioned thinking machines and computers capable of independent thought.

He was also persecuted (and prosecuted) by the British government for being homosexual. Consequently, he had an interesting view regarding what constitutes 'apparent thought'.

For instance, he did not appear gay to his co-workers.

Therefore, to them, he was not. It was only after he had been robbed by someone he picked up that it was revealed. As this relates to AI, it occurred to Touring that what we assume to be independent thought is, in reality, only the appearance of intelligence. That is, much of what we do that seems complex is, in reality, pre-programmed responses to external stimuli.

Granted, this is not the same thing as the ability to conceptualize. But, then again, not everyone can conceptualize exactly the same. In fact, some people seem to be unable to conceptualize at all, depending on IQ and/or mental handicap. Yet they would still be considered to have some intelligence, though limited.

Touring felt that intelligence is relative to one's expectations.

Therefore, he reasoned, if a machine (computer) could be designed to provide the expected responses enough of the time, it would fit the most basic description of "intelligence". The Touring Competition is designed to follow this principle. A group of people alternately communicate with computers that are either secretly connected to another person's keyboard, or are running a competitor's AI program. It's up to the group asking the questions which is which. Which ever program fools most of the people most of the time wins. In turn, they share their AI research with the losers.

As we explore the possibilities of "intelligent life", we might take a cue from Alan Touring. We simply can't base our expectations of what constitutes intelligence on our own limited and somewhat funky thought processes.

In short, we must expect the unexpected or it might pass us by...

Later,  
Roger Evans

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 13:35:45 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:34:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 04:24:18 -0200  
>From: Thiago Ticchetti <[thiagolt@opengate.com.br](mailto:thiagolt@opengate.com.br)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 07:04:05 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Dear Thiago:

>>Thank you for your very welcome comments.

>>The Santilli affair has been kicked around by this and other  
>>UFO lists for years now.

>>Please correct me if I am wrong, but my perception is that the  
>>vast majority of list readers is that Santilli et. cie. are  
>>nothing but complete and utter fakes.

><snip>

>Hello Larry,

>I do agree with you! I'm not saying that Santilli is right,  
>because in my opinion he is not.

>That film is amazing, too amazing to be true... and without  
>proof it gets harder to believe.

>The ufology is full of this type of claim, films, photos and  
>contactees.

>I have to see beyond what our eyes can.

Dear Theo, Lawrence of California and bListers ...

Two things come to mind, both as divergent and dichotomous as  
they may be. Dickens and the New Testament.

In A Christmas Carol, Alistair Simm (the \_real\_Scrooge) said,  
after his night out with the spirits and his transformation into  
a believer, "Can you forgive a poor old man for having no eyes  
to see with, no ears to hear with? All these years?"

And in the New Testament, Thomas, the doubting apostle said,  
"Unless I place my fingers into His wounds and thrust my hand  
into His side, I will not believe He is risen."

And right here on this list, the infamous Dr. J. Jaime Gesundt  
said, and this is a direct quote so write it down...

"Unless what you done been 'ducted an sucked up into dem one a  
dose frin saucas, you ain't gonna believe nuttin 'cause the ting  
is about the ahhhort when it come to da ... uh, fforget about  
it."

Translated from Canalonics (as opposed to Ebonics), it means that unless it happens to you, it never happened. Researchers and main stream science take note. You'll know it's true, when it happens to you. Speaking about main streams, there is a new drug out on the market for benign prostatic hypertrophy called, "Flowmax." And boy do it work fine. Better than a gallon a Gripple and peppermint stick. Take it from me, Gesundt never lies. Except down.

J. Jaime Gesundt

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## Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 13:45:32 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:38:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 01:20:05 -0600  
>From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
>Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>John C. Thompson wrote:

>>I'm sorry but I was unable to examine your report as I have an  
>>old 486 and dated Netscape browser; I got a "netscape protection  
>>fault failure" when I went to your site. This I must ask, how do  
>>you know you have physical proof? .

>>Also did you investigate the case yourself or personally know  
>>the investigator who did it? If the latter, do you trust this  
>>investigator's methods fully?

>I'm sorry you where unable to enter our web page and miss all  
>the case data. We spend 9 years in this investigation and still  
>continue in close contact with Mr. Cardenas.

>The Filiberto Cardena's case was published in 1982 in a book  
>called 'UFO: Contact From Undersea'. We are now in the process of  
>publishing an updated account of this and others cases in a  
>book: 'UFOs: Danger In Our Conscience', by February 2000.

>During his abduction, Cardenas was told that they expect to have  
>some 3,000 hybrids to improve their race. If they are able to  
>reproduce with us, then their chromosomes must be compatible  
>when the sperm and the ovum are joined. This means that we are  
>the same species, contrary to some biologist that did not accept  
>these sexual contacts. Also, if they said is for improving their  
>race, you will not find those hybrids among us because, against  
>our will, they are improving their physical defects.

>We are facing the worst entity that visit us. In addition to  
>being ugly, they lack the senses, are deaf-mute, lack of  
>touch, show lack of feeling, are liars, etc.. Their only weapon  
>is an extraordinary ability to control the human psyche,  
>manipulating it thoroughly.

>Yes, I investigated myself this case with the late Dr. J. Allen  
>Hynek. And Yes, I trusted this investigator's methods fully.

Dr. Sanchez-Ocejo;

As a perceived experiencer, I can only say that there is nothing  
which these entities can say which I, personally, would believe.

Anyone who comes in the night, steals the lives of humans, even  
from the tender age of which I and others like me can recall  
(around two years old), plays with our minds, our bodies,  
telling one thing to one, another thing to another, stealing our  
seed, that which some of us hold dearest, our personal freedom,  
cannot be trusted to say truth.

Unfortunately, doctor, neither can many of us. We appear to be  
in a bit of a quandry, eh? And as Dylan said, "It ain't even  
safe no more, in the Palace of the Pope... "

Jim Mortellaro

PS: I would be happy to have anyone examine my apparent duality of personality... one moment the great Gesundt, the next, the great Docca Morty. It's a curse.

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 11:42:00 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:43:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 07:04:05 -0800  
>to: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Larry,

>Please correct me if I am wrong, but my perception is that the  
>vast majority of list readers is that Santilli et. cie. are  
>nothing but complete and utter fakes.

Yes, the vast majority of list readers probably agree with you but that's because they've been led to believe half truths, distortions, misinformation and disinformation from you and others on this list. I offer my research on the "restricted codes" as an example of how this operates. You just don't get it, do you?

I realize that Ray's reluctance to offer another film sample is a serious problem. (He did once but everyone forgets that. Kodak dishonestly portrayed this incident but it's proof, none the less that Ray did try to have the film verified) I believe he has his reasons for not doing this again and I accept that because I haven't found him to be a dishonest person. Since he's not dishonest (if you disagree, what is your evidence for these views) and a criminal hoaxer, there must be some other reason. (As I wrote before, he was visited by US government authorities and still refuses to talk about it.)

I would think you might understand this and at least keep an open mind. Knowing that governments and their agents continue to disrupt and stigmatize legitimate investigations should help us to understand Ray's dilemma. I wish it weren't so, but it is something we should factor into our deliberations

After investigating the AA for over four, I still believe the footage is legitimate.

Why? Because there is not one... again... not one shred of evidence that it was hoaxed. I'll ask you the same question I've posed to Rebecca and James: Aside from not having a sample of the film, list your best evidence for believing that... as you say, "Santilli et. cie. are nothing but complete and utter fakes!".

So far I have the following:

1. Santilli is a fake!
2. Santilli is a liar!
3. Santilli made money!
4. The cammeraman is a big nothing!

Do you have more to add to this list. Why not do some research for a change?

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 14:04:55 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:45:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:08:52 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>And if we're wrong about "life as we know it" here on our own  
>planet, then "life as we DON'T know it" must surely be within  
>the realm of possibility on other planets; even seemingly  
>hostile ones.

Roger,

I don't doubt that there is life elsewhere in the universe. I do  
doubt that spacefaring civilizations are a dime a dozen.

Just today I came across a few factoids on life here. In the  
approximate 3.5 billion years of life on this planet, there have  
been something like a billion species, 99.9% of which are now  
extinct, and only one species of which has developed human  
intelligence. (How do you like those odds?) I can't think of any  
particular reason (that I know of) as to why there aren't 10,  
20, or more intelligent species on this planet, but there  
aren't.

At least five times in our own past, life on this planet has  
suffered huge, apparently abrupt extinctions, either because of  
drastic climate changes or through collisions with another  
object hurtling through space. And we are not necessarily out of  
the woods, either.

I don't have anything against anyone who wants to think the  
universe is literally teeming with life, or just fairly common.  
But then why isn't it plentiful on Mars and elsewhere in our own  
solar system?

All I'm saying is that the path from A (single cell organisms)  
to Z (spacefaring civilization) consists of an unbroken string  
of a lot of highly contingent (chance) events, any one of which  
could drastically alter the eventual outcome. It is by no means  
an inevitable certainty that humans will one day become a  
spacefaring civilization. All we can say with certainty is that  
intelligent life on this planet has cleared a lot of hurdles  
over an unimaginable duration of time on the way to outer space  
and another solar system -- if that's indeed where we're headed.  
What we don't know is what (and how many) hurdles still lie in  
our path.

To assume that it's a relatively easy affair, something that  
happens almost every day in some corner of the universe, is  
simply an assumption that I myself am not willing to make.  
Others may be willing.

>When one begins to include the possibility of non-carbon based  
>life forms, even more opportunities present themselves.

Silicon-based life forms are one obvious possibility, but  
biologists don't call it "poor man's carbon" for nothing. If you  
get a choice -- take carbon. It's more flexible.



>Regarding your assumption about underwater metal work; obviously  
>you are unaware of underwater welding? Submerged metal work is  
>done all the time. Besides, I would think working in the  
>relative weightless environment of space would be very familiar  
>to a sea creature like a dolphin! ;)

>take care,

>Roger Evans

Submerged metal work is done all the time here because we evolved on land, having discovered fire along the way. It's not easy to discover fire underwater.

You take care, too

Dennis Stacy

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## Re: Conference 2000 Update

From: **Tim Mathews** <[TMMatthews99@aol.com](mailto:TMMatthews99@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 18:30:53 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:47:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Conference 2000 Update

For the latest on the exciting 1st Conference of the New Millennium, Discovery 2000, check out my website;

[www.angelfire.com/sd/discoveryuk/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/sd/discoveryuk/index.html)

Check out the new speaker profiles!

Be there!

Tim M.

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## Where's Greg?

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 20:17:32 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 11:02:10 -0500  
Subject: Where's Greg?

Hi, gang...

Just curious if anyone has heard from Greg St. Pierre. I noticed he hasn't posted since about May of '99. Tried his Email "[Strmnut@aol.com](mailto:Strmnut@aol.com)"...

It was returned. Anybody know what's up?

Later,  
Roger Evans

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## Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'

From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 22:51:30 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 11:20:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 09:18:10 -0500  
>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
>Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>condition and evolution.

>I think nearly everyone is probed at one time or another. Most  
>are unaware of it but successfully resist... Some are,  
>unfortunately, vulnerable and succumb. The worse of this is that  
>most of these are unaware they have been 'abducted'. This is  
>where the real damage is going on at.

My personal theory on the "abduction" phenomenon hinges on many of the ideas suggested by Jacques Vallee; I think we're dealing with a legitimate nonhuman intelligence, but not the kind a superficial examination of the published accounts would have us think. I sincerely doubt, for instance, if the "hybridization" program is for real, for reasons I won't dwell on here. But neither do I think those who claim some sort of reproductive relationship with "aliens" are lying.

It would not surprise me if we are dealing with some sort of "machine ecology," an essentially automated, sentient "cyborg-ism" planted here before the human race even existed...a sort of technological Overmind conceived by some other intelligence to regulate and reinforce our technological and cultural development. This influence would be very subtle and persistent by necessity. "Overt contact" of the kind seen in many science fiction movies would ruin the "experiment" by effectively contaminating the test population. This "Overmind," whatever it is, seems to communicate to us by artful manipulation of our folklore; this idea lends itself rather neatly to the parallels between the abductions of today and the weird liaison with succubi and fairies and gods that crop up again and again in our history.

\*\*In short, I think we're being guided toward some technosocial singularity (Vallee's proposed "schedule of reinforcement" would seem to add weight to this idea).\*\*

An astronomer named Bracewell wondered if alien contact would be achieved via automated probes dispatched to monitor emerging civilizations and report back to their creators if they found anything interesting. Bracewell posited that these probes would also be equipped to communicate with the target civilization. I think this scenario has more going for it than it seems. Even though we haven't found any definitive alien artifacts in our solar system yet, it's not at all unreasonable to think there might be some sort of "galactic CPU" out there, operating with a physics possibly billions of years ahead of ours...

The late, great writer Philip K. Dick, who claimed contact with a nonhuman intelligence, seemed to think he was dealing with a "cosmic trickster"; Strieber has advanced very similar ideas.

So, yes, the "aliens" are real. Only they're not.

--Mac Tonnies

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## Bugs Bunny & Other UFO Victims by RAW

From: SMiles Lewis <[elfis@austin.rr.com](mailto:elfis@austin.rr.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 22:23:50 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 11:53:08 -0500  
Subject: Bugs Bunny & Other UFO Victims by RAW

From one elist to the next...

Source: [www.gettingit.com](http://www.gettingit.com)

Bugs Bunny and Other UFO Victims  
Reality isn't always consensual  
BY ROBERT ANTON WILSON

12.13.99

Although few people remember this, Bugs Bunny was the first UFO "abductee" in a 1952 cartoon called "Hasty Hare."

The next case did not occur until nine years later, in 1961, when Betty and Barney Hill famously encountered the "greys" from Zeta Reticuli, who molested them sexually and otherwise, and were also wearing Nazi uniforms. At least, Barney Hill remembered the malign midgets as garbed in Nazi regalia; Betty, for some reason, never did recall that poignantly puzzling detail.

Now, many millions have allegedly suffered the same sort of "extraterrestrial" sexual abuse, according to Abductees Anonymous, a support group for survivors. Budd Hopkins has become rock star famous for helping people "remember" such experiences. And this is not just another New Age fad. Dr. John Mack, a distinguished scientist on the staff of the psychiatry department at Harvard University, has written two books on the subject. And Harvard, which once gave Dr. Timothy Leary the bum's rush for having weird ideas, allows Dr. Mack to remain on their staff, with all the prestige that bestows upon this eldritch and Lovecraftian topic.

I've met Dr. Mack, and he seems like a sane and sensible man. He frankly admits that he's not quite sure what kind of "reality" these experiences occur in, except that it sure ain't consensus reality. It's something more like the non-ordinary reality of Carlos Castaneda's Don Juan books, or of the mystics of all traditions -- or of Leary and his merry band of acid astronauts.

Peculiarly, both law enforcement and mainstream science seem to have no interest in this matter at all.

I find that startling. Imagine what would happen if "many millions" of U.S. citizens said they had been sexually assaulted by aliens from Mexico or Iraq, instead of aliens from Outer Space. Obviously, there would be no scientific taboo against investigating such cases, and Congress might even have declared war on the invaders by now. If the subjects claimed, as most of Dr. Mack's subjects do, that they now love their kidnappers and have received important ecological warnings from them, as well as learning from their extraterrestrial sermons about how wicked and wretched our society is, this would be considered evidence that they had been "brainwashed" as well as raped (think Stockholm Syndrome). The differences in scientific and political reactions to atrocities by human aliens and nonhuman aliens seem even more confusing than the rest of this mystery.

Bill Cooper, who claims to be a former Naval Intelligence officer, alleges that he saw papers revealing a treaty between our government and the "greys," who are providing our military with advanced technology.

The little bastards have broken the treaty, Cooper says, not only by meddling sexually and/or genetically with our citizens, but also by mutilating a lot of cattle. But our government can't stop them because of their superior weapons. The Outer Space monsters were also behind the assassination of John F. Kennedy, he says.

Dr. Mack, on the other hand, isn't sure about the literalness of alien abductions. In his second book, *Passport to the Cosmos* (Crown) he no longer calls his subjects "abductees," but "experiencers," although he remains convinced that they experienced something and that the experience is real in some sense.

Consider, in this context, the investigations of Dr. Corey Hammond of the University of Utah, former president of the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis. Dr. Hammond has had a lot of clients who, under hypnosis, remember hideous incidents of Satanic rituals, infant sacrifice, sadomasochism, coprophilia and assorted horrors. Dr. Hammond believes that these cases, and the data he has unearthed on Satanic cults in general, prove that three distinct groups are working together -- Nazis, the CIA, and NASA -- who have been secretly and brutally programming American children for over 50 years to make them part of "a Satanic order that will rule the world."

Can we believe both Dr. Mack and Dr. Hammond at the same time, and accept that while extraterrestrials or even weirder nonhumans have been raping people and teaching ecology, another conspiracy is simultaneously torturing and reeducating children to make them Slaves of Satan? Or might we more economically assume that a lot of people have had a lot of non-ordinary experiences -- psychedelic trips without drugs -- and we all tend to interpret these according to our own hopes and fears?

Consider the model offered by Dr. Jacques Vallee, who has been investigating UFOs for more than 30 years. Dr. Vallee has suggested as one possible explanation a vast experiment in mind control and behavior modification by some Intelligence Agency (he doesn't try to guess which one). Could both Dr. Mack's cases and Dr. Hammond's cases represent persons who fell victim to this and retain only shattered and distorted memories of their ordeal? Considering what has already leaked about the CIA's MK-ULTRA research, this hypothesis does not seem altogether extravagant.

Bill Cooper, the guy who says the greys were behind the JFK hit, has also considered a variation on Vallee's theory. He himself, Cooper says, may have been deceived by his superiors in Naval Intelligence. But in that case, he points out, the government (I no longer feel safe in calling it "our government") must be using the "grey mythology" as a cover-up to hide something else -- something even worse than selling us out to rapists from Reticuli.

Frankly, I cannot accept either the blind faith of the True Believers or the dogmatic denials of the Establishment. Like Dr. Mack, I think the whole topic needs less sensationalism and more open-minded research.

After all, the next person engulfed by this non-ordinary reality might be you or me.

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: **Marty Nosser** <[ufobia@dreamsoft.com](mailto:ufobia@dreamsoft.com)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 23:46:55 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 12:16:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 08:53:25 -0200  
>From: Thiago Ticchetti <[thiagolt@opengate.com.br](mailto:thiagolt@opengate.com.br)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 17:42:37 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Hello,

>Well you're talking about the Alien Autopsy...

>I interviewed Mr. Ray Santilli in May and June this year.

>I asked him about the identity of the cameraman, besides I told  
>him that the name could be Jack Barnett, but he died in 1967, so  
>at first Santilli agree with the name, but then said that he  
>never would revel the name.

Dear Thiago,

I recently signed on to "UFO UpDates" and received the messages sent back and forth between yourself and a Larry Hatch and Roger Evans concerning the Alien Autopsy and cameraman. On the one from you to Larry, you mentioned interviewing Ray Santilli and that you told him the name of the cameraman could be Jack Barnett, but that he died in 1967, and that Santilli first agreed with the name, but then said he never would reveal the name.

Well, I have a feeling that Santilli is playing it safe by not confirming the aledged Barnett, and again by saying he would never reveal the name at all. I believe that in doing this he keeps the researchers looking for a dead person, which stops at just that, thus saying the real guy is still out there.

I'm contacting you for two reasons. One because you seem to want to believe it could be real, as I do myself. And because I may have a lead on another name. This person was ,also an "early Elvis photographer". This person may even be the aledged Jack Barnett using the name Barnett for protection. Never the less, I think it's worth looking into.

In most of the articles I've read on Santilli and the cameraman, it is known that the two connected over Santilli looking for footage of early Elvis performances inwhich the cameraman was one and the same as the Alien Autopsy. Being an Elvis fan and collector of memorabilia and also a UFO researchrer and enthusiast...well things got to clicking in my head. I have a rare photgraph of Elvis taken May 6, 1956 by a photographer that I can't find any information on in any Elvis material I have. I have coordinated dates with those that have been printed in the Alien Autopsy Cameraman info, as far as this man's dates in the Army, 1942 to 1952 as cameraman; and his supposed age now, along with the date of the photo I have, 1956, which he would most likely be out of the service and around the age of 43. Now

maybe 83.

Also, on one of the pages of info. on the Alien Cameraman, there was mention of the cameraman keeping the film reels in a "cardboard box" in his archives. The photo I have of Elvis was also found in a "cardboard box" along with photos of other movie stars and music artist such as Frank Sinatra and Marilyn Monroe. This box of photos were found behind a stage at one of the old movie studios in Hollywood or L.A. Either Paramount or MGM. I forget which. They had been there for a long, long time as the person who found them was an acquaintance's father whom worked as a janitor at the studio when he discovered them and took them home. I bought the Elvis one.

On the back of the photo is the date, name of the photographer and comp. I believe that the box of photos were throw-aways of a sort after a certain one was chosen for promotional purposes. And the box was put aside and forgotten about.

Anyway, I personally do not have the means to do any deep research on this person or I would have already done so. But, if you could, or knew of someone else who could... I think it may turn out to be beneficial to this case, possibly leading to the truth of the matter once and for all. I think it's got enough coincidences to check it out.

If you think I might have something here then contact me and I'll give you the name, etc.

Or refer me to someone else whom may be interested in searching for this person. If one could find out if this person was in the military at the time of Roswell, for instance, I think for sure we'd be on the right track.

And, of course, if he was still alive in 1992 to meet with Santilli.

E-mail me and let me know - [ufobia@dreamsoft.com](mailto:ufobia@dreamsoft.com)

I also am on ICQ-40308086

Sincerely, Marty Nosser

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Jacques Poulet <[jpoulet@chucara.com](mailto:jpoulet@chucara.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 10:29:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 13:22:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

Hi,

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 11:42:00 -0800  
>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 07:04:05 -0800  
>>to: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Larry,

>>Please correct me if I am wrong, but my perception is that the  
>>vast majority of list readers is that Santilli et. cie. are  
>>nothing but complete and utter fakes.

>Yes, the vast majority of list readers probably agree with you  
>but that's because they've been led to believe half truths,  
>distortions, misinformation and disinformation from you and  
>others on this list. I offer my research on the "restricted  
>codes" as an example of how this operates. You just don't get  
>it, do you?

I don't either...

>I realize that Ray's reluctance to offer another film sample is  
>a serious problem. (He did once but everyone forgets that.  
>Kodak dishonestly portrayed this incident but it's proof, none  
>the less that Ray did try to have the film verified) I believe

What you mean to say is that he offered some 'leader' for  
analysis. No exposed film. If I'm wrong, you'll have to excuse  
me and tell me when this was done exactly because I have a  
letter from Kodak which says that all they got, for analysis,  
was a piece of leader, no film.

Jacques Poulet

<http://www.chucara.com/>

Fortean Files CDROM

<http://members.tripod.com/jpoulet/>

UFO Repetitions

[http://www.chucara.com/dossiers/other/gdfawcett\\_ang.htm](http://www.chucara.com/dossiers/other/gdfawcett_ang.htm)

Col Corso's DA Form 66

<http://www.multimania.com/jpoulet/corso/bryant.htm>

UFO Sightings Reports

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Roger Annette Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 09:42:38 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 13:28:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>From: Ed Gehrman  
>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 11:42:00 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:43:05 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 07:04:05 -0800  
>>to: Larry Hatch  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto

Previously, Larry wrote:

>>Please correct me if I am wrong, but my perception is that the  
>>vast majority of list readers is that Santilli et. cie. are  
>>nothing but complete and utter fakes.

To which, Ed declared:

>Yes, the vast majority of list readers probably agree with you  
>but that's because they've been led to believe half truths,  
>distortions, misinformation and disinformation from you and  
>others on this list. I offer my research on the "restricted  
>codes" as an example of how this operates. You just don't get  
>it, do you?

No, Ed I do not get it.

The restricted codes you speak of mean nothing because they do not relate directly to the film itself. Let's play your game and pretend that the codes are real, i.e. correct codes for the subject at hand. So what? If I write "Top Secret" on a film can and enclose footage of me wearing a banana costume, does that mean that the government had secret footage of me engaged in some alternate lifestyle? Of course not. Beyond that, your circular logic is totally dependent on believing what ever Ray tells you. And let us not forget, Ed, that Ray maintained he had original camera footage until Bob Shell caught him in a lie.

Regarding such, Ed writes:

>I realize that Ray's reluctance to offer another film sample is  
>a serious problem. (He did once but everyone forgets that.  
>Kodak dishonestly portrayed this incident but it's proof, none  
>the less that Ray did try to have the film verified)

Here's the point you don't seem to get, Ed. Ray Santilli has never had a scrap of original film. The only footage he has ever offered for analysis is a dupe or a video tape. No one has forgotten what Kodak has said about Ray's film; it simply doesn't matter. On the other hand, where is YOUR proof that "Kodak dishonestly portrayed this incident"? You complain about lack of proof. Let's see yours in the next post.

None the less, Ed states:

>I believe  
>he has his reasons for not doing this again and I accept that  
>because I haven't found him to be a dishonest person.

Really? And what proof do you have for this considering he tried to mislead everyone about the AA film being camera original?

Incredibly, Ed maintains:

>Since  
>he's not dishonest (if you disagree, what is your evidence for  
>these views) and a criminal hoaxer, there must be some other  
>reason. (As I wrote before, he was visited by US government  
>authorities and still refuses to talk about it.)

See the previous paragraph for one of many reasons to doubt Ray's truthfulness.

Regarding his visit by Government Thugs; Ray refuses to talk about it, so how much could you possibly know? What research have you done on the subject? Oh yeah, I forgot. You simply asked Ray and he said, "Yeah."

Very scientific.

And finally, Ed declares:

>After investigating the AA for over four, I still believe the  
>footage is legitimate.

>Why? Because there is not one... again... not one shred of  
>evidence that it was hoaxed. I'll ask you the same question  
>I've posed to Rebecca and James: Aside from not having a  
>sample of the film, list your best evidence for believing  
>that... as you say, "Santilli et. cie. are nothing but complete  
>and utter fakes!".

>Do you have more to add to this list. Why not do some research  
>for a change?

Boy, talk about the pot calling the kettle black!

No offense Ed, but your so called "research" seems to go something like this:

ED: Hi, Mr. Santilli. Tell me, is the AA film real?

SANTILLI: Why, yes, Ed. Of course it is.

ED: Thanks, Mr. Santilli, for your time. Now I can wrap up this mystery!

Boy, everyone on the "Updates" list is sure gonna be surprised!"

You know, Ed, if you did even some minor research at the Archives of this list, you'd find quite a few discussions regarding faults within the AA footage that do not match the expectations of footage from that era.

On the other hand, you do maintain that, as a result of said research, you've found nothing but "half truths, distortions, misinformation and disinformation" from members on this list. As a list member, I am offended. Please specify in the archives you've researched exactly where this occurred. Since it happened so often, you should have copious notes on where to look. I expect to see this in your next post.

Regarding the AA film, itself, perhaps you should do some research into the appropriate anti-contamination procedures for the 40's and 50's. Did you know that bio-hazard and radiation suits (like the ones worn in the AA film) were supposed to be two layers thick? Did you know that they were supposed to be taped shut at all the seams? Did you know that they were supposed to have independent air supplies? The suits worn in the AA film aren't even air tight! A simple surgical mask would have been just as effective. The suits serve no purpose other than hiding the identity of the "doctors" on screen.

Sorry, Ed. But the AA film is a fake. Go chase another windmill.

Oh, yeah. If I don't see your own "proof" in your next post, no matter who it's to, I'll have to assume you are simply engaging in "half truths, distortions, misinformation and disinformation"

Re: Alien Autopsy

as you put it.

Put up or shut up.

later,  
Roger Evans

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 10:27:42 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 13:32:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Re: The Drake Equation

>From: Dennis Stacy  
>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 14:04:55 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:45:19 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:08:52 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously I had offered:

>>And if we're wrong about "life as we know it" here on our own  
>>planet, then "life as we DON'T know it" must surely be within  
>>the realm of possibility on other planets; even seemingly  
>>hostile ones.

Dennis replied:

>I don't doubt that there is life elsewhere in the universe. I do  
>doubt that spacefaring civilizations are a dime a dozen.

Hi Dennis,

I never implied that life of any kind was a dime a dozen. In fact, the issue of spacefaring civilizations never came up until now. I did state that life has been found in conditions that science always thought were too hostile here on

Earth. If it can happen here, it can happen out there.

Moving on, Dennis wrote:

>Just today I came across a few factoids on life here. In the  
>approximate 3.5 billion years of life on this planet, there have  
>been something like a billion species, 99.9% of which are now  
>extinct, and only one species of which has developed human  
>intelligence.

Not to be unduly argumentative, Dennis; but how do you know this to be true? We have no idea how intelligent dolphins are much less an extinct species. For all we know, dinosaurs played checkers in the park on Sundays! ;)

Dennis points out:

>At least five times in our own past, life on this planet has  
>suffered huge, apparently abrupt extinctions, either because of  
>drastic climate changes or through collisions with another  
>object hurtling through space. .

And yet life happened again, and again, and again, and again.... What happened to the delicate chain of circumstances that brought about life in the first place? Doesn't sound too random if life keeps coming back, does it?

Finally, I pointed out:



>Regarding your assumption about underwater metal work; obviously  
>you are unaware of underwater welding? Submerged metal work is  
>done all the time.

Dennis replied:

>Submerged metal work is done all the time here because we  
>evolved on land, having discovered fire along the way. It's not  
>easy to discover fire underwater.

Perhaps I'm being nit-picky, but that wasn't your original  
position when you wrote:

>It's damnably difficult to light a  
>furnace and smelt iron ore when you're surrounded by water.

The issue was capability to achieve; not discover. On the other  
hand, I guess underwater volcanos do not exist. :)

End of the line for me on this topic.

Take care,  
Roger

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Henny van der Pluijm <[hvdp@worldonline.nl](mailto:hvdp@worldonline.nl)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 18:22:42 +0100 (MET)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 16:25:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 11:42:00 -0800  
>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 07:04:05 -0800  
>>to: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>So far I have the following:

- >1. Santilli is a fake!
- >2. Santilli is a liar!
- >3. Santilli made money!
- >4. The cammeraman is a big nothing!

Dear Ed,

I think you summed it up correctly. There is no convincing evidence that the AA film is a hoax. The problem is, I think, fourfold.

1. Ray Santilli doesn't play ball, but his reasons are unclear.
2. The simple human intolerance to ambiguity. Either someone offers definitive proof or he/she is a fake/liar/conman.
3. Science never offers definitive proof of anything, but many ufologists are unaware of that or ignore that. This stifles research, because research that doesn't lead to definitive proof in the short term seems unproductive to them.
4. Some key persons in the US UFO establishment not only shy away from research - probably for the above reasons -, but do pass judgement on people who claim to have a piece of the puzzle. This was also the case with Philip Corso, whose case was not properly investigated either and for the same reasons.

Groeten,

Henny

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## The Rise of the Replicants

From: Carlos Roselli <[croselli@email.ypf.com.ar](mailto:croselli@email.ypf.com.ar)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 14:33:29 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 16:37:09 -0500  
Subject: The Rise of the Replicants

Hello from Argentina,

I have read about a lecture given by Jacques Vallee in England, entitled "The Rise of the Replicants", where he postulates possible world scenarios for the next years.

It would be very interesting to know what the author thinks, considering his background.

Any notice, how to get a reprint, who may know, etc?

Thanks,

Carlos

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## Re: Bugs Bunny & Other UFO Victims by RAW

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 13:06:36 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 16:39:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bugs Bunny & Other UFO Victims by RAW

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 22:23:50 -0600  
>From: SMiles Lewis <[elfis@austin.rr.com](mailto:elfis@austin.rr.com)>  
>Subject: Bugs Bunny & Other UFO Victims by RAW  
>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>From one elist to the next...

>Source: [www.gettingit.com](http://www.gettingit.com)

>Bugs Bunny and Other UFO Victims  
>Reality isn't always consensual  
>BY ROBERT ANTON WILSON

>12.13.99

>Although few people remember this, Bugs Bunny was the first UFO  
>"abductee" in a 1952 cartoon called "Hasty Hare."

>The next case did not occur until nine years later, in 1961,  
>when Betty and Barney Hill famously encountered the "greys" from  
>Zeta Reticuli, who molested them sexually and otherwise, and  
>were also wearing Nazi uniforms. At least, Barney Hill  
>remembered the malign midgets as garbed in Nazi regalia; Betty,  
>for some reason, never did recall that poignantly puzzling  
>detail.

>  
>Now, many millions have allegedly suffered the same sort of  
>"extraterrestrial" sexual abuse, according to Abductees  
>Anonymous, a support group for survivors. Budd Hopkins has  
>become rock star famous for helping people "remember" such  
>experiences. And this is not just another New Age fad. Dr. John  
>Mack, a distinguished scientist on the staff of the psychiatry  
>department at Harvard University, has written two books on the  
>subject. And Harvard, which once gave Dr. Timothy Leary the  
>bum's rush for having weird ideas, allows Dr. Mack to remain on  
>their staff, with all the prestige that bestows upon this  
>eldritch and Lovecraftian topic.

>One giant Snip for mankind

>Frankly, I cannot accept either the blind faith of the True  
>Believers or the dogmatic denials of the Establishment. Like Dr.  
>Mack, I think the whole topic needs less sensationalism and more  
>open-minded research.

>One small snip for man

>After all, the next person engulfed by this non-ordinary reality  
>might be you or me.

Another blow to the insanity of opinion disguised as dogma. Let  
the games begin.

The sooner we establish the certainty of our complete ignorance  
on the subject, the quicker will we begin to apply real money to  
real research as opposed to some of the fake crap we are forced  
to adsorb, absorb and otherwise lap up at the behest of the  
Ex-Spurts (for those who have not been paying attention, a  
has-been drip).

It's OK to say "I don't know." It's not OK to say "I do" unless you are getting married. Uh, bad example. OK, wait! It's OK to say "I do" if, for example, you are being sworn in court..... scheiss, that ain't no good neither. OK, I got it. Wait.

You can say I do when you are waiting in line for Pia Zadora. Anyone out there except my friend on the west coast who dasn't know who Pia Zadora is, don't worry. You are dead in the middle and your life is over. Just lay down and stop breathing.

J. Jaime Gesundt, still breathing heavy but it ain't as easy as it used to be.

Jim Mortellaro

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>the Los Angeles area.

>"Sceotical" sounds like a highly majuberous term to me. Was it a  
>typo?

>Very best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

Hi,

Yes it was a typo. I was rushing because I have two sets of page proofs, two indexes and 10,000 words to write for a book by Christmas.

Sceotical should, of course, be septical. [Uh, sceptical? --ebk]

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 12:45:41 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 16:48:16 -0500  
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Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 09:42:38 -0600  
From: Roger Annette Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Subject: Alien Autopsy  
To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>The restricted codes you speak of mean nothing because they do  
>not relate directly to the film itself. Let's play your game and  
>pretend that the codes are real, i.e. correct codes for the  
>subject at hand. So what? If I write "Top Secret" on a film can  
>and enclose footage of me wearing a banana costume, does that  
>mean that the government had secret footage of me engaged in  
>some alternate lifestyle? Of course not. Beyond that, your  
>circular logic is totally dependent on believing what ever Ray  
>tells you. And let us not forget, Ed, that Ray maintained he had  
>original camera footage until Bob Shell caught him in a lie.

Top Secret is one thing. All know that designation but no one knew about "restricted". Get it...no one. Top Secret might be the expected designation on the date board, if they were to guess but they would never just choose "restricted". They would never have "guessed" the priority or the correct date for processing, either. There is no other explanation other than the hoaxers copying the information from the film cans that they were given by Ray. As for what Ray told Bob S; I'd prefer that Bob answer that one himself. Bob saw what he saw, and was convinced 95 % that the film was legit. The hoaxers were also given film to try to process and try to get whatever they could from it. These were supposed to be honest dealings. Why should Ray think otherwise? Are you saying that there was no film at all, only video. That is not correct. There was old film; Bob S and others saw it and the hoaxers saw it.

<snip>

>Here's the point you don't seem to get, Ed. Ray Santilli has  
>\_never\_ had a scrap of original film. The only footage he has  
>ever offered for analysis is a dupe or a video tape.

No! That is not correct and is an example of misinformation. Ray had what he bought from the cameraman: twenty-two rolls of old film. Volker is pleased, in fact, very pleased with his purchase. Do you really think he'd pay \$100,000 for a dupe of an old video? Is Volker a dupe or in on it and what does he have to gain from being involved?

<snip>

>He (Ray) tried  
>to mislead everyone about the AA film being camera original?

What the hell are you talking about here? Show me the misleading quote. I don't think you understand this at all? Please elaborate.

<snip>

>Ray refuses to talk  
>about it, so how much could you possibly know? What research

>have you done on the subject? Oh yeah, I forgot. You simply  
>asked Ray and he said, "Yeah."

Ray, in an online interview, June 95, stated that he would be meeting with government authorities. I asked him about that meeting after the fact and he said he wasn't free to talk about it.

>No offense Ed, but your so called "research" seems to go  
>something like this:

>ED: Hi, Mr. Santilli. Tell me, is the AA film real?

>SANTILLI: Why, yes, Ed. Of course it is.

>ED: Thanks, Mr. Santilli, for your time. Now I can  
>wrap up this mystery!

No Roger, it went like this. I wrote "Creatures With No Business Here", back in 96,

<http://www.mufo.org/gehrman1.htm>

and sent it to Ray asking if there were any mistakes or factual errors, and if there were, could he point them out to me. That's how we started our very limited relationship. I am not his friend or employee. I simply believe his version of events, not yours. We have had email conversations; that's all! I also have letters he wrote to others concerning the film.

>You know, Ed, if you did even some minor research at the  
>Archives of this list, you'd find quite a few discussions  
>regarding faults within the AA footage that do not match the  
>expectations of footage from that era.

Yes and they've all been answered in one way or another. There are no faults that I can find. Why would hoaxers go to all the expense of creating a production like this and then...my god the contamination suits are all wrong. Use your head. How could this happen in such a well planned and organized event? The suits are what they are. Who knows what was going through their heads or what they were protecting themselves against. All I can say is that they must have served some function or they wouldn't have been worn. The person to the rear in the footage is wearing a surgical mask. Can you tell who he is? Perhaps Tom Cruise?

>I expect to see this in your next post.

You do not control this dialogue. Expect all you want! Where is your story line? How did all this come together. Where did Ray get the money to create this "hoax"?

What was his motive? Please, just one hint as to how this all came down... and maybe a witness or two. I know this is hard for you folks but how about some proof that it all happened as you say it did.

Ed

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Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 15:28:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 16:52:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

I've started several responses to this thread and thought better of getting into it. However, we are beginning to add to the confusion with this wandering discussion.

>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 10:29:25 -0500  
>From: Jacques Poulet <[jpoulet@chucara.com](mailto:jpoulet@chucara.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Ed commented:

>>I realize that Ray's reluctance to offer another film sample is  
>>a serious problem. (He did once but everyone forgets that.  
>>Kodak dishonestly protrayed this incident but it's proof, none  
>>the less that Ray did try to have the film verified) I believe

To which Jacques replied:

>What you mean to say is that he offered some 'leader' for  
>analysis. No exposed film. If I'm wrong, you'll have to  
>excuse me and tell me when this was done exactly because I have  
>a letter from Kodak which says that all they got, for analysis,  
>was a piece of leader, no film.

The pieces of "film" that were submitted by Ray for analysis were not leader, but reportedly from the end of one of the reels of tape. However, I believe that it has been shown that these were copies, rather than original. Bob Shell, if he's still on the list, can provide more details.

Leader usually has no image on it at all, and the pieces of film that were sent to Bob Kiviat (and given to Philip Mantle, I believe) did show some sort of meaningless image that was not (obviously) related to the AA "film". There might have been a connection, but not enough proof was given to solidfy that as fact. Those two samples were also torn so that one edge of the film (which contained the date code markings) was missing. All of this was very strange if the film had been truly submitted to prove anything. Samples of film were also given to the producer of the Channel 4 production related to the AA "film", but nothing was ever announced regarding that material.

I would suspect that some of those in this thread may not have been involved in all of the discussion this has generated since 1995. Like many others I have allowed this particular facet of ufology to drop off my radar screen, awaiting some reason to get back into a meaningful discussion. Philip's announcement that he is working on a follow up book on the AA "film" has apparently sparked further discussion, but I suspect that the theme of this publication will be far different than that of his earlier work with Michael Hesseman.

The answer to this ufological mystery lies with Ray Santilli. He is under no obligation to provide any answers, and I find that there's little to be gained by beating this same dead horse over and over again.

Steve

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## Little Green Men

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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 16:59:02 -0500  
Subject: Little Green Men

This may be of some interest to Listfolk:

----- Forwarded message follows -----  
Little Green Men  
Justin Raimondo

The excuses given for big government take many forms. But NASA has surely come up with something unique in world history. They are trying to convince us that there is life on Mars, that we'd better speed our way there to find out more, and that's why they need more of your money.

Richard Zare of Stanford University explains the significance: "what if life is not special to earth but ubiquitous in the universe? We will only be able to answer this question, let alone understand the consequences, if we revive America's flagging interest in supporting scientific research."

By pure coincidence, Zare is a scientist doing research. He is a member of a team of 10 government scientists working on the life-on-Mars project, and he says what we will find could "alter the way we think about human existence and our world." Gee, that sounds like a good reason to spend billions.

Within hours of NASA's announcement of life on Mars--and only days after consultant Richard Morris leaked the news to his prostitute-- President Clinton pledged that "the American space program will put its full intellectual power and technological prowess behind the search for future evidence of life on Mars."

So far, the "evidence" of this life is so tenuous as to be practically nonexistent: the presence of certain chemical compounds embedded in a Martian asteroid. But in the 1950s, these same compounds were found in asteroids known to have originated in the early prehistory of the solar system, long before the beginning of life.

As Stanley Miller of the University of California at San Diego said, "You find a lot of these hydrocarbon compounds in diesel exhaust and all kinds of combustion products."

While conceding that their alleged evidence is far from conclusive, NASA claims that its theory is the "most reasonable and simplest explanation of the 4.2-pound potato-shaped meteorite found in Antarctica."

In fact, their theory is far from simple: it presupposes not only a single organism but a whole population of extraterrestrial life forms. Add to this the fact that the same chemical compounds can originate non-biologically, and NASA's life-on-Mars hypothesis amounts to nothing but wild speculation.

The quasi-religious character of the let's-go-to-Mars movement is reflected in the hopped-up rhetoric of the president, who declared that the discovery of extraterrestrial life "will surely be one of the most stunning insights into the universe that science has ever uncovered."

"All of us are skeptical, but thrilled and humbled by this prospect," said a humble Daniel Goldin, NASA administrator. But scientists have long calculated that, given the sheer number of stars with planets, there is a mathematical probability that at least some of them will contain organic life. Even if the NASA scientists are right and primitive bacteria did indeed exist on Mars some 3.5 billion years ago, this is not a good reason to pour billions into an interplanetary search for E.T.

Nonetheless, NASA had already planned to send two spacecrafts to Mars every 25 months well into the 21st century. The Great Discovery, however, will undoubtedly speed up this timetable, and it won't be long before they are running a regular shuttle.

What this means is a flood of government subsidies for the techno-elite, fat government contracts for the politically well-connected, and plenty of reflected glory for politicians of both major parties to bask in: all of it orchestrated by a sleek Hollywood-style public relations campaign, combining New Age flim-flammy with the alluring imagery of an ancient civilization buried beneath the sands of Mars.

Clinton used the occasion of the Martian discovery to announce a "bipartisan space summit," to be convened by the futuristic Al Gore, an event that will launch one of the biggest corporate welfare schemes in American history. This panel will be truly bipartisan: the Republicans, who pose as the great budget-slashers, are even more deeply committed to this scam than the Democrats.

Newt Gingrich is a fanatical space cadet, whose first book was about the necessity of tax-funded space colonies. In his infamous lecture series on American civilization, he praises the marriage of big government and big science. It's "worth the costs." Indeed, big projects are particularly suited to government control, provided they are "focused."

Microbiologist Julian Kane isn't buying it. He says the discovery of micro-fossils on the Martian asteroid is "an incredible assertion" that "demands rigorous investigation of every conceivable possibility, including fraud." He compares the announcements with the infamous Piltdown Hoax of 1912, which involved a fake fossil said to be the so-called Missing Link.

"However," says Kane, "a life-on-Mars hoax (possibly perpetrated by a brilliant chemist with a warped sense of humor) that could pass NASA's top scientists, high-tech equipment, and repeated careful analysis would go down as the ne plus ultra scientific ruse of all time."

The possibility of fraud is made more likely by the astounding fact that this alleged Martian asteroid was discovered more than a decade ago, in 1984. Why did the government keep their discovery under wraps for so long? As the proponents of billions in tax dollars for space research come forward with their hands out, this is the first question that ought to be asked.

In any event, whatever the true nature of the Martian asteroid, NASA propagandists and space cadets in both parties are certainly guilty of one gigantic hoax: the idea that government in space creates anything different than it does on earth: confusion, coercion, boondoggles, and theft, albeit this time on a cosmic scale.

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All liberty consists only in being subject to no man's will,  
and nothing denotes a slave but a dependence on the will of  
others.  
ALGERNON SIDNEY (1622-1683)

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
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>Best wishes,

>Jenny Randles

Hi Jenny, EBK and others.

We spell it skeptical, but I got the point.

[Yes and pronounce 'Roof' as 'Ruf' which you then  
fix with 'Tuls'? - ebk]

So far nobody has challenged my use of the word "majuberous".

Re: On False Memory

[Challenged - ebk]

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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>From: Ed Gehrman  
>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 11:42:00 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:43:05 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 07:04:05 -0800  
>>to: Larry Hatch  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto

To everyone who still cares on this list about Roswell, alleged alien corpses, and American ufo secrecy, etc,

Roger Evans wrote :

> Sorry, Ed. But the AA film is a fake. Go chase another windmill.

>Oh, yeah. If I don't see your own "proof" in your next post, no matter who it's to, I'll have to assume you are simply engaging in "half truths, distortions, misinformation and disinformation" as you put it.

>Put up or shut up.

>later,  
>Roger Evans >>

This discussion is reaching a point where it seems appropriate to recall a couple of testimonies about the AA footage, which should make us ponder about another interesting aspect of the problem, wether the film itself is authentic or not. This other aspect is the question : who made the film and where does it come from ?

The prevalent opinion seems to remain that Ray Santilli is the hoaxer. But there are many reasons to think that it's just not so simple.

On this list, one year ago, Bob Shell said and repeated that Captain McAndrews had told him that he had seen the film in the USAF archives, before its release by Santilli. He said that, if I have the story right, when he asked him if he had the address of the mysterious cameraman.

And McAndrew is the author of "Roswell Case Closed"! How do you explain that? If the story is true, here is a couple of "explanations" to play with :

-The film is authentic and the cameraman's story is basically true. Hard to believe, but here I agree with some rather scarce people that the question remains open. Sorry, but I have not read yet any decisive proof that it is a fake. Maybe the cameraman did not have any original film, only a clandestine

duplicate ?

-The film is a hoax made by a secret service (in the CIA?), possibly based on a true film (close to it), and the USAF was not informed of the operation, the purpose of which was to debunk Roswell. But then they were pursuing the same goal independantly! How could they keep such secrets from each other, knowing the USAF efforts to debunk Roswell as well? Crazy, isn't it!

We also have the testimony of Colin Andrews, who just confirmed it to me:

He says that, on June 26, 1995, he visited Ray Santilli with two other researchers: the Japanese Johsen Takano, and the Chinese Dr Hoang-Yung Chiang from Taiwan. Both Takano and Hoang-Yung, after the projection, told him that they had seen it already. Johsen, when his government had requested UFO information from the American government. The film was part of the documentation brought to Tokyo by a CIA courier. Hoang-Yung, in the course of an official visit to CIA's headquarters in Langley, Virginia, where they had been shown several hours of films.

If the story is true, we have at least to consider that such revelations are part of a kind of long term "educationa " program.

Actually, the scenes in the Santilli footage were precisely the ones missing in the CIA footage, said Hoang-Yung to Colin Andrews! If this detail is true, we have here a strong indication in favor of the authenticity of the film.

Perhaps the AA film was even an accidental leak, but they decided to let it go, knowing that it would not be believed, but that it would work its way in the "collective unconscious", and contribute in the long run to that educational program.

In any case, Ray Santilli looks much more like a pawn in an obscure game than a master hoaxer, to me. He did not know anything about ufos and Roswell!

I would very much appreciate if such testimonies (there are others like that) were given some serious attention, other than being summarily dismissed, as "crap", or I don't know what.

Gildas Bourdais

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When Police Meet the Paranormal ...  
Hidden Files Examines Strange Cop Cases

Dec. 16, 1999

By Maralyn Lois Polak

Cases of mutilated cows and a mysteriously preserved body are chronicled in book.

NEW YORK (APBnews.com) -- In Costa County, Colo., two startled deputies told their sheriff they witnessed a cow "floating through the air in a beam of light," held aloft by an unearthly buzz.

Around the same time in Mora County, N.M., sheriff's Deputy Greg Laumbach got a call about a cow from a hunter and didn't think much was amiss, until he actually examined the grotesque wounds of the mutilated cow.

Skin and half a nostril had been removed from the cow's face in clean, crisp cuts. The tongue had been sliced off and the cow's genitalia were missing.

Think Dagnet meets X-Files and you'll have a handle on Sue Kovach's book Hidden Files: Law Enforcement's True Case Stories of the Unexplained and Paranormal (Contemporary Books, \$14.95) -- wacky, wild, weird police cases bordering on the incredible, peculiar, implausible and downright impossible.

Extraterrestrials and U.S. government

Theories behind the cattle mutilations, Kovach speculates, range from extraterrestrial "harvesting" of cells for some purpose -- perhaps new methods of protecting themselves from disease -- to secret U.S. government projects about which citizens must be kept in the dark. Neither prospect floats my boat.

You don't usually hear of regular-joe police involvement in "paranormal" cases, particularly when it comes to cattle mutilations, UFO encounters, mysterious monsterlike creatures, ghost "visitations," unexplained graveyard exhumations, occult sacrifices and other odd stuff.

But Kovach has uncovered an arresting array of atypical cases in this vaguely goofy catalog of law enforcement believe-it-or-nots, where, she writes, "most incidents involve actual police cases, occurring while the officer was on duty."

There's something for everyone here, from a police chase of an alleged UFO through several jurisdictions to a supposed spirit of a Native American medicine man intervening to save the life of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable in 1986.

### Police 'paranoia'

The author notes a general police "paranoia" about discussing such matters on the record. This is prudent logic on their part, since law enforcement careers have been damaged by mentioning words such as UFO or ghost. Though, paradoxically, police are -- or would be -- among the most credible witnesses for such goings-on, since normally they do not truck with superstition or folklore. Some were willing to share their stories:

- Jeopardizing his 21-year police career, Hernando County, Fla., sheriff's Deputy Ron Chancey filed a report saying that he'd seen from his patrol car a huge, dark, boomerang-shaped object flying some 300 feet off the ground beside him. "It's changed my life forever and got me thinking about my beliefs," he said. "I really have to believe there is something else out there. And as wonderful as that prospect can be, it's also somewhat scary."

- Sgt. Jim Riffle recalls eerie goings-on after the West Virginia State Police converted a deceased man's home into a small three-person barrack for their troopers. Everything was fine until they bulldozed and paved over the man's precious, perfect front lawn. "I think we upset him a bit," Riffle says, recalling the strange thumpings, typing sounds, pacing noises, door slammings, and once even a "horrendous bang" as though somebody had kicked in the back door.

- Deep in the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia, Morgantown Police Chief Bennie Palmer and Officer Ralph Chapman received a call from the town cemetery's caretaker about some apparent vandalism. The lid of a concrete vault had burst through the ground. There were no signs of digging -- in fact, the ground had broken from underneath, but it didn't look like it was caused by an explosion.

It was the grave of Harry Spitz, a child who had died of cholera in 1912, but the body was well-preserved and still had some skin. "In fact, you could recognize Harry from his facial features. He even had lots of long blond hair," Chapman said. Even after Harry was re-buried and apparently behaving himself, the officers found themselves haunted by his memory. Not only had Harry been in remarkably good shape, but so was his clothing, a stuffed lion found at his feet and some dried flowers. Yet the fabric on the lid of the casket had rotted away. No one could explain why.

### Paranormal help

Some police officers even shared instances in which paranormal occurrences have helped them solve cases.

- Detective Robert W. Lee of the Lake Oswego, Ore., Police Department didn't just embrace the paranormal after a psychic helped him with a homicide investigation -- in which it eventually was revealed that a husband had killed his wife -- he even married the woman who provided him with 30 details that eventually proved true.

- When Los Angeles Police Department Detective Tim Moss was assigned to the brutal stabbing murder case of well-known California psychic D. Scott Rogo, the officer fielded amazingly precise predictions from a handful of Rogo's psychic colleagues, who even were able to pinpoint the owner of a bloody fingerprint on a drinking glass.

- Deputy Rich Strasser, of the El Dorado County, Calif., Sheriff's Office, was assigned to a baffling missing persons case in June 1994 when a driver called 911 after claiming to spot an "apparition" of a naked woman by the side of a highway en route to Nevada from California. An investigation revealed a crashed car in the nearby underbrush and a 3-year-old boy still alive next to the amazingly preserved corpse of his 24-year-old mother. "It's almost as though the condition of her body was preserved to make things easier for her son," Strasser said. "In

his mind, he thought his mom was just asleep."

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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 22:59:20 -0500  
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Freshly coined, but I think she had it RIGHT, Errol! <g>.

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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, burned at the  
fundamentalist's stake.

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## Re: The Rise of the Replicants

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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 23:06:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Rise of the Replicants

>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 14:33:29 -0300  
>From: Carlos Roselli <[croselli@email.yppf.com.ar](mailto:croselli@email.yppf.com.ar)>  
>Subject: The Rise of the Replicants  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Hello from Argentina,

>I have read about a lecture given by Jacques Vallee in England,  
>entitled "The Rise of the Replicants", where he postulates  
>possible world scenarios for the next years.

>It would be very interesting to know what the author thinks,  
>considering his background.

Howdy Carlos,

I was at the London conf that Vallee was supposed to speak at. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend due to unknown (to me atleast) problems. His friend and my acquaintance parapsychologist Stanley Krippner presented an outline of Jacques' paper. I have reproduced the abstract below as well as included the URLs for my review of the rest of the conf, copies are at both my web site and archived within the UFO UpDates archive on [www.UFOMIND.com](http://www.UFOMIND.com) (see below).

I never did write a detailed synopsis of Vallee's proposed paper. What I did say was simply:

"Once upstairs it was finally time for Jacques' paper as presented by none other than THE Stanley Krippner whom I had spoken with on a panel back in 1995 at the SAC conference. Before his speech I had the opportunity to briefly reintroduce myself. I was flattered he remembered me.

I will hold off now on talking about his presentation of Jacques' paper. Suffice to say he did a great job of presenting Jacques' outline, filling in the framework with his own experiences which were very worthwhile. I will be reviewing his topic in depth as another separate article for the ELFIS Mind Kontrol Corner department next installment."

Mainly, Vallee's paper seemed almost an apology for having his hands in two arenas which have led to the deaths of "cultists"; his connection to the first Remote Viewing experiments at Stanford as well as his early involvement in the formation of the Internet. He used the ideas of Philip Kindred Dick (sci fi author and "experimenter") to speak about the approaching future wherein Artificial Intelligences, Virtual Realities and the Imaginal Realms of Consciousness in question might again be manipulated or distorted by others in an ever increasing schism between the consensual hallucination we call "reality" and these Other Worlds.

See the links below:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/may/m20-006.shtml>  
<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/jun/m25-005.shtml>  
<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/may/m20-007.shtml>

<http://www.elfis.net/RnR/RnR9/smlotw.htm>  
<http://www.elfis.net/RnR/RnR9/smlotw2.htm>  
<http://www.elfis.net/RnR/RnR9/absbio.htm#JVAbs>

"Jacques F. Vallee  
The Rise of the Replicants: Four Scenarios Impacting  
Consciousness in the Years 2000 - 2025

At a time when the stability of the world's economy is in question, and the technical community faces its greatest challenge ever in the passage to the Euro and the Year 2000, it is not difficult to think of dramatic developments impacting the human environment. History teaches, however, that profound change in consciousness is subtler than mere extrapolation of today's crises. Here we attempt to reframe several future scenarios around fundamental issues: will the development of novel technical structures such as the quantum computer challenge the very notion of what it means to be human? Can the new communications media continue to grow without precipitating a major restructuring of social systems, and what are the implications? Survival (both individual and societal) will mean something different in the next century, and so will novel spiritual movements based on the Web. These developments will carry danger as well as seduction. Those who try to ignore them may find themselves trapped in visionary fantasies with which humanity hasn't had any previous experience."

Bottom line on Vallee's paper was that it could have been great, but, since he wasn't there to present it, and I suspect he never finished writing it... there wasn't much to report on.

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Hi,

Sceptical, Skeptical, septical, spectacle, you've got me  
confused now.

It was, of course, meant to be skeptical.

One day Americans will get the hang of British irony.

You are hereby sentenced to watch episodes of Yes, Minister for  
six hours.

Best wishes,

Jenny

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 20:04:03 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 23:25:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>From: Ed Gehrman  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 12:45:41 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 16:48:16 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 09:42:38 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I had written:

>>The restricted codes you speak of mean nothing because they do  
>>not relate directly to the film itself.

Ed replies:

>Top Secret is one thing. All know that designation but no one knew  
>about "restricted". Get it...no one.

What you don't seem to get is that the suit does not make the man. Regardless of what's on the cans, they do not validate their contents.

But let's continue your fantasy. You wrote:

>As for what Ray told Bob  
>S; I'd prefer that Bob answer that one himself. Bob saw what he saw,  
>and was convinced 95 % that the film was legit.

Oh really? Here's what Bob Shell had to say about the AA film in October of 1998:

"I never said that I can prove anything. All we have is video made from purported 16 mm film, photocopies of film box labels, the cameraman's statements, and a lot of information supplied to me and others by Ray Santilli. We have no hard proof that there IS any film or that there is a cameraman."

How do you explain this statement from someone that you claim was "convinced 95 % that the film was legit"? You can't Ed, because you are making stuff up as you go along to support your view.

Moving on, Ed claims:

>The hoaxers were also  
>given film to try to process and try to get whatever they could from  
>it.

The film (if there was any) was already processed, Ed. Why do you continue with this nonsense?

According to Ray, here is what the cameraman told him:

"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."

Incredibly, Ed asks:

>Are you saying that there was no film at all, only video.  
>That is not correct. There was old film; Bob S and others saw  
>it and the hoaxers saw it.

Read the post, Ed. Read the post.

I said that Ray has never had any original footage. All he has shown was a dupe or a video.

Do you know what a "dupe" is? It's a print struck from camera original or another dupe.

Then again, if you'd done any real research, you'd know this already....

Continuing, I pointed out:

>>Here's the point you don't seem to get, Ed. Ray Santilli has  
>>\_never\_ had a scrap of original film. The only footage he has  
>>ever offered for analysis is a dupe or a video tape.

Ed responds:

>No! That is not correct and is an example of misinformation.  
>Ray had what he bought from the cammeraman: twenty-two rolls of  
>old film. Volker is pleased, in fact, very pleased with his  
>purchase. Do you really think he'd pay \$100,000 for a dupe of  
>an old video?

Ed, this is getting embarrassing. No one is talking about a "dupe of an old video"!

Do you even know the difference between film and video? From your writing, I don't think you do. If you did, then you'd understand what I meant when I wrote:

"The only footage he has ever offered for analysis is a dupe or a video tape."

A "dupe \_or\_ a video tape", Ed. One or the other. This or that. Here or there. Up or down. In or out. They are as different as day or night.

More to the point, here is Bob Shell's take on the footage in question:

"For the record, I do not now have, have never had, nor ever seen any camera original film in this incident."

Let's continue our journey. I wrote:

>>He (Ray) tried  
>>to mislead everyone about the AA film being camera original?

Ed responded:

>What the hell are you talking about here? Show me the misleading  
>quote. I don't think you understand this at all? Please elaborate.

Again, here is Bob Shell's info regarding Ray:

"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)."

Finally I advised:

>You know, Ed, if you did even some minor research at the  
>Archives of this list, you'd find quite a few discussions  
>regarding faults within the AA footage that do not match the  
>expectations of footage from that era.

Ed's circular logic dictates:

>Yes and they've all been answered in one way or another. There  
>are no faults that I can find. Why would hoaxers go to all the

>expense of creating a production like this and then...my god  
>the contamination suits are all wrong. Use your head. How  
>could this happen in such a well planned and organized event?

Duh! Maybe because someone made a mistake? The suits are wrong, Ed. Deal with it. You asked for a "shred of proof". Well? Now that you got some you want to shrug it off as simply "one of those unexplained things".

By what you wrote, it's obvious you've done no research into the contamination suits. This is all the more silly considering your plea about doing research and learning the truth about AA. You don't want research.

You just want us to agree with you.

I think I was being reasonable when I declared:

>I expect to see this in your next post.

I'm still waiting for the proof you supposedly have that supports any of your own claims. I've given you mine. The archives are full of more.

And finally, while developing nose bleed from the height to which his hypocrisy soars , Ed maintains:

>You do not control this dialogue. Expect all you want! Where  
>is your story line? How did all this come together. Where did  
>Ray get the money to create this "hoax"?

>What was his motive? Please, just one hint as to how this all  
>came down... and maybe a witness or two. I know this is hard for  
>you folks but how about some proof that it all happened as you  
>say it did.

We could ask the same of you, Ed. In fact we have! But it does no good. This whole thing reminds me of a scene from Monty Python's 'Life of Brian' where a group sits around asking, "What have the Romans really ever done for us!?"

The group names countless improvements in the standard of living. But John Cleese shakes his head and says "Yes, yes, yes. Of course. But aside from all those things... What have the Romans really ever done for us?"

This is exactly the same, Ed.

You ask for proof.

When someone points out a flaw, you ask, " Yes, yes, yes. But let's pretend that doesn't exist. Now without that, what proof do you have?"

Then more flaws are pointed out.

Then you reason, "Well, so what? I don't believe it! What else do you have?"

Then more flaws are pointed out.

Then you ask, "Okay, besides all that. Let's have some witnesses."

How far can you keep moving the goal post?

The AA film is a fake. Deal with it.

Later,

Roger Evans



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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 23:28:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Conference 2000 Update

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 18:30:53 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Tim Mathews <[TMMatthews99@aol.com](mailto:TMMatthews99@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Conference 2000 Update  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>For the latest on the exciting 1st Conference of the New  
>Millennium, Discovery 2000, check out my website;

>[www.angelfire.com/sd/discoveryuk/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/sd/discoveryuk/index.html)

>Check out the new speaker profiles!

>Be there!

Nice Idea - Wrong year.

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## The Fish, Kingfish & Super Hustler

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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 03:02:57 +0000 (GMT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 23:33:32 -0500  
Subject: The Fish, Kingfish & Super Hustler

From: originman@my-deja.com  
Newsgroups: uk.rec.ufo  
Subject: "Fish" or "Kingfish" project.  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 13:28:50 GMT

In Nick Cooks documentary "Billion dollar Secret", he questions Bob Widmer (General Dynamics Convair back then) about his "Fish" project, a saucer-inspired design, which apparently lost the competition for a CIA spy plane contract about 45 years ago (this would be Blackbird, I presume). As Cook noted, this design is still classified. I'm sure there is a very good reason for this.

What struck me as strange about one thing he said was this (paraphrased): [first mentions a project called "Super Hustler"]

"The CIA came here one day and asked me if there was something I could do with this technology. The ideal shape was that of a saucer. As near as possible to a saucer."

At the end, Widmer commented that he didn't have any designs left from it, because "the doors were shut" and some of it probably destroyed. When asked how to explain the remaining secrecy of this project he could not. Just shrugged.

So does this mean that the CIA asked him to work from scratch on a saucer shaped design, or does it mean that the CIA brought something and asked him if he could do something with it (I'm thinking something from Foreign Technology division or the like)?

Does anybody have more on the "fish"? And BTW, if Mr. Cook himself looks at this NG, then your comments on this would be much appreciated.

-Christian.

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Roger R. Prokic <[rprokic@mindspring.com](mailto:rprokic@mindspring.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 20:08:00 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 23:38:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 12:45:41 -0800  
>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 09:42:38 -0600  
>>From: Roger <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>No Roger, it went like this. I wrote "Creatures With No Business  
>Here", back in 96,

><http://www.mufor.org/gehrman1.htm>

>and sent it to Ray asking if there were any mistakes or factual  
>errors, and if there were, could he point them out to me. That's  
>how we started our very limited relationship. I am not his  
>friend or employee. I simply believe his version of events, not  
>yours. We have had email conversations; that's all! I also  
>have letters he wrote to others concerning the film.

Ed,

You may not realize that you really appear defensive for Ray.  
In fact, I don't know of any other person whom supports Ray's  
actions & dealings like you. Now that you mention your book, I  
can only think to ask "How much did he pay you?".

Roger R. Prokic  
Principal RF Systems Engineer  
Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.  
Boulder, Colorado USA  
--[ sent from a Palm Vx & Multimap Pro v3.1c ]--

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcashman@ix.netcom.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 22:18:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 23:40:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 11:16:29 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Hi, Roger!

>Regarding depth; beyond a certain point, sunlight ceases to  
>penetrate. In addition, it gets darned cold!

>To find life under such inhospitable conditions is the exception  
>to the rule regarding scientific expectations about the  
>development of life "as we know it".

Actually, there's a certain amount of controversy about this  
with the discovery of extensive life around sea bottom vents.

There are reasonable scientists who suggest that the energy  
chains in these environments might very well be those which  
first arose - since those environments are very like those  
present in early earth history, and since the genetics and  
metabolism of these organisms suggest that they may not be  
colonists of these "hostile" environments.

Searches for information on

archaeobacteria  
archaea  
halobacteria  
nanobacteria

also have a look at

[http://www.resa.net/nasa/ocean\\_hydrothermal.htm#chemistry](http://www.resa.net/nasa/ocean_hydrothermal.htm#chemistry)  
<http://www.accessexcellence.org/WN/SUA08/arch896.html>  
<http://www.fonz.org/zglight.htm>

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
- Original digital art, writing, music and UFO research -

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: James Easton <[voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 03:51:40 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 00:08:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

Regarding:

>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 1999 17:09:29 +0000  
>From: Neil Morris <[Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
>To: Ufo Updates List <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

Neil wrote:

>I think it's correct to say Theresa did a stirring job of  
>observation regarding the AA footage, the one fly in the  
>ointment though as I see it, is that her analysis hinges on the  
>fact of taking the film reel sequence as given by the film box  
>numbers as a cast iron fact.

Neil,

There's more involved than that and unfortunately too lengthy  
for even a brief explanation. It's also helpful and maybe  
necessary that anyone interested sees the video tape, 'Shadows  
of Doubt' and accompanying documentation which Theresa produced.  
Although I'm not sure how many copies were made available, I  
presume it was only a few.

>As I understand it there were no physical numberings on the film  
>reels or film stock, only the boxes carried the sequence  
>numbers, it would only take two of these reels to be cross boxed  
>to provide the "evidence" that Theresa found to judge the film  
>by.

Theresa wouldn't have overlooked such a possibility and  
illustrated why that explanation wasn't feasible. If you're not  
aware of the reasons why, then you must have missed some of the  
evidence she presented. Basically, it comes down to the fact  
that in some reels there are notable 'blood drips' and other  
identifiable artefacts which then 'disappear' in a subsequent  
reel, only to reappear again in a later reel. Yet, the cutting  
open of the 'body' etc. clearly progresses in sequence during  
these reels - there's never a reel where the 'autopsy' is less  
advanced than a previous reel.

The only conclusion can be that it's a significant indication  
the filming was in various takes.

As Theresa comments on one such instance, "The problem is that  
in a real autopsy it would have been impossible to film reel #61  
before reel #59. Yet this appears to be exactly what happened  
here and is the only way the blood marks could be consistent".

As you know, there's no tangible evidence for any 'archive  
reels' ever existing.

>>'We then went to see Santilli and told him we had some alien  
>>footage which we had bought in the states,' says Bateman. 'He  
>>told us we had been conned and didn't think it was very good.  
>>He said it should have been clearer and should also have a  
>>restricted notice on it'. Bateman got the film back,



>>superimposed the bogus classification message and sent it back  
>>to Santilli, who told the two men he could not use it.

>They were slightly giving the game away here weren't they, if  
>they were trying to sell "original" footage?, modifying it as  
>they went along?

>I find this scenario hardly credible.

>Did Ray twig he was being sold a "dummy" at the first bite? Did  
>he know all along?

Depends on who and what you choose to believe, or in Ray's case,  
which version of the story.

On UpDates, we saw:

>From: Philip Mantle <[el51@dial.pipex.com](mailto:el51@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 18 Jun 1998 00:13:58 +0000  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 18 Jun 1998 10:08:28 -0400  
>Subject: Santilli Comments On 'Tent Footage'

The following is from Ray Santilli:

#### THE TENT FOOTAGE

Philip Mantel has informed me that he has secured an interview  
from someone claiming to have information regarding the "Tent  
Footage".

As a great deal has been made of the so called "Tent Footage" I  
would like to clarify the situation and place the following on  
record:

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 Buckinghamshire to retrieve whatever image they  
could from it. A few weeks after delivery the Studio 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. At this point  
he stated that he DID NOT remember either the image being  
portrayed or the style in which it had been filmed. I was  
concerned but collected the remaining film (which was in far  
better condition) and returned to the United Kingdom.

Upon my return I contacted the studio to find out more about the  
images from the "Tent Footage". I got the impression that as a  
joke the film had been interfered with, but nobody was owning  
up".

[...]

[End]

Then we heard:

>Date: Sun, 20 Dec 1998 05:59:08 -0500  
>To: "UFO UpDates Subscribers":;  
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Santilli On Kiviat's 'Alien Autopsy Hoax'

Ray Santilli Claims FOX Report on Alien Autopsy is Completely  
Wrong

From Ed Gehrman

Several days ago I read an article in the news section of UFO  
Folklore (one of the best sources for up-to-the-minute UFO  
related news), ridiculing the Alien Autopsy footage and Ray  
Santilli.

Since I have been one of the few Ufologists to believe that the Alien Autopsy is exactly what Ray Santilli and the Cameraman say it is, namely, footage of an alien being dissected by US Army doctors.

The alien is from somewhere in New Mexico and arrived in a craft that was found and secured by US Army personnel. The footage was taken in shot in 1947.

I have defended Ray since I first viewed the complete autopsy footage (not the fox version) and have established an email connection to check with him when situations like the Ellen Gray article pop up. I have found Ray Santilli to be an honest and interesting person. He has been straight with me.

After reading the Ellen Gray article I contacted Ray and asked him about the Fox program. This is his reply along with the complete Ellen Gray article

Ed,

Please circulate this message for me.

#### THE TENT FOOTAGE

The Fox broadcast relies heavily on something that has become known as the Tent Footage. This is not the Alien Autopsy footage.

[...]

Now 1998, Bob needed material for his new show. Bob re-visited the Tent Film and decided to construct the story that will be shown on December 1998. Of course his main thrust will be the "shock horror" of just discovering the story surrounding the Tent Footage (maybe I should send him his hand written disclaimer of 1995).

I have already gone on record with the full Tent Footage story, however for the benefit of doubt here it is again.:

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.

At this point he stated that he did not remember either the image being portrayed or the style in which it had been filmed. I was concerned but continued to collect the remaining film and returned to the United Kingdom.

Upon my return I contacted the studio in Milton Keynes to find out more about the images from the "Tent Footage". To my surprise Andy (my friend and owner of the studio) admitted to playing a joke on me. They were unable to retrieve anything of consequence from the film therefore he staged a spoof never thinking that I would want to use it. As a result part of the film (Tent Footage) returned was hoaxed by him as a practical Joke. [End]

With Kiviat's 'expose' pending, it's now admitted this was always known to be a 'practical joke', as opposed to six months previously when "nobody was owning up".

See also my references in last mail to Ed, when I pointed out what Bob Shell confirms being told by Ray about the 'tent footage', long after it must have been known this was all comical.

If you doubt the likely veracity of Bateman's story re how their hoaxed footage was offered to Ray and he suggested it should have a 'classification code', then why are there two versions of that footage, one without and one containing said 'secret classification'?

Can you also rationalise how in July, 1995, when both versions of the 'tent footage' had been seen and Ray must surely have known the 'classification codes' were a bogus addition, he replied to my enquiry about the 'codes' by maintaining:

"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)".

When searching for clues, we shouldn't miss the really obvious ones, even if we don't like what they seem to unveil.

>I would suggest that Ray was a little more than creative (but in >a very good marketing way) at times with his claims all the way >through this saga, so what we can or cannot take as fact is >moot. What is true, is that the remainder of the "footage" has >been badly tainted by all this, but at the end of the day that >might have been the point of the exercise.

I'm not sure this is understandable. Whose intention - Theresa's, my own, anyone who continues to highlight key facts?

Given that your 'explanation' of Theresa's confirmation appears to be inadequately researched, perhaps it's a basic requirement to provide a more detailed, factual refutation of same before defaulting to the 'tainted by those who want to debunk the great UFO cover up that only we understand' and what that might actually reveal about the claimant's inability to make a case.

It's an abysmal substitute for evidence.

Excepting the provision of some hugely important identification of flaws in Theresa's research, I have no interest in discussing intrinsic beliefs in the 'alien autopsy', Roswell, or anything related.

It's a good idea to ask the question whether there are obvious indications we are being gullible and if so, is that to extremity.

James.  
Email: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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## ECHELON And Surveilling Citizens

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 00:48:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 00:48:35 -0500  
Subject: ECHELON And Surveilling Citizens

From: Moderator, UFO UpDates

Source: Jeff Rense's Sightings site

<http://www.sightings.com/politics6/esch.htm>

Surveillance Society: A Spy's Story

By Erin Zimmerman & Dale Hurd

12-16-99

Imagine a workplace that required you to pass a daily retinal scan... and a monthly lie detector test, an office where snitching on suspicious co-workers is encouraged, and a job where the ultimate badge of honor is complete silence.

Welcome to the world of a spy.

In this top-secret world where just talking about your job could earn you a prison sentence, only one man has been willing to talk openly about his role in the global eavesdropping network known as ECHELON.

Retired intelligence officer Mike Frost spent 19 years collecting top-secret information at Canada's Communications Security Establishment (CSE), Canada's equivalent of America's National Security Agency. Frost remembers a time when ECHELON was still an idea without a name.

"The concept of five countries collecting everything that's radiated on this planet and reporting to a central base which the five countries can draw from -- the concept was there, and some experimental work was being done at the time," says Frost.

According to Frost, the information is then sorted according to specific key words.

"For instance, if we were after a terrorist activity, we would ask the computer to give us all communications containing the words 'bomb,' 'blow-up,' 'terrorize,' 'assassination,' and any communications containing those words, be it e-mail, be it voice mail, telephone, cell phone, portable phone, whatever," he says. "The computer would recognize that conversation as containing those words and give you either a recording of the conversation or a hard copy of the conversation."

But Frost, who was trained in the U.S. by the National Security Agency, says the eavesdropping is not necessarily limited to criminals or foreigners, as is required by both U.S. and Canadian laws.

"There is no distinction made whether you're a foreigner or

not," he says. "That's a tough question, because never will the Canadian government or the American government admit that they can circumvent their legislation by asking other countries to do what they can't do for themselves. However, if you just look at how the system works -- if five countries do the collecting, if five countries input their common database that five countries can draw from, it's fairly easy to see how Canada can do things for the United States and vice versa that the countries can't do for themselves."

And although Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand all play crucial roles, Frost says there's no doubt about who's "driving the train," as Frost puts it.

"NSA drives the train," he says. "NSA is the conductor, NSA tells the train where to stop, and tells the passengers where to get off and where to get on."

According to Frost, this train is running full-speed into your private life. For example, here's what could happen if you use a so-called key word like "bomb," even in a private conversation.

"Somebody will pick it up," he says. "Communications know no borders. Somebody will pick it up somewhere, and it will end up on somebody's desk if you say the word 'bomb.' I guarantee it."

Case in point ...

"A lady was on the phone talking to her friend about a school play that she'd been to the night before; her son was in a school play," recalls Frost from his own experience. "And she thought he'd done a lousy job, and she said to her friend, 'Boy, he really bombed last night. And that conversation was highlighted and ended up on an analyst's desk the next morning because the word 'bomb' was in there, and all this lady was doing was talking about her son and his play the night before. Now that conversation of that lady is held at CSE indefinitely, so if two or three or four years later, she talks about somebody else bombing or something, and the computer spits it out again as being the second or third hit on this person's name, you can graduate from being a possible terrorist to a probable terrorist. It's that easy."

So what are the perks of being targeted as a "probable terrorist?"

"If the NSA says that you are a probable terrorist and passes that information on to those responsible for that sort of activity, just think about what could happen to your life, and you'd never know why. All of a sudden, your MasterCard doesn't work anymore; All the sudden, your phone is down; all of the sudden, things are falling apart in your life; and you have no reason why, and nobody'll ever tell you."

How deep can ECHELON go into someone's life?

"How deep do you want to go?" answers Frost. "Right down to the bowels, if you want. As far as you want to go, ECHELON can go into your private life -- that includes your private life with your doctor, your minister, your lawyer, your stock broker, your wife, your girlfriend, your children, your business partner, your business enemies -- as far as they want to go."

Both the United States and Canada officially deny that this massive spy network even exists. But Frost showed CBN News a station in Ottawa where such interceptions are part of the daily routine.

Intelligence experts say ECHELON is only one of many tools Big Brother can use to listen in on your life. In fact, with the right technology, government agencies can literally pull your personal information out of the air -- without ever touching your computer.

The procedure is code-named TEMPEST, and it's a trick Frost learned from the NSA. By simply aiming an antenna at your computer monitor, intelligence experts can use the radiation emitted by the monitor to reconstruct the images on your screen. No hacking, no passwords -- just another legal loophole.

"The law reads that it is unlawful to intercept intentionally radiated communications," explains Frost. "TEMPEST is unintentionally radiated, so it's therefore lawful, I suppose, to intercept this radiation. That is being done extensively throughout the world. You can imagine the implications if you park yourself outside a broker's office on Wall Street, or you go to the defense building or the CIA building and start intercepting TEMPEST radiation."

Speaking out about ECHELON has ultimately cost Mike Frost some of his own privacy.

"The pressure is being applied very subtly," he says. "Letters that arrive in an opened condition, strange things happening to my answering machine when I'm not even in the house -- it becomes unplugged or turned off, or turned on and plugged in, strange footprints on my carpet, very subtle things. Not that I can go to anyone and say somebody broke into my home, because there is no sign of forced entry in any way. Constantly, my friends will say, what's the matter with your phone; there's an echo. So these things are being done just to keep me on my toes a little bit, and I'm aware of that."

And he has a warning for anyone who says "it can't happen to me."

"If you don't want anybody to know about what you're saying, don't say it," Frost cautions. "Because if you do say it, somebody will be listening."

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## Re: Bugs Bunny & Other UFO Victims by RAW

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 00:07:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 00:56:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bugs Bunny & Other UFO Victims by RAW

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 22:23:50 -0600  
>From: SMiles Lewis <[elfis@austin.rr.com](mailto:elfis@austin.rr.com)>  
>Subject: Bugs Bunny & Other UFO Victims by RAW  
>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

> From one elist to the next...

>Source: [www.gettingit.com](http://www.gettingit.com)

>Bugs Bunny and Other UFO Victims  
>Reality isn't always consensual  
>BY ROBERT ANTON WILSON

>12.13.99

>Although few people remember this, Bugs Bunny was the first UFO  
>"abductee" in a 1952 cartoon called "Hasty Hare."

>The next case did not occur until nine years later, in 1961,  
>when Betty and Barney Hill famously encountered the "greys" from  
>Zeta Reticuli, who molested them sexually and otherwise, and  
>were also wearing Nazi uniforms. At least, Barney Hill  
>remembered the malign midgets as garbed in Nazi regalia; Betty,  
>for some reason, never did recall that poignantly puzzling  
>detail.

>Now, many millions have allegedly suffered the same sort of  
>"extraterrestrial" sexual abuse, according to Abductees  
>Anonymous, a support group for survivors. Budd Hopkins has  
>become rock star famous for helping people "remember" such  
>experiences. And this is not just another New Age fad. Dr. John  
>Mack, a distinguished scientist on the staff of the psychiatry  
>department at Harvard University, has written two books on the  
>subject. And Harvard, which once gave Dr. Timothy Leary the  
>bum's rush for having weird ideas, allows Dr. Mack to remain on  
>their staff, with all the prestige that bestows upon this  
>eldritch and Lovecraftian topic.

>I've met Dr. Mack, and he seems like a sane and sensible man. He  
>frankly admits that he's not quite sure what kind of "reality"  
>these experiences occur in, except that it sure ain't consensus  
>reality. It's something more like the non-ordinary reality of  
>Carlos Castaneda's Don Juan books, or of the mystics of all  
>traditions -- or of Leary and his merry band of acid astronauts.>

<snip>

>Bill Cooper, who claims to be a former Naval Intelligence  
>officer, alleges that he saw papers revealing a treaty between  
>our government and the "greys," who are providing our military  
>with advanced technology.

Anyone who treats abductions seriously is clearly walking on the  
"wild side..."

But anyone who treats Bill Cooper seriously has gone beyond...  
like, mentally walked the plank.

Cooper's version of "ufology" has escalated from a simple sighting on board a submarine... which might have occurred... to something too paranoid and unsubstantiated to contemplate.

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## Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?

From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 00:16:40 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 01:02:41 -0500  
Subject: Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?

Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 22:51:30 -0500 (EST)  
From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'  
To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 09:18:10 -0500  
>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
>Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>We are facing the worst entity that visit us. In addition to  
>>being ugly, they lack the senses, are deaf-mute, lack of  
>>touch, show lack of feeling, are liars, etc.. Their only weapon  
>>is an extraordinary ability to control the human psyche,  
>>manipulating it thoroughly.

The Human Imperative: A Case for the Eradication of Unmanned  
Mars Missions

by Mac Tonnies

The recent loss of the Mars Polar Lander, the second in a series of probes to fall victim to NASA's "faster, better, cheaper" mission philosophy, provides an excellent opportunity to reassess our commitment to Mars exploration. The "human imperative" advocates nothing less than a manned mission in place of all future robotic missions, preferably to begin as soon as possible.

With the Apollo program now only a fuzzy memory, good for little more than obligatory nostalgia programs on the Learning Channel, and Space Shuttle missions so routinely unsexy that firing John Glenn into orbit (again) was supposed to be cause for excitement, it is obvious that we need to set our sights on loftier goals. There is good reason to expect a manned Mars mission to provide the challenge necessary to crack our current climate of space science apathy. The scientific rewards alone promise a redefinition our planetary selfhood.

The human imperative urges a prompt return to space not for the sake of doing it (the mind-set almost wholly responsible for our brief forays to the Moon), but for such urgent and pragmatic reasons as comparative planetology, research into climate change, the lessons to be learned from Mars' meteor- battered surface, and the understanding of a variety of anomalous surface features.

The data we can glean from the cursory examinations of telerobotic probes is scant, and promises little that cannot be investigated firsthand, by human astronauts using space hardware that is largely in existence right now.

Furthermore, plans for future telerobotic missions are decidedly high-risk, even compared to ambitious projects such as the Pathfinder mission, Russia's two ill-fated Phobos spacecraft, Mars Global Surveyor, and the Mars Polar Lander (all of which, save Pathfinder, failed in their attempts to tell us anything of value about our sister planet--if at all). The Mars Sample

Return mission, for example (scheduled for 2005), seeks to scoop up Martian soil and fling it back to Earth aboard automated rockets.

Needless to say, NASA's ability to carry this mission off successfully must be called into question. At best, a successful sample return will tell us interesting but ultimately little about Mars' geologic, climatic, and biological history.

And it should be noted that we already have rocks of known Martian origin at our disposal. Scientists, lacking the context a manned Mars mission would provide, have (rather understandably) been unable to decide if the rocks in question contain biological remains or not.

This situation is likely to remain unchanged even if the Mars Sample Return mission is successful--a possibility that now seems remote at best.

Without a human presence on the Martian surface, virtually all questions aimed at Mars' enigmatic past must remain, for all practical intents and purposes, theoretical ventures framed by the utopian notion that we'll make it to the Red Planet in person "eventually" (current dates forecasted by informed scientists and futurists range from 2010 to 2020 and beyond).

Rethinking our commitment robotic exploration is vital; with each robotic mission, failed or otherwise, the looming date of the first manned landing will remain just as nebulous as it was five or ten years ago.

It could be argued that the failures of the Mars Observer, Mars Climate Orbiter and Mars Polar Lande, might, ironically, actually push official policy in favor of manned, vs. robotic, planetary missions by reinforcing the notion that a hands-on human team could certainly do no worse than the fragile emissaries we choose to send in our stead.

Ultimately, though, I don't foresee this being the case; I seriously doubt if manned space flight occupies much role at all in the present scheme. Robotic missions have been in the works for so long now that it appears we're to suffer through all of them, learning remarkably little in terms of worthy goals such as human colonization.

Our understanding of Mars is not being executed through reason, but through the blind inertia that befalls all bureaucracies. NASA, from the petty triumphs of Apollo to the current fiasco with inexpensive, mismanaged probes, is certainly no exception.

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## Re: The Fish, Kingfish & Super Hustler

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 21:37:43 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 01:07:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Fish, Kingfish & Super Hustler

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 03:02:57 +0000 (GMT)  
>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
>Subject: The Fish, Kingfish & Super Hustler  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Hello, all I thought I'd comment on this one, being a fan of both the Blackbird and Hustler.

>From: originman@my-deja.com  
>Newsgroups: uk.rec.ufo  
>Subject: "Fish" or "Kingfish" project.  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 13:28:50 GMT

>In Nick Cooks documentary "Billion dollar Secret", he questions >Bob Widmer (General Dynamics Convair back then) about his "Fish" >project, a saucer-inspired design, which apparently lost the >competition for a CIA spy plane contract about 45 years ago >(this would be Blackbird, I presume). As Cook noted, this design >is still classified. I'm sure there is a very good reason for >this.

If this is so, why? Knowing how governments think its either a shining success or it just sucks.(the latter to avoid embarrassment- especially congress-around budget time)

>What struck me as strange about one thing he said was this >(paraphrased): [first mentions a project called "Super Hustler"]

Probably the rumored J-58 (Blackbird engines folks) powered version of the B-58 Hustler supersonic Bomber. Super Hustler indeed!

>"The CIA came here one day and asked me if there was something I >could do with this technology. The ideal shape was that of a >saucer. As near as possible to a saucer."

>At the end, Widmer commented that he didn't have any designs >left from it, because "the doors were shut" and some of it >probably destroyed. When asked how to explain the remaining >secrecy of this project he could not. Just shrugged.

Well maybe so, I've been to the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field in Seattle Wa.(it is worth it because of some of the displays are of common folk that happened to be geniuses like Molt Taylor, Peter Bowers, Charlie McAllister, and I would be glad to explain why.)Has a complete Lockheed A-12 and D-5 Drone. One look at this puppy and you do wonder about ah , "acquired technology".

>So does this mean that the CIA asked him to work from scratch on >a saucer shaped design, or does it mean that the CIA brought >something and asked him if he could do something with it (I'm >thinking something from Foreign Technology division or the >like)?

I don't know, but one close look at the A-12 with all of the fine work in Titanium yet, one wonders.....

>Does anybody have more on the "fish"? And BTW, if Mr. Cook  
>himself looks at this NG, then your comments on this would be  
>much appreciated.

We don't have any Idea what has taken place over the last 50  
years, and I have seen the Blackbird do some amazing things at  
airshows (Abbotsford B.C. in particular, also the Avro Vulcan  
which could account for Pteradactyl sightings - a great Aircraft  
in its own right.)

GT McCoy

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## Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 07:52:31 -0500  
Subject: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

Source: Fate's January 2000 issue,

<http://www.fatemag.com/articles/roswell.htm>

Stig

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Roswell UFO Bombshell

by Jim Keith

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(Jim Keith was famous as a conspiracy theorist. This article was submitted to FATE as one of the last things he wrote before dying in a freak accident at this year's Burning Man Festival.)

My source on the following story has asked me to be very vague in my description of him. He describes himself as "a longtime researcher/instructor of engineering at a school in New Mexico." I know specific details of his professional work, as well as the names of his own sources for the following information, but he has asked me not to mention them because of potential problems involving security clearances.

Speaking with me recently, he told me about his knowledge of what actually took place in Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947 - an event which has been alleged by many researchers to have been the crash of an alien spacecraft.

His information is gleaned from conversations with others in the engineering field and in the military who were living in or near Roswell at the time. I realize that without identifying my source, the following information is rendered suspect; with that in mind it may still open up new areas of research that will crack the Roswell case. Here is the gist of what he told me:

World War II was over, and America had a secret to conceal. Although the government said there were 500 atomic bombs in the military's arsenal, that was a lie. There were none that were considered reliable. Due to a number of factors - corrosion of parts kept in storage, batteries that didn't work, faulty initiators, and other reasons - there were no usable nuclear bombs in American military stockpiles. After the end of the war, the operational team in charge of the nuclear arsenal had also been dispersed, many of them going to other jobs, and some leaving the military altogether. In short, there was no real nuclear deterrent against the Soviet threat, and members of the American government and military who realized this were terrified that the Soviets would find out.

The American brass sought to remedy the situation. As part of this fix, testing of nuclear delivery systems was moved during 1945 and 1946 from Wendover, Utah, to the 509th U.S. Army Air Force Bomb Group unit in Roswell, New Mexico. At the time, Roswell was the center of much secret testing, including the top secret balloon program Project Mogul, and 'non-critical' testing at the Trinity blast site. One job that was given to the 509th

was the operational testing of nuclear bombs, including fine-tuning the ability to hit targets accurately.

Another secret: According to my source, military bombers were notoriously unreliable in hitting targets, sometimes missing their mark by as much as half a mile. It was given to the 509th to improve that record, and to make it possible to deliver bombs, particularly nuclear bombs, with greater accuracy. "Live" as well as "dummy" bombs were flown in from Sandia to Roswell, where they were tested and used in target drops.

It was in this environment that the most famous of all UFO stories was born. According to my source, the true story behind the alleged UFO crash was that there was an accident involving a B-29 flying from the Army Air Force Base in Sandia (Albuquerque) to Roswell. From the statements of men in the military who were there at the time, my source states that either an atomic bomb or what is termed a "bomb shape," or "test shape," the shell of a nuke lacking explosives and atomic capability, and sometimes filled with concrete to add weight, was accidentally or purposefully jettisoned above Corona, New Mexico, directly on the flight path between Sandia and Roswell. Along with the bomb, metal foil used for radar jamming, termed "chaff," may have also been dropped.

The accidental dropping of a nuclear weapon would surely have been cause enough for a cover-up. If this information had leaked to the public, there might have been an extremely negative reaction.

As an aside, my source mentioned that either an armed atomic bomb or "test shape," flattened by impact with the ground, could have looked like a squashed disk.

For more of Jim Keith's 'Bombshell', get yourself a copy of the January 2000 FATE!

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## Re: The Drake Equation

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 01:20:36 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 08:01:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 14:04:55 -0600  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 1999 20:08:52 -0600  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>And if we're wrong about "life as we know it" here on our own  
>>planet, then "life as we DON'T know it" must surely be within  
>>the realm of possibility on other planets; even seemingly  
>>hostile ones.

>Roger,

>I don't doubt that there is life elsewhere in the universe. I do  
>doubt that spacefaring civilizations are a dime a dozen.

>Just today I came across a few factoids on life here. In the  
>approximate 3.5 billion years of life on this planet, there have  
>been something like a billion species, 99.9% of which are now  
>extinct, and only one species of which has developed human  
>intelligence. (How do you like those odds?) I can't think of any  
>particular reason (that I know of) as to why there aren't 10,  
>20, or more intelligent species on this planet, but there  
>aren't.

<snip>

I just want to interject a thought here.

If I recall correctly, several sub-species of hominids ( or  
whatever they are called ) arose at different times. Some of  
these could even interbreed. One could argue that competition  
between various semi-intelligent populations merely led to the  
predominance of just one.

In short, if our lineage had not gained ascendancy, wiping out  
the competition while they were at it, its highly likely that  
another strain would have in time. Descendants of Neanderthals,  
Cro-Magnon men [ but no Piltdown men ] might be having this very  
discussion!

By analogy, suppose there were never a company by  
the name of IBM ( or Microsoft, or Intel .. )

Would their products or something highly analogous also vanish  
from the scene?

I think not.

What is unlikely, is for another intelligent specie to follow  
the same exact and admittedly unlikely path that our natural  
history took.

But, nobody is demanding that!

Re: The Drake Equation

Some of us are merely suggesting (and hoping I suppose in my case) that intelligent life might be relatively common in this galaxy.

A dime a dozen? I doubt that too. But, it only takes one race, sufficiently advanced and given enough time, to explore large regions of space at least robotically.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## CPR-Canada News: Edmonton Formation Update

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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 01:35:24 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 08:39:35 -0500  
Subject: CPR-Canada News: Edmonton Formation Update

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Edmonton Formation Update; The Farmers' Phonebook

December 21, 1999

Update on (First) Edmonton Crop Circle Formation

Some ground shots are now finally posted of the first Celtic Cross pattern just outside of Edmonton, Alberta from August 23 (same general region as the second larger seven-circle formation found September 21), courtesy of Fern Belzil and Judy Arndt. While believed to be a probable hoax based on initial ground survey, the formation does exhibit very neat, clean lay patterns. One sample image (edmonton99.jpg, © Fern Belzil) is attached (reduced for e-mail) Larger version images are on the web site at:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/edmonton99.html>

CPR-Canada to be Listed in 2000 Edition of The Farmer's Phonebook

CPR-Canada will be listed in the 2000 edition of The Farmers' Phonebook (Directory of Agriculture), [http://www.producer.com/ag\\_directory](http://www.producer.com/ag_directory), published by The Western Producer newspaper (<http://www.producer.com>), which is mailed out to every farming household in western Canada from BC to Manitoba and every rural business in the prairies (which, of course, is where most circles are reported, as we have seen especially the last couple of years now). FP is a valuable resource guide for all farmers and other agricultural industry people. The print version of FP comes out in February, 2000. Hopefully this will aid in having even more reports forwarded from farmers in future years.

Paul Anderson  
Director  
CPR-Canada

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20 Formations!

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 02:10:06 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 08:46:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 09:42:38 -0600  
>From: Roger Annette Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Alien Autopsy  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Ed Gehrman  
>>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 11:42:00 -0800  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:43:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

<snip>

>>I realize that Ray's reluctance to offer another  
>>film sample is a serious problem. (He did once  
>>but everyone forgets that. Kodak dishonestly  
>>protrayed this incident but it's proof, none  
>>the less that Ray did try to have the film verified)

>Here's the point you don't seem to get, Ed. Ray  
>Santilli has never had a scrap of original film. The  
>only footage he has ever offered for analysis is a  
>dupe or a video tape.

<snip>

I don't understand why so much is made of this point. As long  
as the dupe can be dated to 1947, what difference does it make  
that it's not the camera-original film?

Santilli's dupe apparently has the right edge code, and Bob  
Shell's dupe is made of acetate propionate.

Bob Shell uses the fact the it's a dupe as an excuse not to  
submit it to Kodak, but I can't for the life of me see the logic  
of that.

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From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 09:03:48 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 08:59:59 -0500  
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>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 07:56:13 +0000 (GMT)  
>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
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>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Source: Fate's January 2000 issue,

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>Stig

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>Roswell UFO Bombshell

>by Jim Keith

List:

This Article by Keith is mostly nonsense. He couldn't even get the basic facts right. For example.

1. In my first conversation with Major Jesse Marcel in 1978 he stated that the wreckage was strewn over an area many hundreds of yards long. Most of it was very lightweight and there was nothing that looked like a disc and no conventional material at all. Even the Roswell Daily Record article on July 9, 1947 said the wreckage covered an area 200 yards in diameter. Marcel is in my movie UFOS Are Real shot in 1979.

There is of course the corroborative testimony of others like Dr. Jesse Marcel jr.

2. He never said he saw a disc or a flying saucer! The notion that Major Marcel was essentially an overzealous security guard and not well liked is absurd. He was the Intelligence officer for the most elite military group in the world, the 509th. Hand Picked officers, hand picked men. His briefings were greatly appreciated.

3. Where did the government say it had 500 atom bombs? Keith also errs in the other direction. He says there were no useable nuclear bombs in the arsenal post war. He neglects the fact that it was the 509th which tested 2 nuclear warheads in the Pacific in Operation Crossroads in July 1946. The 509th was indeed moved from Wendover to Roswell.

4. Keith claims Roswell was center of Project Mogul. Totally false. It was based at Alamogordo Army Air Field and White Sands Missile Range more than 100 miles west of Roswell and over a mountain range. What is this non critical testing at Trinity site on WSMR?

5. Keith says 4 nuclear bombs were dropped on the coast of Spain. They were not "dropped". The plane crashed with them on board.

6. Keith claims the majority of reports of bodies have been

discredited. No basis is given. Perhaps he was thinking of the USAF crash test dummy nonsense which happened at least 6 years later? Does he mean that the minority of such reports are true? All it takes is one. The majority of people aren't 7' tall either. But some are.

7. Professor Burdakov of the USSR claimed that Dr. Korololev (sp?) was asked by Stalin to review saucer data and concluded that they are a real. He was the Soviet analog of Werner von Braun...

8. Clearly Keith was indeed a conspiracy theorist. He certainly hasn't investigated the Roswell Incident. He might at least have read the Book "Crash at Corona: The Definitive Story of the Roswell Incident" by Aviation writer Don Berliner and myself. It is still in print.

I wouldn't waste my money on this 2 page article. Someboy sent me a copy.

Stanton T. Friedman,  
Nuclear Physicist

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>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Oh really? Here's what Bob Shell had to say about the AA film in  
>October of 1998:

>"I never said that I can prove anything. All we have is video  
>made from purported 16 mm film, photocopies of film box labels,  
>the cameraman's statements, and a lot of information supplied to  
>me and others by Ray Santilli. We have no hard proof that there  
>IS any film or that there is a cameraman."

>How do you explain this statement from someone that you claim  
>was "convinced 95 % that the film was legit"? You can't Ed,  
>because you are making stuff up as you go along to support your  
>view.

Rodger,

Attached, image of one of the film fragments released by  
Santilli to Bob Shell I believe, allegedly(ok,it doesn't have the  
creature on it!) from the AA footage.

But what the heck, even if there was footage with the creature  
available, and it passed all chemical/shrink/date tests and  
was freely available to everyone. It still wouldn't prove it  
was real or otherwise, would it? We only have the images to  
work with, and positive copies at that, not the original  
negative stock.

But...

If, something previously "missed" and unknown by all in the AA  
images could be cross referenced to something equally "missed"  
and unknown in other images but those other image's history  
was established, unchallenged and unsullied all the way back  
to the day they were shot in July 1947?.

Now that would throw the cat in amongst the pigeons I think.

We have just such a reference, well three actually, so far.

The details with supporting images, will be included in RPIT  
Report 2 to be released shortly.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Millennium to all....

Neil.

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From: Neil Morris <[Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 14:18:34 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 10:53:40 -0500  
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>creature on it!) from the AA footage.

MMmmm, seems my attach got dropped along the way, no prob, image  
can be had from:

<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/aa/fragment.jpg>

Along some of the other anomalous images on the film.

Neil.

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 09:45:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 11:05:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 02:10:06 -0800  
>From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

To the comment:

>>Here's the point you don't seem to get, Ed. Ray  
>>Santilli has never had a scrap of original film. The  
>>only footage he has ever offered for analysis is a  
>>dupe or a video tape.

><snip>

Keith replied:

>I don't understand why so much is made of this point. As long  
>as the dupe can be dated to 1947, what difference does it make  
>that it's not the camera-original film?

I suppose the first question one has to ask is how we define "original" film, but let's not get bogged down in that matter. The problem is that the small snippets of film provided by Ray may have indeed been from 1947, but what's there connection to the AA "film"? I have reels of old film in storage that predates 1947 by a decade, so finding old film isn't really the issue. The question is whether or not the AA "film" can be dated to 1947, and that hasn't been shown or proven.

>Santilli's dupe apparently has the right edge code, and Bob  
>Shell's dupe is made of acetate propionate.

(Sigh) The film pieces supplied by Ray had the edge codes ripped off and were not visible. They weren't leader film, but the images they contained did not appear to be related to the AA "film". Ray provided a xerox copy of a piece of film to a Kodak employee and learned that the edge codes on that particular piece of "film" was dated to 1927, 1947, or 1967 (they repeat the codes every 20 years), and process of elimination indicated that 1947 was correct. However, it's important to keep in mind that the xerox copy was not (obviously) of film that was connected to the AA "film". That is to say that there was no image of the creature on it. So what does this particular dating prove?

>Bob Shell uses the fact the it's a dupe as an excuse not to  
>submit it to Kodak, but I can't for the life of me see the logic  
>of that.

Kodak actually had a list of requirements that would have to be met to specifically date the film and confirm that the AA "film" was dated to 1947. While it would be possible to have a snippet of duplicate film dated, what would that prove? Bob confirmed enough information to indicate that the piece of film he had was likely from 1947, but that was based in part on information that he had been given and not direct examination of AA "film" with image of the creature.

I am among those who have emphasized the fact that there is no

"smoking gun" to prove that the AA "film" is a fraud, however there are many who have become convinced of that through their own interpretation of the facts surrounding the alledged "film".

As I've said in a previous message, Ray holds the key to this mystery and he can resolve our confusion at any time if he wishes.

So far I've seen no new information that deserves as much bandwidth as we are spending on this issue, and we're beginning to muddy the waters (so to speak) with partial descriptions and unsupported inferences.

Steve

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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 11:09:10 -0500  
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Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

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>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
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>bandwidth as we are spending on this issue, and we're beginning  
>to muddy the waters (so to speak) with partial descriptions and  
>unsupported inferences.

No, neither have I, Steve. This thread has been endlessly debated  
and those debates are available at the Archive [see below].

If no one has any new information to offer, then no further  
messages on this topic will be posted to the List after  
midnight eastern [Toronto time -0500 tonight].

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 15:16:47 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 11:11:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 07:56:13 +0000 (GMT)  
>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
>Subject: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Source: Fate's January 2000 issue,  
><http://www.fatemag.com/articles/roswell.htm>

>Stig

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>Roswell UFO Bombshell

>by Jim Keith

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>It was in this environment that the most famous of all UFO  
>stories was born. According to my source, the true story behind  
>the alleged UFO crash was that there was an accident involving a  
>B-29 flying from the Army Air Force Base in Sandia (Albuquerque)  
>to Roswell. From the statements of men in the military who were  
>there at the time, my source states that either an atomic bomb  
>or what is termed a "bomb shape," or "test shape," the shell of  
>a nuke lacking explosives and atomic capability, and sometimes  
>filled with concrete to add weight, was accidentally or  
>purposefully jettisoned above Corona, New Mexico, directly on  
>the flight path between Sandia and Roswell. Along with the bomb,  
>metal foil used for radar jamming, termed "chaff," may have also  
>been dropped.

>The accidental dropping of a nuclear weapon would surely have  
>been cause enough for a cover-up. If this information had leaked  
>to the public, there might have been an extremely negative  
>reaction.

>For more of Jim Keith's 'Bombshell', get yourself a copy of the  
>January 2000 FATE!

Hi,

Interesting that the USA is following Britain's lead once more!

Seriously - whilst I would find it highly unlikely as a solution  
to Roswell (too many things dont seem to fit) its not as odd as  
it seems.

This 'novel' theory has in fact been proposed twice in the UK in  
connection with UFO cases. For some time in the early days I  
considered it the likely source of the Rendlesham rumors and  
said so (eg in Omni in 1983). I dont today have any suspicion  
that this is what happened but at the time there were reasons  
for this suspicion.

More recently, I have proposed it as a very serious option for  
the Berwyn Mountains/Llandrillo 'crash' from 1974 - a case that  
Andy Roberts writes about in the current IUR. He has a prosaic

answer, which may well be the truth, but since 1996 I have gathered plenty of circumstantial evidence that an RAF mishap might have been covered up in the guise of a UFO incident . But it is lacking in any solid evidence, as Andy would put it.

Thats quite correct, but there are plenty of curious 'clues' that might point that way.

We do, in fact, know with reasonable certainty that near catastrophes of this sort have happened twice in the 1950's in the UK. In one case a fire at RAF Bentwaters close in time to the 1956 encounter almost created a radiation leak and was successfully covered up for over 30 years.

In another incident (hidden until 1996) a cluster of childhood leukaemia cases has been traced back by doctors to a plane crash that was covered up at a nearby nuclear base 40 years before.

Remarkably similar claims were made (before 1996 so totally independent of it) by a Bala GP in connection with the Berwyn Mountains incident - although he was incorrectly trying to blame a now decommissioned nuclear power station and had no idea that the source could have been the alleged 'UFO incident'. Every effort Andy and I have made to try to verify such a cluster near the Berwyns has failed, but like the other clues it is part of a curious pattern.

So dont write off this Roswell story (silly as it sounds and wrong as I I suspect it probably is in this case) as being totally absurd. There are some genuine precedents.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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From: Terry Blanton <[commenqr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commenqr@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 11:13:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 17:06:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 14:18:34 +0000  
>From: Neil Morris <[Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>Along some of the other anomalous images on the film.

The area torn away was not, we surmise, to obscure the film  
codes. It actually removes the sound track! This duped  
material was perforated on one side only.

Regards,

Terry

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 10:24:30 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 17:09:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Re: Alien Autopsy

>From: Keith Woodard  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 02:10:06 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 08:46:11 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 09:42:38 -0600  
>>From: Roger Annette Evans  
>>Subject: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I had written:

>>Here's the point you don't seem to get, Ed. Ray  
>>Santilli has never had a scrap of original film. The  
>>only footage he has ever offered for analysis is a  
>>dupe or a video tape.

Keith reasonably points out:

>I don't understand why so much is made of this point. As long  
>as the dupe can be dated to 1947, what difference does it make  
>that it's not the camera-original film?

Hi, Keith.

I understand your question. On the surface, it sounds reasonable enough.

However, in the context of Santilli's story, it is very important. According to Santilli, the alleged cameraman told him the following:

>"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."

Accordingly, the film Ray bought was supposed to be camera original; not a dupe.

In fact, Ray thought he had bought camera original until Bob Shell proved otherwise.

This means that the cameraman lied about how he came into possession of it. By extension, the validity of the imagery contained within AA is very suspect.

But more importantly, the only actual footage that has been released was "leader" that supposedly came from the AA film. This leader turned out to be "dupe" film; not camera original. As it stands, we only have Ray's word that the AA footage was the source for even the few frames of "dupe leader" that have been tested.

In effect, no one has seen the actual AA film original; not even the cameraman and certainly not Ray. In the final analysis, there is no proof that the AA film was produced on vintage 16mm



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film at all since the only film analyzed has been a few frames of blank dupe film. There is no proof that the two are the same; only that the dupe film is old.

Does this explain the problem?

Take care.

Roger Evans

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From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 11:46:36 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 17:16:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 09:03:48 -0400  
>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 07:56:13 +0000 (GMT)  
>>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
>>Subject: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
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>>by Jim Keith

>List:

>This Article by Keith is mostly nonsense. He couldn't even get  
>the basic facts right. For example.

>1. In my first conversation with Major Jesse Marcel in 1978 he  
>stated that the wreckage was strewn over an area many hundreds  
>of yards long. Most of it was very lightweight and there was  
>nothing that looked like a disc and no conventional material at  
>all. Even the Roswell Daily Record article on July 9, 1947 said  
>the wreckage covered an area 200 yards in diameter. Marcel is in  
>my movie UFOS AreReal shot in 1979.

Dear Docca Freed Man:

This is nonsense. I have personally spoken with Jesse Marcel  
and he told me that he lied to you on the occasion of which you  
write. I spoke with him just last evening. He was on the same  
ship as I was, having been abducted by those pesky, pelican  
shape shifters from Mongo. Jesse is now assisting the visitors  
in their effort to crap the hell out of the United States Space  
program. Why do think that 2/3 of our Mars invading ships have  
been lost, destroyed or otherwise spooked out of orbit? Huh?

The only folks invading (relative to Mars) are US. Those  
landers and orbiters et Al, (especially you, Al) are nothing  
more than troop carriers. Get a life Freeman.

>There is of course the corroborative testimony of others like  
>Dr. Jesse Marcel jr.

He's nothing but a rag chewing ham operator. Just a lot of  
noise. You should hear him when he gets going on 20 meter chat  
nets.

>2. He never said he saw a disc or a flying saucer! The notion  
>that \_Major\_ Marcel was essentially an overzealous security

>guard and not well liked is absurd. He was the Intelligence  
>officer for the most elite military group in the world, the  
>509th. Hand Picked officers, hand picked men. His briefings  
>were greatly appreciated.

Horse hockey, Fleeman! Marcel was a Nazi from day one.  
Every person I interviewed said so. Listen, I got schrapnel  
in me older than you are Freeput, don't you tell me when  
went on then. Why when I was a young'n, I hadda sloop  
through twenty inches of snow in that desert, just to get to  
schule.

>3. Where did the government say it had 500 atom bombs? Keith  
>also errs in the other direction. He says there were no useable  
>nuclear bombs in the arsenal post war. He neglects the fact  
>that it was the 509th which tested 2 nuclear warheads in the  
>Pacific in Operation Crossroads in July 1946. The 509th was  
>indeed moved from Wendover to Roswell.

Nonesense again, Flowmax, the 509th was the tacticallest outfit  
in the Navy at that time. They had an arsenal of 10,000 atomic  
bombs and every one was a bomb. I oughta know. I was there.  
And, it was not the 509th what tested 2 nukes in the Pacific  
in Operation Crossroads in July of 1946. It was the 510th and  
they indeed moved from Bendover to Ros Swell. A lot you know.

>4. Keith claims Roswell was center of Project Mogul. Totally  
>>false. It was based at Alamogordo Army Air Field and White Sands  
>Missile Range more than 100 miles west of Roswell and over a  
>mountain range. What is this non critical testing at Trinity  
>site on WSMR?

Dear Docca Fleemore, it's "MONGUL," Mongul, get it? Not Mogul.  
And whaddyamean WSMR?

>5. Keith says 4 nuclear bombs were dropped on the coast of  
>Spain. They were not "dropped". The plane crashed with them on  
>board.

What the hell difference does it make if the bomb dropped or the  
plane dropped with the bomb in it? Huh?

>6. Keith claims the majority of reports of bodies have been  
>discredited. No basis is given. Perhaps he was thinking of the  
>USAF crash test dummy nonsense which happened at least 6 years  
>later? Does he mean that the minority of such reports are true?  
>All it takes is one. The majority of people aren't 7' tall  
>either. But some are.

First, let's not get personal about this Fremem. There is  
nuttin wrong wit my credit or my body. The Bene Gesserit witch,  
my personal truthsayer (my mother in law) told me that perhaps I  
am a dummy. But that happened at least six years ago and she did  
die. (Thanks God). And whilst this is a free country, you got  
no right to malign my height. Most of the majority of my people  
are less than 5 feet tall. So what? Some aren't!

>7. Professor Burdakov of the USSR claimed that Dr. Korololev  
>(sp?) was asked by Stalin to review saucer data and concluded  
>that they are a real. He was the Soviet analog of Werner von  
>Braun...

Womer Fon Brown was one of US. He had nuttin ta do wit dem  
Commies. Our Goobers in Goobermint are more smarter than  
Commies, we hired only the best Nazi scientists and put 'em all  
on the Walt Disney Show back in the 60's.

>8. Clearly Keith was indeed a conspiracy theorist. He certainly  
>hasn't investigated the Roswell Incident. He might at least have  
>read the Book "Crash at Corona: The Definitive Story of the  
>Roswell Incident" by Aviation writer Don Berliner and myself.  
>It is still in print.

Did too. Did! An besides, we don need no estinkin Corona. We  
got Carta Blanca and Gripple.

>I wouldn't waste my money on this 2 page article. Somebody sent  
>me a copy.

>Stanton T. Friedman,  
>Nuclear Physicist

J. Jaime Gesundt, Proctologist

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## Re: Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?

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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 12:31:38 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 17:21:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 00:16:40 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Mars Initiative: Do We Need Probes?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 22:51:30 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 09:18:10 -0500  
>>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: 'Abductions: The Truth'  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>We are facing the worst entity that visit us. In addition to  
>>>being ugly, they lack the senses, are deaf-mute, lack of  
>>>touch, show lack of feeling, are liars, etc.. Their only weapon  
>>>is an extraordinary ability to control the human psyche,  
>>>manipulating it thoroughly.

>The Human Imperative: A Case for the Eradication of Unmanned  
>Mars Missions

>by Mac Tonnies

>The recent loss of the Mars Polar Lander, the second in a series  
>of probes to fall victim to NASA's "faster, better, cheaper"  
>mission philosophy, provides an excellent opportunity to  
>reassess our commitment to Mars exploration. The "human  
>imperative" advocates nothing less than a manned mission in  
>place of all future robotic missions, preferably to begin as  
>soon as possible.

Dear Mac and Listers: While 2/3 of our Mars probes have  
decidedly and publicly failed, there is good reason to assess  
the fact of our "faster, better, cheaper" policy. When the  
United States Space program was real, as opposed to it's present  
state of sour effluvium, we had more success than failure. Of  
late, however, the faster, better cheaper policy has created  
only faster and cheaper. Somewhere along the way, the cheaper  
part has likely caused the demise of better.

Here is where I (in my opinion) leave your theory in the cold,  
dark vacuum of space. After nearly a decade of cheaper, etc.,  
we've lost the ability to do it the right way. Now that we've  
gotten into the pattern of mistakes (if one is to believe they  
are such, personally I do not, rather, I bereave them), now that  
we've gotten into a pattern of mistakes, you propose sending  
humans into foray, eh? Good thinking. It will be quite a while  
for NASA to get it's act together, back to the proper methods of  
design and development before we send some poor bastards up that  
far. At least a decade. We can't even tell Centimeters from  
Inches and you wanna send a human up?

May I make a suggestion? Use either my brother in law or maybe  
you can volunteer?

>With the Apollo program now only a fuzzy memory, good for little  
>more than obligatory nostalgia programs on the Learning Channel,  
>and Space Shuttle missions so routinely unsexy that firing John  
>Glenn into orbit (again) was supposed to be cause for  
>excitement, it is obvious that we need to set our sights on  
>loftier goals. There is good reason to expect a manned Mars  
>mission to provide the challenge necessary to crack our current  
>climate of space science apathy. The scientific rewards alone  
>promise a redefinition our planetary selfhood.

Of course there is truth in your monograph, however we are not  
ready for prime time. We once were. Not any more. What is  
required now is full national commitment by citizens, government  
and Congress for the application of funds to \_do it the right  
way\_ and stop dicking around with doing it cheaper better  
faster. Because in end, all we get is ... well, we get it in  
the end.

>The human imperative urges a prompt return to space not for the  
>sake of doing it (the mind-set almost wholly responsible for our  
>brief forays to the Moon), but for such urgent and pragmatic  
>reasons as comparative planetology, research into climate  
>change, the lessons to be learned from Mars' meteor- battered  
>surface, and the understanding of a variety of anomalous surface  
>features.

Whatever happened to the moon? Seems to me that exploration of  
this, our nearest satellite, is grounds for greater imperatives  
(note the plural). The imperatives are:

- 1) Practicing on an easier, closer target.
- 2) Practicing on doing it the right way (read: not cheaper,  
better faster)
- 3) Preventing greater loss of stuff, such as bodies and/or body  
parts along with the mission equipment)

>The data we can glean from the cursory examinations of  
>telerobotic probes is scant, and promises little that cannot be  
>investigated firsthand, by human astronauts using space  
hardware >that is largely in existence right now.

Horse Hockey. With our present state of technology, at least  
until we "get it right," our best shot is losing the equipment.  
Wanna toss some critters in the equation too?

>Furthermore, plans for future telerobotic missions are decidedly  
>high-risk, even compared to ambitious projects such as the  
>Pathfinder mission, Russia's two ill-fated Phobos spacecraft,  
>Mars Global Surveyor, and the Mars Polar Lander (all of which,  
>save Pathfinder, failed in their attempts to tell us anything of  
>value about our sister planet--if at all). The Mars Sample  
>Return mission, for example (scheduled for 2005), seeks to scoop  
>up Martian soil and fling it back to Earth aboard automated  
>rockets.

>Rethinking our commitment robotic exploration is vital; with  
>each robotic mission, failed or otherwise, the looming date of  
>the first manned landing will remain just as nebulous as it was  
>five or ten years ago.

>It could be argued that the failures of the Mars Observer, Mars  
>Climate Orbiter and Mars Polar Lande, might, ironically,  
>actually push official policy in favor of manned, vs. robotic,  
>planetary missions by reinforcing the notion that a hands-on  
>human team could certainly do no worse than the fragile  
>emissaries we choose to send in our stead.

Consideration of the more fragile emissary of humankind is a  
whole lot better than fragile emissaries presently chosen to die  
out there.

>Ultimately, though, I don't foresee this being the case; I  
>seriously doubt if manned space flight occupies much role at all  
>in the present scheme. Robotic missions have been in the works  
>for so long now that it appears we're to suffer through all of  
>them, learning remarkably little in terms of worthy goals such  
>as human colonization.

>Our understanding of Mars is not being executed through reason,

>but through the blind inertia that befalls all bureaucracies.  
>NASA, from the petty triumphs of Apollo to the current fiasco  
>with inexpensive, mismanaged probes, is certainly no exception.

>Readers are urged to sign the Mars petition accessible online at  
>the following site: [www.marssociety.com](http://www.marssociety.com)

Yup, kick 'em in the ass and step on the gas. Mismanaged probes are better than mismanaged men. However you are quite correct, in my opinion, about a change in philosophy on the part of NASA. And I believe they are presently reevaluating their initiatives. NASA has to begin all over again with high quality, well designed probes, manned or otherwise. And until they get it right, unmanned sounds damned good to me.

Last, I am reasonably certain that you did not mean it in the context I shall represent it, but when you said, "meager success of Apollo" you turned my blood boiling. Perhaps meager by today's standards, but in those days, they were major breakthroughs to our safe, sane and successful voyages into space, and in particular, to the moon.

Personally, you write some good points, but if you want people to sign petitions, may I suggest the following:

- 1) Petition your representatives in Goobermint to apply funding
- 2) Petition NASA to do it the right way
- 3) Take the cart and put it behind the horse.

My grandmother was in her 70's when she became a citizen of these United States. For her and for us, it was a proud day. She was not a literate person. She was a little lady with a lot of love, who bravely came here with her new husband to start a new life.

When she presented to the judge and was asked questions about American history and government, she got most of it right. But when the judge asked her what the accomplishment of Abraham Lincoln was, she answered, "He take-a da negra offa da street-a an-a put 'em up on-a da side-a-walk-a."

There's more than one way to skin a cat, Bro. After that, the judge looked at her, smiled and welcomed her to the family of citizens.

We are no longer as great a nation as we once were. One way to instill national pride is to reinvent the space program. It's better than bombing Panama, kicking the crap out of Iraq (for the nothing we've garnered, anyway) or sticking our red nose into the affairs of others.

Russia has decided to make more Topols. You want to Rush into Limbough. I shall retire to bedlam.

I love Dickens, don't you?

Jim Mortellaro

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

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>If no one has any new information to offer, then no further  
>messages on this topic will be posted to the List after  
>midnight eastern [Toronto time -0500 tonight].

Errol,

Before you close, I'd like to offer a few items in defense of some of my last statements. I was worried that discussion would be limited. There is such a complicated tangle of conflicting views, and I foolishly thought I could defend Ray and at the same time open some very closed minds to the "possibility" that the AA might be what Ray says it is: twenty -two rolls of film shot by an US Army cameraman in NM, fifty years ago, of a UFO crash and the creatures of unknown identity who flew it.

Ray is being accused, unfairly, of hoaxing this film, but how he did it and his motives for doing so have never been clearly determined or explained by his accusers. I find this dishonest and intellectually barren. Here is what Ray would have had to do to make this a successful hoax:

There is absolutely no evidence that he had anything more than limited skills in any of these areas of expertise.

1)Write a script, one so improbable that no one would believe it.

2)Gather together a film crew: at least two doctors and an extra, cameramen, set designers, period historians, mechanical engineers and skilled metal workers and an FX expert. (this is just a partial list of the large crew it would have taken. And this would have been no minor production. Filming is not easy and is very expensive. The debris alone, which Dennis Murphy describes as almost impossible to manufacture, would have been a huge undertaking, even for a major motion picture company.

3) Keep it all a secret. We all know how hard that would be. Why have no witness come forward to confirm this as a hoaxed film.

4)Make some money from it. This would have been the hardest part since the investment would have had to be in the millions of dollars. Ray couldn't have make much money from this. If he



couldn't make money, then why do it? He wasn't the least interested in UFO or anything along those lines. What was his motive? Until that can be established, the case for hoaxing is weak, at best. As I keep saying: where is the evidence this is a fake?

There is evidence that those who are accusing Ray of dishonesty have been manipulative themselves with the facts of this case. They refuse to discuss the "restricted codes" in any meaningful way, as if I brought up the subject. In fact, Kent Jeffrey used information he knew or should have known was false concerning these codes to buttress his inditement against the AA.

Also, I have been accused of making up information concerning statements made by Bob Shell. Below you find the proof of my honorable intentions. I don't "make up" information; never have, never will.

19-Aug-95 05:45:51  
Sb: #FILM EVALUATION  
Fm: BOB SHELL 76750,2717  
To: ALL

Hello all,

I have been hard at work on this film. I have now physically examined a section of the film, a section showing the "autopsy" room before the body was placed on the table, but clearly consistent with the later footage.

The film on which this was shot is Cine Kodak Super XX, a film type which was discontinued in 1956-57. Since the edge code could be 1927, 1947 or 1967, and this film was not manufactured in 1927 or 1967, this clearly leaves us with only 1947 as an option.

The image quality, lack of fog, and grain structure apparent in the film lead me to the conclusion that this film was exposed and processed while still quite fresh, which would be within a "window" of three or four years.

Based on this, I see no reason to doubt the cameraman's claim that this film was exposed in June and July of 1947, and processed "a few days later".

From my own research on the physical characteristics of the film, I am willing to go on record as giving a 95% probability that the film is what the cameraman claims it to be. I am only hedging 5%, because I still want secondary chemical verification from Kodak based on the chemical "signature" of the film.

I do not put my name on a statement like this lightly, and it is only after very careful consideration, and detailed examination of the film, that I do so at this time.

Bob Shell

And this:

The following is taken from a press release that Kodak's Marketing Planning Manager P.G. Milson(not some flunky) sent to the outside world. This is an official Kodak release of information.

"We have been asked to confirm the age of a piece of film know as the Roswell film...We have seen sections of either the film or its projection leader in three Kodak locations: UK, Hollywood and Denmark...

Conclusions...

1)In our process we put a code on the edge of the film which repeats every 20 years.

2)The symbols we have seen on the Roswell film samples suggest that the film was manufactured in either 1927,1947 or 1967.  
(This memo substantiates that the film could have been shot in

1947 so at least that one fact is secure and we now know that they saw more than just a leader but some real footage. Kodak isn't going out on a limb for this crazy happening but they can't dispute their findings, either)

3) We are therefore, unable to categorically confirm when the film was manufactured (This is a hedge if I ever heard one)

4) It should be remembered that even if the age of the film manufacture is confirmed, this does not necessarily indicate that the film was shot and processed in the same year...(the rest is disclaimer and of no consequence)

This information should establish just what Kodak saw and what they didn't see and also that Santilli did do what he said he did, which was have the film dated.

I also want to add that I have never been paid any money by Ray or anyone to defend him. I believe he has been unjustifiably ridiculed, maligned, and vilified and think its a shame that the UFO community treats folks in this manner, especially those with valuable information and evidence.

Ed Gehrman

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>To the comment:

>>>Here's the point you don't seem to get, Ed. Ray  
>>>Santilli has never had a scrap of original film. The  
>>>only footage he has ever offered for analysis is a  
>>>dupe or a video tape.

>><snip>

>Keith replied:

>>I don't understand why so much is made of this point. As long  
>>as the dupe can be dated to 1947, what difference does it make  
>>that it's not the camera-original film?

>I suppose the first question one has to ask is how we define  
>"original" film,

The film that was in the camera during the autopsy. That's what  
Bob Shell originally thought he had.

>but let's not get bogged down in that matter.  
>The problem is that the small snippets of film provided by Ray  
>may have indeed been from 1947, but what's their connection to  
>the AA "film"?

My point is that this problem remains the same whether we're  
talking about original film or 1947 dupe.

>I have reels of old film in storage that  
>predates 1947 by a decade, so finding old film isn't really the  
>issue. The question is whether or not the AA "film" can be  
>dated to 1947, and that hasn't been shown or proven.

That's not the question. The question is whether a strip  
original or dupe -- with the alien can be dated to 1947.

>>Santilli's dupe apparently has the right edge code, and Bob  
>>Shell's dupe is made of acetate propionate.

>(Sigh) The film pieces supplied by Ray had the edge codes ripped  
>off and were not visible.

No. It was the other edge that was ripped off. The strips Ray  
gave out didn't have edge codes because the codes only appear  
maybe once every foot, and Ray simply selected strips without  
codes. I find that suspicious, but you probably don't.

>They weren't leader film, but the

>images they contained did not appear to be related  
>to the AA "film". Ray provided a xerox copy of a  
>piece of film to a Kodak employee and learned that  
>the edge codes on that particular piece of "film" was  
>dated to 1927, 1947, or 1967 (they repeat the codes  
>every 20 years), and process of elimination indicated  
>that 1947 was correct. However, it's important to  
>keep in mind that the xerox copy was not (obviously)  
>of film that was connected to the AA "film". That is  
>to say that there was no image of the creature on it.  
>So what does this particular dating prove?

You're correct that the "dating" by Kodak that Ray trumpeted as if it were something significant proved nothing. But the way he spoke of it shows he recognizes the importance of meaningful dating by Kodak. Refusal to allow this can only benefit him if the film is recent, and, together with all the discrepancies in the information he's put out on the autopsy -- which James Easton and Kent Jeffrey have ably summarized (even if we throw out the "restricted" issue) -- and Ray's refusal to allow the cameraman's existence to be verified, and his apparent refusal to allow even Bob Shell (who "corrected" the transcription) to hear the purported tape of the cameraman's official statement, make a hoax the most likely explanation.

>>Bob Shell uses the fact the it's a dupe as an excuse not to  
>>submit it to Kodak, but I can't for the life of me see the logic  
>>of that.

>Kodak actually had a list of requirements that would have to be  
>met to specifically date the film and confirm that the AA "film"  
>was dated to 1947.

But they aren't at all unreasonable. I'm not sure if Kent Jeffrey's comment on this is still current, but he reported: "According to Tony Amato, while the short-term loan of a complete reel of film would be desirable, Kodak would be willing to work with as little as two or three frames. The only 'damage' to the film would be a small punch-hole in one frame -- not much of a sacrifice, especially considering the increased value authentication would bring."

>While it would be possible to have a snippet  
>of duplicate film dated, what would that prove? Bob confirmed  
>enough information to indicate that the piece of film he had was  
>likely from 1947, but that was based in part on information that  
>he had been given and not direct examination of AA "film" with  
>image of the creature.

First, Bob has not given the impression of being an 'independent' expert in this case. Second, his only observations were that the film broke when bent (actually I don't think he said that, but he did imply it), and that it stunk (he implied it smelled of acetate). Moreover, he said he was only 95% sure, and only Kodak could take this to 100%.

You're right that even if Kodak confirmed his strip was from 1947, the link to the alien would still rely on Ray's credibility. But at least it would be a step toward resuscitating the credibility of both Bob and Ray -- no reference to the comedy team intended. ;-)

<snip>

>As I've said in a previous message, Ray holds the key to this  
>mystery and he can resolve our confusion at any time if he  
>wishes.

That's right. And if the film is genuine, you have to believe Ray's not intelligent enough to realize that refusal to test the film creates the appearance of fraud, and actually minimizes his financial return. But if you believe this, how do you explain his earlier stressing of Kodak's dating of the film?

>So far I've seen no new information that deserves as much  
>bandwidth as we are spending on this issue, and we're beginning  
>to muddy the waters (so to speak) with partial descriptions and  
>unsupported inferences.

Some of the points above had not yet been made clear, which is why, as knowledgeable as you are about this, you apparently

weren't aware of them.

Keith

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By Alan M. MacRobert  
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12/20/1999

An astronomical urban legend racing around the country by e-mail chain letter says that a special full moon will supposedly illuminate the Earth on Wednesday night with a spectacular flood of brilliance.

Headlined: 'Next full moon brightest you'll ever see!' the notice says that due to a rare confluence of events - a full moon occurring on the winter solstice just as it appears at close orbital points to the Earth and Sun - the moon will be bigger and brighter than it's been in more than 100 years. So bright, in fact, that we may not need headlights on if we're driving at night.

Even the Wall Street Journal got taken in with the hype and ran a page one story about the 'phenomenon' last week under the subhead: 'Big, Bright and Close to Earth. It Could Well Play Tricks Not Seen in Many a Moon.'

Well, before you make plans to bathe in the moonglow, here are the facts. Wednesday's full moon will look normal. You won't see anything unusual about it unless you psych yourself up pretty hard. But like all the best e-mail legends, this one has kernels of truth that keep it alive and multiplying out of control.

It is true, as the chain letter says, that the moon will be at the perigee of its orbit: at its closest to the Earth for this month.

It is true that this perigee will be a trace closer than any of the moon's other monthly perigees this year.

And it is true that around this time of year, both the Earth and moon are three percent closer to the Sun than when the Earth is on the opposite side of its orbit in June and July.

So Wednesday's moon will indeed appear a bit bigger and brighter than usual. But only a bit. Add up all the effects, and this full moon turns out to be about 19 percent brighter than average.

That's a smaller brightness boost than it sounds. The difference would be just detectable to the human eye if you could put an average full moon next to Wednesday's in the sky and compare the two. Failing that, you'd need measuring instruments. A good

photographer's light meter, carefully calibrated against an average full moon, would do the trick.

But a moon to dazzle the world? Fugeddabout it.

Of course, many people will go out Wednesday night and be amazed at the moon's brightness. That's because the full moon is always bright. This will likely be the first time some people pay attention.

Another part of the letter that claims this is all happening because this full moon coincides with the December solstice. Solstices don't make the moon brighter or fainter (though at this time of year the full moon does stand high in the sky around the middle of the night, whereas a spring or summer full moon rides lower across the sky).

The chain letter says this is the first time the moon has been so near and bright in 133 years; "the Lakota Sioux took advantage of the super bright full moon and staged a devastating retaliatory ambush on soldiers in the Wyoming Territory," some letters state. The ambush actually happened at high noon.

In fact, Roger W. Sinnott of Sky & Telescope magazine finds that the moon was actually brighter (by a hair) on January 15, 1930, January 4, 1912, and other dates.

The real news here is the power of the Internet to spread a piece of random confusion. The bright-moon story originated from the 1999 Old Farmer's Almanac, where it lay dormant all year. Then someone paraphrased it into an e-mail (complete with the Indian attack), added some exaggerations, and away it flew. Two weeks ago no one seems to have heard of it. Within a few days it was everywhere, and media outlets around the nation were calling the magazine to ask about it.

An e-mail chain letter is a kind of computer virus, one spread by people rather than machines. Harmless ones like this serve a valuable function. They train people not to believe them (since no one likes being made a fool twice). The moon myth hurt no one and should die a quick, natural death three days from now. Maybe it will help immunize people against more virulent strains.

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<snip>

>The area torn away was not, we surmise, to obscure the film  
>codes. It actually removes the sound track! This duped  
>material was perforated on one side only.

>Regards,

>Terry

Bob Shell could be contacted for his analysis, who said the apparent frame rate indicated the AA "Film" was dubbed from a 16mm sound film. However there was also some discussion about the use of a version of 16MM film by the military that was sprocketed on both sides, which added a lot of confusion to this discussion several years ago. It was interesting that both samples had one edge torn off, and if memory serves they were not from the same strip of film.

But without solid provenance for the film strip samples, and what they might relate to, this is all IMO idle speculation leading nowhere.

Steve

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## Re: Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?

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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 17:02:26 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 18:11:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?

Regarding manned Mars mission exhortations ...

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 12:31:38 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 00:16:40 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Mars Initiative: Do We Need Probes?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>Whatever happened to the moon? Seems to me that exploration of  
>this, our nearest satellite, is grounds for greater imperatives  
>(note the plural). The imperatives are:

- >1) Practicing on an easier, closer target.
- >2) Practicing on doing it the right way (read: not cheaper,  
> better faster)
- >3) Preventing greater loss of stuff, such as bodies and/or body  
> parts along with the mission equipment)

Here Here! Common sense occasionally manifests ...

Before one hikes across town, it seems appropriate to try  
walking around the block once or twice, to see if your shoes are  
suitable, if nothing else.

Besides, the Moon has plenty of strangeness to poke at; ask  
anyone familiar with TLP. Or Ingo Swann.

But what do I know?

-Brian Cuthbertson

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 18:20:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 09:03:48 -0400  
>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 07:56:13 +0000 (GMT)  
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>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Source: Fate's January 2000 issue,

>><http://www.fatemag.com/articles/roswell.htm>

>>Stig

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>>Roswell UFO Bombshell

>>by Jim Keith

>List:

Stanton Friedman says"

>This Article by Keith is mostly nonsense. He couldn't even get  
>the basic facts right. For example.

>1. In my first conversation with Major Jesse Marcel in 1978 he  
>stated that the wreckage was strewn over an area many hundreds  
>of yards long. Most of it was very lightweight and there was  
>nothing that looked like a disc and no conventional material at  
>all. Even the Roswell Daily Record article on July 9, 1947 said  
>the wreckage covered an area 200 yards in diameter. Marcel is in  
>my movie UFOS AreReal shot in 1979.

While I can't speak for Keith's article one of the problems I've  
always had with the story of the "Roswell Crash" debris is how  
no one describes debris field that is really large. As time  
goes by distortions occur with memory. Even if Marcel's 1978  
estimate of "many hundreds of yards long" is correct it seems  
too small.

If only "200 yards in diameter," as you say the Roswell Daily  
Record stated just days after the event, the wreckage is far too  
small. Much, of course, depends on how the wreckage came down.  
Did the alleged UFO explode in mid-flight or come down largely  
in one piece? If the former, at what altitude and what speed was  
it travelling at?

On 3/06/94 an F-4 crashed near Franklin, Georgia. The F-4  
exploded in mid-flight at 800 feet high. It was traveling at 400  
knots when the mishap happened. The train of debris from only  
800 feet high was nearly a mile long; not hundreds of yards but  
thousands of feet. It was laid out nearly as straight as an  
arrow but the debris came down unevenly over the length of the

field of fall.

The largest piece was the front of the fuselage and was smaller than a VW beetle. The lightest stuff--such as fabric--fell first and the heaviest--such as engines, ect--interestingly fell much further along.

Now assuming the "saucer" of Roswell exploded in mid-air I would expect the debris train to be at least as long as an F-4 would make under the identical circumstances. An F-4, while a good size jet plane, is by no means a transport or airliner. If the "saucer" was higher than 800 feet and going faster than 400 knots the train should've been much longer and wider; most likely over miles.

I guess we could argue that if the "saucer," or whatever shape craft is claimed, was alien in origin that it was made of tougher stuff than an F-4 is made of and, thus, would have held together better. However, since we don't know the exact circumstances of the "saucer's" demise or construction it's all speculation.

>7. Professor Burdakov of the USSR claimed that Dr. Korololev >(sp?) was asked by Stalin to review saucer data and concluded >that they are a real. He was the Soviet analog of Werner von >Braun...

I have believed for a long time that what was an accident by the USAF was turned into, perhaps, the greatest disinformation ploy done during the Cold War: The United States in time following the Roswell incident did nothing to discourage the Soviets from thinking we had one ace the Soviets would never have: alien technology.

I suspect we already knew by the summer of 1947 that the Soviets had or were close to having their own nuclear weapons. But we now had something more potent than nuclear bombs with the "Roswell Recovery."

Stalin, who routinely condemned to death millions for many reasons far less than making a public announcement mistake, couldn't believe the USAF could make such a huge error with their public announcement of recovering a "saucer."

The USAF retracting their statement so quickly probably only convinced him and others in power then that the USAF really did recover alien technology. The USAF with their follow-up and clumsy denials since then have help keep this story alive for Moscow and others to believe.

That's the real secret of Roswell: An accidental but disinformation masterpiece that still goes on today. It also, perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and poor Major Marcel never got promoted again. They did, afterall, need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

John C. Thompson

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## Re: 'Biggest Moon' Myth Sweeps Internet

From: **Joseph Trainor** <[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 18:22:04 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 01:05:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Biggest Moon' Myth Sweeps Internet

Dear List:

Millenium Moon rumors, eh? That explains the strange story I heard about our vice president.

Briefly, an android developed at EPCOT, the Gore-1, has been campaigning in New Hampshire this week while the real Al Gore takes it easy at the Octagon House in Washington, D.C. during a rare attack of lycanthropy brought on by the Millenium Moon, the brightest in 133 years.

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

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Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 01:07:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

The essential requirements for verification of a historical document are:

1. Provenance--where does the document come from?
2. Authenticity--is the document of appropriate age, materials, etc?
3. Who found it--are they reliable? Do they stand to profit from the document?
4. How does the document fit with established history? If someone found a film showing Churchill and Hitler dancing together in tutus in 1943, then more evidence of authenticity would be required than if it merely showed Churchill walking around the streets of London.

The "alien autopsy" film fails to satisfy any of the above criteria. We don't know where it comes from. We're told a story about it's origins, but we have no proof. It is claimed to be old enough film, and made of correct materials, but we have no proof. Blank leader and photocopies of strips of film do not verify anything. The actual original film has to be obtained and analyzed; anything else is a waste of time. Ray Santilli and Volker Spielberg have been caught obfuscating, dissembling, and lying about the film. They have made money and gained notoriety because of the film. I do not find them reliable. The film shows events at odds with known history and science. If the purveyors of the film want us to take it seriously, then they'd better come up with better support than they have.

In view of the complete lack of support, there is no reason to take the "alien autopsy" seriously.

Paul B. Thompson  
ParaScope

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Roger Annette Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 17:42:22 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 01:19:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Re: Alien Autopsy

>From: ed gehrman  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 12:18:25 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 17:42:59 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Previously, Ed wrote:

>There is absolutely no evidence that he (Ray) had anything more than  
>limited skills in any of these areas of expertise.

>1)Write a script, one so improbable that no one would believe  
>it.

>2)Gather together a film crew: at least two doctors and an  
>extra, cameramen, set designers, period historians, mechanical  
>engineers and skilled metal workers and an FX expert. (this is  
>just a partial list of the large crew it would have taken. And  
>this would have been no minor production. Filming is not easy  
>and is very expensive. The debris alone, which Dennis Murphy  
>describes as almost impossible to manufacture, would have been a  
>huge undertaking, even for a major motion picture company.

>3) Keep it all a secret. We all know how hard that would be. Why  
>have no witness come forward to confirm this as a hoaxed film.

>4)Make some money from it. This would have been the hardest part  
>since the investment would have had to be in the millions of  
>dollars. Ray couldn't have make much money from this.

Ed,

I do not know why you do not address the questions put to you  
yet demand that everyone else toe the line in response to your  
endless request for "more proof".

I'll try and make this brief as I'm sure everyone is tired of  
reading about this. You operate on a lot of assumptions; too  
many, in fact, for someone that claims to have done 4 years of  
research on the AA topic. You claim that the AA film would cost  
millions to produce. I work in special effects for a living and  
have produced a variety of low budget films. One made in 1987,  
"Forever Evil", was a basic horror film with far more gore and  
dead bodies than AA ever demanded.

The total cost for the film was around \$120,000 and ran two  
hours. I wouldn't say it was great; in fact it wasn't. But it  
made over 2 million dollars in rental sales, not to mention the  
money it made playing on USA network.

To be quite blunt; you are wrong to suggest that Santilli's cost  
would be greater than his return. AA would cost no more than  
\$10,000 to \$20,000 to produce. The potential return would be  
hundreds times that. Now, understand, the amount of money that  
Santilli actually made may have been less, but that doesn't  
matter. No one in entertainment ever makes a movie thinking  
they are going to lose money. No one.

From a technical point of view, Forever Evil it was far more complicated to make than AA, where the only requirement was to make a film that filled the general audiences' expectations of what documentary footage from that era looks like.

And that brings up a point: Don't you find the lousy lighting and sloppy camera work and black and white stock sort of an odd choice for something so important? I mean, was this like the 20th alien autopsy they'd done and were just getting lazy?

Think about it.

Regarding your quote of Bob Shell, you offered:

>19-Aug-95 05:45:51  
>Sb: #FILM EVALUATION  
>Fm: BOB SHELL 76750,2717  
>To: ALL

>Hello all,

>I have been hard at work on this film. I have now physically  
>examined a section of the film, a section showing the "autopsy"  
>room before the body was placed on the table, but clearly  
>consistent with the later footage.

>The film on which this was shot is Cine Kodak Super XX, a film  
>type which was discontinued in 1956-57. Since the edge code  
>could be 1927, 1947 or 1967, and this film was not manufactured  
>in 1927 or 1967, this clearly leaves us with only 1947 as an  
>option.

>From my own research on the physical characteristics of the  
>film, I am willing to go on record as giving a 95% probability  
>that the film is what the cameraman claims it to be. I am only  
>hedging 5%, because I still want secondary chemical verification  
>from Kodak based on the chemical "signature" of the film.

I do not doubt that Bob said this at one time. However, you'll note that this statement was made as far back as 1995. The info I provided for you was made in 1998, after Bob apparently had time to reconsider his position a bit. I accused you of making stuff up because, one the one hand, you claimed list members were engaging in "half truths, distortions, misinformation and disinformation"; on the other hand you purposely chose a quote that you knew no longer reflected Bob's current views on the subject.

Perhaps this was an oversight on your part. If so, then you need to reconsider the fruits of your research. Again, I think you operate on a great deal of assumptions, most of which simply are not true or cannot be proved. In the end, the man you so desperately want to defend is the only one that can solve this mystery. Not only have you avoided direct and reasonable questions by myself and other members of this list, you claim that we are trying to sandbag you in some fashion. This is truly insulting.

Ultimately, it seems to me that you felt we would all swoon at your "discovery" regarding the restricted codes. When we pointed out the illogic in your position, you got pissed; claiming we were, in essence, out to get you.

I have nothing else to say to you on this topic.

AA is a fraud.

Roger Evans

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## Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

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Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

Friends & List Fiends --

I've been dipping in and out of the probabilities-of-ET life-and-the implications-for-the-ETH debate with some interest and occasional amusement. All in all I think it has been quite constructive, inspiring some serious, often actually thoughtful consideration of new discoveries and the theories and proto-theories and pseudo-theories built upon them. Permit me to suggest another line of discussion, approaching the issue as a matter of ufological induction, if you will.

Let us assume that certain UFO cases actually involved observations of technology created by nonhuman intelligences and sometimes the intelligences themselves. I have in mind, e.g., the McMinnville photos, the Nash-Fortenberry formation sighting, and the Betty and Barney Hill incident. Pick your own best case(s) (I think I'd have to say McMinnville), with the criteria being (1) solidity of evidence, and (2) most indicative of "nuts and bolts" outside human capabilities at the time of the event.

Stipulate for purposes of argument that, that case entails an observation of someone else's nuts and bolts (even most ETH doubters can name a case like that). Then ponder the implications in light of the sort of information Dennis Stacy has been presenting and arguing from.

Dennis, and anyone else out there, what can you suggest as an alternative to an extra-solar planet as a point of origin--taking care to apply the principle of parsimony with very great care? Be very, very conservative...

A sidebar: A few days ago, I had occasion to peruse my collection of classic science fiction, coming upon the premiere of Galaxy Science Fiction magazine, October 1950. I rediscovered a circulation building contest--What's Your Theory About the Flying Saucers? in 200 words or less--introduced with a short essay by Willy (misspelled "Willie" on the cover) Ley. Ley consider different notions about the saucers, then zeroed in on the ETH. He quickly eliminated Mars and Venus as the possible home planets, and went on, "Therefore--the disks would probably have to be interstellar faster-than-light ships, in which case I would expect them to be about half a mile long, and, to date, none has been reported that size." Ley didn't explain the thinking behind his curious half-miler notion.

While this doesn't have much to do with the issues at hand, it is interesting that as early as late 1950, thoughtful folks had all but eliminated planets of our solar system from the running.

-- Cheers & Happy Humbug to all, KARL

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>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
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>>Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 08:46:11 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>>>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 09:42:38 -0600  
>>>From: Roger Annette Evans  
>>>Subject: Alien Autopsy  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Previously, I had written:

>>>Here's the point you don't seem to get, Ed. Ray  
>>>Santilli has never had a scrap of original film. The  
>>>only footage he has ever offered for analysis is a  
>>>dupe or a video tape.

>Keith reasonably points out:

>>I don't understand why so much is made of this point  
>>As long as the dupe can be dated to 1947, what  
>>difference does it make that it's not the camera-original  
>>film?

>Hi, Keith.

>I understand your question. On the surface, it sounds  
>reasonable enough.

>However, in the context of Santilli's story, it is very  
>important. According to Santilli, the alleged cameraman  
>told him the following:

>>"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."

>Accordingly, the film Ray bought was supposed to be camera  
>original; not a dupe.

>In fact, Ray thought he had bought camera original until Bob  
>Shell proved otherwise.

Well, Clive Tobin, actually.

>This means that the cameraman lied about how he came into  
>possession of it.

Yes, although perhaps it could be argued that, after all those  
years, he'd forgotten he made dupes.

>By extension, the validity of the imagery  
>contained within AA is very suspect.

Well, there is also, as I just mentioned, a possible innocent explanation. The point I'm driving at is that the special effects necessary for such a hoax were presumably unavailable in 1947. So if dupes with alien imagery indeed go back that far, I'd consider that compelling evidence the autopsy was real.

>But more importantly, the only actual footage that has been  
>released was "leader" that supposedly came from the AA film.  
>This leader turned out to be "dupe" film; not camera original.  
>As it stands, we only have Ray's word that the AA footage was  
>the source for even the few frames of "dupe leader" that have  
>been tested.

>In effect, no one has seen the actual AA film original; not even  
>the cameraman and certainly not Ray.

If the dupe really is old, then Ray has probably not seen the original, assuming we now have more or less accurate information about what was turned over to him. I think you're further saying that since the "cameraman" claimed the dupes were originals, he must not have been the actual cameraman, just someone who wound up with the dupes and lied about their origin. That's certainly possible, however it's also possible he was the cameraman but his recollections are flawed.

>In the final analysis,  
>there is no proof that the AA film was produced on  
>vintage 16mm film at all since the only film analyzed  
>has been a few frames of blank dupe film. There is  
>no proof that the two are the same; only that the dupe  
>film is old.

I agree that this bears on the credibility of the alleged cameraman and thus has some relevance. But I don't see why my point doesn't apply nonetheless: if 1947 film -- dupe or original -- has the alien on it, the autopsy is unlikely to be a hoax because both hoax technology and the cultural context for such a hoax were inadequate back then.

Best,

Keith

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>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 01:20:36 -0800  
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>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
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>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation  
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>I just want to interject a thought here.

>If I recall correctly, several sub-species of hominids ( or  
>whatever they are called ) arose at different times. Some of  
>these could even interbreed. One could argue that competition  
>between various semi-intelligent populations merely led to the  
>predominance of just one.

Larry,

The point is: intelligence isn't inevitable, it doesn't just  
break out, the way flowers bloom in spring.

For example, North and South America have been around as long as  
the rest of the planet, ie, 4 billion years or so. Yet even the  
most liberal claims have them being peopled only within the last  
30,000 years or so, 12, 500 if you're an orthodox Bering  
Straights believer. The New World has plenty of primates, or  
monkeys, at least. Yet it didn't give rise to an intelligent  
species of its own until it was invaded by same.

Intelligence is not a given outcome of the mere presence of  
life, in however many diverse forms. It is a happy happenstance.  
Having created the Earth and Heaven, I can say that.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

Dennis Stacy

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>>nothing that looked like a disc and no conventional material at  
>>all. Even the Roswell Daily Record article on July 9, 1947 said  
>>the wreckage covered an area 200 yards in diameter. Marcel is in  
>>my movie UFOS Are Real shot in 1979.

What Marcel says in my movie is 3/4 of a mile long and over 100  
years wide. He had concluded that in the absence of a crater  
there must have been a mid air explosion.

>While I can't speak for Keith's article one of the problems I've  
>always had with the story of the "Roswell Crash" debris is how  
>no one describes debris field that is really large. As time  
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>estimate of "many hundreds of yards long" is correct it seems  
>too small.

The vehicle observed by Civil Engineer Barney Barnett in the  
Plains of San Augustine which came down almost intact was less  
than 30' in diameter. A saucer shaped craft would have a much  
lower surface to volume ration than something with wings.

>If only "200 yards in diameter," as you say the Roswell Daily  
>Record stated just days after the event, the wreckage is far too  
>small. Much, of course, depends on how the wreckage came down.  
>Did the alleged UFO explode in mid-flight or come down largely  
>in one piece? If the former, at what altitude and what speed was  
>it travelling at?

Apparently the Brazel Ranch saucer exploded in mid air with a  
crew compartment observed a few miles away. The Plains saucer  
was almost intact. May have been a mid air collision resulting  
from a lightning strike or running into a tracking radar beam  
known to be on. Might well be very different from an F-4  
exploding.

>On 3/06/94 an F-4 crashed near Franklin, Georgia. The F-4  
>exploded in mid-flight at 800 feet high. It was traveling at 400  
>knots when the mishap happened. The train of debris from only  
>800 feet high was nearly a mile long; not hundreds of yards but  
>thousands of feet. It was laid out nearly as straight as an  
>arrow but the debris came down unevenly over the length of the

>The largest piece was the front of the fuselage and was smaller  
>than a VW beetle. The lightest stuff--such as fabric--fell first  
>and the heaviest--such as engines, ect--interestingly fell much  
>further along.

>Now assuming the "saucer" of Roswell exploded in mid-air I would  
>expect the debris train to be at least as long as an F-4 would  
>make under the identical circumstances. An F-4, while a good  
>size jet plane, is by no means a transport or airliner. If the  
>"saucer" was higher than 800 feet and going faster than 400  
>knots the train should've been much longer and wider; most  
>likely over miles.

>I guess we could argue that if the "saucer," or whatever shape  
>craft is claimed, was alien in origin that it was made of  
>tougher stuff than an F-4 is made of and, thus, would have held  
>together better. However, since we don't know the exact  
>circumstances of the "saucer's" demise or construction it's all  
>speculation.

The observations of those on the scene later are not  
speculation. Marcel, Rickett, .

>>7. Professor  
Burdakov of the USSR claimed that Dr. Korololev  
>>(sp?) was asked by Stalin to review saucer data and concluded  
>>that they are a real. He was the Soviet analog of Werner von  
>>Braun...

>I have believed for a long time that what was an accident by the  
>USAF was turned into, perhaps, the greatest disinformation ploy  
>done during the Cold War: The United States in time following  
>the Roswell incident did nothing to discourage the Soviets from  
>thinking we had one ace the Soviets would never have: alien  
>technology.

What accident with what equipment involved? Supposedly according  
to Burdakov, Korollev's input came from spy information,  
presumably from Los Alamos where we know some wreckage was taken  
Marcel was familiar with aircraft accidents. The material was  
very different and no conventional materials were found. There  
were plenty of airplane accidents in New Mexico.

>I suspect we already knew by the summer of 1947 that the Soviets  
>had or were close to having their own nuclear weapons. But we  
>now had something more potent than nuclear bombs with the  
>"Roswell Recovery."

I have seen NSC meeting notes indicating the Russians weren't  
expected to have nuclear weapons until the early 1950s.. and  
weren't in 1947 known to have delivery systems. Interesting plot  
line but where is the evidence? As noted in Crash at Corona and  
several other books the case for a crashed saucer is very  
strong.

>Stalin, who routinely condemned to death millions for many  
>reasons far less than making a public announcement mistake,  
>couldn't believe the USAF could make such a huge error with  
>their public announcement of recovering a "saucer."

What is the basis for this claim about Stalin's belief? Marcel was the Intelligence Officer for the most elite military group in the world. Blanchard went on to high office. The AAF people certainly weren't punished. Interesting speculation but in over 20 years of Roswell investigation, I have seen no basis for this claim

>The USAF retracting their statement so quickly probably only  
>convinced him and others in power then that the USAF really did  
>recover alien technology. The USAF with their follow-up and  
>clumsy denials since then have help keep this story alive for  
>Moscow and others to believe.

You sure won't find much in the way of AAF (The USAF didn't exist until September 1947.) comment between July of 1947 and 1994.. Not much follow up. I certainly agree the recent coverup was clumsy.

>That's the real secret of Roswell: An accidental but  
>disinformation masterpiece that still goes on today. It also,  
>perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and  
>poor Major Marcel never got promoted again. They did, afterall,  
>need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

Major Marcel did get promoted. He was never the fall guy until the TV Showtime Roswell show. invented that story..

>John C. Thompson

Obviously I believe this is an interesting plot line with nothing to support it and much to contradict it. Jim Keith's story line of course is wholly imaginary. The material was very lightweight and very strong.. hardly concrete in a dummy bomb.

Stanton Friedman

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

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Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 08:48:04 -0500  
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>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 02:10:06 -0800  
>From: Keith Woodard <[gwoodard@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gwoodard@worldnet.att.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 09:42:38 -0600  
>>From: Roger Annette Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Alien Autopsy  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>From: Ed Gehrman  
>>>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 1999 11:42:00 -0800  
>>>Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 1999 08:43:05 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

><snip>

>>>I realize that Ray's reluctance to offer another  
>>>film sample is a serious problem. (He did once  
>>>but everyone forgets that. Kodak dishonestly  
>>>protrayed this incident but it's proof, none  
>>>the less that Ray did try to have the film verified)

>>Here's the point you don't seem to get, Ed. Ray  
>>Santilli has never had a scrap of original film. The  
>>only footage he has ever offered for analysis is a  
>>dupe or a video tape.

><snip>

>I don't understand why so much is made of this point. As long  
>as the dupe can be dated to 1947, what difference does it make  
>that it's not the camera-original film?

>Santilli's dupe apparently has the right edge code, and Bob  
>Shell's dupe is made of acetate propionate.

No one, to my knowledge has seen the "right edge code" on any film supplied by Santilli. The only edge codes were provide by Santilli and/or Shell from a copy/fax of the edge codes. There was no film attached to the edge codes. Shell's film had no edge codes. They were conveniently torn off. Also, Shell's film can not be connected to the autopsy film except in a bizarre way. The frames Shell possessed were frames from the beginning of one of the reels (or so the story goes), but when reviewing the footage on video, one can easily note that each of the "reels" are uncut, but when we see the frames from the very beginning (that are scenes, at least, of the same doorway and table that Shell posses) there is an obvious splice or cut or whatever you want to call where, apparently these unrelated frames have been added. Check it out for yourself.

>Bob Shell uses the fact the it's a dupe as an excuse not to  
>submit it to Kodak, but I can't for the life of me see the  
>logic  
>of that.

I would love to have Shell's dupe tested, not because it would prove anything about the autopsy footage, but because it would

date something that has come from Santilli which he connects to the footage and the cameraman. Testing those frames would, IMO, let us know how truthful/untruthful Santilli has been. However, Kodak refuses, IIRC, to test those particular frames because if they did test out to be the right year, then Santilli and gang might use that test as some sort of proof that his autopsy footage is the real deal.

Testing Shell's frames would not validate (or invalidate) the autopsy footage. The first step of validating the film would be a test on a frame that has the alien on it.

Rebecca

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>I suspect we already knew by the summer of 1947 that  
>the Soviets had or were close to having their own  
>nuclear weapons.

No one in the government was certain when the Soviets would develop nukes. Scientists, engineers, industrialists, intelligence officers, etc. had been discussing this since World War II. Some people thought they would have the bomb in a few years, others that it would take ten years or more. Nevertheless, there was considerable shock in the government when the Russians tested a bomb in 1949, and considerable hysteria about espionage.

>It also, perhaps, explain why at least one participant made  
>flag rank and poor Major Marcel never got promoted again. They  
>did, afterall, need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

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Marcel was promoted again--to Lieutenant Colonel. He stayed in the Air Force until 1950, when he was discharged for hardship reasons. Obviously, his career didn't suffer too much because of the "mistaken" ID of a "flying disc"--if indeed it was a mistake.

Marcel continued to work on many high-level, secret projects, which would not have happened if the Air Force thought he was an incompetent, hysterical or unstable officer. Either they forgot about the mistake, or there was no mistake.

PS: From time to time, I've read debates about whether Col. Blanchard, the base commander at Roswell, approved the 1947 press release about the "flying disc." Anyone who has ever been in the military knows that he must have. This was no routine announcement about an upcoming ice cream social, but information that was bound to send the press into a feeding frenzy.

Blanchard ordered Marcel to investigate the crash, and report back. Then he issued the press release, and informed his superiors about it. This is how chain of command operates in the military: it never changes.

Mike McHugh

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## Re: Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?

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Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 08:53:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 12:31:38 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Mars initiative: Do We Need Probes?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Dear Mac and Listers: While 2/3 of our Mars probes have  
>decidedly and publicly failed, there is good reason to assess  
>the fact of our "faster, better, cheaper" policy. When the  
>United States Space program was real, as opposed to it's present  
>state of sour effluviium, we had more success than failure. Of  
>late, however, the faster, better cheaper policy has created  
>only faster and cheaper. Somewhere along the way, the cheaper  
>part has likely caused the demise of better.

>Here is where I (in my opinion) leave your theory in the cold,  
>dark vacuum of space. After nearly a decade of cheaper, etc.,  
>we've lost the ability to do it the right way. Now that we've  
>gotten into the pattern of mistakes (if one is to believe they  
>are such, personally I do not, rather, I bereave them), now that  
>we've gotten into a pattern of mistakes, you propose sending  
>humans into foray, eh? Good thinking. It will be quite a while  
>for NASA to get it's act together, back to the proper methods of  
>design and development before we send some poor bastards up that  
>far. At least a decade. We can't even tell Centimeters from  
>Inches and you wanna send a human up?

I argue that mistakes like that (if in fact it was a mistake)  
will be made much more difficult to make if we're sending  
people. Manned missions would command much more public  
exposure, and I am convinced that the inherent quality of the  
mission, from the roots up, would be vastly improved. Dare I  
say that some of the fabled "spirit of Apollo" would be  
rekindled--only for the right reasons. There's no glaring  
reason why space science can't be made attractive to the public.

>May I make a suggestion? Use either my brother in law or maybe  
>you can volunteer?

I don't know your brother-in-law, but as a matter of fact, I  
would volunteer for a Mars-shot.

>>With the Apollo program now only a fuzzy memory, good for little  
>>more than obligatory nostalgia programs on the Learning Channel,  
>>and Space Shuttle missions so routinely unsexy that firing John  
>>Glenn into orbit (again) was supposed to be cause for  
>>excitement, it is obvious that we need to set our sights on  
>>loftier goals. There is good reason to expect a manned Mars  
>>mission to provide the challenge necessary to crack our current  
>>climate of space science apathy. The scientific rewards alone  
>>promise a redefinition our planetary selfhood.

>Of course there is truth in your monograph, however we are not  
>ready for prime time. We once were. Not any more. What is  
>required now is full national commitment by citizens, government  
>and Congress for the application of funds to do it the right  
>way\_ and stop dicking around with doing it cheaper better  
>faster. Because in end, all we get is ... well, we get it in  
>the end.

Agreed. I'm sick of waiting for "prime time" to arrive. That was the point of my essay--it never will arrive unless we have the foresight to dump this misguided devotion to telerobotic probes and do it ourselves. Manned missions offer a degree of backup that present artificial intelligence can't match. It's technically possible to send a retrofitted Space Shuttle to Mars, if we had to do it in a hurry. And no, I'm not advocating doing anything of this magnitude in a hurry. Only that we do it now, with the forward thinking that we regrettably lost when we decided to stop going to the Moon.

>Whatever happened to the moon? Seems to me that exploration of  
>this, our nearest satellite, is grounds for greater imperatives  
>(note the plural). The imperatives are: <SNIP>

I have no problems with heading for the Moon first. But I'm wary of the space agency's tendency to stagnate. Suppose we built a base on the Moon by, say, 2007. Then how long till the next logical step? Floating around in Earth orbit, as we're doing now, has proven to be something of an exploratory cul-de-sac. NASA endlessly says that "we're not ready yet," that we need more information about the effects of microgravity, etc. NASA conveniently forgets that the Russians have much more experience in this particular area than we do, and appears to rely on public apathy to promote the completely bogus idea that we don't have what it takes to start planning a Mars mission. Read Zubrin.

We have what it takes to start now, and the need for probes is, at best, minimal. It's not a matter of impatience so much as simple dumbfoundedness at NASA's refusal to take the next step. Yes, our space agency needs a massive overhaul. What better way than to shed this go-nowhere obsession with cheap unmanned missions and do it for real?

--Mac Tonnie

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>likely over miles.

No one has ever claimed to have seen the entire saucer at the  
Brazel ranch; the impression I get from the eyewitness accounts  
is that these were scraps of something much larger, and I remain  
impressed by many of the reports that the bulk of the craft  
impacted elsewhere. In other words, despite the "RAAF Captures  
Saucer..." headline, it's rather obvious from statements made by  
people who were there, or who handled pieces of the stuff later,  
that the "debris field" didn't represent the entirety of the  
craft.

We're left to infer some sort of in-flight explosion; the  
saucer may have shed a layer of "skin." At least that's my take.

<snip>

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>perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and  
>poor Major Marcel never got promoted again. They did, after all,  
>need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

I was under the impression that Marcel did get promoted, which  
would have been an odd thing to do under the circumstances you  
propose. The whole "fall guy" thing is from the Showtime

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Roswell movie, which depicts Marcel as a martyr.

--Mac Tonnie

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>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 19:51:51 EST  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>A sidebar: A few days ago, I had occasion to peruse my  
>collection of classic science fiction, coming upon the premiere  
>of Galaxy Science Fiction magazine, October 1950. I  
>rediscovered a circulation building contest--What's Your Theory  
>About the Flying Saucers? in 200 words or less--introduced with  
>a short essay by Willy (misspelled "Willie" on the cover) Ley.  
>Ley consider different notions about the saucers, then zeroed in  
>on the ETH. He quickly eliminated Mars and Venus as the  
>possible home planets, and went on, "Therefore--the disks would  
>probably have to be interstellar faster-than-light ships, in  
>which case I would expect them to be about half a mile long,  
>and, to date, none has been reported that size." Ley didn't  
>explain the thinking behind his curious half-miler notion.

>While this doesn't have much to do with the issues at hand, it  
>is interesting that as early as late 1950, thoughtful folks had  
>all but eliminated planets of our solar system from the running.

In regards to where the UFOs (assuming they're ET in the popular sense) \_originally\_ came from, I'm very tempted to rule out our solar system. Certainly not Venus or any of the Jovian planets. Mars just might have developed a spacefaring civilization, though I really doubt it. Still, in light of probable artifacts on the surface, one can't rule it out as some sort of base. The Moon, too, has its share of thoroughly recorded oddities, so UFOs might have some kind of base of operations there, too, without having originated there.

Tom Van Flandern's Exploded Planet Hypothesis throws a novel twist into this chain of reasoning, though. Any takers?

--Mac Tonnies

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>Another secret: According to my source, military bombers were  
>notoriously unreliable in hitting targets, sometimes missing  
>their mark by as much as half a mile. It was given to the 509th  
>to improve that record, and to make it possible to deliver  
>bombs, particularly nuclear bombs, with greater accuracy.

This is a secret? It has been available for many years. Go to:

<http://www.anesi.com/ussbs02.htm>

and to:

<http://www.anesi.com/ussbs01.htm>

to read the summary report of the Strategic Bombing Survey for  
yourself:

"The planes bombed from approximately 30,000 feet and the  
percentage of bombs dropped which hit the target areas averaged  
less than 10 percent. (UNITED STATES STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY  
SUMMARY REPORT (Pacific War) WASHINGTON, D.C. 1 JULY 1946, page  
16.)

"Bombing altitudes after 9 March 1945 were lower, in both day  
and night attacks... Bombing accuracy increased substantially,  
and averaged 35 to 40 percent within 1,000 feet of the aiming  
point in daylight attacks from 20,000 feet or lower. (Ibid.,  
page 17.)

"Conventionally the air forces designated as "the target area" a  
circle having a radius of 1000 feet around the aiming point of  
attack. While accuracy improved during the war, Survey studies  
show that, in the over-all, only about 20% of the bombs aimed at  
precision targets fell within this target area. A peak accuracy  
of 70% was reached for the month of February 1945. (THE UNITED  
STATES STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT (European War),  
September 30, 1945, page 5.)

The unnamed informant, or the writer of the FATE piece, is  
obviously trying to inflate the importance of his story with a  
phony secret he could get from the Internet or through inter-  
library loan. How much else should we believe?

Clear skies,  
Bob Young

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## Back Engineering From Roswell Debris?

From: John Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 03:02:49 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 09:05:43 -0500  
Subject: Back Engineering From Roswell Debris?

Oz & ASIA DATA RESEARCH  
Phenomena Research Australia

EBK Researchers,

Just cleaning up my files before the end of the world and found one of those many lost bits of data that 'catch the eye' - The information and attached image comes from POPULAR MECHANICS, JULY 1998, p30-31 - "Outdoors Liquid Golf", by Jim Gorant.

Umm... What has ROSWELL got to do with a Golf Club story? You may also need to follow Colonel Philip J. Corso's theory of "Seeding". In short, Roswell alien technology was given to the giants of American industry.

So with a photon force of possibility (no proof remember), could this be an example of ROSWELL CRASH material in a 'back engineering' revelation.

Here comes the links.

THE ROSWELL VISION?

I need you to take a big step into the "what if" area of your mind. Read the following extracts. The extracts are taken from Timothy GOOD - "Beyond Top Secret", Ch18, p459-462 - Index: CORONA DEBRIS). If you know the page jump over to the \*\*\* and read on:

PAGE 459, PARA 4, LINE 4 -  
"Marcel [Major Jesse Marcel] testified that he found an area measuring about three-quarters of a mile long 200 to 300 feet wide, strewn with a large amount of extremely lightweight, strong material."

PAGE 461, PARA 1, LINE 4 -  
"I lit a cigarette lighter to some of the stuff, and it didn't burn"

PAGE 461, PARA 1, LINE 5 -  
"...you could not bend or break, but it didn't look like metal. It looked more like wood".

PAGE 461, PARA 2, LINE 2 -  
"... he [Marcel] tried unsuccessfully to bend or dent a piece of extremely light and thin metal which was about two foot long by a foot wide. 'I tried to bend the stuff [but] it wouldn't bend,' he said 'We even tried making a dint in it with a 16lb sledge hammer. And there was still no dent in it..'"

PAGE 461, PARA 2, LINE 6 -  
"...'It was possible to flex this stuff back and forth, even to wrinkle it, but you could not put a crease in it that would stay'..."

PAGE 461, PARA 2, LINE 7 -  
"...'I would almost have to describe it as a metal with plastic

properties'...". [please note now NOT wood].

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#### THE NEW PRODUCT QUALITIES

Remember, I have not researched the product at all, but the following summary of interesting points from the POPULAR MECHANICS article may give someone an idea to look for ROSWELL data?

Remember, it's an exercise of elimination and not provocation. Now take a look at the following points from the article.

- [ 1]. The name "LIQUIDMETAL".
- [ 2]. The name "AMORPHOUS STRUCTURE".
- [ 3]. It's an ALLOY of - nickel, zirconium, titanium, copper and beryllium.
- [ 4]. It's categorized as a "METALLIC GLASS"?
- [ 5]. The author reports - "One of the more impressive of those properties is the ability to TRANSFER ENERGY."
- [ 6]. According to LIQUIDMETAL GOLF, its new alloy produces 99% energy transmission..."
- [ 7]. It has a wonderful ELASTIC nature. It is better than both steel & titanium. In a thick sheet state it will NOT bend. However, produce it in a fine sheet (wafer), and then it loves to spring back into shape if bent. [ see Graph in attached image - LiqMetal.art, 11k].
- [ 8]. It has a wonderful STRENGTH quality, if it is measured against DENSITY or ELASTICITY. [ see Graph in attached image - LiqMetal.art, 11k].
- [ 9]. It has a DENSITY some where between titanium and steel.
- [10]. It has lower VIBRATIONAL RESPONSE than titanium or steel - it produces less shock and feels solid on impact.
- [11]. It is almost CORROSION FREE!
- [12]. Needs vacuum environment, high temperature, high pressure and very fast cooling to form.
- [13]. The author states - "...it seems to defy the laws of atomic structure"?
- [14]. It's a Patent-Protected formula.
- [15]. The author reported - "The stuff [interesting observation] was originally formulated in 1959 by California Institute of Technology scientists [name?] trying to develop material for aerospace application".

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The last point is interesting. "AEROSPACE" application, that sound right, "GOLF CLUBS" well it seems a little complex & expensive.

Well, what do you think? Don't you just love conspiracies. Oh! By the way, it's in the UFO edition!

You may need to see the Chart produced by POPULAR MECHANICS to get the feeling of a mystery. However, it would be an interesting exercise to try and find more about this alloy and any generic company or researcher links, via California Institute of Technology!

To all enquiring minds. Good hunting.

Regards

John W. AUCHETTL  
Director - PRA

THANKS TO - Popular Mechanics - Editor Joe Oldham.

Article + Image Location on Web at:  
[http://www.popularmechanics.com/popmech/ute/outsearch\\_frames.html](http://www.popularmechanics.com/popmech/ute/outsearch_frames.html)  
Search with word "liquidmetal"

Phenomena Research Australia [PRA]  
P.O. Box 523, Mulgrave, Victoria, Australia, 3170  
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## Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 03:14:13 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 09:08:22 -0500  
Subject: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 07:56:13 +0000 (GMT)  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 07:52:31 -0500  
>Subject: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?>>

<snip>

>Source: Fate's January 2000 issue,  
><http://www.fatemag.com/articles/roswell.htm>

<snip>

>Roswell UFO Bombshell  
>by Jim Keith

<snip>

>my source states that either an atomic bomb  
>or what is termed a "bomb shape," or "test shape," the shell of  
>a nuke lacking explosives and atomic capability, and sometimes  
>filled with concrete to add weight, was accidentally or  
>purposefully jettisoned above Corona, New Mexico, directly on  
>the flight path between Sandia and Roswell.

An atomic bomb\_deliberately\_ dropped over Corona NM? Come on,  
what does he take us for?

Bob Young

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## Re: 'Biggest Moon' Myth Sweeps Internet

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 01:10:37 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 09:15:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Biggest Moon' Myth Sweeps Internet

>From Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Source: <http://www.sightings.com/politics6/moonmyth.htm>

>'Biggest Moon' Myth Sweeps Internet

>By Alan M. MacRobert  
>Boston Globe Correspondent

><http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/354/science/B>

>12/20/1999

>An astronomical urban legend racing around the country by e-mail  
>chain letter says that a special full moon will supposedly  
>illuminate the Earth on Wednesday night with a spectacular flood  
>of brilliance.

>Headlined: ''Next full moon brightest you'll ever see!'' the  
>notice says that due to a rare confluence of events - a full  
>moon occurring on the winter solstice just as it appears at  
>close orbital points to the Earth and Sun - the moon will be  
>bigger and brighter than it's been in more than 100 years. So  
>bright, in fact, that we may not need headlights on if we're  
>driving at night.

<snip>

Dear EBK and list.

Right now as I write this, the moon is really really bright and full overhead. It does seem to me ( subjectively ) to be brighter than other full moons, but that could simply be do to my own knowledge that it is some 15% or whatever more luminous than other FMs.

As an experiment, I put on my reading glasses and I could read the time of day on my LCD watch. It was then 0040 hrs PST.

I got my batteryless light-powered handheld calculator, the one that works under even dim light. Alas, I couldn't get it to wake up at all. It came right up in proximity to a night light in the bathroom however.

In short, if I hadn't been told this moon was special, I might not have noticed at all. Its nice not having to fumble for the house key nonetheless. .

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: It was a balmy 70 degrees F today here.

(Unlike Toronto with its majuberous climate.)

[The Great White North produces interesting soetical lunar effects around the solstik - mostly scrofulous --ebk]



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## Re: Canada's X-Files Grow Dusty?

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 20:34:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 09:18:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Canada's X-Files Grow Dusty?

> From: Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto  
> The National Post - Toronto,  
> Monday, December 13, 1999  
> Page A1  
> ---  
> Canada's X-Files grow dusty as fewer people spot UFOs  
> BY PAUL WALDIE  
> Maybe we're getting too much science fiction on television or  
> maybe we just don't care anymore.  
> Whatever the reason, Canadians are reporting fewer UFO  
> sightings, according to the federal bureaucrat who receives the  
> reports.

<snip>

To List,

Sighting reports are down only because he's not getting them.  
Who wants to report a UFO to someone who will dismiss them,  
anyway? I've received plenty of reports for the year.

How can I get a copy of this article complete with the date and  
page number. I may want to get in touch with the man at  
Transport Canada.

Michel M. Deschamps  
UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 09:05:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 09:53:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 17:42:22 -0600  
>From: Roger Annette Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Ed,

>I do not know why you do not address the questions put to you  
>yet demand that everyone else toe the line in response to your  
>endless request for "more proof".

<snip>

>Ultimately, it seems to me that you felt we would all swoon at  
>your "discovery" regarding the restricted codes. When we pointed  
>out the illogic in your position, you got pissed; claiming we  
>were, in essence, out to get you.

>I have nothing else to say to you on this topic.

>AA is a fraud.

>Roger Evans

Just a few quick points after saying I think Roger is right on:

1. Money. Last I heard the AA Footage was shown on TV in 40 countries. Payments made to Ray of course. The Fox show sold about 100,000 copies in video stores... more dollars for Ray...

2. The choices are not only between "It is Genuine" and "Ray hoaxed it". It could well have been sitting on a shelf in Hollywood or elsewhere for years with somebody selling it to Ray after the Showtime Roswell movie showed an autopsy.. totally fabricated..Most footage shot in Hollywood never is seen in a theatre or on TV .

3. As I pointed out in 'TOP SECRET/MAJIC', just about everything Ray told me in our first conversation when I was trying to be helpful (prior to January 20,1995) was a lie. I met with him twice in the UK. There were more lies. Amazing, too, how he changed the location from Roswell to Socorro and the date from July to very early June,

It is a fraud. But I must give the caper a good comment as well. It caused more discussion about UFOs around the world, and in the UK in particular, than any thing else in the past 10 or more years. I made a bunch of trips to the UK, did a debate at Oxford University (we won) and did a tour involving 7 lectures and over 40 interviews in the UK.

There was a silver lining.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: Roger R. Prokic <[rprokic@mindspring.com](mailto:rprokic@mindspring.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 06:26:00 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 09:57:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 10:24:30 -0600  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Alien Autopsy  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>In fact, Ray thought he had bought camera original until Bob  
>Shell proved otherwise.

>This means that the cameraman lied about how he came into  
>possession of it. By extension, the validity of the imagery  
>contained within AA is very suspect.

>But more importantly, the only actual footage that has been  
>released was "leader" that supposedly came from the AA film.  
>This leader turned out to be "dupe" film; not camera original.  
>As it stands, we only have Ray's word that the AA footage was  
>the source for even the few frames of "dupe leader" that have  
>been tested.

>In effect, no one has seen the actual AA film original; not even  
>the cameraman and certainly not Ray. In the final analysis,  
>there is no proof that the AA film was produced on vintage 16mm  
>film at all since the only film analyzed has been a few frames  
>of blank dupe film. There is no proof that the two are the same;  
>only that the dupe film is old.

>Does this explain the problem?

I'd say that pretty much sums it up, Roger!

Roger R. Prokic  
Principal RF Systems Engineer  
Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.  
Boulder, Colorado USA  
--[ sent from a Palm Vx & Multimap Pro v3.1c ]--

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## Re: Alien Autopsy

From: **Bob Shell** <[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 08:47:39 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 10:15:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy

I have asked EBK to post this for me. Unfortunately, due to business obligations I simply do not have time to get involved in debate over the AA film at this time or re-join any UFO lists. Maybe after a few months I will be less busy and can jump back into the fray.

I stand by my statements: I have never seen any camera original film from Ray Santilli or anyone else showing the AA. All film I have seen is copy film, but it does have the right physical characteristics to be very old copy film and may well date from the late 1940s. I have not seen the original film boxes and labels, only photo copies. I find nothing in this material which conflicts with the stated provenance of the film. I have not spoken with the cameraman and do not know if he is still living. I noted yesterday that there was an obit on Hank Snow in the New York Times.

My gut feeling from watching the AA video too many times is that this is a real event that is shown. I do not think the body being dissected is a special effects creation but a real body which was a living creature not very long before it was dissected. The cameraman was quoted as saying that no one knew what they were or where they came from. That is my position to date. I have seen no compelling evidence that there is anything extraterrestrial involved in this event at all.

I will be happy to answer any short inquiries directed to me by private e-mail, but do not have the time to provide lengthy answers or debate at this time.

Bob Shell  
[bob@bobshell.com](mailto:bob@bobshell.com)

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## Re: Canada's X-Files Grow Dusty?

From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)> (  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 11:41:18 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 10:55:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Canada's X-Files Grow Dusty?

>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 20:34:36 -0500  
>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Canada's X-Files Grow Dusty?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

>>The National Post - Toronto,

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>>Canada's X-Files grow dusty as fewer people spot UFOs

>>BY PAUL WALDIE

>>Maybe we're getting too much science fiction on television or  
>>maybe we just don't care anymore.

>>Whatever the reason, Canadians are reporting fewer UFO  
>>sightings, according to the federal bureaucrat who receives the  
>>reports.

><snip>

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>anyway? I've received plenty of reports for the year.

>How can I get a copy of this article complete with the date and  
>page number. I may want to get in touch with the man at  
>Transport Canada.

>Michel M. Deschamps  
>UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian

Hi Mike,

That would be my take on that as well. If you are not receiving reports then your stats are going to interpret this as a lack of sightings. But if you have never heard of the place in the first place, how do you know where to report.

UFO investigation by any government agency in Canada appears on the surface to be dead-and the public knows it. They usually default to their old standby the RCMP or local police. Even the National Research Council's so called UFO investigative body neve investigated these things but rather used the reports to filter out fireball and meteor reports for the scientific community.

I find that the RCMP in particular are reluctant to release any information about UFO reports due to the privacy act, citing the right to privacy of any individual making a report. The Mounties clam up. There is some suggestion that some UFO reports are

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getting channelled through NORAD in St. Hubert, Quebec, if the report is made initially to the military.

Perhaps it's our fault but it appears that it's time to light a fire under some of these agencies because I'm sure the general public have a different take on the number of UFO sightings occurring in Canada.

Don Ledger

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## Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell' Documentary

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 11:56:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 11:06:19 -0500  
Subject: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell' Documentary

OPEN LETTER

History Channel  
235 East 45th St.  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

December 21, 1999

Subject: December 13, 1999 program Roswell: Secrets Revealed

Dear History Channel

As the nuclear physicist who began the civilian investigation of the Roswell Incident back in the 1970s, who has co-authored a book "Crash at Corona: The Definitive Story of the Roswell Incident" and numerous papers about Roswell, and, of course, was the first to talk to many of the key witnesses (almost all of whom you somehow missed), I naturally viewed the subject program with great interest, especially since I was in Roswell on December 13... I must congratulate you on providing a Masterpiece of Misrepresentation. A splendid example of propaganda, excellent for teaching purposes. You demonstrated the primary rules such as selective choice of data, false reasoning, positive and negative name calling. You also demonstrated the 4 basic rules of UFO debunkery:

1. What the public doesn't know, we are not going to tell them
2. Don't bother us with the facts, our minds are made up.
3. If we can't attack the data, we will attack the people; it is much easier.
4. Do one's research by proclamation, rather than investigation.  
It is much easier and most people won't know the difference.

I have discussed the 2 Air Force reports in my enclosed papers "The Roswell Incident, the USAF, and the NY Times" (28 pages) and my Review of "The Roswell Report: Case Closed." You seem to have blindly accepted any comment from a noisy negativist and didn't bother with the work of professionals such as myself. Let me give some specific examples, although I found that I can't get a copy of the show for 4-6 weeks to give precise quotes.

A. How do you dare to show a small heap of wreckage? In my first conversation with Major Jesse Marcel, the Intelligence Officer for the 509th Composite Bomb Group, in 1978, he described wreckage strewn out over an area 3/4 of a mile long. The Roswell Daily Record cover-up article of July 9, 1947, stated the wreckage covered an area 200 yards in diameter. Your depiction was at most a few yards across. If that is all there had been, rancher Mack Brazel would have taken it all in his truck to the Sheriff's office and there would have been no reason for Major Marcel and Captain Cavitt to have followed him on the long rough journey back to the Foster Ranch operated by Mack.. You have

blindly accepted a fairly recent statement by Cavitt to Colonel Weaver about him recalling it was just a balloon covering an area only 20' square and easily fitting in one vehicle. Apparently Cavitt wasn't told it was supposed to be a MOGUL balloon which included 23 standard helium filled neoprene balloons (at 20' intervals) and a whole bunch of radar reflectors, sonobuoys, ballast tanks, etc all strung together. Some small pile. Of course Cavitt hadn't remembered that simple fact when asked many times by many people for the previous 15 years, even denying that he had been on the base at the time.

B. Dr. C.B. Moore, whom I have met, himself strongly claimed that neoprene out in the sun for weeks would be totally degraded. Did he forget that little detail?. A June 4 or June 14 launching could not possibly have survived so well until early July. You also neglected to mention that many of the July 8 newspaper articles claimed the wreckage was found "last week". But Rancher Brazel had been in the area just a few days earlier and could never have left that mountain of garbage where the sheep could ingest it. Mack had of course previously found 2 balloons. The newspaper of July 9 quotes him saying he was sure what he found wasn't any weather balloon.

Colonel Weaver left this quote out of his recital of the article.

C. Too bad you couldn't mention that the 509th was the most elite military group in the world with hand picked officers and men, and high security. They had dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the two tested in the Pacific in July, 1946, in Operation Crossroads. You noted the July 9, 1947, press release and then stated nobody knows why it was issued. Why didn't you bother to ask Walter Haut who issued it? He still lives in Roswell and has been interviewed hundreds of times. His story hasn't changed since I first spoke to him more than 20 years ago. Incidentally he also had been a bombardier on 30 raids over Japan and dropped the instrument package over one of the Crossroads tests.. He issued the press release because he was ordered to do so by Colonel William Blanchard, Commander of the 509th and of Roswell Army Air Field. Before suggesting he must have been incompetent, as have some who haven't done their homework, I should add he was a member of the West Point All Star class of 1938, became a 4 star general by the time he was 48 and was Vice Chief of Staff of the USAF when he died of a massive heart attack at the Pentagon in 1966. There was ,of course, a lengthy obituary in the NY times. Doesn't sound much like he was thought to be incompetent, does it?

It was stated that Blanchard retracted the press release 4 hours later. This is nonsense. Blanchard's boss, General Roger Ramey in Fort Worth, Texas, (Blanchard was in Roswell) issued a new story after being informed by his Chief of Staff, Colonel Thomas J. DuBose that Ramey's boss, General Clements McMullen, had given orders to cover up the story. I heard that first hand from retired General DuBose whose testimony is available on film. He was a West Pointer as well and had 18,000 hours as a pilot and set up the USAF Search and Rescue command. No slouch at all.

D. Why do you show only the Roswell Daily Record? After all there were front page headline stories in the Chicago Daily News, the Sacramento Bee, the Los Angeles Herald Express, the Spokane Chronicle, etc all evening papers for July 8. The West coast papers in general had done a lot of checking before publishing detailed articles. Too bad you did none.

E Where did the comment come from about bodies cold to touch?

F. The notion that Pilot Kittinger was the red haired officer is more absurdity. After all he wasn't at the Roswell hospital until 1959. I was the first to hear 2 independent stories about a nasty red haired officer and a black seargeant.. Both events taking place in 1947. Has the air force invented time travel? There is no other way to get crash test dummies, all of whom were the height and weight of pilots, back to 1947 from 1953 at the earliest or to get Kittinger to the Roswell hospital in 1947. This is flat out fiction.

G. Why did you not talk to others still alive who had first hand involvement such as Jesse A. Marcel Jr. , a medical doctor, who handled wreckage, has served on military aircraft accident investigative teams and was a pilot? Or Loretta Proctor,

neighbor of Mack Brazel, who handled wreckage? or Mack Brazel's son Bill who found strange (thin strong memory material) wreckage out in the pasture? How about the sheriff's two daughters? All this testimony has been readily available for many years

H. One of the first things Major Jesse Marcel told me is that there was nothing conventional to be found on the debris field.. No wires, no vacuum tubes, no rivets. He was very familiar with aircraft and aircraft wreckage and balloons and radar reflectors and rockets. The notion that he wouldn't have recognized balloon wreckage or radar reflectors is frankly absurd.. You are also implying that Blanchard, who had also served in the Pacific, would have ordered the press release and the B-29 flight with the wreckage brought back from the ranch and Marcel to Fort Worth is equally absurd, if all there was was totally conventional stuff. You know of any materials such as the I-beam like pieces with strange symbols that couldn't be cut, burned, or broken? Or memory metals that were like foil but couldn't be cut and, when folded over and over, would unfold on their own? Why couldn't the USAF find any of that toymaker tape in the pictures taken in Ramey's office?

I. Brazel didn't make his discovery on July 5. It was earlier. He did go to the store-pool hall in Corona on the 5 th which is when, not having electricity or a phone or a radio, he first heard about all the saucer sightings and a reward and was told he ought to go to the Sheriff in Roswell which he did on the 6th NOT on the 7th as you claimed.. You made it sound as though Sheriff Wilcox looked in the phone book to find a nearby Air Base. There was a standing arrangement that anything that might effect the military would be reported to Roswell Army Air Field. There was no other base in the area.

J. I have met with Dr. Schirmer, Dr. Moore, Mr. Gildenberg. They haven't investigated the case. They have made proclamation after proclamation about 2nd and third hand testimony. Why use the term "conspiracy theorist" so many times without ever justifying it? Who are these theorists? I began the investigation and have always provided evidence for the claims that I make which is more than can be said for your trio. They have actually created a conspiracy theory namely that a bunch of stupid UFO researchers and lying witnesses have created a fantastic story for fun and profit. This, of course, ignores the fact that loads of testimony was obtained by us serious researchers long before the cameras started rolling. My phone bills used to run several hundred dollars a month.

By the way, I do know something about security having worked as a nuclear physicist on a wide variety of highly classified advanced nuclear and space system programs for such companies as General Electric, General Motors, Westinghouse, TRW Systems, McDonnell Douglas, and Aerojet General Nucleonics.. I have also been to 19 different government document archives.

Just how much experience with security has Dr. Schirmer had?

K. What was this nonsense about a 1956 plane crash somehow confusing Glenn Dennis about bodies at the base in 1947? A few years ago I went with Glenn to the Ballard funeral home. We reviewed records with full permission of the operator there who obviously respected Glenn. There were a number of military plane crashes for which he handled the bodies even after bad fires. That was his job. No possible way such a crash could have confused him. Yet another false conspiracy theory from your trio.

L. At one point early on in the program the word UFO was used. Sorry. It was not used until after 1951. Several times when showing balloons and talking about Mogul you showed tear drop shaped polyethylene balloons. Round standard Neoprene balloons were used for all MOGUL launches before July ... The same kind that Mack had retrieved. And that rapidly diisintegrate in the sun.

In summary then, the History Channel has presented myth and propaganda in the guise of truth.

You have supplied misrepresentation instead of investigative

journalism. You should be ashamed and should apologize to your audience. It seems to me you have also violated FCC rules with regard to fairness, honesty, and accuracy in so doing. My colleagues and I would be happy to debate your trio of amateurs any time. I would suggest that they do their homework first.

Cordially,

Stanton T. Friedman

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<snip>

>>Santilli's dupe apparently has the right edge code,  
>>and Bob Shell's dupe is made of acetate propionate.

>No one, to my knowledge has seen the "right edge code"  
>on any film supplied by Santilli. The only edge codes  
>were provide by Santilli and/or Shell from a copy/fax of  
>the edge codes. There was no film attached to the edge  
>codes.

This is exactly why I said "apparently." The current status of the claim, at least by implication, is that the dupes have the edge codes. That is what Bob and Ray, I believe, would have to say, if pressed, although I've not seen anyone previously remark on this.

>Shell's film had no edge  
>codes. They were conveniently torn off.

Well, not according to John Powell's piece (with you) "Bob Shell, in His Own Words":

----- Begin text "Bob Shell in His Own Words" -----

10/11/95 - "Yes, the strip Bob Kiviat has is also minus one edge. I'm told that much of the film is in this condition. However, that may argue more for it being genuine than the other way round. The missing edge is not the side on which the geometric code would appear."

That's odd, the edge codes should be present on the side of the film strip that isn't missing yet they aren't there. This is especially odd since those "geometric codes appear throughout the rolls of film, as they do on any Kodak film..." Perhaps this will be explained at a later date???

----- End text "Bob Shell in His Own Words" -----

In fact, it is explained in Bob Shell's 11-19-95 email to John Powell and you, "Neither of these pieces of film has the edge codes, but these appear about once every foot throughout the film, and these are pieces only a little over an inch in length each."

<snip of balance of Rebecca's post, where she and I agree completely>

Re: Alien Autopsy

Best ,

Keith

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>>>>Stig

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>>>>Roswell UFO Bombshell

>>>>by Jim Keith

>>>List:

>>Stanton Friedman says"

>>>This Article by Keith is mostly nonsense. He couldn't even get  
>>>the basic facts right. For example.

>>>1. In my first conversation with Major Jesse Marcel in 1978 he  
>>>stated that the wreckage was strewn over an area many hundreds  
>>>of yards long. Most of it was very lightweight and there was  
>>>nothing that looked like a disc and no conventional material at  
>>>all. Even the Roswell Daily Record article on July 9, 1947 said  
>>>the wreckage covered an area 200 yards in diameter. Marcel is in  
>>>my movie UFOS AreReal shot in 1979.

Stanton's reply:

>What Marcel says in my movie is 3/4 of a mile long and over 100  
>years wide. He had concluded that in the absence of a crater  
>there must have been a mid air explosion.

Well, I'd stick with that as it gives your story-line more  
credibility.

>>While I can't speak for Keith's article one of the problems I've

>>always had with the story of the "Roswell Crash" debris is how  
>>no one describes debris field that is really large. As time  
>>goes by distortions occur with memory. Even if Marcel's 1978  
>>estimate of "many hundreds of yards long" is correct it seems  
>>too small.

>The vehicle observed by Civil Engineer Barney Barnett in the  
>Plains of San Augustine which came down almost intact was less  
>than 30' in diameter. A saucer shaped craft would have a much  
>lower surface to volume ration than something with wings.

>>If only "200 yards in diameter," as you say the Roswell Daily  
>>Record stated just days after the event, the wreckage is far too  
>>small. Much, of course, depends on how the wreckage came down.  
>>Did the alleged UFO explode in mid-flight or come down largely  
>>in one piece? If the former, at what altitude and what speed was  
>>it travelling at?

Stanton's reply:

>Apparently the Brazel Ranch saucer exploded in mid air with a  
>crew compartment observed a few miles away. The Plains saucer  
>was almost intact. May have been a mid air collision resulting  
>from a lightning strike or running into a tracking radar beam  
>known to be on. Might well be very different from an F-4  
>exploding.

I would expect a debris field of miles long then; with larger  
pieces here and there. Where the heaviest pieces fell there  
would be craters. For instance, the largest piece of the F-4,  
the front of the fuselage, gouged out a groove about 25 feet  
long and several feet deep and wide as it came in.

>>On 3/06/94 an F-4 crashed near Franklin, Georgia. The F-4  
>>exploded in mid-flight at 800 feet high. It was traveling at 400  
>>knots when the mishap happened. The train of debris from only  
>>800 feet high was nearly a mile long; not hundreds of yards but  
>>thousands of feet. It was laid out nearly as straight as an  
>>arrow but the debris came down unevenly over the length of the

>>The largest piece was the front of the fuselage and was smaller  
>>than a VW beetle. The lightest stuff--such as fabric--fell first  
>>and the heaviest--such as engines, ect--interestingly fell much  
>>further along.

>>Now assuming the "saucer" of Roswell exploded in mid-air I would  
>>expect the debris train to be at least as long as an F-4 would  
>>make under the identical circumstances. An F-4, while a good  
>>size jet plane, is by no means a transport or airliner. If the  
>>"saucer" was higher than 800 feet and going faster than 400  
>>knots the train should've been much longer and wider; most  
>>likely over miles.

>>I guess we could argue that if the "saucer," or whatever shape  
>>craft is claimed, was alien in origin that it was made of  
>>tougher stuff than an F-4 is made of and, thus, would have held  
>>together better. However, since we don't know the exact  
>>circumstances of the "saucer's" demise or construction it's all  
>>speculation.

>The observations of those on the scene later are not  
>speculation. Marcel, Rickett, .

And what about Marcel's civilian counterpart who was also there?  
Who is still alive? I guess he's just a certified liar? Why do  
you try so hard to ignore what is there now to say the Roswell  
crash was not an alien event?

>>>7. Professor  
>Burdakov of the USSR claimed that Dr. Korololev  
>>(sp?) was asked by Stalin to review saucer data and concluded  
>>that they are a real. He was the Soviet analog of Werner von  
>>Braun...

>>I have believed for a long time that what was an accident by the  
>>USAF was turned into, perhaps, the greatest disinformation ploy  
>>done during the Cold War: The United States in time following  
>>the Roswell incident did nothing to discourage the Soviets from  
>>thinking we had one ace the Soviets would never have: alien  
>>technology.



Stanton's reply:

>What accident with what equipment involved? Supposedly according  
>to Burdakov, Korollev's input came from spy information,  
>presumably from Los Alamos where we know some wreckage was taken  
>Marcel was familiar with aircraft accidents. The material was  
>very different and no conventional materials were found. There  
>were plenty of airplane accidents in New Mexico.

I talking about a Project Mongul balloon that went down, as the  
USAF, now says and the accident was Colonel Blanchard okaying to  
put out the press release that the Army Air Corps had recovered  
a "flying saucer."

>>I suspect we already knew by the summer of 1947 that the Soviets  
>>had or were close to having their own nuclear weapons. But we  
>>now had something more potent than nuclear bombs with the  
>>"Roswell Recovery."

Stanton's reply:

>I have seen NSC meeting notes indicating the Russians weren't  
>expected to have nuclear weapons until the early 1950s.. and  
>weren't in 1947 known to have delivery systems. Interesting plot  
>line but where is the evidence? As noted in Crash at Corona and  
>several other books the case for a crashed saucer is very  
>strong.

Well, they were wrong! And I suspect many did think they could  
have it earlier. The Russians at the end of the war, like us and  
our allies, got their quota of German scientists. They also got  
some who had worked on heavy water projects. Only the most  
dim-witted and short-sighted after WWII would've thought that  
the Russians weren't working on their own A-bomb projects.

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in 1951 for giving  
some of our atomic bomb secrets away. They had been feeding info  
for a long time. The Russians, as another post to you correctly  
says, detonated their first bomb before then.

I'm saying that the U.S. did nothing later to discourage the  
Soviets from believing we had no alien technology. What was a  
screw-up by Blanchard was forgiven later as some Brass probably  
thought, "What would it hurt if the Soviets thought we had  
something." This would be especially true after the Soviets  
denotated their first bomb.

>>Stalin, who routinely condemned to death millions for many  
>>reasons far less than making a public announcement mistake,  
>>couldn't believe the USAF could make such a huge error with  
>>their public announcement of recovering a "saucer."

Stanton's reply:

>What is the basis for this claim about Stalin's belief? Marcel  
>was the Intelligence Officer for the most elite military group  
>in the world. Blanchard went on to high office. The AAF people  
>certainly weren't punished. Interesting speculation but in over  
>20 years of Roswell investigation, I have seen no basis for this  
>claim

As you have pointed out yourself, the Roswell saucer story was  
all over the newspapers in the U.S and carried overseas by some  
news outlets. Are we to believe that the Soviets had no interest  
in this at all? I have seen this quote that Keith uses before. I  
confess I don't have any intimate knowledge to know for sure  
that Stalin was personally involved.

If you want to see what intrigues the Soviets went in scheming,  
misinterperiting, and putting out disinformatin/misinformation, I  
suggest you read Armand Moss's fine book: "Misinformation,  
Disinfomation and the JFK Conspiracy Exposed." There are also  
several books out by former Soviet intelligence agents who show  
what paranoid thoughts Communist leaders entertained. The  
Roswell saucer story would have been discussed at all levels, if  
for nothing else, because it did get brief, but HIGH, publicity.

The Army Air Corps quick "blow-it-away response would've seen  
most suspicious; as it still does today. What really happened is  
the press of this country just let it go right through their

radar screens instead of airing the story out. They should have gone after those witnesses like never before. But they were so trusting of our military then, after the flush of victory in World War II, they took the retract of the story at face value.

Of course, the Press has often been non-performing in their duties; still are. On the other hand, I suspect if they had done a "Watergate press" back then on the story we would've found out for sure that this was no UFO crash! This also explains why the locals buried the story so quickly.

This stuff of some relatives of alleged deceased witnesses seeing debris and being threaten by the military to keep their mouths shut doesn't wash. I'm sure some of these folks must have been WWII vets. As Jessie James found out in Northfield ,Minnesota the Union Civil War veterans weren't afraid of his reputation! The WWII vets if threated with such nonsense I'm sure would at least responded vocally what they thought of such talk and armed themselves appropriately. The fact is there is no concrete proof that multiple, reliable witnesses saw anything that was extraterrestrial.

The only witness that I've heard that could be considered reliable is Marcel. A witness who made a colossal mistake. His son doesn't count. He was young and if my dad brought home something and said "Isn't this strange?" I would agree and be left with that memomy for the rest of my life. Again, why doesn't the one other witness who was there support Marcel?

>>The USAF retracting their statement so quickly probably only  
>>convinced him and others in power then that the USAF really did  
>>recover alien technology. The USAF with their follow-up and  
>>clumsy denials since then have help keep this story alive for  
>>Moscow and others to believe.

Stanton's reply:

>You sure won't find much in the way of AAF (The USAF didn't  
>exist until September 1947.) comment between July of 1947 and  
>1994.. Not much follow up. I certainly agree the recent coverup  
>was clumsy.

I'm well aware that at the time of the Roswell incident that the Army still had the Air Force. I used USAF only to simplify matters. Their attempts in the '90s have been most clumsy and embarrassing. Why even comment on all this now? It only brings more attention to the matter. Maybe, because there is a larger secret that Project Mongul. Who knows how much time, money and effort was wasted by the Soviets on UFO related projects because of them thinking that the U.S had a recovered disk?

Time now still being wasted by the Russians.

This is why the USAF may still keep parading old colonels out to put out such nonsense as "dummies" falling from the sky. Maybe they are in a slight panic that the greatest Cold-War disinformation ploy will be found. I can think of no other reason for their foot-in-mouth attempts to kill this story.

>>That's the real secret of Roswell: An accidental but  
>>disinformation masterpiece that still goes on today. It also,  
>>perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and  
>>poor Major Marcel never got promoted again. They did, afterall,  
>>need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

>Major Marcel did get promoted. He was never the fall guy until  
>the TV Showtime Roswell show. invented that story..

I believe it was customary for officers in the military then, when they retired, to be advanced one rank. Is this the type promotion you speak of? If so, that doesn't count. Blanchard's career was not hurt as it should have been for screwing-up. But as years passed and the Soviets denotated their first bomb all was forgiven. The Roswell alien story was not a bad thing afterall.

It was Blanchard's mistake, as he was in command. And at least in the 1940s, in the military, the "buck stops here." His mistake should've been a career stopper. It wasn't but there isn't a thread of proof that will now stand up to prove the Roswell or Corona--yes, I bought your book--crash involved alien

technology. So why did he make it past a level that most officers are never expected to see?

My "plot line," as you call it, looks better and better. The difference between you and me is that I will agree it is only a plausible story-line. Your's is too. When its all said and done, with no proof, it's only entertainment.

>>John C. Thompson

Stanton's reply:

>Obviously I believe this is an interesting plot line with  
>nothing to support it and much to contradict it. Jim Keith's  
>story line of course is wholly imaginary. The material was very  
>lightweight and very strong.. hardly concrete in a dummy bomb.

>Stanton Friedman

Actually, it is "an interesting plot line" that is more plausible than your story-line. Please find one living, reliable witness that will back your story-line. The F-4 crash involved nearly 300 soldiers doing a search and they were in Heard County, Georgia for over three weeks. Hundreds of civilians also saw the crash despite it being in one of the most remote areas of West Georgia. Most were there within 15 minutes!

I can tell you when something this big comes down it makes a hell-of-a wallop. A thud that can be heard for miles around; one that shakes houses. I realise that the Roswell area in the late '40s is even more remote but you couldn't keep something like this under wraps; no way!

Thousands, maybe tens of thousands, would've been on the Roswell saucer crash over the years if it was true. If only the same number turned out for the alleged saucer crash--I would suspect many more for that!--as the F-4 crash, most would've been young soldiers of only 18-25 years old. No, officers don't pick up that stuff!

These young enlisted individuals, if alive, would be 70-75 years old now. As there are still quite a few older WWII vets alive they're should be I would, suspect, be at least 50 of these individuals alive. Why haven't some these young soldiers come forth? I just don't by all this security business after all these years. Yes, I know what a security clearance and the penalties involved are. I never had a top-secret or whatever you want to call it, but I did once hold a Q clearance.

I have interviewed lots of witnesses for sensational events; including an alleged crash here in Georgia. What you got to remember is that even good well-intentional folks, as I suspect Major Marcel was, make mistakes. Then there is always a certain percentage of idiots and liars that will come out of the woodwork to feed on the alleged event if it publicized enough.

Proof is all that matters. There is zero proof that the Roswell crash involved a vehicle of alien manufacture.

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As a longtime film producer and film archivist, I am the first person to bring up the information about film edge codes to Ray Santilli. When that happened it threw this subject in a new direction. It seemed to me that from there an attempt to back engineer such forensic material was attempted.

I was asked by Bob Kiviat to appear on the show on the Alien Autopsy for Fox Network and analyze some snips of the Santilli footage. I explained that while I made made public the information about Kodak edge codes, that there were several other tests of archival film elements which I could employ, but I have not to this date made public what they were. Hence, this information has not been back engineered by anyone and no attempt has been made to use these tests to prove the film is what it is claimed to be.

Needless to say, when I stated I could prove conclusively what the film was..... I was dropped from the Fox Show and did not appear for Kiviat to analyze such film fragments, if such may exist at all.

When the German TV network RTL was doing a show on the Alien Autopsy, they asked me to appear on the show and comment about it. Having produced Science Fiction/Horror films in Hollywood, I demonstrated similar appearing effects in an operation scene from a movie. Further, looking at the Fox Documentary, I enlarged some frames of the alleged original Alien Autopsy old film cans and the information bore the title of a 1920s silent movie comedy.

Whoever passed these cans off on that show as the original old film reels and cans added a further false piece of evidence into an already questionable topic. If Santilli or anybody else connected with this so-called Alien Autopsy had evidence proving this was genuine, they should have loudly protested anything false being added to the subject to further contaminate it.

I have a dozen other reasons for believing that the Alien Autopsy film is an outright fraud and to date nothing had been produced to have me change my opinion.

- Sam Sherman

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## Re: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell'

From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 12:46:23 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 17:28:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell'

>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 11:56:25 -0400  
>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Subject: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell' Documentary  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>OPEN LETTER

>History Channel  
>235 East 45th St.  
>New York, NY 10017  
>USA

>December 21, 1999

>Subject: December 13, 1999 program Roswell: Secrets Revealed

>Dear History Channel

>As the nuclear physicist who began the civilian investigation of  
>the Roswell Incident back in the 1970s, who has co-authored a  
>book "Crash at Corona: The Definitive Story of the Roswell  
>Incident" and numerous papers about Roswell, and, of course, was  
>the first to talk to many of the key witnesses (almost all of  
>whom you somehow missed), I naturally viewed the subject program  
>with great interest, especially since I was in Roswell on  
>December 13... I must congratulate you on providing a  
>Masterpiece of Misrepresentation. A splendid example of  
>propaganda, excellent for teaching purposes. You demonstrated  
>the primary rules such as selective choice of data, false  
>reasoning, positive and negative name calling. You also  
>demonstrated the 4 basic rules of UFO debunkery:

Many thanks for making many of my points here. I should've just waited for this posting first! On the ones you don't make you might direct the History Channel to see the July 1997 MUFON issue that was dedicated to Roswell. Might give them some other folks to talk to.

>.. You have  
>blindly accepted a fairly recent statement by Cavitt to Colonel Weaver about him recalling it was just a balloon covering an area only 20' square and easily fitting in one vehicle.  
>Apparently Cavitt wasn't told it was supposed to be a MOGUL balloon which included 23 standard helium filled neoprene balloons (at 20' intervals) and a whole bunch of radar reflectors, sonobuoys, ballast tanks, etc all strung together.  
>Some small pile. Of course Cavitt hadn't remembered that simple fact when asked many times by many people for the previous 15 years, even denying that he had been on the base at the time.

Was is Marcel a better witness than Cavitt? Is it because Cavitt doesn't agree with you?

>... He issued the press release because he  
>was ordered to do so by Colonel William Blanchard, Commander of the 509th and of Roswell Army Air Field. Before suggesting he must have been incompetent, as have some who haven't done their homework, I should add he was a member of the West Point All Star class of 1938, became a 4 star general by the time he was

>48 and was Vice Chief of Staff of the USAF when he died of a  
>massive heart attack at the Pentagon in 1966. There was ,of  
>course, a lengthy obituary in the NY times. Doesn't sound much  
>like he was thought to be incompetent, does it?

My... He did fly high!

>D. Why do you show only the Roswell Daily Record? After all  
>there were front page headline stories in the Chicago Daily  
>News, the Sacramento Bee, the Los Angeles Herald Express, the  
>Spokane Chronicle, etc all evening papers for July 8. The West  
>coast papers in general had done a lot of checking before  
>publishing detailed articles. Too bad you did none.

Yes. It was all over and everybody, including the Soviets,  
took notice.

>...Has the air force invented time travel?  
>There is no other way to get crash test dummies, all of whom  
>were the height and weight of pilots, back to 1947 from 1953  
>...this is flat out fiction.

I agree

>G. Why did you not talk to others still alive who had first hand  
>involvement such as Jesse A. Marcel Jr. , a medical doctor, who  
>handled wreckage, has served on military aircraft accident  
>investigative teams and was a pilot? Or Loretta Proctor,  
>neighbor of Mack Brazel, who handled wreckage? or Mack Brazel's  
>son Bill who found strange (thin strong memory material)  
>wreckage out in the pasture? How about the sheriff's two  
>daughters? All this testimony has been readily available for  
>many years

One dead and mistaken; two not grown; the rest only heresay.

>H. One of the first things Major Jesse Marcel told me is that  
>there was nothing conventional to be found on the debris field..  
>No wires, no vacuum tubes, no rivets. He was very familiar with  
>aircraft and aircraft wreckage and balloons and radar reflectors  
>and rockets. The notion that he wouldn't have recognized balloon  
>wreckage or radar reflectors is frankly absurd.. You are also  
>implying that Blanchard, who had also served in the Pacific,  
>would have ordered the press release and the B-29 flight with  
>the wreckage brought back from the ranch and Marcel to Fort  
>Worth is equally absurd, if all there was was totally  
>conventional stuff. You know of any materials such as the I-beam  
>like pieces with strange symbols that couldn't be cut, burned,  
>or broken? Or memory metals that were like foil but couldn't be  
>cut and, when folded over and over, would unfold on their own?  
>Why couldn't the USAF find any of that toymaker tape in the  
>pictures taken in Ramey's office?

>I. Brazel didn't make his discovery on July 5. It was earlier.  
>He did go to the store-pool hall in Corona on the 5 th which is  
>when, not having electricity or a phone or a radio, he first  
>heard about all the saucer sightings and a reward and was told  
>he ought to go to the Sheriff in Roswell which he did on the 6th  
>NOT on the 7th as you claimed.. You made it sound as though  
>Sherif Wilcox looked in the phone book to find a nearby Air  
>Base. There was a standing arrangement that anything that might  
>effect the military would be reported to Roswell Army Air Field.  
>There was no other base in the area.

>J. I have met with Dr. Schirmer, Dr. Moore, Mr. Gildenberg. They  
>haven't investigated the case. They have made proclamation after  
>proclamation about 2nd and third hand testimony. Why use the  
>term "conspiracy theorist" so many times without ever justifying  
>it? Who are these theorists? I began the investigation and have  
>always provided evidence for the claims that I make which is  
>more than can be said for your trio. They have actually created  
>a conspiracy theory namely that a bunch of stupid UFO  
>researchers and lying witnesses have created a fantastic story  
>for fun and profit. This, of course, ignores the fact that loads  
>of testimony was obtained by us serious researchers long before  
>the cameras started rolling. My phone bills used to run several  
>hundred dollars a month.

>By the way, I do know something about security having worked as  
>a nuclear physicist on a wide variety of highly classified  
>advanced nuclear and space system programs for such companies as



>General Electric, General Motors, Westinghouse, TRW Systems,  
>McDonnell Douglas, and Aerojet General Nucleonics.. I have also  
>been to 19 different government document archives.

>Just how much experience with security has Dr. Schirmer had?

>K.What was this nonsense about a 1956 plane crash somehow  
>confusing Glenn Dennis about bodies at the base in 1947? A few  
>years ago I went with Glenn to the Ballard funeral home. We  
>reviewed records with full permission of the operator there who  
>obviously respected Glenn. There were a number of military plane  
>crashes for which he handled the bodies even after bad fires.  
>That was his job. No possible way such a crash could have  
>confused him. Yet another false conspiracy theory from your  
>trio.

I notice you don't mention the other part in the History Channel  
where they basically say that Glenn is lying about the nurse he  
knows who saw the alien bodies; that no one can even find she  
ever existed! On that alone he is open to challenge on  
everything he says. Do not do so is "selected journalism."

>L. At one point early on in the program the word UFO was used.  
>Sorry. It was not used until after 1951. Several times when  
>showing balloons and talking about Mogul you showed tear drop  
>shaped polyethylene balloons. Round standard Neoprene balloons  
>were used for all MOGUL launches before July ... The same kind  
>that Mack had retrieved. And that rapidly diisintegrate in the  
>sun.

Like your 1947 remark about me using "USAF". It doesn't matter;  
they used the term UFOs as that is what "flying saucers" have  
become.

>In summary then, the History Channel has presented myth and  
>propaganda in the guise of truth.

>You have supplied misrepresentation instead of investigative  
>journalism. You should be ashamed and should apologize to your  
>audience. It seems to me you have also violated FCC rules with  
>regard to fairness, honesty, and accuracy in so doing. My  
>colleagues and I would be happy to debate your trio of amateurs  
>any time. I would suggest that they do their homework first.

>Cordially,

>Stanton T. Friedman

>Enclosures.

They have nothing to apologize for. I found it the most  
enlightening and encompassing documentary on Roswell done. With  
the exception of the "dummy" story, excellent!

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From: **Karl T. Pflock** <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 13:02:51 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 17:31:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

>From: Karl T. Pflock <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 19:51:51 EST  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View  
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So where the heck are my contributor's copies? Guess I'll look in my stocking...

As for the rest of you, buy the dang thang, if for nothing else MY article therein.

-- Cheers, KARL

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## Re: Seasons Greetings

From: Henny van der Pluijm <[hvdp@worldonline.nl](mailto:hvdp@worldonline.nl)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 02:40:54 +0100 (MET)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 08:42:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Seasons Greetings

>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 15:56:12 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Sheree Cox <[cox@mcmail.cis.McMaster.CA](mailto:cox@mcmail.cis.McMaster.CA)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Seasons Greetings

>Hello all:

>I would like to wish everyone on the list a Merry Christmas  
>and a safe and wonderful New Year.

Please, please, please.

I've too many Christmas and new year greetings already.  
Besides the postcards that keep rolling in I already have to  
delete a dozen or so emails per day with silly Christmas  
greetings. And I still have to delete all the attachments  
on my hard disk.

Christmas is a Germanic pagan tradition and originally had  
nothing to do with religion in the first place. Besides that,  
the first evidence has yet to be found that Jesus ever existed  
and the dating of the new year is totally arbitrary.

So please, I don't want dozens of silly seasons greetings in my  
email box.

Groeten,  
Henny

[Okay, so have a Bumhug from Ms Cox and I then --ebk]

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>BTW... One of our busiest years yet!

Hi Bill and List,

It would be kind of nice to be able to dump a load of UFO reports on this guy, wouldn't it. By early Spring Will Roberts and I hope to have a comprehensive website and program for attracting and tracking UFO reports, up and running for Nova Scotia and surrounding areas.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 00:16:05 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 08:51:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>From: michael mchugh <[mcmchugh99@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmchugh99@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 21:13:06 -0800 <>  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 08:51:38 -0500  
>Subject: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

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>PS: From time to time, I've read debates about whether Col.  
>Blanchard, the base commander at Roswell, approved the 1947  
>press release about the "flying disc." Anyone who has ever been  
>in the military knows that he must have. This was no routine  
>announcement about an upcoming ice cream social, but information  
>that was bound to send the press into a feeding frenzy.

>Blanchard ordered Marcel to investigate the crash, and report  
>back. Then he issued the press release, and informed his  
>superiors about it. This is how chain of command operates in  
>the military: it never changes.

Mike, Listers:

I have often wondered about this. Blanchard went on leave. Has anyone ever determined who was acting Commander when he was gone?

Of course there are more than one possibility: Blanchard approved; someone else approved; Marcel did it. We know what the "book" answer is, but does anyone really know who approved what?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: On False Memory

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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 21:57:59 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 08:58:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: On False Memory

>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 1999 03:42:56 -0500  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: On False Memory - a comment  
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Hello list ,John.

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>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Steve writes:

>>Members,

>>After reviewing the 20 or so posts of this lively and  
>>interesting thread, I was forcibly grabbed by this thought:

><snip>

>>A very good case could be made that these experiencers,  
>>abductees, or whatever they wish to be called, are the only  
>>"sane" people involved in this ongoing human fiasco.

Experiencers, indeed while I haven't been abducted , I certainly  
have had my share of inexplicable incidents,quite recently I  
might add.

>>Steve Bassett

>Hi Steve,

>You have no idea how rarely that 'theory' of yours gets tabled!  
>It has never ceased to amaze me how the possibility that 'some  
>folks' are simply reporting the truth of events they had to live  
>through, is beyond consideration for so many.

You know it might be that our modern, analytical mind set might  
demand empirical results:When the real answer might be something  
else : Faeries, if nothing else, or ,more likely Demons or  
worse.

>I 'see' your comment and I 'raise' you one! :)

We live in a world that gravitates to the lowest denominator and  
as a believer in the fallen nature of humanity (and in a God who  
is there) The media is reflecting our devolution,I believe.  
Anything that proves otherwise or indicates that we are living  
in a universe that isn't what it seems, that isn't of mud or  
blood , can't be real. Therefore any one who disagrees is a:  
nut, religious fanatic, or simply deluded.

>We live in a world where the basest aspects/parts of humanity  
>are given all the press, emphasis and attention. Everybody is so  
>leery and paranoid of one another that a simple concept like  
>"taking a man or woman at their word" is almost universally  
>accepted as a patent absurdity. The 'Law of the Land' re:  
>experiencers is, "guilty until proven innocent!" If it was the

>other way around, we would have gotten a serious and thorough  
>investigation long before now.

Well, now you've just defined our modern legal system, speech is now regulated on a national level in the USA, and the news media is a monopolistic enterprise(without regard to any Network) and tries to define what is , well, normal behaviour in sheeple (and also keep them from thinking) just chew your cud and stay quiet."Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain....."(also the whole system plays to the Napolianic code whether in the media or legal areas)-absouletly.

>You read the list. We are basically the brunt of jokes, pity,  
>derision, and (even more recently,) a form of extreme 'right  
>wing' skepticism that proposes: "Let's lock all of them sexual  
>pervs up in mental institutions and forget em" type of thing.  
>You know, the run of the mill 'Party Line' for card carrying  
>morons and \_bigots\_.

It isn't just "pervs" but those who know that things aren't what they seem and are vocal about it.

>Thank you for giving us the benefit of the doubt. I don't  
>encounter it often. Most are so preoccupied looking for an  
>'angle' that they never quite get the import/implications of  
>dismissing or ignoring what is being reported. It \_never\_ occurs  
>to them that what they are hearing from their neighbors "may be"  
>the \_accurate\_ reports of \_honest\_ men and women who care enough  
>about their fellows to risk ridicule and social rejection.

Right on John right on.

>As far as I'm concerned the biggest contribution I can make to  
>society right now is to 'report' and stand my ground no matter  
>what the personal cost. It's that important.

>John Velez, Graphic artist, self employed business person,  
>homeowner, married 30 years, father of two, grandfather of two,  
>abductee.

GT McCoy

-Former Professional Pilot , now Real Estate salesperson, Happly  
Married, no children, two cats, one intimidated (by the cats)  
Schnauzer.

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

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>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
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>>1. In my first conversation with Major Jesse Marcel in 1978 he  
>>stated that the wreckage was strewn over an area many hundreds  
>>of yards long. Most of it was very lightweight and there was  
>>nothing that looked like a disc and no conventional material at  
>>all. Even the Roswell Daily Record article on July 9, 1947 said  
>>the wreckage covered an area 200 yards in diameter. Marcel is in  
>>my movie UFOS Are Real shot in 1979.

>While I can't speak for Keith's article one of the problems I've  
>always had with the story of the "Roswell Crash" debris is how  
>no one describes debris field that is really large. As time  
>goes by distortions occur with memory. Even if Marcel's 1978  
>estimate of "many hundreds of yards long" is correct it seems  
>too small.

Marcel when interviewed actually placed the debris field at 3/4  
of a mile long by 200-300 feet wide. Bill Brazel thought his  
father said it was 1/4 mile long by 200-300 feet wide. Some  
news stories from July 9, 1947, based apparently on information  
that came out of Fort Worth AAF, stated that the debris was  
scattered over a square mile. Tommy Tyree, a later Brazel Sr.  
ranchhand, said Brazel complained that his sheep wouldn't cross  
the debris field to get to water, forcing him to drive his sheep  
a mile out of his way. This suggests a debris field that was at  
least 1/2 mile in one of its dimensions. Bill Brazel took  
researchers to the north end of the debris field where he said  
he saw a gouge, whereas a neighboring rancher took them to the  
south end where he said he saw some pieces and was chased away  
by MPs. The separation between these two points was about 3/4  
mile.

Taken collectively, testimony suggests a debris field at least  
1/4 mile in extent in one dimension and probably more like 1/2  
to 1 mile in extent.

>If only "200 yards in diameter," as you say the Roswell Daily  
>Record stated just days after the event,

One day later: July 9. The press release and the first  
debunking were July 8. That was from Brazel's interview of July  
8, which according to about 10 different witnesses, was done  
with him under military escort. After that, they held him at  
the base for another week. Such testimony would be thrown out of  
court as likely tainted by duress.

>the wreckage is far too small.

No, you just aren't too familiar with the details. Not only  
were there several reports of it being widely spread out, there

was other testimony, including that from Marcel, of there being large quantities of it.

>Much, of course, depends on how the wreckage came down. Did  
>the alleged UFO explode in mid-flight or come down largely in  
>one piece? If the former, at what altitude and what speed was it  
>travelling at?

>On 3/06/94 an F-4 crashed near Franklin, Georgia. The F-4  
>exploded in mid-flight at 800 feet high. It was traveling at 400  
>knots when the mishap happened. The train of debris from only  
>800 feet high was nearly a mile long; not hundreds of yards but  
>thousands of feet.

Or exactly in accordance with what Marcel actually said.  
Marcel was of the opinion that it had exploded in flight while  
travelling at high speed.

>It was laid out nearly as straight as an arrow

Or just like Marcel said.

>but the debris came down unevenly over the length of the  
>field of fall.

Also like Marcel said. He used the distribution to determine  
the likely direction of travel.

>The largest piece was the front of the fuselage and was smaller  
>than a VW beetle. The lightest stuff--such as fabric--fell first  
>and the heaviest--such as engines, ect--interestingly fell much  
>further along.

All the Roswell stuff was reported as being light in weight by  
various witnesses.

>Now assuming the "saucer" of Roswell exploded in mid-air I would  
>expect the debris train to be at least as long as an F-4 would  
>make under the identical circumstances.

So your expectations match what Marcel said, don't they? He was  
the principal crash investigator, at least initially.

>An F-4, . while a good  
>size jet plane, is by no means a transport or airliner. If the  
>"saucer" was higher than 800 feet and going faster than 400  
>knots the train should've been much longer and wider; most  
>likely over miles.

Since the stuff was reported as light in weight, it most likely  
would have exploded closer to the ground, since, at most, it was  
spread out over an area of a square mile or less, with most of  
it along a long, linear path, if we are to believe the  
testimony.

>I guess we could argue that if the "saucer," or whatever shape  
>craft is claimed, was alien in origin that it was made of  
>tougher stuff than an F-4 is made of and, thus, would have held  
>together better. However, since we don't know the exact  
>circumstances of the "saucer's" demise or construction it's all  
>speculation.

Certainly. A different pattern, e.g., would be created by a  
craft that blew up all at once from one that disintegrated  
"gracefully" over a period of time. The latter would be more  
likely to produce a long linear debris field composed of light  
materials.

>>7. Professor Burdakov of the USSR claimed that Dr. Korololev  
>>(sp?) was asked by Stalin to review saucer data and concluded  
>>that they are a real. He was the Soviet analog of Werner von  
>>Braun...

>I have believed for a long time that what was an accident

But what accident? -- that's the question.

>by the USAF was turned into, perhaps, the greatest disinformation ploy  
>done during the Cold War: The United States in time following  
>the Roswell incident did nothing to discourage the Soviets from  
>thinking we had one ace the Soviets would never have: alien technology.

So the theory you are trotting out is that counterintelligence, on the spur of the moment, dreamed up this fantastic ploy to scare Joseph Stalin with an alien boogeyman? Do you know who Joseph Stalin was?

>I suspect we already knew by the summer of 1947 that the Soviets had or were close to having their own nuclear weapons.

More factual errors. Historically, nothing of the sort was suspected or feared except by maybe a few. The vast majority of expert opinion was that the Soviets were backward technologically, had been ravaged by WWII, and it would probably be the mid-50's before they got the bomb. When they exploded their first in 1949, it came as a big surprise to almost everybody. Read, e.g., Richard Rhode's books on the subject.

>But we now had something more potent than nuclear bombs with the >"Roswell Recovery."

Thompson's alien boogeyman theory. On one hand we had the A-bomb, which Stalin knew was for real and was a devastating weapon. On the other hand, we have Thompson's hypothetical disinformation ploy, which Stalin could only guess at as being real and would not know what effect it would have, if any, even if it were for real. Then later came the H-bomb. Well according to Thompson, that didn't impress Stalin either. We needed something even more "potent" than the A-bomb or H-bomb to scare those Rooskies (giggle).

>Stalin, who routinely condemned to death millions for many >reasons far less than making a public announcement mistake, >couldn't believe the USAF could make such a huge error with >their public announcement of recovering a "saucer."

OK.

>The USAF retracting their statement so quickly probably only >convinced him and others in power then that the USAF really did >recover alien technology. The USAF with their follow-up and >clumsy denials since then have help keep this story alive for >Moscow and others to believe.

First of all, the Roswell story didn't begin to emerge in force for over another 30 years, and then had to be dug out. This doesn't sound to me like the USAF was trying very hard to "keep this story alive for Moscow and others to believe." The "clumsy denials" didn't begin publicly until 1994. If this was some clever disinformation ploy of AF counterintelligence to scare those evil Rooskies, then somebody had been asleep at the switch for nearly a half century.

Then we have the problem of the KGB never figuring out, even after a half century, that we don't have alien technology. Don't you think they would have figured this out after a few years? They had spies on the Manhattan Project, after all. They also had their own extensive military and intelligence presence that could determine whether the saucers were real or not and of non-human origin.

When you get right down to it, the only way that alien saucers, crashed or not, could be used as a disinformation ploy is if the other side had very good reason to believe that the saucers were real and of advanced technology.

Now why would the Russians and Stalin believe that if there was nothing to any of this business?

>That's the real secret of Roswell: An accidental but >disinformation masterpiece that still goes on today.

You're putting us on, right?

Could you provide some actual evidence to back up any of your nonsense? How about even one statement from a participant that your theory has any merit? I'm not asking for 100 witnesses, just one.

>It also, >perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and >poor Major Marcel never got promoted again.

More garbage. Marcel received a promotion to Lt. Colonel in the AF Reserve 4 months later, upon recommendation of two other participants, Col. Blanchard and Col. Dubose (Gen. Ramey's Chief of Staff). A few months later, Dubose also recommended that Marcel attend Staff Officer training school, usually considered grooming for future command officers. Only a year after Roswell, Gen. Ramey himself wrote that he thought Marcel was "outstanding" and future command officer material.

Marcel left the service 3 years later for reasons unrelated to Roswell. He had been a major for 5 years, not at all unusual for peacetime. Promotions to higher ranks tend to come slowly, even for West Point graduates, which Marcel was not. (He was a civilian who was drafted.) E.g., Eisenhower (heard of him?) was a major for 16 years after WWI before getting his promotion to Lt. Col. Nathan Twining (also a figure in the Roswell saga), later became AF Chief of Staff and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. However, before WWII began, he was stuck as a mere 2nd Lt. for 17 years, and as a Captain for 5 years before finally making Major in 1940. Marcel, by contrast, went from 2nd Lt. to Major in only 2 years during WWII.

Or, if you want another example, the current AF Chief of Staff is Gen. Michael Ryan. His dad was John Ryan, in 1947 Col. John Ryan, then Ramey's Operations Officer at Fort Worth. Ryan a year later replaced Blanchard at Roswell (writing incidentally at that time that Marcel's career was "most outstanding" and "most exemplary.") 20 years later during the Vietnam War, Gen. John Ryan was AF Chief of Staff and then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. His son Michael was a fighter pilot during these 8 years, was also "stuck" in rank as a Captain. And this was wartime and his Dad was the Man, and sonny still couldn't get a promotion.

So what can we conclude from the fact that Marcel didn't receive an active duty promotion after Roswell? Not a helluva lot apparently. Similar things happened to others who eventually ended up at the top -- people like Eisenhower, Twining, and Ryan. Yet this truly idiotic argument about Marcel not getting a promotion seems to be periodically dragged out, as if it tells us something, which it does not.

>They did, afterall, need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

Could you point to something factual to indicate that Marcel was made the "fall guy." During the event itself, Col. Blanchard's PIO Walter Haut was generally made the goat in the press for alleging miswriting and issuing the infamous press release. Blanchard himself was blamed for the press release. But nobody mentioned Marcel as being responsible (except perhaps an ambiguously worded Roswell Daily Record story). He was just the intelligence officer sent out to investigate and retrieve the object. I base these statements after looking at some 150 to 200 newspapers from that period. Marcel was not singled out for blame.

If you look at Marcel's career after Roswell, all you see is praise about the guy from senior officers. That includes people like Blanchard, Ryan, and Ramey. Admiral Blandy also wrote him a commendation for his work at the Bikini A-bomb tests a year before. Marcel also received two top secret appointments after Roswell. One was from the SAC, who wrote the Pentagon that they already had him in mind for a "key" position (A.F. Hdqtrs wanted him too). The second appointment was with the very project that detected the first Soviet A-blast. Does this sound like Marcel had fallen out of favor or was being made a "fall guy?"

The only time Marcel was made the "fall guy" was nearly 50 years later, first in the HBO Roswell movie, and then when the Roswell debunkers decided to trash the man so they could trash Roswell. That's the real history of what happened, not some goofball pelicanist theory of how Roswell was invented and somehow maintained to scare Stalin, for criminy sakes.

David Rudiak

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## Re: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell'

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>>Subject: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell' Documentary  
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>>OPEN LETTER

>>History Channel  
>>235 East 45th St.  
>>New York, NY 10017  
>>USA

>>December 21, 1999

>>Subject: December 13, 1999 program Roswell: Secrets Revealed

>>Dear History Channel

>>As the nuclear physicist who began the civilian investigation of  
>>the Roswell Incident back in the 1970s, who has co-authored a  
>>book "Crash at Corona: The Definitive Story of the Roswell  
>>Incident" and numerous papers about Roswell, and, of course, was  
>>the first to talk to many of the key witnesses (almost all of  
>>whom you somehow missed), I naturally viewed the subject program  
>>with great interest, especially since I was in Roswell on  
>>December 13... I must congratulate you on providing a  
>>Masterpiece of Misrepresentation. A splendid example of  
>>propaganda, excellent for teaching purposes. You demonstrated  
>>the primary rules such as selective choice of data, false  
>>reasoning, positive and negative name calling. You also  
>>demonstrated the 4 basic rules of UFO debunkery:

>Many thanks for making many of my points here. I should've just  
>waited for this posting first! On the ones you don't make you  
>might direct the History Channel to see the July 1997 MUFON  
>issue that was dedicated to Roswell. Might give them some other  
>folks to talk to.

>>.. You have  
>>blindly accepted a fairly recent statement by Cavitt to Colonel  
>>Weaver about him recalling it was just a balloon covering an  
>>area only 20' square and easily fitting in one vehicle.  
>>Apparently Cavitt wasn't told it was supposed to be a MOGUL  
>>balloon which included 23 standard helium filled neoprene  
>>balloons (at 20' intervals) and a whole bunch of radar  
>>reflectors, sonobuoys, ballast tanks, etc all strung together.  
>>Some small pile. Of course Cavitt hadn't remembered that simple  
>>fact when asked many times by many people for the previous 15  
>>years, even denying that he had been on the base at the time.

>Was is Marcel a better witness than Cavitt? Is it because Cavitt  
>doesn't agree with you?

How ridiculous. Cavitt could have told his new simple tale to



any of the many people with whom he spoke over a 15 year period. Surely it wasn't security that made him avoid speaking?

Talk to Kevin Randle, Don Schmitt, William Moore, Billy Cox about their conversations with Cavitt. He at one time was trying to say he wasn't even at the base in early July 1947. He not only made up this explanation or thought he was supposed to give it but lied when he said he went to the scene with Rickett and Marcel and never saw the rancher. There was no way for him to reach the debris field without the rancher being involved. Marcel's story has been validated by others. and we have many newspaper stories to check it against.

>>... He issued the press release because he  
>>was ordered to do so by Colonel William Blanchard, Commander of  
>>the 509th and of Roswell Army Air Field. Before suggesting he  
>>must have been incompetent, as have some who haven't done their  
>>homework, I should add he was a member of the West Point All  
>>Star class of 1938, became a 4 star general by the time he was  
>>48 and was Vice Chief of Staff of the USAF when he died of a  
>>massive heart attack at the Pentagon in 1966. There was ,of  
>>course, a lengthy obituary in the NY times. Doesn't sound much  
>>like he was thought to be incompetent, does it?

>My... He did fly high!

>>D. Why do you show only the Roswell Daily Record? After all  
>>there were front page headline stories in the Chicago Daily  
>>News, the Sacramento Bee, the Los Angeles Herald Express, the  
>>Spokane Chronicle, etc all evening papers for July 8. The West  
>>coast papers in general had done a lot of checking before  
>>publishing detailed articles. Too bad you did none.  
>  
>Yes. It was all over and everybody, including the Soviets,  
>took notice.

So what??

>>...Has the air force invented time travel?  
>>There is no other way to get crash test dummies, all of whom  
>>were the height and weight of pilots, back to 1947 from 1953  
>>...this is flat out fiction.

>I agree

>>G. Why did you not talk to others still alive who had first hand  
>>involvement such as Jesse A. Marcel Jr. , a medical doctor, who  
>>handled wreckage, has served on military aircraft accident  
>>investigative teams and was a pilot? Or Loretta Proctor,  
>>neighbor of Mack Brazel, who handled wreckage? or Mack Brazel's  
>>son Bill who found strange (thin strong memory material)  
>>wreckage out in the pasture? How about the sheriff's two  
>>daughters? All this testimony has been readily available for  
>>many years

>One dead and mistaken; two not grown; the rest only heresay.

What is the basis for saying mistaken?

Cavitt is also dead, Bill Brazel was married at the time, Loretta handled wreckage, the sherrif's daughters were in Roswell at the time at his office. Perhaps you ought to view the 105 minute video Recollections of Roswell (only 20\$ from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730) which includes testimony from 27 witnesses including Judd Roberts, Bill Rickett, Jesse Marcel (all now deceased) etc Your explanations seem to be worse than hearsay. They are creative fiction.

>>H. One of the first things Major Jesse Marcel told me is that  
>>there was nothing conventional to be found on the debris field..  
>>No wires, no vacuum tubes, no rivets. He was very familiar with  
>>aircraft and aircraft wreckage and balloons and radar reflectors  
>>and rockets. The notion that he wouldn't have recognized balloon  
>>wreckage or radar reflectors is frankly absurd.. You are also  
>>implying that Blanchard, who had also served in the Pacific,  
>>would have ordered the press release and the B-29 flight with  
>>the wreckage brought back from the ranch and Marcel to Fort  
>>Worth is equally absurd, if all there was was totally  
>>conventional stuff. You know of any materials such as the I-beam  
>>like pieces with strange symbols that couldn't be cut, burned,

>>or broken? Or memory metals that were like foil but couldn't be  
>>cut and, when folded over and over, would unfold on their own?  
>>Why couldn't the USAF find any of that toymaker tape in the  
>>pictures taken in Ramey's office?

>>I. Brazel didn't make his discovery on July 5. It was earlier.  
>>He did go to the store-pool hall in Corona on the 5 th which is  
>>when, not having electricity or a phone or a radio, he first  
>>heard about all the saucer sightings and a reward and was told  
>>he ought to go to the Sheriff in Roswell which he did on the 6th  
>>NOT on the 7th as you claimed.. You made it sound as though  
>>Sherif Wilcox looked in the phone book to find a nearby Air  
>>Base. There was a standing arrangement that anything that might  
>>effect the military would be reported to Roswell Army Air Field.  
>>There was no other base in the area.

>>J. I have met with Dr. Schirmer, Dr. Moore, Mr. Gildenberg. They  
>>haven't investigated the case. They have made proclamation after >  
>proclamation about 2nd and third hand testimony. Why use the  
>>term "conspiracy theorist" so many times without ever justifying  
>>it? Who are these theorists? I began the investigation and have  
>>always provided evidence for the claims that I make which is  
>>more than can be said for your trio. They have actually created  
>>a conspiracy theory namely that a bunch of stupid UFO  
>>researchers and lying witnesses have created a fantastic story  
>>for fun and profit. This, of course, ignores the fact that loads  
>>of testimony was obtained by us serious researchers long before  
>>the cameras started rolling. My phone bills used to run several  
>>hundred dollars a month.

>>By the way, I do know something about security having worked as  
>>a nuclear physicist on a wide variety of highly classified  
>>advanced nuclear and space system programs for such companies as  
>>General Electric, General Motors, Westinghouse, TRW Systems,  
>>McDonnell Douglas, and Aerojet General Nucleonics.. I have  
>>also been to 19 different government document archives.  
>>Just how much experience with security has Dr. Schirmer had?

>>K.What was this nonsense about a 1956 plane crash somehow  
>>confusing Glenn Dennis about bodies at the base in 1947? A few  
>>years ago I went with Glenn to the Ballard funeral home. We  
>>reviewed records with full permission of the operator there who  
>>obviously respected Glenn. There were a number of military plane >  
>crashes for which he handled the bodies even after bad fires.  
>>That was his job. No possible way such a crash could have  
>>confused him. Yet another false conspiracy theory from your  
>>trio.

>I notice you don't mention the other part in the History Channel  
>where they basically say that Glenn is lying about the nurse he  
>knows who saw the alien bodies; that no one can even find she  
>ever existed! On that alone he is open to challenge on  
>everything he says. Do not do so is "selected journalism."

You mean like their leaving out crucial witnesses?There were a  
number of items I didn't mention partly because the letter was  
longer than intended and partly because I don't have a copy of  
the program.

>>L. At one point early on in the program the word UFO was used.  
>>Sorry. It was not used until after 1951. Several times when  
>>showing balloons and talking about Mogul you showed tear drop  
>>shaped polyethylene balloons. Round standard Neoprene balloons  
>>were used for all MOGUL launches before July... The >>same kind  
>>that Mack had retrieved. And that rapidly diisintegrate in the sun.

>Like your 1947 remark about me using "USAF". It doesn't matter;  
>they used the term UFOs as that is what "flying saucers" have  
>become.

>>In summary then, the History Channel has presented myth and  
>>propaganda in the guise of truth.

>>You have supplied misrepresentation instead of investigative  
>>journalism. You should be ashamed and should apologize to your  
>>audience. It seems to me you have also violated FCC rules with  
>>regard to fairness, honesty, and accuracy in so doing. My  
>>colleagues and I would be happy to debate your trio of amateurs  
>>any time. I would suggest that they do their homework first.

>>Cordially,

>>Stanton T. Friedman

>>Enclosures.

>They have nothing to apologize for. I found it the most  
>enlightening and encompassing documentary on Roswell done. >With the  
exception of the "dummy" story, excellent!

This would seem to be a clear indication that you haven't done  
your homework

Stan Friedman

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>>>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>>>Source: Fate's January 2000 issue,  
>>>>><http://www.fatemag.com/articles/roswell.htm>

>>>>>Stig

>>>>>\*\*\*

>>>>>Roswell UFO Bombshell

>>>>>by Jim Keith

>>>>>List:

>>>>>Stanton Friedman says"

>>>>>This Article by Keith is mostly nonsense. He couldn't even get  
>>>>>the basic facts right. For example.

>>>>>1. In my first conversation with Major Jesse Marcel in 1978 he  
>>>>>stated that the wreckage was strewn over an area many hundreds  
>>>>>of yards long. Most of it was very lightweight and there was  
>>>>>nothing that looked like a disc and no conventional material at  
>>>>>all. Even the Roswell Daily Record article on July 9, 1947 said  
>>>>>the wreckage covered an area 200 yards in diameter. Marcel is in  
>>>>>my movie UFOS AreReal shot in 1979.

>Stanton's reply:

>>What Marcel says in my movie is 3/4 of a mile long and over 100  
>>yards wide. He had concluded that in the absence of a crater  
>>there must have been a mid air explosion.

>Well, I'd stick with that as it gives your story-line more

>credibility.

I haven't written any fiction. Watch the video.

>>>While I can't speak for Keith's article one of the problems I've  
>>>always had with the story of the "Roswell Crash" debris is how  
>>>no one describes debris field that is really large. As time  
>>>goes by distortions occur with memory. Even if Marcel's 1978  
>>>estimate of "many hundreds of yards long" is correct it seems  
>>>too small.

>>The vehicle observed by Civil Engineer Barney Barnett in the  
>>Plains of San Augustine which came down almost intact was less  
>>than 30' in diameter. A saucer shaped craft would have a much  
>>lower surface to volume ration than something with wings.

>>>If only "200 yards in diameter," as you say the Roswell Daily  
>>>Record stated just days after the event, the wreckage is far too  
>>>small. Much, of course, depends on how the wreckage came down.  
>>>Did the alleged UFO explode in mid-flight or come down largely  
>>>in one piece? If the former, at what altitude and what speed was  
>>>it travelling at?

>Stanton's reply:

>>Apparently the Brazel Ranch saucer exploded in mid air with a  
>>crew compartment observed a few miles away. The Plains saucer  
>>was almost intact. May have been a mid air collision resulting  
>>from a lightning strike or running into a tracking radar beam  
>>known to be on. Might well be very different from an F-4  
>>exploding.

>I would expect a debris field of miles long then; with larger  
>pieces here and there. Where the heaviest pieces fell there  
>would be craters. For instance, the largest piece of the F-4,  
>the front of the fuselage, gouged out a groove about 25 feet  
>long and several feet deep and wide as it came in.

Let us not pose as an expert on what happens to a flying saucer  
flying at an unknown altitude, speed, of unknown composition and  
with nothing known about the explosion, or the cause  
thereof... lightning, mid-air collision, strong radar beam or  
combination thereof.

>>>On 3/06/94 an F-4 crashed near Franklin, Georgia. The F-4  
>>>exploded in mid-flight at 800 feet high. It was traveling at 400  
>>>knots when the mishap happened. The train of debris from only  
>>>800 feet high was nearly a mile long; not hundreds of yards but  
>>>thousands of feet. It was laid out nearly as straight as an  
>>>arrow but the debris came down unevenly over the length of the

What is the connection between this situation and what happened  
in NM?

>>>The largest piece was the front of the fuselage and was smaller  
>>>than a VW beetle. The lightest stuff--such as fabric--fell first  
>>>and the heaviest--such as engines, ect--interestingly fell much  
>>>further along.

>>>Now assuming the "saucer" of Roswell exploded in mid-air I would  
>>>expect the debris train to be at least as long as an F-4 would  
>>>make under the identical circumstances. An F-4, while a good  
>>>size jet plane, is by no means a transport or airliner. If the  
>>>"saucer" was higher than 800 feet and going faster than 400  
>>>knots the train should've been much longer and wider; most  
>>>likely over miles.

You have no reason for any expectations here

>>>I guess we could argue that if the "saucer," or whatever shape  
>>>craft is claimed, was alien in origin that it was made of  
>>>tougher stuff than an F-4 is made of and, thus, would have held  
>>>together better. However, since we don't know the exact  
>>>circumstances of the "saucer's" demise or construction it's all  
>>>speculation.

>>The observations of those on the scene later are not  
>>speculation. Marcel, Rickett, .

>And what about Marcel's civilian counterpart who was also there?  
>Who is still alive? I guess he's just a certified liar? Why do

>you try so hard to ignore what is there \_now\_ to say the Roswell  
>crash was \_not\_ an alien event?

Who is this mysterious person? What civilian counterpart did the  
Intelligence officer of the 509th have?

>>>>7. Professor  
>>Burdakov of the USSR claimed that Dr. Korololev  
>>>(sp?) was asked by Stalin to review saucer data and concluded  
>>>that they are a real. He was the Soviet analog of Werner von  
>>>Braun...

>>>I have believed for a long time that what was an accident by the  
>>>USAF was turned into, perhaps, the greatest disinformation play  
>>>done during the Cold War: The United States in time following  
>>>the Roswell incident did nothing to discourage the Soviets from  
>>>thinking we had one ace the Soviets would never have: alien  
>>>technology.

>Stanton's reply:

>>What accident with what equipment involved? Supposedly according  
>>to Burdakov, Korollev's input came from spy information,  
>>presumably from Los Alamos where we know some wreckage was taken  
>>Marcel was familiar with aircraft accidents. The material was  
>>very different and no conventional materials were found. There  
>>were plenty of airplane accidents in New Mexico.

>I talking about a Project Mongul balloon that went down, as the  
>USAF, now says and the accident was Colonel Blanchard okaying to  
>put out the press release that the Army Air Corps had recovered  
>a "flying saucer."

This is truly wild speculation with no evidence. The Mogul  
explanation simply doesn't fly as I and many others have noted.  
Give me a snail mail address and I will send my review of "The  
Roswell Report: Case Closed"

>>>I suspect we already knew by the summer of 1947 that the Soviets  
>>>had or were close to having their own nuclear weapons. But we  
>>>now had something more potent than nuclear bombs with the  
>>>"Roswell Recovery."

>Stanton's reply:

>>I have seen NSC meeting notes indicating the Russians weren't  
>>expected to have nuclear weapons until the early 1950s.. and  
>>weren't in 1947 known to have delivery systems. Interesting plot  
>>line but where is the evidence? As noted in Crash at Corona and  
>>several other books the case for a crashed saucer is very  
>>strong.

>Well, they were wrong! And I suspect many did think they could  
>have it earlier. The Russians at the end of the war, like us and  
>our allies, got their quota of German scientists. They also got  
>some who had worked on heavy water projects. Only the most  
>dim-witted and short-sighted after WWII would've thought that  
>the Russians weren't working on their own A-bomb projects.

Let us remember that the German A-Bomb effort made little  
progress. The heavy water is useful in certain nuclear research.  
Certainly we expected the Russians would come up with an A Bomb  
The outstanding European scientists such as Fermi and Teller  
came to the US before the war...not to the Soviet Union.

Your suspicions may impress you, but how about providing  
evidence?

>Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in 1951 for giving  
>some of our atomic bomb secrets away. They had been feeding info  
>for a long time. The Russians, as another post to you correctly  
>says, detonated their first bomb before then.

I have often noted that the first Soviet A-bomb was detonated in  
1949. This has nothing to do with Mogul ballons that would have  
disintegrated long before Brazel found the very large quantity  
of debris. Mogul balloons involved totally conventional  
technology, as did the radar reflectors whose materials could  
have been torn by a 5 year old.

>I'm saying that the U.S. did nothing later to discourage the

>Soviets from believing we had no alien technology.

I find this sentence totally confusing speculation.

>What was a  
>screw-up by Blanchard was forgiven later as some Brass probably  
>thought, "What would it hurt if the Soviets thought we had  
>something." This would be especially true after the Soviets  
>denotated their first bomb.

Glad to know you could read the minds of these long gone  
people...

>>>Stalin, who routinely condemned to death millions for many  
>>>reasons far less than making a public announcement mistake,  
>>>couldn't believe the USAF could make such a huge error with  
>>>their public announcement of recovering a "saucer."

>Stanton's reply:

>>What is the basis for this claim about Stalin's belief? Marcel  
>>was the Intelligence Officer for the most elite military group  
>>in the world. Blanchard went on to high office. The AAF people  
>>certainly weren't punished. Interesting speculation but in over  
>>20 years of Roswell investigation, I have seen no basis for this  
>>claim

>As you have pointed out yourself, the Roswell saucer story was  
>all over the newspapers in the U.S and carried overseas by some  
>news outlets. Are we to believe that the Soviets had no interest  
>in this at all? I have seen this quote that Keith uses before. I  
>confess I don't have any intimate knowledge to know for sure  
>that Stalin was personally involved.

No morning newspapers (Wash.Post, NY Times etc) carried the July  
8th story. They did carry the July 9th coverup.Only evening  
papers from Chicago West carried the Roswell story on July 8.

>If you want to see what intrigues the Soviets went in scheming,  
>misinterperting, and putting out disinformatin/misinformation, I  
>suggest you read Armand Moss's fine book: "Misinformation,  
>Disinfomation and the JFK Conspiracy Exposed." There are also  
>several books out by former Soviet intelligence agents who show  
>what paranoid thoughts Communist leaders entertained. The  
>Roswell saucer story would have been discussed at all levels, if  
>for nothing else, because it did get brief, but HIGH, publicity.

>The Army Air Corps quick "blow-it-away response would've seen  
>most suspicious; as it still does today. What really happened is  
>the press of this country just let it go right through their  
>radar screens instead of airing the story out. They should have  
>gone after those witnesses like never before. But they were so  
>trusting of our military then, after the flush of victory in  
>World War II, they took the retract of the story at face value.

>Of course, the Press has often been non-performing in their  
>duties; still are. On the other hand, I suspect if they had done  
>a "Watergate press" back then on the story we would've found out  
>for sure that this was no UFO crash! This also explains why the  
>locals buried the story so quickly.

I suspect they would have found stonewalling and lying about a  
huge event, the recovery of an alien spacecraft whose owners  
might be an enormous threat..

>This stuff of some relatives of alleged deceased witnesses  
>seeing debris and being threaten by the military to keep their  
>mouths shut doesn't wash. I'm sure some of these folks must have  
>been WWII vets. As Jessie James found out in Northfield  
>,Minnesota the Union Civil War veterans weren't afraid of his  
>reputation! The WWII vets if threatenetd vocally what they thought of such  
>talk and armed themselves appropriately. The fact is there is no  
>concrete proof that multiple, reliable witnesses saw anything  
>that was extraterrestrial.

Obviously you need to look at or listen to more ofthe witness  
testimony.

>The only witness that I've heard that could be considered  
>reliable is Marcel. A witness who made a colossal mistake. His

>son doesn't count. He was young and if my dad brought home  
>something and said "Isn't this strange?" I would agree and be  
>left with that memory for the rest of my life. Again, why  
>doesn't the one other witness who was there support Marcel?

Who in the world is this other witness? Obviously you haven't  
heard the testimony of many of the witnesses. Your omniscience  
is very impressive; and insulting to a host of people

>>>The USAF retracting their statement so quickly probably only  
>>>convinced him and others in power then that the USAF really did  
>>>recover alien technology. The USAF with their follow-up and  
>>>clumsy denials since then have help keep this story alive for  
>>>Moscow and others to believe.

>Stanton's reply:

>>You sure won't find much in the way of AAF (The USAF didn't  
>>exist until September 1947.) comment between July of 1947 and  
>>1994.. Not much follow up. I certainly agree the recent coverup  
>>was clumsy.

>I'm well aware that at the time of the Roswell incident that the  
>Army still had the Air Force. I used USAF only to simplify  
>matters. Their attempts in the '90s have been most clumsy and  
>embarrassing. Why even comment on all this now? It only brings  
>more attention to the matter. Maybe, because there is a larger  
>secret that Project Mongul. Who knows how much time, money and  
>effort was wasted by the Soviets on UFO related projects because  
>of them thinking that the U.S had a recovered disk?

>Time now still being wasted by the Russians.

>This is why the USAF may still keep parading old colonels out to  
>put out such nonsense as "dummies" falling from the sky. Maybe  
>they are in a slight panic that the greatest Cold-War  
>disinformation ploy will be found. I can think of no other  
>reason for their foot-in-mouth attempts to kill this story.

I suggested some in my review of Roswell Report : Case closed.

>>>That's the real secret of Roswell: An accidental but  
>>>disinformation masterpiece that still goes on today. It also,  
>>>perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and  
>>>poor Major Marcel never got promoted again. They did, afterall,  
>>>need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

>>Major Marcel did get promoted. He was never the fall guy until  
>>the TV Showtime Roswell show. invented that story..

>I believe it was customary for officers in the military then,  
>when they retired, to be advanced one rank. Is this the type  
>promotion you speak of? If so, that doesn't count. Blanchard's  
>career was not hurt as it should have been for screwing-up. But  
>as years passed and the Soviets denoted their first bomb all  
>was forgiven. The Roswell alien story was not a bad thing  
>afterall.

>It was Blanchard's mistake, as he was in command. And at least  
>in the 1940s, in the military, the "buck stops here." His  
>mistake should've been a career stopper. It wasn't but there  
>isn't a thread of proof that will now stand up to prove the  
>Roswell or Corona--yes, I bought your book--crash involved alien  
>technology. So why did he make it past a level that most  
>officers are never expected to see?

>My "plot line," as you call it, looks better and better. The  
>difference between you and me is that I will agree it is only a  
>plausible story-line. Your's is too. When its all said and done,  
>with no proof, it's only entertainment.

>>>John C. Thompson

>Stanton's reply:

>>Obviously I believe this is an interesting plot line with  
>>nothing to support it and much to contradict it. Jim Keith's  
>>story line of course is wholly imaginary. The material was very  
>>lightweight and very strong.. hardly concrete in a dummy bomb.

>>Stanton Friedman



>Actually, it is "an interesting plot line" that is more  
>plausible than your story-line. Please find one living, reliable  
>witness that will back your story-line. The F-4 crash involved  
>nearly 300 soldiers doing a search and they were in Heard  
>County, Georgia for over three weeks. Hundreds of civilians  
>also saw the crash despite it being in one of the most remote  
>areas of West Georgia. Most were there within 15 minutes!

>I can tell you when something this big comes down it makes a  
>hell-of-a wallop. A thud that can be heard for miles around; one  
>that shakes houses. I realise that the Roswell area in the late  
>'40s is even more remote but you couldn't keep something like  
>this under wraps; no way!

>Thousands, maybe tens of thousands, would've been on the Roswell  
>saucer crash over the years if it was true. If only the same  
>number turned out for the alleged saucer crash--I would suspect  
>many more for that!--as the F-4 crash, most would've been young  
>soldiers of only 18-25 years old. No, officers don't pick up  
>that stuff!

More wild speculation. You ought to go out there and get a guide  
to get you to the debris field location.

>These young enlisted individuals, if alive, would be 70-75  
>years old now. As there are still quite a few older WWII vets  
>alive they're should be I would, suspect, be at least 50 of  
>these individuals alive. Why haven't some these young soldiers  
>come forth? I just don't by all this security business after all  
>these years. Yes, I know what a security clearance and the  
>penalties involved are. I never had a top-secret or whatever  
>you want to call it, but I did once hold a Q clearance.

>I have interviewed lots of witnesses for sensational events;  
>including an alleged crash here in Georgia. What you got to  
>remember is that even good well-intentional folks, as I suspect  
>Major Marcel was, make mistakes. Then there is always a certain  
>percentage of idiots and liars that will come out of the  
>woodwork to feed on the alleged event if it publicized enough.

>Proof is all that matters. There is zero proof that the Roswell  
>crash involved a vehicle of alien manufacture.

There is a great deal of credible evidence. Georgia has 8 times  
the population density of New Mexico. Last year I was with  
several Japanese Journalists in NM. On a lovely day we drove 57  
miles to the debris field and beyond from Rte. 285 without even  
seeing another person or vehicle. You are making analogies where  
none exist. Not a relevant fact in a car load as Jerry Clark  
would say...

Stanton T. Friedman

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>OPEN LETTER  
>History Channel

Well done Stanton. These TV researchers really ought to get their act together.

Georgina Bruni

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Phenomena Research Australia

EBK Researchers,

Thanks to the many, who e-mailed me on yesterdays post subject.  
[eeeeee-mail] Just another short one to end the topic.

I was going over my work mail of monthly journals & aeronautics magazines and came across this rather simple story [great magazine however] but the image on page 31 is the item that 'caught my eye'. It was the shape of the helmet.

Again, I need you to take that "big step" into the "what if" area of your mind.

Again Umm... What has ROSWELL got to do with this pilot's nuclear blast shield helmet image? Well nothing!

REMEMBER

You may also need to follow Colonel Philip J. Corso's theory of "Seeding". In short, Roswell alien technology was given to the giants of American industry.

So again with a photon force of possibility [no proof remember], could this be an example of ROSWELL CRASH "bits" in a BACK ENGINEERING revelation.

I have NO web page for you to view the image or story. But if you have 'let me us know'. If you're looking for the edition the following data will help you:

"Air & Space"  
Smithsonian  
October / November 1999  
Vol 14 Number 4

"The Spirit Of Knob Noster"  
-'In a remote corner of Missouri, a small town plays host to the world's most mysterious super plane'-

Article By James R. CHILES  
Photographs By Mark GODFREY  
p28-p37

LOCATION:  
The image is on page 31.

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CAPTION SAID:  
A mannequin sports a nuclear blast shield, a symbol of the B-2's intended role as a world war weapon - quite different from its debut over Kosovo.

CAVEAT

Remember, open minds. Also, I have not researched the pilot's nuclear blast shield history. And I will let you decide what you think it looks like.

Well, what do you think?

Looks great! Some of you will find this just simple time wasting, that Ok. I like to investigate looking at the wonderful world of Panorama - all 360 deg rather than the standard "Tunnel Vision" of many of our fellow sceptics.

Well, it's another great image for your collection.

To all enquiring minds. Good hunting.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy 2K.

Regards

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><snip>

>>PS: From time to time, I've read debates about whether Col.  
>>Blanchard, the base commander at Roswell, approved the 1947  
>>press release about the "flying disc." Anyone who has ever been  
>>in the military knows that he must have. This was no routine  
>>announcement about an upcoming ice cream social, but information  
>>that was bound to send the press into a feeding frenzy.

>>Blanchard ordered Marcel to investigate the crash, and report  
>>back. Then he issued the press release, and informed his  
>>superiors about it. This is how chain of command operates in  
>>the military: it never changes.

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Stan Friedman

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## #2 Back Engineering From Roswell Debris?

From: John Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 08:24:33 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 09:42:59 -0500  
Subject: #2 Back Engineering From Roswell Debris?

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EBK Researchers,

Thanks to the many, who e-mailed me on yesterdays post subject.  
[eeeeee-mail] Just another short one to end the topic.

I was going over my work mail of monthly journals & aeronautics magazines and came across this rather simple story [great magazine however] but the image on page 31 is the item that 'caught my eye'. It was the shape of the helmet.

Again, I need you to take that "big step" into the "what if" area of your mind.

Again Umm... What has ROSWELL got to do with this pilot's nuclear blast shield helmet image? Well nothing!

REMEMBER

You may also need to follow Colonel Philip J. Corso's theory of "Seeding". In short, Roswell alien technology was given to the giants of American industry.

So again with a photon force of possibility [no proof remember], could this be an example of ROSWELL CRASH "bits" in a BACK ENGINEERING revelation.

I have NO web page for you to view the image or story. But if you have 'let me us know'. If you're looking for the edition the following data will help you:

"Air & Space"  
Smithsonian  
October / November 1999  
Vol 14 Number 4

"The Spirit Of Knob Noster"  
-'In a remote corner of Missouri, a small town plays host to the world's most mysterious super plane'-

Article By James R. CHILES  
Photographs By Mark GODFREY  
p28-p37

LOCATION:  
The image is on page 31.

[B/W IMAGE BlastDome.jpg 23,932 bytes]

CAPTION SAID:  
A mannequin sports a nuclear blast shield, a symbol of the B-2's intended role as a world war weapon - quite different from its debut over Kosovo.

CAVEAT

Remember, open minds. Also, I have not researched the pilot's nuclear blast shield history. And I will let you decide what you think it looks like.

Well, what do you think?

Looks great! Some of you will find this just simple time wasting, that Ok. I like to investigate looking at the wonderful world of Panorama - all 360 deg rather than the standard "Tunnel Vision" of many of our fellow sceptics.

Well, it's another great image for your collection.

To all enquiring minds. Good hunting.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy 2K.

Regards

John W. AUCHETTL  
Director - PRA

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## Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

From: **Karl T. Pflock** <[ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 10:16:13 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 17:20:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 20:04:29 -0600  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Ok... So are you going to pick up the end of the thread I've  
>>attempted to start? Is anyone?...

>Karl,

>Yes, I am, and hope others will as well. Just as soon as I  
>recover fom gum surgery and the Holidays -- whichever comes  
>first.

Ouch! Check the instruments very closely, not to mention the  
surgeon's eyes...

>You did bad-time this,...

Yah, I know. What can I say? The spirit (of Christmas past)  
moved me. Still, I hope that won't deter folks from taking  
this up after the Holidays and/or gum surgery. It really is  
an interesting and ufologically important way to approach  
the ETH/ETI problem.

>...unless, of course, you're one of  
>those cheapskate grinchs who doesn't put up lights. Which I  
>seriously suspect. Get back to us next Millennium. ETs, sheesh!

Actually, ET elves put up luminarias/farolitos at our place.  
Highly advanced technology--electricity and plastic bags instead  
of candles and lunch sacks.

-- ¡Feliz Navidad y Un Prospero YDosK! KARLOS KLAUS

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 11:53:56 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 17:23:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 02:03:46 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 09:04:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

<snip>

>Could you point to something factual to indicate that Marcel was  
>made the "fall guy." During the event itself, Col. Blanchard's  
>PIO Walter Haut was generally made the goat in the press for  
>alleging miswriting and issuing the infamous press release.  
>Blanchard himself was blamed for the press release. But nobody  
>mentioned Marcel as being responsible (except perhaps an  
>ambiguously worded Roswell Daily Record story). He was just the  
>intelligence officer sent out to investigate and retrieve the  
>object. I base these statements after looking at some 150 to 200  
>newspapers from that period.

Dave:

Do you think that the nearby press were right, that Haut did it?  
Has anybody seen any orders making anybody Acting Base Commander  
while Blanchard was gone? Or, who was his Deputy?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 12:02:52 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 17:24:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 08:32:16 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 09:29:13 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 12:02:49 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>And what about Marcel's civilian counterpart who was also there?  
>>Who is still alive? I guess he's just a certified liar? Why do  
>>you try so hard to ignore what is there now to say the Roswell  
>>crash was not an alien event?

>Who is this mysterious person? What civilian counterpart did the  
>Intelligence officer of the 509th have?

Stan, John:

Does John mean Sheridan Cavitt?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Seasons Greetings

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 13:02:35 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 18:13:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Seasons Greetings

>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 02:40:54 +0100 (MET)  
>From: Henny van der Pluijm <[hvdp@worldonline.nl](mailto:hvdp@worldonline.nl)>  
>Subject: Re: Seasons Greetings  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 15:56:12 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Sheree Cox <[cox@mcmail.cis.McMaster.CA](mailto:cox@mcmail.cis.McMaster.CA)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Seasons Greetings

>>Hello all:

>>I would like to wish everyone on the list a Merry Christmas  
>>and a safe and wonderful New Year.

>Please, please, please.

>I've too many Christmas and new year greetings already.  
>Besides the postcards that keep rolling in I already have to  
>delete a dozen or so emails per day with silly Christmas  
>greetings. And I still have to delete all the attachments  
>on my hard disk.

>Christmas is a Germanic pagan tradition and originally had  
>nothing to do with religion in the first place. Besides that,  
>the first evidence has yet to be found that Jesus ever existed  
>and the dating of the new year is totally arbitrary.

>So please, I don't want dozens of silly seasons greetings in my  
>email box.

>Groeten,  
>Henny

>[Okay, so have a Bumhug from Ms Cox and I then --ebk]

Oh yah, well, just wait till you get the case of Christmas Carol  
Gripple in the post tomorrow Henny. Drink it up Christmas  
Eve, please. It was made for Humbugs (not Bumhugs, Dr.  
Kanappy) and you will be visited by the ghosts of Gripple  
Past, Present and Future.

It was originally made for Debunkers, then we switched and  
tailored it for Researchers and finally, results were so good  
that we switched to Unca Scrooges. J. Jaime felt that your pain  
was felt more keenly during this time of year and wanted to not  
only ease it, but transform you, just like that Ebenezer Geezer.

I tried it last night, and boy, are my arms tired. And when Fan  
left me because I turned into a greedy, scheming man who  
wouldn't even order another piece of bread at the restaurant on  
Christmas Eve because he didn't wanna spend the extra money, and  
subsequently retired to the home of his partner in life, the  
ugly Jacob Marley (the now deceased former Reggae singer) only  
to see him in the chains he forged in life like you may be  
forging right now, and was warned that he would be visited by  
three more spirits, and Scrooge didn't believe him but when it  
was all over he did and went to his nephew's Christmas party,  
the one he didn't like cause when he was born he made his momma

die during childbirth and then this sniveling guy went out and met a beautiful girl what reminded Scrooge of his Fran so he went to their party and danced and probally got this girl in the sack an everything an then he gave away all his money every Christmas an everything an that's the whole story and it will happen to you if you drink my Christmas Carol Gripple.

And a very Merry Christmas to you Henny, even though it's a Humbug. I am sure it will be very merry and very happy indeed. And I also expect you to be late for work on the 26th, just as you are every other year. Oh, and I hope your son, the little lame boy, Tiny Time is doing well.

J. Jaime Gesundt, God Bless us, Everyone

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 13:14:56 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 18:31:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 00:16:05 -0500 (EST)  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 08:51:35 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>I have often wondered about this. Blanchard went on leave. Has  
>anyone ever determined who was acting Commander when he was gone?

Officially it was the Roswell Deputy base commander Lt. Col. Payne Jennings, who signed another order to replace Blanchard. However, when it was being publicly announced that Blanchard was on leave, Jennings was busy flying Marcel and his cargo of debris to Fort Worth. (This according to Robert Porter, who was on the flight.) Nobody was at home minding the store.

The base operations officer, however, said that he was quite certain that Blanchard first went out to the debris field to make a determination. So officially Blanchard was on leave, but he was still acting in his capacity as base C/O.

Another point is that Blanchard didn't go on leave until after the press release had gone out and all the ruckus had begun. There were some press stories at the time that Blanchard had issued the release and had been in communication with Gen. Ramey, who had ordered Marcel's flight. Blanchard was hardly some unwitting innocent in all this. Whatever happened and why, I think it is pretty clear that the press release was issued with Blanchard's authority. That is certainly the story that Blanchard's PIO, Walter Haut, has always told.

I think it is pretty clear that if Marcel had tried some sort of end run around Blanchard, twisted Haut's arm to put out the release, etc., there would have been some dire consequences for Marcel. Instead nothing happened to Marcel. Quite the contrary Blanchard recommended him for promotion in the Reserve, upped his numerical rating into "superior" territory on his next service evaluation, noted that he followed the chain of command, had high moral character, etc., etc. Gen. Ramey referred to him as "outstanding" and command officer material. None of this makes sense if Marcel was responsible for the infamous press release. Ditto I think for Haut, who has also been widely blamed for the release.

David Rudiak

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## Jay Leno's Take On NASA

From: **Tony Craddock** <[webmaster@cseti.org](mailto:webmaster@cseti.org)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 09:54:52 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 18:33:26 -0500  
Subject: Jay Leno's Take On NASA

For comedian Jay Leno's take on NASA and the loss of the Mars Missions, look for the RealVideo Link under the Mars Section on the CSETI Home Page.

Light relief for the Holiday Season.

Regards

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: Joel Carpenter <[ufx@mindspring.com](mailto:ufx@mindspring.com)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 14:32:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 18:41:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 10:22:24 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 00:16:05 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>From: michael mchugh <[mcmchugh99@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmchugh99@yahoo.com)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 21:13:06 -0800 <>  
>>>Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 08:51:38 -0500  
>>>Subject: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>><snip>

>>>PS: From time to time, I've read debates about whether Col.  
>>>Blanchard, the base commander at Roswell, approved the 1947  
>>>press release about the "flying disc." Anyone who has ever been  
>>>in the military knows that he must have. This was no routine  
>>>announcement about an upcoming ice cream social, but information  
>>>that was bound to send the press into a feeding frenzy.

>>>Blanchard ordered Marcel to investigate the crash, and report  
>>>back. Then he issued the press release, and informed his  
>>>superiors about it. This is how chain of command operates in  
>>>the military: it never changes.

>>Mike, Listers:

>>I have often wondered about this. Blanchard went on leave. Has  
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>It was Lt. Colonel Payne Jennings, now deceased.

>Stan Friedman

Anybody know how Payne Jennings died?

Joel Carpenter

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## Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

From: [Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 15:01:40 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 18:48:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

>From: Karl T. Pflock <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 19:51:51 EST  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Friends & List Fiends --

Dear Doctor Fplock:

You forgot, "Dear Fiends."

>I've been dipping in and out of the probabilities-of-ET  
>life-and-the implications-for-the-ETH debate with some interest  
>and occasional amusement. All in all I think it has been quite  
>constructive, inspiring some serious, often actually thoughtful  
>consideration of new discoveries and the theories and  
>proto-theories and pseudo- theories built upon them. Permit me  
>to suggest another line of discussion, approaching the issue as  
>a matter of ufological induction, if you will.

Hell I don't mind. Aks somebody else! Howsumever, to engage in the construction of another theory is a bit much. But ... well ... since it's you, Docca Flock, I don't mind. Proceed.

Uh, before you proceed, I must confess to doing some significant dipping of my own. FYI.

Uh, before you proceed again, are you aware of the fact that Merriam Dweebster permits the use of "procede" as well as "proceed?" Just thought I'd let you know. OK. Go right ahead.

>Let us assume that certain UFO cases actually involved  
>observations of technology created by nonhuman intelligences and  
>sometimes the intelligences themselves. I have in mind,  
>e.g., the McMinnville photos, the Nash-Fortenberry formation  
>sighting, and the Betty and Barney Hill incident. Pick your  
>own best case(s) (I think I'd have to say McMinnville), with  
>the criteria being (1) solidity of evidence, and (2) most  
>indicative of "nuts and bolts" outside human capabilities at  
>the time of the event.

Cheeses, Docca Plop, you forgot the famous "Premature Subduction of J. Jaime (Hi-Mee) Gesundt." Why is it that all you so called researchers forget me? I am beginning to think you guys don't like me?

Nah!

Everybody likes a happy inebriant, especially one what makes the cheap slop I do. Hell, even Kanappy uses it on special occasions.

His beautiful and patient wifey told me just the other day that on each and every Eskimo Religious Holiday, Kanappy uses Christmas Carol Gripple. For medicinal porpoises only.

>Stipulate for purposes of argument that, that case entails an  
>observation of someone else's nuts and bolts (even most ETH  
>doubters can name a case like that). Then ponder the  
>implications in light of the sort of information Dennis Stacy

>has been presenting and arguing from.

Well, for porpoises if argument, Dennis's entrails have nuttin ta do with this subject, OK? Maybe (and I emphasize the word maybe) the contents therein have some bearing. But not the entrail itself.

But now you aks us to ponder the information which Dennis has been presenting and arguing from. May I be impertinent enough to point to the fact that yous just ended a proposition in a sentence? Proceede, please. And don't hold back. That's the trubbul wit you, you always hold back Doccator Pluck.

>Dennis, and anyone else out there, what can you suggest as an >alternative to an extra-solar planet as a point of >origin--taking care to apply the principle of parsimony with >very great care? Be very, very conservative...

Oooooo..... Oooooooo (thrusts hand yet again into the air, wishing to be called upon by the teach)... Ooooo, pick me, I know, I know!

"Yes, little Jaime (that's Hi-Mee), and what is your answer?"

"Yo, Teach, I expect this to go right over your pointed head, but have you ever considered the possibility of another dimension? How about another time? Or maybe, uh, life from say, Mars or Venus which for whatever unknown reason(s) evolved to a level which precludes the extant conditions on those planets. Maybe they are Martians who, after their planet began going downhill, began going down under ground. I am trying to keep this clean.

Maybe we are just the proverbial piece of undigested beef, barfed up by a passing flying saucer from Mongo, Santa Maria, a planet well known to abductees such as moi.

>A sidebar: A few days ago, I had occasion to peruse my >collection of classic science fiction, coming upon the premiere >of Galaxy Science Fiction magazine, October 1950. I >rediscovered a circulation building contest--What's Your Theory >About the Flying Saucers? in 200 words or less--introduced with >a short essay by Willy (misspelled "Willie" on the cover) Ley. >Ley consider different notions about the saucers, then zeroed in >on the ETH. He quickly eliminated Mars and Venus as the >possible home planets, and went on, "Therefore--the disks would >probably have to be interstellar faster-than-light ships, in >which case I would expect them to be about half a mile long, >and, to date, none has been reported that size." Ley didn't >explain the thinking behind his curious half-miler notion.

Sorry Docator Flug, that was not the famous Willy Ley, it was really Willie Lay. The word which was misspeeled was "Lay." This contribution to Science Fiction was the first and the last by Willie Lay, mostly because everyone thought that he was a science fiction writer when in reality, he was nothing more than a scientist. What nerve, eh?

>While this doesn't have much to do with the issues at hand, >it is interesting that as early as late 1950, thoughtful >folks had all but eliminated planets of our solar system from >the running.

Dr. Flughoff, first of all, do not apologize for your commentary on issues which have nothing to do with the issues at hand. It happens all the time, largely due to the generosity of one Dr. Errol Brucella Kanappy, who just can't say "no" to anyone. Which is why he got in trubbul with that Eskimo bimbo what almost destroyed his long standing relationship with his beautifull main squeeze. He'll never do that again. As I recall, having sobered Kanappy up on more than one occasion, he said (each time) "I will never, ever, do that again as long - as - I - live! So help me Pfplop!"

However, the rest of your sentence, you know, the part about thoughtful people already having ruled out the solar system as a source for flying debris often referred to as "UFOs," I agree. Also, back in 1950 they had come to other conclusions which, when taken individually, prove nothing. But when you put them all together, make even less sense.

Good thinking, Doccatore Cluge.

>-- Cheers & Happy Humbug to all, KARL  
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Cheers and Happy Bumhug to all,

J. Jaime (that's Hi-Mee) Gesundt

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>>>>>>>><http://www.fatemag.com/articles/roswell.htm>

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>>>>>>>>Roswell UFO Bombshell

>>>>>>>>by Jim Keith

>>>>>>>>List:

Stan,

I will say this, you don't give up. I have read your books, books by other's on Roswell, seen most of the documentaries done on it. But by the far the best and most OBJECTIVE account appeared in the June MUFON issue of 1997. Yes, you know who I speak of: Kent Jeffrey's "Roswell--Anatomy of a Myth."

Kent spent money and much time--as you have--on investigating the Roswell story. He was also so much taken by the subject that he help with the International Roswell Initiative which was a large petition to hopefully open any classified files on the Roswell Crash.

Here was a man who was passionately involved and interviewed many of the same people you have and many that you didn't interview. This latter group includes "15 B-29 pilots and 2 B-29 navigators, all of whom were stationed at Roswell Army Air Field in July 1947" (page 7-8).

According to Kent, a commercial airline pilot, "Not one single man had any direct knowledge of a crashed saucer or of any kind of unusual material." Not one! "...Even more significantly, in all their collective years with the 509th Bomb Group, not one of these men had ever encountered any other individual who had such knowledge."

You've also refused to adequately explain why "Irvin Newton, the weather officer at Fort Worth Army Air Field who was called in by General Ramey to identify the unusual debris (p. 11)" told Kent that he "immediately recognized it as being from an ML-307 radar reflector." Nor to point out that the symbols that he saw on some balsa sticks looked remarkably like what Major Marcel's son says he remembered seeing on a so-called "I-beam" of the debris he saw.

Nor do you care to address that Glenn Davis's nurse, "Naomi Self," who allegedly saw the dead aliens, doesn't exist. As an investigator of over 120 formal UFO cases, when I find something like this, I throw out that witness's entire testimony.

Witnesses do lie and sometimes while even signing forms to that effect or being videoed. Court rooms are full of liars under oath! Whole families have been known to lie under oath!

I get all kinds of stories. The bigger the whopper the easier they fall. I'll give you one example; one that happens in the UFO community all the time. I had a man who alleged he had recovered debris during a dramatic UFO or meteorite event that occurred in Georgia in Feb. 1993.

He looked good: He was in the newspaper the next day saying debris hit his pickup and trailer. The sheriff's dept. came out on the same night to examine his vehicle. He made a claim to his local insurance agent for the damage done.

The police wrote up the report but it was inconclusive on what caused the damage. The insurance company, by the witness's own admission, denied his claim for the same reasons. But he has the debris--so he claims. "Light as a feather" he says. He drew a great drawing of it for me; looked much like the description of the alleged recovered fragment of a 1952 UFO near Washington, D.C. He also told me that the military were there the next day and had the area sealed off briefly as they searched for more debris.

Where is the debris now? I'm supposed to believe it is in a storage shed in South Carolina; where he placed it after briefly moving from Georgia because of the ridicule he caught due to the newspaper story (a weak version of the Roswell death threats?) Now tens of thousands were witnessed to this event; no debate on the object coming over.

FOI requests were sent to nearly every military/ABC agency you can think of and they all said, bull, to the story of them having a team down here. The Sheriff said no road was blocked off but the deputy who did the investigation lives now in Florida and can't be reached.

The witness is middle-aged, self-employed, married, and a college graduate. On the surface a most respectable person. I can tell you he did a great video and took me to the site--the same place it was reported in the newspaper the next day--where the debris fell. He signed a MUFON general case form to what he said and it was just as spontaneous as can be.

An independent witness had electromagnetic interference with his FM radio when the object passed over. Tens of thousands saw it. But the bottom line is I've seen no debris. The bottom line is there comes a point in every investigation where when something don't wash you have to accept that it didn't happen as the principal witness(s) say it happened. It could be that this witness will eventually bring me the debris but I'm not holding my breath!

I brought up the F-4 crash as it comes as close to what should have happened following the alleged Roswell saucer crash. It occurred, literally, in my back yard so I got a birds-eye view of how the Air Force went about the plane's recovery.

I saw the USAF's progress day-by-day and how they did the search. I got the official crash report under the FOIA and it matched exactly what I saw from day to day regarding the nearly month-long search for debris. No, the report was not perfect. But it's deficiency is for reasons that had nothing to do with the search.

If 300 people turned out for an Air Alabama National recon. F-4 jet you can bet at least that many would have been looking for an alien craft. Yet, I have not heard of one soldier who has come forth to say he was part of the search party. Actually since you and others have been at this steadily now for over 20 years there should've been many, many who would've step forth with their recovery stories.

You ignore much and yell loud about less.

Kent in his article says "no UFO crashed at Roswell--with or without aliens. It did not happen. Period. For those willing to look objectively and rationally at all the evidence, this contention should become resoundingly clear, not just beyond a reasonable doubt, but beyond all doubt (p. 3)."

Obviously, many in the UFO community still don't agree with Kent; I do.

Best wishes,  
John

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Yes. That's who I meant. My mistake.

Happy Holidays to All!

John

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The January 2000 issue of PC Computing magazine features its annual Floppie Awards which "celebrate the most bizarre, most annoying, dumbest, sleaziest, and least necessary things that happened in 1999." Listed among the 'Floppies' for 1999 is one Joe Firmage.

Many will recall Firmage's explosion onto the UFO scene last year. Firmage resigned as CEO of USWeb to pursue his belief that extraterrestrials were present on Earth and that many computer and other technological advances were back-engineered from alien technology. Many dubbed Firmage "The Fox Mulder of Silicon Valley" for his beliefs.

The piece on Firmage in PC Magazine reads:

"That was no alien, Joe! It was Lou Dobbs, after your CEO job. Internet entrepreneur Joe Firmage in January quit his job as CEO of Internet marketing company USWeb/CKS to spread his belief that many of today's technologies, such as lasers, came from extraterrestrial aliens - one of whom visited him at home."

Firmage has been at the end of many jabs from the majority of the mainstream media who do not take the 28 year old computer wizard very seriously. Firmage has been very active on the UFO scene funding many projects and is also rumored to be meeting with many top politicians concerning UFOs.

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>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 13:13:10 +0000  
>From: Georgina Bruni <[georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell' Documentary  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Well done Stanton. These TV researchers really ought to get  
>their act together.

>Georgina Bruni

Yes, very well done. I can't tolerate TV UFO programs--pro or  
con--and I'm quite glad I missed this one. Keep up the good  
work.

Best wishes and happy holidays,

Mac Tonnies

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The following semi-rhetorical question was asked re: Cavitt:

"Was is Marcel a better witness than Cavitt? Is it because Cavitt doesn't agree with you?"

Regarding Cavitt's credibility I offer the following:

Did Sheridan Cavitt Visit The Same Crash Site?

or

'Cavitt Emptor!'

by Bruce Maccabee

In September, 1994, the Air Force released a 23 page summary of its six month investigation into the 1947 Roswell, New Mexico UFO crash event (the "Roswell Incident"). The summary was written by Col. Richard Weaver. According to Col. Weaver what crashed was not a single weather balloon and radar target, as had been claimed by the Air Force (General Roger Ramey) in July, 1947, but rather a very complex arrangement of many such balloons and radar targets which was flown from Alamogordo Army Airfield on June 4, 1947 and not recovered. The flight was part of a formerly Top Secret project called Mogul. Mogul was intended to detect nuclear explosions by listening for them at high altitudes. Of particular importance is the fact that the balloon and radar reflector structure which the Col. Weaver claims was "the" Roswell crash debris was not constructed with exotic materials. According to Weaver the only difference between it and a normal weather balloon with a radar reflector would have been in the quantity of balloon debris, radar reflector materials and connecting cords, coming from perhaps over two dozen neoprene balloons and several radar reflectors. (The instrument package may have appeared slightly different from the instrument package on a normal weather balloon.)

It is not my intent here to discuss the Mogul hypothesis in any depth...since I think it is quite shallow. Instead, I wish to examine the testimony of Sheridan W. Cavitt, who was at the time the chief Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC) officer at the Roswell Army Air Base and who is "universally acknowledged to have been involved" in the Roswell recovery. Sheridan Cavitt was interviewed by Col. Weaver during the Air Force investigation. As I read Cavitt's sworn statement (attachment 17 of the AF report) and the transcript of his interview (attachment 18) I was astonished...very astonished. There are so many inconsistencies with the testimony of other witnesses that I began to ask myself whether or not Cavitt actually visited the site that we think of as "the" crash site. Let me show you what I mean.

According to Cavitt's sworn statement, he and Jesse Marcel, the base intelligence officer and Louis Rickett, another CIC officer, all went to the crash site at the same time. He goes on to say, "To the best of my knowledge the three of us travelled to the aforementioned ranch land area by ourselves (that is, no



other persons, civilian or military, were with us)" (my emphasis). In the interview transcript he is quoted as saying "To the best of my recollection, I never met the rancher, Brazel." This directly contradicts Jesse Marcel who said he took "Cav" Cavitt along, but not Rickett, and they both went with rancher "Mac" Brazel who was, after all, the only person who knew where to find the debris. (Note: based on reconstruction from Marcel's story, he and Cavitt went with Brazel to the ranch late on Sunday, July 6, 1947. Marcel said they stayed overnight at the ranch, visited the debris field on July 7 and returned to Roswell at night on July 7.) Therefore, Cavitt's statement, exclusive of the Rickett portion, is, by itself, hard to believe because neither Cavitt nor Marcel could have found the site without Brazel's help. Furthermore, Rickett said that Cavitt informed him of the crash material after Cavitt and Marcel had returned from their visit to the crash site. This would have been when they returned to the Roswell base early in the morning of Tuesday, July 8. Then, according to Rickett, he went with Cavitt and another man when Cavitt went there for a second time later the same morning. Rickett could not remember the name of the third man (it was presumably not Marcel, since Marcel had been ordered to fly some of the material to Carswell Air Force Base in Texas). In contradiction to this statement by Rickett, Cavitt told Col. Weaver that he didn't go to the site a second time. Cavitt also contradicted Marcel's claim that they (Marcel and Cavitt) spent the night with Brazel at the ranch (without any running water). According to Cavitt's interview statement, this was "Totally made up, fabricated or whatever. I didn't have any experiences like that of spending the night out on the ranch."

Cavitt's sworn statement goes on to say, "When we got to this location we subsequently located some debris which appeared to me to resemble bamboo type square sticks one quarter to one half inch square, that were very light, as well as some sort of metallic reflecting material that was also very light. I also vaguely recall some sort of black box (like a weather instrument). The area of this debris was very small, about 20 feet square, and the material was spread on the ground, but there was no gouge or crater or other obvious sign of impact." This description of the crash site is contradicted by Marcel who said the area was very large, comparable to a football field in size. Marcel said the arrangement of the debris made it look as if an explosion had taken place in the air while the object was moving rapidly and the explosion caused the material to seem to spread or radiate outward from a small area at one end of the debris field.

Cavitt's sworn statement continues with the most amazing revelation of all, "I recognized the this material as being consistent with a weather balloon. (my double emphasis). It is truly amazing that Cavitt would claim that he recognized it as balloon debris because there is no indication that he told Marcel of his opinion. Why didn't Cavitt point this out to Marcel? Why did he let Marcel think it was something special, something "ET?" And, why didn't he tell Rickett it was debris from a weather balloon?

Further on in the interview we find the statement, "We gathered up some of this material, which would easily fit into one vehicle. There certainly wasn't a lot of this material or enough to make up crates of it for multiple airplane flights." Marcel was explicit in indicating that there was a lot of material, some of which filled up the two vehicles which he and Cavitt used to drive to the Brazel ranch on Sunday (Cavitt drove a Jeep carry-all and Marcel a '42 Buick, according to Marcel). According to Bill Brazel, "Mac" Brazel's son, a large number of Army personnel appeared at the crash site to pick up to pick up the material which was left behind by Cavitt and Marcel.

Cavitt continues as follows: "What Marcel did with this material was unknown to me, although I know now from reading about this incident in numerous books that it was taken to the Eighth Air Force Headquarters in Fort Worth where it was subsequently identified as a weather balloon, which I thought it was all along." Later in the statement he says, "I only went to this area once and recovered debris once and to the best of my knowledge there were no other efforts to go back here. If there were they did not involve me. There was no secretive effort or heightened security regarding this incident or any unusual expenditure of manpower at the base to deal with it." This

claim that there was no particular effort expended to deal with this material contradicts numerous witnesses who said that there seemed to be a lot of activity surrounding the material.

Still further in the statement he says, "With regard to claims that we tested this material by hitting it with hammers without damaging it, I do not recall any of us doing so. I also did not test this material for radioactivity with a Geiger counter (or anything else)." Here he is in conflict with Marcel's statement that some of the men picking up material did "test" it by hammering on it in order to permanently dent it, by attempting to crease it and by attempting to burn it. Marcel said they were not able to dent it, burn it or crease it. Bill Brazel, who collected small amounts of the material during a two year period after the crash, said that he, too, was unable to crease or dent it. (He didn't try to burn it.)

Then Cavitt makes a very provocative statement: "I do not recall attempting to burn any of this debris but my wife tells me she recalled that Jesse Marcel, his wife and son did have a small piece that they held over the fire when we had a cookout." If true, what happened to that piece?

Cavitt ended his sworn statement by reiterating his opinion that it was a balloon as "I thought so at the time and think so now," and by emphasizing that he had not been sworn to secrecy and was not withholding any information.

So! There you have it. Marcel and Rickett and all the others (Brazel, Brazel's neighbours, Sheriff Wilcox, Col. Blanchard, etc.) were all wrong, victims of insufficient uneducation or self-delusion. They couldn't recognize a weather balloon, or a collection of weather balloons. Instead believed that the material was exotic. Then they went further and concluded it was from a "flying saucer." But they were all wrong. Cavitt, alone, realized what it was.

At least that is what he and Col. Weaver would have you believe.

Does this make any sense? Is it possible to explain how Cavitt's story could be so different without assuming that it is a "tall tale" intended to perpetuate the cover-up? Perhaps so, if we make a hitherto unthought of assumption (lots of people have theorised about what happened at Roswell in order to fill in the blanks in the history of the events; now it's my turn). Here I am making the (charitable?) assumption that Cavitt was telling the truth as he knew it. (I am aware of the alternative...that he had been "advised" how to answer by people presumably unknown to Col. Weaver and the AF investigations team. The reason that there is a glimmer of "hope" that perhaps "Cav" and Marcel might both be correct is to be found in the transcript of the interview as opposed to the signed statement. Therein we learn that Cavitt and his wife had arrived at the base only shortly before the Roswell event. Weaver asked Cavitt when he was transferred to Roswell and he couldn't remember, guessing at first the fall of 1946, just after graduating from the Fort Holabird (Maryland) Counter Intelligence Corps school. Fortunately his wife was present for the interview and she recalled that it was June, 1947, which, according to Col. Weaver, agreed with the Cavitt's AF records. Cavitt's response to this was "OK.. I told you my dates are slipping my mind.... It's hard to remember July 1947. I hadn't been there very long." (my emphasis) Weaver asked Cavitt if he recalled the incident in early July when "you were asked to accompany Major Marcel to go recover the wreckage of anything?" Cavitt answered, "Well,, there again I couldn't swear to the dates, but in that time, which must have been July, we heard that someone had found some debris out not too far from Roswell and it looked suspicious. It was unidentified. So, I went out and I do not recall whether Marcel went with Rickett and me; I had Rickett with me. We went out to this site. There were no, as I understand, check points or anything like that (going through guards and that sort of garbage) we went out there and we found it. It was a small amount of, as I recall, bamboo sticks, reflective sort of material that would, well at first glance, you would probably think it was aluminum foil, something of that type. And we gathered up some of it. I don't know whether we even tried to get all of it. It wasn't scattered; well, what I call, you know, extensively. Like, it didn't go along the ground and splatter off some here and some there. We gathered up some of it and took it back to the base and I remember I had

turned it over to Marcel. As I say, I do not remember whether Marcel was there or not on the site. He could have been. We took it back to the intelligence room... in the CIC office." Then Weaver asked him what he thought it was and Cavitt responded that he thought it was a weather balloon. Later in the interview Cavitt said he made just one trip out to the site and he was sure it was with Rickett, but wasn't sure about Marcel. Weaver asked if he recalled reading about the "flying disc" in the newspaper and Cavitt said he didn't. He only took the paper for some weather reports. At this point his wife made a statement which leads directly to my "solution" to understanding Cavitt's story. She said, "We were so new there. In fact, I think I had just been there just maybe just (sic) a few days because I had been up to my sister's wedding and I don't think at that time we might not even have been taking the paper.... we heard nothing. Of course, we didn't associate with people on the base, either." In the following months and years the Cavitt's got to know the Marcells quite well and become good friends. One may imagine that they worked together quite often in the months and years after "the Roswell crash."

These mutually contradictory stories could possibly be reconciled if we assume that Jesse Marcel made one important error of recollection: assume that Marcel was correct in claiming that he was accompanied by a CIC agent, but incorrect in recalling him as being "Cav" Cavitt. Perhaps Cavitt had only been on the base for a week or so based on his wife's testimony so Marcel would not have known him very well at that time. It is a historical fact that when recalling the story in 1979, when he was first extensively interviewed about this, Marcel couldn't remember Cavitt's first name, only that he was called "Cav." Perhaps Marcel was also confused about who actually accompanied him to "the" crash site. Suppose that he thought it was Cavitt, whereas in (my hypothesis) it actually was someone else, perhaps Cavitt's predecessor or some other CIC agent at the base.

If this were true, then Cavitt was not involved with "the" Roswell crash. But, if he were not at "the" crash site, then what about his recollections? He clearly (assuming truthful!) recalls finding balloon wreckage with Rickett and, possibly, Marcel.

My suggested explanation of Cavitt's story is based on the logical assumption that after the Roswell event was over, and assuming it really was "unconventional," the base would have been hypersensitized to the possibility of other crashes. Perhaps that would also hold true for ranchers in the area. Suppose, then, in the days or weeks following "the" incident, some other crash reports were made and suppose that Cavitt and Rickett and perhaps Marcel, actually went out on one of these and did, indeed, find a balloon. That could, possibly, explain the inconsistency between Cavitt's story and Marcel's. Years later Marcel would remember "the" crash and assume that Cavitt had accompanied him to the site and might forget about or ignore the crashed weather balloon because that was unimportant, whereas Cavitt would remember the weather balloon, but not "the" crash because he wasn't at "the" crash site. What about Rickett's story? Perhaps he didn't go to "the" crash site after all, but only to a balloon site.

Or, perhaps, he, too, incorrectly recalled Cavitt as the CIC officer who took him to "the" site.

Naturally I cannot say that this hypothesis is correct, only that it might explain the conflicting testimony of three old men trying to recall the day by day, even hour by hour, events of thirty to forty years before. However, if this hypothesis is correct, then it leads to a mystery of its own: who was the CIC agent with Marcel? Could it have been Rickett, in which case Rickett would have visited the site twice? Or was it someone else?

If this hypothesis is not correct and we can't find another which allows for all the witnesses to be telling the truth as they recall it, then it would appear that the blame for the inconsistency must be placed on Sheridan Cavitt. Is Cavitt's story a total fabrication for reasons related to the perpetuation of the cover-up? There is, after all, one undisputable fact in this whole story: Col. Blanchard, the Roswell (Army) Air Force commander, did order the release of the story which said a

crashed flying saucer had been found on a ranch near Roswell and had been retrieved by Major Jesse Marcel. Col. Blanchard was not reprimanded for this information release (later on he was promoted to General). Furthermore, the stories told by numerous other witnesses tend to support the officially released story of the crash. The story told by Sheridan Cavitt, assuming that it applies to the same crash, is the only one that clearly contradicts this fact.

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Hi,

>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 22:28:27 +0000  
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>write another book about his involvement with 'Alien  
>Technology'; and if I'm not completely mistaken, after Corso's  
>death his son intended to get 'Part II' done, published and  
>released.

<snip>

The only research I'm aware of, is Corso's military record.  
Follow the link in my signature.

Merry Christmas...

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Col Corso's DA Form 66 <http://www.multimania.com/jpoulet/corso/bryant.htm>  
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>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 18:48:18 -0500 (EST)  
>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>>>And what about Marcel's civilian counterpart who was also there?  
>>>>Who is still alive? I guess he's just a certified liar? Why do  
>>>>you try so hard to ignore what is there now to say the Roswell  
>>>>crash was not an alien event?

>>>Who is this mysterious person? What civilian counterpart did the  
>>>Intelligence officer of the 509th have?

>>Stan, John:

>>Does John mean Sheridan Cavitt?

>>Clear skies,

>>Bob Young

>Yes. That's who I meant. My mistake.

>Happy Holidays to All!

>John

I guess we all make mistakes. There is a good description of Bill Moore's initial meeting with Cavitt in his 49 page 1985 paper 'Crashed Saucers: Evidence in Search of Proof' (\$8. including postage from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958). Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt also met with him and discussed him in their books. Billy Cox a reporter with Florida Today spoke with him on the phone as I did. His much more recent comment to Colonel Weaver summarized as--"Just a balloon, I remember it well"... was a total departure from everything he had previously said including total evasion of involvement.

Jesse Marcel was consistent from 1978 on... One other major difference was that Marcel's picture appeared in many newspapers in July 1947.. Sheridan W. Cavitt's name appeared nowhere, until Bill received some background info listing Cavitt's alma Mater. Loren Gross an outstanding researcher-historian in California had found the full name in some unrelated documents I located

him and Bill went to see him, unfortunately having earlier mentioned at MUFON 1981 in Toronto that he had located him. Cavitt was ready with his denials. Call him a patriot. He wouldn't even make a death bed confession.

Stan Friedman

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>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Stan,

>I will say this, you don't give up. I have read your books,  
>books by other's on Roswell, seen most of the documentaries done  
>on it. But by the far the best and most OBJECTIVE account  
>appeared in the June MUFON issue of 1997. Yes, you know who I  
>speak of: Kent Jeffrey's "Roswell--Anatomy of a Myth."

>Kent spent money and much time--as you have--on investigating  
>the Roswell story. He was also so much taken by the subject that  
>he help with the International Roswell Initiative which was a  
>large petition to hopefully open any classified files on the  
>Roswell Crash.

>Here was a man who was passionately involved and interviewed  
>many of the same people you have and many that you didn't  
>interview. This latter group includes "15 B-29 pilots and 2 B-29  
>navigatgors, all of whom were stationed at Roswell Army Air  
>Field in July 1947" (page 7-8).

>According to Kent, a commercial airline pilot, "Not one single  
>man had any direct knowledge of a crashed saucer or of any kind  
>of unusual materail." Not one! "...Even more significantly, in  
>all their collective years with the 509th Bomb Group, not one of  
>these men had ever encountered any other individual who had such  
>knowledge."

Sorry, John, wrong again. Kent Jeffrey was a passionate collector of stories and expressor of strong opinions not backed by evidence.

You really ought to read my five page treatment of his MUFON article. Give me a snail mail address. or send an SASE to UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. I have been to reunions of the 509th as well.

Kent never had a security clearance and obviously had no understanding of how security works. You really need to do your homework. The very great majority of Roswell witnesses had to be found the hard way. They didn't come forward.

>You've also refused to adequately explain why "Irvin Newton, the  
>weather officer at Forth Worth Army Air Field who was called in  
>by General Ramey to identify the unususal debris (p. 11)" told  
>Kent that he "immediately recognized it as being from an ML-307  
>radar reflector." Nor to point out that the symbols that he saw  
>on some balsa sticks looked remarkably like what Major Marcel's  
>son says he remembered seeing on a so-called "I-beam" of the  
>debris he saw.

I had also located Irving Newton many years ago. He has totally changed his story. I am not a psychiatrist. I suspect a pension might have something to do with it.



>Nor do you care to address that Glenn Davis's nurse, "Naomi  
>Self," who allegedly saw the dead aliens, doesn't exist. As an  
>investigator of over 120 formal UFO cases, when I find something  
>like this, I throw out that witness's entire testimony.

What if that wasn't her name? After all my first conversation  
with Glenn was in 1989 in Lincoln, NM. Investigation of Roswell  
began in the 1970s. It doesn't depend on him.

<large snip since what followed is totally irrelevant>

I certainly am not saying believe everything people tell an  
investigator. At best everything starts in my gray basket. and  
then gets checked.

I am the guy who is given a hard time for exposing Robert S.  
Lazar, Michael Wolf Kruvant, Guy Kirkwood, Frank Stranges etc  
etc.as frauds.

Stanton T. Friedman

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>Hello list,

>I was just wondering what the situation/research status (is  
>there any?) on Colonel Corso might be - the book has been  
>published 3 years ago, and as far as I remember, he planned to  
>write another book about his involvement with 'Alien  
>Technology'; and if I'm not completely mistaken, after Corso's  
>death his son intended to get 'Part II' done, published and  
>released.

Dear Ralph:

I'm no Corso expert, but I watch this and other UFO lists  
closely.

I believe that my personal opinions of Corso and company are  
pretty much in agreement with most of the saner readers of these  
lists, namely that you can take the contents of his book with a  
heavy grain of salt.

Please see notes below your questions..

>My question is (or my questions are):

>a) is Corso simply a nutcase?

Opinions differ. I see him as an aging man in poor health who  
may have stretched the truth a bit, to put it mildly. We can  
argue how much or how little his ghostwriter ( The Day after  
Roswell ) spiced up matters with his own input. One might even  
argue that the ghost was Corso himself, living one or two years  
beyond his time.

I find him a likeable old chap, but hardly believable.

>b) did he merely tried to raise some quick money for his family  
>before passing away?

That exact thought occurred to me. Unless one of his  
personal intimates comes forward with some pretty  
personal stuff, we will probably never find out.

Regardless, it is a not-too-unreasonable hypothesis.

>c) is it probably all true, what's in the book?

Personally, I haven't even read the book. I know that seems  
terrible, but I'm not about to blow \$20 or whatever on something  
that strongly smells of bunk to me.

I cannot give an honest reply without doing some serious  
name-dropping. Given ten books on a shelf, and ten or twenty  
dollars in my pocket, Corso could not sell a copy to me... Here  
comes the name-dropping:

Re: Corso?

Richard Haines waved a copy of that same book in front of Peter Sturrock, Dominique Weinstein, Jacques Vallee, Loren Gross, Ed Stewart, Jim McCampbell, myself and others.

Dr Haines asked what we thought of Corso and his story.

As one of the few non "Phuds" there, I indicated it was crap (in more polite terms of course.)

Only Fred Beckman disagreed. I hope I didn't offend Fred too much.

>d) any news from his ghostwriter? Is he still travelling the >country, trying to sell 'The day after...'?

Probably, haven't a clue. If I were he, I'd be looking for a new Colonel Corso. I don't even know his name.

Shazam! You have suggested a wonderful line of inquiry! Namely: What OTHER books has this same Ghost Write ghost-written? I suspect that may give us a clue... unless of course... he uses psuedonyms... or theramins... or [ whatever ].

>e) what is going on?

Lots of things, but none have much to do with Colonel Corso and the "Day after Roswell", assuming I have the book title right.

>f) or have I missed something and it is all my fault - not >reading the UpDates properly?

Its not your fault as I see it. Corso's fifteen minutes of fame blew by three years ago more or less. If Art Bell were to call me tomorrow and promise to promote my \*U\* Database, I like anyone would be tempted.

His toadie Hilly Rose said it best. " You are being too Scientific!" It was Art Bell who co-promoted the Corso book and story. Need I say more?

Perhaps Corso fell off the UFO Updates radar screen when readers felt he lost credibility. I can only speak for myself of course, but I have no more interest in Col. Corso than I might in Adamski, Elisabeth Montgomery ( whose moth eaten tomes still choke the UFO shelves of local libraries nationwide ), the Great Krispin, or Rice Crispie who invited the Easter Bunny over for Xmas dinner only to shave off his fur and give the dead body a starring role in Santilly's Alien Autopsy film of highly 1947 vintage ( plus or minus 49 years ). [burp!]

None of this has to do with our penultimate aim; namely to find out if there is any truth to the UFO enigma... and what if anything it might be.

>And regarding those 'Liquid Metal' Golfclubs:

Sounds a lot like Mercury to me!

>There is a Golf 'exhibition/special event/whatever here at >Harrods in London. A friend of mine who plays Golf went there >and had a go at the (very, very, very... expensive) 'Liquid >Metal' Clubs - he couldn't believe it, they really seem to be >absolutely amazing.

I can imagine a small chamber inside a metallic club.

Properly shaped etc., the mercury could transfer momentum in some surprising way. I would wait until the Japanese saw one in half and not only imitate it, but improve upon it! <BG>

>Indeed, he who does not believe in UFOs at >all, uttered the words: "That must be Alien Technolgy!!"

>Happy New Year,

>Ralf

Best Linguica!

- Larry Hatch (burp!)

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UFOs SIGHTED IN MANY  
CITIES IN CHINA

China is in the grip of a major UFO flap. There were hundreds of sightings in the last week, and the flap has been reported in the major Communist Party newspapers.

"China is undergoing a sudden surge in unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings, always with the same descriptions."

"The Beijing Youth Daily published the sightings Monday (December 13, 1999) with a photo of two amber oblong objects taken the night before by China's central broadcaster."

"The newspaper said the photo, which resembles a pair of missiles, was taken in Changping, a city 70 kilometers (42 miles) north of Beijing.

"In another article, illustrated with another photo taken above the capital (Beijing--J.T.), the newspaper carried eyewitness accounts of the UFO sightings of November 14 and December 11, 1999."

"Shanghai's press weighed in last week, reporting--with a photo--on two local UFO sightings on the same date at the beginning of the month (December--J.T.) at roughly the same place and time."

"It was oblong, yellow, with a shiny pointed top and a white tail,' one of the witnesses identified only as Mrs. Yang told the (newspaper) Liberation Daily."

"An aviation expert who saw video footage of one of the sightings was quoted as saying the object was neither an airplane nor a meteorological phenomenon but an 'artificial flying object.'"

"The Beijing Youth Daily theorized that the sightings could have been illusions created by fumes from the engines of jets lifting off at dusk." (See Agence France Presse for December 10, 1999, "China reports sudden surge in UFO sightings." Many thanks to Jan H. Raabe for the AFP report.)

RED BOWL-SHAPED UFO  
SEEN IN DENMARK

On Sunday night, December 19, 1999, hundreds of eyewitnesses in southern Sweden and Denmark saw a "luminous UFO" cross the night sky.

According to Helge Nyborg Jensen, the UFO was described as "a large luminous bowl flying across Denmark. The bowl was red and had a tail like a parabola. It flew in a straight line from northwest to southeast and was also seen in southern Sweden."

Witnesses estimated that the UFO took "one to three minutes to cross the sky," which works out "to a relatively slow speed.. The TV news said there was nothing to be worried about and no one had been injured."

The Tycho Brahe Institute of Copenhagen (Denmark's capital--J.T.) "was very interested and is seeking eyewitnesses" to the object's passage. (Many thanks to Helge Nyborg Jensen and Steve Wilson Sr. for this report.)

#### INVESTIGATORS PROBE GUYRA UFO CRASH SITE

Guyra, a small town in northern New South Wales, Australia, continues to be the focus of interest following the crash of a mystery object into its reservoir dam last week.

On Friday, December 10, 1999, authorities in Australia stated that the damage to the dam, which resulted in a 12-meter cavern, had been "caused by a small meteorite about the size of a golf ball. Police said the meteorite was embedded about 14 feet into soft rock and could not be quickly removed."

On Wednesday, December 8, 1999, retired Col. John Auchettl and Dr. Ron Barnett of Phenomenon Research Australia (PRA) flew to Guyra from Melbourne to begin an on-site investigation.

According to Col. Auchettl and Dr. Barnett, "We went over the impact site in more detail. We arrived at the site very early on the 8th and checked out the location with a number of research tools. The radiation level at the site was at normal background levels. That night, an IR (infrared) camera was used to look for hot spots--none were found. Samples have been taken and will be looked at."

Col. Auchettl and Dr. Barnett found a number of interesting anomalies at the purported UFO crash site. These include:

- (1) The object's angle of entry (approach) to the dam was very shallow, less than 45 degrees.
- (2) No one in Guyra heard a sonic boom or an explosion prior to the crash.
- (3) The reeds have burn marks, "which is most unusual in a meteorite impact."
- (4) The reeds were flattened "in a strange shape, not quite like an explosion but with the characteristics of a compression wave."
- (5) The mud splash indicates that the object "may have skipped on the water" before hitting the dam.

A fossicker (prospector in the USA--J.T.) claimed to have seen "a comet-like object" heading towards Guyra the night of the crash.

Doug Strang "was having a beer and watching the sky near Mount Isa" in northwestern Queensland when "something passed overhead."

Strang reported that he saw "an object with white taillings. It was already burning up, and it was going at a nice steady pace. I mean, was it a shooting star? It looked like a comet. It was obviously burning up."

"And as it moved toward the horizon, it split into three or four sections. What I did see was four smaller white dots in alignment, and then nothing. That was it. I didn't see anything fall." (Many thanks to Diane Harrison of Australian UFO Research and Kenneth Young of Cincinnati UFO Research for this report.)

(Editor's Comment: Evidence of a compression wave followed by a mud splash suggests a large object as opposed to "a meteorite the size of a golf ball." It could have struck the dam and then rebounded into deeper water. The UFO may still be at the bottom of the reservoir.)

EGYPT CANCELS PYRAMID  
CAPPING CEREMONY

"In an apparent nod to public opinion, the (Egyptian) government on Thursday (December 16, 1999) canceled its plan to cap the Great Pyramid in gold for the Millenium celebration."

"Organizers of the (12-hour) all-night concert by French musician Jean-Michel Jarre had wanted a helicopter to lower a golden cap on the Great Pyramid at midnight."

"Egypt had planned to ring in the New Year by affixing a gold-encased capstone on the Great Pyramid, built as a tomb for King Cheops (Pharoah Khufu--Cheops was his Greek name--J.T.) about 4,500 years ago."

"The 30-foot cap was to be lowered by helicopter at the stroke of midnight, December 31, 1999, making the broken pyramid whole again, if only for a night."

"Culture Minister Farouk Hosni gave no reason for backing off the plan, but said the decisioon was made despite technical assurance that it would not have done damage to the monument, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported."

The 12-hour concert is still planned, however, and it wil feature 1,000 performers in a dance opera.

Opposition to the capping scheme came primarily from Muslim and Christian groups.

Muslim imams were upset because of Internet rumors that Egyptair Flight 990 was shot down as part of a black magical spell to mark the Millenium, of which the pyramid capping ceremony was supposedly a part.

Fundamentalist Christian leaders in the USA, notably Rev. Texe Marrs of Living Truth Ministries in Austin, Texas, alleged that the Illuminati were planning to hold a Black Mass in the King's Chamber at midnight.

The hot rumor in Egypt is that the decision not to cap the pyramid stemmed from the dicoverly of a mysterious mummy at Maydum Pyramid three months ago.

"A small secret room has been discovered behind the burial chamber of King Sneferu of the Fourth Dynasty (2,600 B.C.) at Maydum Pyramid in Egypt, but the contents have not been revealed." (See the Tampa, Fla. Tribune for December 16, 1999, "Egypt cancels plan to cap a pyramid." Also USA Today for December 20, 1999, "Millenium Watch." Also Fortean Times #130 for January 2000, "Sidelines," page 13.)

TUBE-SHAPED UFOs SEEN  
IN EASTERN MARYLAND

"At least two people have reported seeing glowing objects over the (Maryland) Eastern Shore."

"Kathy Dink of Federalsburg (population 2,365) was delivering Christmas trees and watched yesterday (Tuesday, December 7, 1999) when she saw 'a light blue flame that looked like a missile or a rocket.'"

"Dink says at the time she spotted a missile or tube-shaped object about 20 to 30 feet (6 to 9 meters) in length traveling in a different direction. She said the two objects seemed to collide."

"Jim Henderson of Princess Anne (population 1,666) says he was hunting when he saw something similar. He says he saw what looked like a yellow or orange comet tail."

"Henderson called the NASA Wallops (Island) Flight Facility on the Eastern Shore because he was afraid a plane might have crashed."

"Spokesmen at Wallops and at Patuxent River Naval Air Station in southern Maryland say they can't explain the sighting or confirm the existence of any aircraft in the area at that time."

The sightings took place north and south of Salisbury, Md., located 110 miles (176 kilometers) southeast of Baltimore.. Federalburg, Md. is on Route 307 approximately 33 miles north of Salisbury, while Princess Anne, Md. is on Route 388 approximately 14 miles south of Salisbury. (Report of radio station WBAL in Baltimore, Md. for December 8, 1999. Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for this report.)

#### HUGE TRIANGULAR UFO SEEN IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE, UK

On Tuesday, December 7, 1999, "at 6:30 p.m., I saw an incredibly large craft near my house while taking my dog for a walk. I first sighted a large white light that had many different colours moving about inside of it...The thing was as big as an open daily newspaper (held) at arm's length. We're talking at least two feet across the sky. The lights at the back were like a triangle but moving backwards through the sky. There was a large white light at the front," David C. reported.

Describing the object's shape "as a ruler... you know, sort of like those things they have at school (an L-shaped compass?--J.T.), he added, "I ran back home to get my brother out of bed. We then ran to a motorway bridge that is near my house. The craft by now was just going over a hill about four or five miles away from our house. It was still three inches wide at that distance."

To Dave's surprise, at the bridge he encountered another pedestrian who had seen the large UFO a few minutes earlier. This man had also gone to the motorway bridge for a better look. "He couldn't believe how big it was, and he couldn't hear any noise," Dave reported, "Has anyone seen anything similar? I would be interested to know." (Email Form Report)

#### DISCOVERY SNARES HUBBLE ON FIRST TRY IN ORBIT

"After an unprecedented nine delays, space shuttle Discovery blasted into orbit Sunday (December 19, 1999)."

"It was NASA's last chance this year to send the shuttle and seven astronauts to" the rescue of the Hubble Space Telescope, which has been in "safe mode" in orbit during the past six weeks.

"The shuttle flight was originally scheduled for October when the telescope was just one mechanical difficulty away from shutting down many of its systems and suspending its science mission."

NASA delayed the shuttle's launch so that safety inspectors could check the rocket boosters to see if Discovery suffered "from the same welding problems found on an external fuel tank under construction for a future mission."

Bad weather delayed the shuttle's launch on Friday, December 17 and again on Saturday, December 18, 1999.

"Everything finally came together, and Discovery soared at 7:50 p.m" Eastern time Sunday evening, with the launch "lighting up the sky for miles around."

Discovery caught up with the comatose Hubble Space Telescope on Tuesday, December 21, 1999, "deftly snatching the observatory from its orbital perch more than 300 miles above Earth."

Astronauts Steve Smith and John Grunsfeld were scheduled for a six-hour repair mission, the most critical of the 10-day flight.

"The spacewalkers' first and most important job is to replace all of the mission's six stabilizing gyroscopes. Hubble needs at least three working gyroscopes to point at celestial objects for observations."

Hubble has been in "safe mode" since its



fourth gyroscope failed on November 4, 1999.

"The gyroscopes, each about the size of a soda can, are housed in pairs inside of three toaster-sized metal cases with handles. Smith and Grunsfeld must open doors protecting Hubble's fragile electronics and gently remove the cases. In some spots, there are only four or five inches between the spacewalkers and the delicate components that could be damaged by the accidental brush of the hand."

"French astronaut Jean Francois Clervoy will use Discovery's 50-foot robot arm to gingerly move the spacewalkers around the four-story telescope."

"On Tuesday Clervoy used the arm to grab Hubble from orbit and latch the telescope to a rotating platform in Discovery's cargo bay." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for December 22, 1999, "Discovery crew catches up with Hubble," pages 1A and 7A; USA Today for December 20, 1999, "Shuttle blasts off to Hubble's rescue," page 3A, and December 17, 1999, "Hubble mission delayed one day," page 4A.)

Y2K: EX-COLONEL CLAIMS  
NATO TROOPS WILL BE  
USED IN ANTI-RIOT ROLE

On Sunday, December 19, 1999, Former U.S. Army colonel and chaplain Jim Ammerman appeared on The Prophecy Club radio program in Topeka, Kansas and talked about possible responses to civil unrest during the Y2K rollover to the new year.

Rev. Ammerman, producer of the videotape Military Takeover of America, told listeners he had received a report from a man in San Antonio, Texas who had seen yellow rectangular City Closed - Martial Law signs in a military vehicle.

"Those signs were printed up a year ago," he said, and added Y2K responses have been hotly debated in Washington, D.C.

Rev. Ammerman said some of President William Jefferson Clinton's national security advisers were "against using the phrase martial law, so they came up with a blander-sounding presidential emergency instead."

Rev. Ammerman claimed that the military buildup is being done in accordance with "a piecemeal executive order."

Rev. Ammerman told listeners that, if Y2K rioting breaks out, "all fifty (states of the USA) National Guards will be federalized," and then UN troops will be brought in to back them up.

Rev. Ammerman claimed that President Clinton had spoken with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan "about using troops from Australia, Greece and Germany" to patrol cities in the USA.

Y2K: THREE ARRESTED IN  
FBI "MILLENIUM SWEEP"

Three men were arrested recently by the FBI in an apparent bid to forestall any Y2K-related terrorist activity in the USA.

"A militia leader is in jail for plotting to blow up a Florida nuclear plant and black out Atlanta (Georgia) by destroying electrical facilities, federal authorities said today (Thursday, December 9, 1999)."

"Donald Beauregard, 31, of St. Petersburg (Florida) plotted to carry out the attacks by stealing explosives and weapons from National Guard armories in central Florida, according to the U.S. Attorney's office here. Beauregard was arrested Wednesday (December 8) after he was indicted by a federal grand jury on conspiracy and weapons charges."

"James Diver, a 38-year-old from Atlanta, is believed to be a high-ranking member of the Southeastern States Alliance (a coalition of

rightwing militia groups--J.T.) On Friday (December 10, 1999) he was ordered to be held without bail on federal charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Diver's (defense) attorney, federal public defender Jimmy Hardy said his client should get (bail) bond because federal prosecutors appeared to be targeting militia members."

The arrest that caused the biggest stir, however, took place in Port Angeles, Washington state (population 17,710) on Friday, December 17, 1999.

Abdul Ressam, 32, a citizen of Algeria, was "driving his car," a Chrysler 300, off the ferry and "was arrested after U.S. Customs Service inspectors became suspicious."

"In Ressam's car, Customs agents found 10 plastic bags containing 118 pounds of a fine white powder, identified as a form of urea to manufacture explosives and fertilizer; 14 pounds of a crystalline powder identified by the government as a form of sulfate intended to keep things dry; two 22-ounce jars, each three-quarters full with a yellowish liquid identified as nitroglycerine and four small black boxes believed to be detonators, which each contained a circuit board connected to a Casio watch and a 9-volt battery."

"At the border checkpoint he told inspectors that he was headed to Seattle but appeared nervous when asked why he had not crossed at Vancouver, rather than taking the 'out of the way' route through Port Angeles, officials said."

After a search of the car's trunk uncovered the bags of white powder, "Ressam then ran a few blocks from the scene before inspectors caught him."

"They grabbed him after he tried to jump in a car that had slowed down at an intersection, officials said. The driver of that car was able to lock the door and speed away."

"FBI investigators say they believe that Ressam is part of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA)." Since Saturday, December 18, they have been searching for a possible accomplice.

The Ressam case has resulted in two warnings of Y2K terrorism being issued by the USA's federal government.

"We have ongoing efforts that look at both international terrorism (and) protecting against domestic terrorism. That work is something that the president has closely involved himself in and has done a lot of work on," (White House spokesman Joseph) Lockhart said."

Both "the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center" and the Los Angeles Times have hinted that rightwing Christians may be planning millennial mayhem.

According to the APBNews, "Mark Potok of the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center told APBNews.com, 'Many believe we are in the run-up to the battle of Armageddon. There are others who believe the Y2K computer bug is going to bring about the crash of Western civilization... and they see this as an opening to make the revolution they've all been pining for for years... The FBI may be essentially rolling up people they fear are about to unleash violence around Dec. 31,' Potok said."

(Editor's Comment: Interesting how no distinction is made between your church-going born-again and pistol-packing militia members. Interesting, but typical of Zionism. Unfortunately, the Los Angeles Times is even worse.)

"With just 20 days left in the fading Millennium and with many groups believing that a hellish end of the Earth is nigh, there seems to be a growing paranoia among many extremists that think that it will be government agents disguised as terrorists who will strike first. They fear that the government will declare martial law and impose a 'new world order' on America."

"Officials estimate that there are nearly 1,000

cults in the country, large and small. There are also more than 500 hate groups in the United States, many of them gun-loving."

"A recent Newsweek magazine poll found that 2 in 10 Americans think that the world will end in their lifetime, and that 6 percent of Americans, or about 15 million people, expect the Apocalypse in 2000." (See the Tampa, Fla. Tribune for December 10, 1999, "Militia rhetoric watched closely," the St. Petersburg, Fla. Times for December 9, 1999, "Indictment details plot to blow up power lines," USA Today for December 20, 1999, "Terror suspect's arrest sparks high alert," and for December 21, 1999, "State Department may have terrorism update," and the Los Angeles Times for December 11, 1999, "Keeping an eye on would-be Y2K terrorists.")

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#### 1999: MILLENIAL DREAMS

The run-up to New Year's Eve and the recent headlines about millennial jitters must be getting to me. Because I had a really strange series of dreams on Thursday, December 16, 1999.

I dreamed that I was a nine-year-old boy of the Anishinabe people, and it was late spring or early summer, and I was visiting Cahokia for the first time with my family.

But it wasn't the Cahokia, Illinois we know today. It was Cahokia one thousand or perhaps two thousand years ago. A large city on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River, with its wide dirt streets and spacious plazas. Monk's Mound was a spectacular mud-brick pyramid. And there were smaller pyramids around the city.

There was a large religious procession which was witnessed by indigenous people from all over North America. Ganegahaga-ono from upstate New York. Tohono Oodham from the desert Southwest. And my family, which had arrived by kichimishoon, a large birchbark canoe--what the French called a Montreal canoe--from our home on Chequamegon Bay on the south shore of Lake Superior. In terms of color and pageantry, this procession outdid anything I saw in Hawaii.

Americans then were just as star-struck as they are today. During the procession, everyone wanted to catch a glimpse of Awenhai, the beautiful princess of the Ontouagannha people. She cut quite a figure in her white dress with its colorful beadwork. On either side of her were two full-grown cougars (also known as pumas or mountain lions.) There were many stories about her. She was a sorcererss who had danced on the moon (!! ) She could turn herself into a cougar. She was hundreds of years old. (She looked about twenty.)

With the family was my grandfather, Tackanash. Now, I've dreamed of Tackanash off and on over the years. But this was the first time I've dreamed about him in fifteen years, so it seems significant.

We were sitting in the market plaza with a Lakota family we were friendly with. Possibly related to by marriage. And Tackanash tells me to go to the river and relieve my cousin, who was standing watch over the remaining makuks (birchbark boxes) we'd brought down from Mauningwaunakauning Miniss (Anishinabe for Island of the Golden-Breathed Woodpecker, now Madeline Island just east of Bayfield, Wisconsin.)

So there I am sitting on the riverbank near the canoe, looking toward the Missouri side and seeing a handful of tipis and an ocean of ripe prairie grass rolling away to the west. And then I hear an eagle scream, and I look again. And the prairie is gone, and I'm looking at the familiar skyline of modern St. Louis.

The city, however, is in ruins. Twisted girders poke out of the tops of broken skyscrapers. Black smoke boils upward from two dozen spots. The Poplar Bridge is gone, and all that remains of the

railroad bridge are pylons sticking out of the river. The Gateway Arch looks like a turkey wishbone after somebody made a wish.

Startled, I jump to my feet. The buildings between Choteau Avenue and Busch Stadium are heaps of rubble. I can see the stadium in silhouette, and there are a few dings in it, like a chipped porcelain cup. Needle-nosed helicopters are zipping back and forth over the riverfront.

I feel a sudden compulsion to look to my left. I do, and a woman stands there. A Native American woman a few years older than Awenhai, wearing a green dress and a green fringed shawl. Right in front of her, running towards me, are the two Fatima seers. Francisco and Jacinta Marto, looking as out-of-place in pre-Columbian Illinois as a pair of giraffes.

Jacinta does the talking--in Portuguese! Very lively little girl in a black kerchief, peasant blouse and black skirt. "Masinaigan, there will be an explosion in the big city."

I gesture across the river. "Sao Luis?"

"Nao, nao." Frowning, she stamps her foot impatiently. "Nova York! Nova York!"

I feel hands on my shoulders. Tackanash whispers, "What do you see, Masinaigan?"

"The city is destroyed, Nimishoo." (Anishinabe for Grandfather.)

Then he looks at the same direction as me and lets out a cry. Jacinta and brother Francisco are gone. And so is the woman in green. In the woman's place is a single cornstalk brimming with ripe yellow corn ears. And I shudder because corn won't be ripening for another month.

And I wake up. But I'm still dreaming, though. I dream I've awakened outdoors under a cool night sky ablaze with stars.

(An explosion in New York City!? Where in New York? Jacinta!)

A dark mountain looms over me. I recognize its distinctive shape. Inyan Kara. I'm in Wyoming.

I can see a fire glimmering high on the ponderosa-clad mountain slope. I frown, thinking, They've already lit the fire. I'm late for powwow.

Tackanash smiles down at me. Pushing the blanket aside, I murmur, "I'm sorry, Nimishoo. I overslept."

He chuckles. "I never saw such a lazy boy."

And so we climb the trail up to the powwow, Tackanash and I. There are mostly Lakota people there, some Zizitza, some Awishi. Tackanash and I are the only Anishinabe present.

And then things really get weird. Bill Clinton is there, but it's the president as he was as a young man. He's dressed like a Lakota medicine chief.

(This is strange because I rarely dream of present-day political figures.) He removes his shirt and lets some elderly men paint symbols on his body.

Then he grimaces and makes no sound as the tribal elder pierces his chest with two skewers.

I watch in amazement. He's going to do the sun dance.

Sure enough, soon Bill is dancing around the wooden pole, dragging a buffalo skull behind him. At first he moves with a vigorous step, singing along with the wisdom singers beating the drum.

As the night goes on, a strange thing happens. Every time Bill passes by, he is a little bit older, and his feet are less certain. He no longer sings. The crowd watches silently. The only sound comes from the spirit drum and the wisdom signers.

And then he stumbles. Painfully he rises to his feet, takes a few feeble steps and falls again. Panicstricken I glance to the east. The sky is beginning to lighten over the Black Hills.

I move forward, but Tackanash firmly grabs my shoulder. "No! Don't enter the circle. This is his dance."

I glance at Bill, and he isn't moving. Oh, this is bad. This is very bad! I think, and I shout, "Bill, get up! You must finish!"

And I cast a fearful glance eastward, just in time to see the sun rising above the Black Hills. And suddenly it is full daylight, and I'm back home in modern-day Duluth, with Tackanash at my side. As a matter of fact, we're at the corner of Second Street and Mesaba Avenue.

It's a cold day (March? November?) with a light overcast sky. A stiff wind tears at my clothes. Looking toward Lake Superior, I see tremendous waves rolling over Park Point. Waves 50 to 70 feet high. The bay west of the Point is full of floating debris.

About a mile offshore a large cargo ship struggles against the oncoming tidal waves. She's the Columbia Star, and she looks like a submarine trying to surface. And doing it badly. She is slowly being swamped. But there's a smaller black-and-white Coast Guard vessel on the way to the rescue.

What a roller-coaster ride for the Coast Guard! Up the front of the wave, crash through the foam on top, and then toboggan down the back side.

Tackanash and I head downhill on Mesaba Avenue for a better look. I can go no further than First Street. Lake Superior has flooded this whole end of the city. Greybeard waves crash ashore on First Street, pounding the asphalt into rubble and sending fountains of icy spray skyward.

"This way, Masinaigan," he says, beckoning.

Soon we are walking north on Third Street, and I see an old brownstone building from the 1890s that has been converted into a prison. The glass is gone from the windows, replaced by shiny steel bars and barbed wire. The building is guarded by black-clad troops in body armor and combat helmets.

Behind the bars are people, moaning and shivering in the cold. A few are holding Bibles. Clutching the wires, they shout, "Help us! In the name of Jesus! Help us!"

And I wake up--for real this time. And my final dream thought is a hazy after-image, almost an indistinct postcard photo of the United Nations building in New York City. It fades, and I blink in the darkness of my bedroom. Grab my glasses and glance at the digital clock--2:31 a.m.

I go back to sleep, but the dream is just as vivid the next morning. It's fully etched in my memory.

i do not know if there is anything to this precognition stuff. Or if perhaps the Millenium is like an opaque mirror in which we see our deepest fears reflected.

I do know this, though. Back on December 6, I had a "bad vibes" feeling about New York City in general, and the UN building in particular. I've only had that feeling once before. Way back in 1981, when Mehmet Ali Agca shot the Pope.

So, a memo to John Velez and our other readers in New York City...if you can get away for a few days after Christmas, please try to do so. I know this sounds like typical Big Apple paranoia. And if I'm wrong, we can all have a big laugh in a couple of weeks about my goofy predictions. But I can't help feeling that the Apple is not a good place to be over New Year's weekend. Please be careful. Okay?

Join us next week as we count down to the New Millenium. Here's a hearty "Merry Christmas" from "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." Enjoy your Christmas holiday.

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>Firmage has been at the end of many jabs from the majority of  
>the mainstream media who do not take the 28 year old computer  
>wizard very seriously. Firmage has been very active on the UFO  
>scene funding many projects and is also rumored to be meeting  
>with many top politicians concerning UFOs.

This is news? Has the mainstream media ever taken anyone  
seriously who outed a UFO interest/concern/experience? If they  
did, now that would be news!

The Floppie award is exactly what one would expect in such an  
environment. Anything to bury serious public discussion...

-Brian Cuthbertson

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A BLESSED CHRISTMAS and A BRIGHT NEW "YEAR

At Christmas time, we hear many stories about Angels visiting the Earth. There message is that God not men is the final authority. In the first chapter of the New Testament we're told the Holy Ghost visited the Virgin Mary and that an Angel of the Lord visited Joseph. When Jesus is born the Magi or Wisemen from the East follow a star and are able to find the baby Jesus. Technically a star is very difficult to follow because stars appear to move as the world turns on its axis. It is more likely that the star was an unidentified light hovering high in the sky. Jesus Christ when he grows up declares, "He was sent by his Father in Heaven and in my Father's house there are many mansions and I go to prepare a place for you." His statements infer this is a place or planet in the northern sky. He gives a message of morality and peace. Obviously there are many interpretations of his statements, but much can be interpreted in relation to both angels and aliens and extraterrestrial travel. Psalms 91, 10-12 gives us a great promise that the angels watch over us.

"No evil will befall you nor will any plague come near your tent. For He will give His angels charge concerning you. To guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, Lest you strike your foot against a stone."

The Bible claims that the angels are sent by the Father in Heaven who promises the greatest gift of all, 'eternal life.' We can speculate at this time of year that the religious stories of the past are related to the signs and wonders we see in our skies now. I've studied the Bible, the Torah, the Koran and many ancient writings. The angels, the messengers of God, brought the Holy Scriptures to man. Think of these ancient writings as not only religious but as technical and historical documents. The Bible describes over a hundred appearances of angels as well as many UFOs in surprising detail. Their message provides comfort in our lives. Billy Graham the friend of most of our recent Presidents wrote in his book "Angels,"

"Some Christian writers have speculated that UFOs could very well be a part of God's angelic host who preside over the physical affairs of universal creation."

I wish you all a most Merry Christmas and thanks for your many letters and friendship you have shared with me this past year. I look forward to a bright and fruitful future because after all we have great wonders and signs in our skies. My hope is that your life will be filled with good health and joy and that your guardian angel continues to protect you.

NEW YORK SIGHTINGS BY TWO SECURITY OFFICERS

GLENS FALLS -- The witness stated, "On Sunday, December 19, 1999, myself and another security officer who was a mile away



were discussing our previous UFO sightings on our cell phones when I saw one again." It was a brilliant white pulsating light, with an orange tinge that slowly rose into the sky. My friend held the line open as he headed to a field for a better observation point. Finally, he informed me he also had the light in view. The object hovered for 5 minutes, drifting left, then right, then back to a center position. The object turned on red strobe, and slowly drifted towards Glens Falls. I feel the object tried to disguise itself, as within minutes, Air Force planes from the north and west seemed to converge on our area. This was our third Sunday sighting just before or after dark. The first sighting was on November 28, when the object hovered and bolted north into the Adirondacks, like lighting at an estimated speed from zero to 3000 mph. In the second observation object went out like a flash. Although, we work for different companies we are observant security officers who have both witnessed the UFOs. Thanks to [www.nymufon.org](http://www.nymufon.org). Larry Clark and [proserver1015@interland.net](mailto:proserver1015@interland.net)

#### NEW JERSEY FLYING TRIANGLE

SEWELL - MUFON's Evelyn Galson turned in her investigation of a triangle shaped UFO observed by Chris Augustin a web designer. On July 17, 1999, Chris looked up while throwing something in his trashcan. The lighting configuration on a low flying object was very strange. The triangle had three white lights, one in each corner and a center red light. It flew from west to east towards the Atlantic Ocean very slowly. The craft was much lower than normal traffic at an estimated 500 feet altitude and was three times the size of the full Moon. It appeared solid with sharp edges and making a low humming noise. Thanks to Evelyn Galson and Chris Augustin.

#### WEST VIRGINIA SIGHTINGS

HUNTINGTON--I was a skeptic until I had my 1st & 2nd dramatic UFO sightings. My 2nd sighting left me with a wonderful feeling and a tingling sensation up my back and over my head. I said to the UFO "I know you-I know who you are; I've seen you before." Then it blinked out. Now that I have met sincere people with similar encounters, I know that this is a real phenomenon. Do you think these individual contacts are preparation for eventual contact? Thanks to Joe Gardner [JOSEPOPI@camelot.serve.com](mailto:JOSEPOPI@camelot.serve.com)

#### MISSOURI HOVERING LIGHTS

COLUMBIA - My wife was taking my daughter's friend home on December 8, 1999. They were headed east on Route HH, when my daughters' friend spotted the object at 9:30 PM. It scared my wife as she thought it was an airplane crashing into the trees. It came from the north and crossed their path. My wife was afraid to turn onto Kircher Road, because the object was hovering over the trees near the road. It was moving sporadically, hover and then move, hover and move again. The children had their windows down and the object made no noise as it hovered. The distance was hard to judge, but since it is a heavily wooded area they must have been very close to see it for as long as they did. They didn't want to report it for fear people would think them crazy, but many others also reported the same exact sighting. A boy in the area, witnessed the object floating over his house. My wife was not a believer in UFO's but now she's changed her mind. I asked them why they couldn't make out a shape of the vehicle at such close range? They all said the lights were so bright that they couldn't see anything, but large brilliant landing-like lights. My wife recalls seeing white and red lights as do the children. They claim that the lights are much brighter also. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director, National UFO Reporting Center

#### NORTH CAROLINA UFO

ASHEVILLE -- Hi my name is John. "On a night in October 1998, I was riding in a golfcart at the hotel where I work and I saw a bright red light more less hovering high in the western sky." So I went around to the back of the hotel and walked up a fire escape for a better look. It was very high as far as I can tell. It would get a very bright red for a while and then fade out buy not on a regular basis just kind intermittently. I watched it for about 10 minutes and it was drifting up and to the right very slowly. I saw at least two aircraft fly nearby and I know they had to have seen it also. I went back down the

fire escape and knocked on the door of the gift shop and asked Phyllis to come see this. She and I watched for five minutes. It would get very bright and then get dimmer and finally just disappeared completely. A few minutes later Mike and George came by on their rounds, so I told them what Phyllis and I had seen. Mike said, "Is that it?" The UFO was there again? So all four of us watched for ten more minutes. I had to leave but Mike told me that he watched it for about 10 more minutes. The next morning it was on WLOS morning news and six people had called the police. Thanks to John at [flybowee57@email.msn.com](mailto:flybowee57@email.msn.com)

#### FLORIDA UFOs SEEN NEAR SHUTTLE LAUNCH

CAPE KENNEDY -- After watching the shuttle launch on July 25, 1999, at 12:24 AM, I went back to the Intercoastal waterway on Jeffrey Street in Boca Raton, at 2:30 AM to check my catfish lines and saw a "star twinkling red yellow and green." I immediately loaded my 35 mm camera with 800 ASA speed film and put on 270 mm lens, and set it on my tripod. Looking through the lens I distinctly saw smaller craft appear one at a time right next to the "mothership" in formations of three's, four's and five's. They put on the greatest laser light show that you could ever imagine, shooting colors at each other. While visiting my mother in Boca Raton, we watched shuttle launch on CNN. The TV news conference indicated there were allot of problems with the launch, and you could see the concern on the faces of the NASA people. After watching the liftoff on TV we ran from mom's condo about fifty yards to the Intercoastal waterway and were able to clearly see the shuttled headed due east. About 2:30 AM, I noticed a strange "star" about 45 degrees above the horizon in the northeast sky just below the seven sisters constellation. After I set up the camera, Billy woke up and confirmed what I was seeing. I'm 46 with 20/20 vision but the eyes of an 8-year-old are much better. We also had 8-24\*50 Legacy Binoculars. The larger object appeared white and round. About every 15 minutes it would turn completely opaque or translucent. Although you could still see it, it appeared as star pulsing colors.

I focused each frame with the main object in the bottom portion of the circle of the 270 mm lens. As Billy and I watched the round white dot through the lens a smaller dot or craft would appear right next to it on the right. Then another object would appear, then another, and they would flash colors at each other. These craft formed triangles, squares, and circles, depending on how many decided to appear at once. Then these smaller craft would either leave or turn their lights off, leaving only the larger white dot. Billy and I never took our eyes off this object until daybreak when it slowly began going up and to the left about 7:30 AM. Our photographs show the mothership in color with red on the bottom and green on top, quite different from what we saw through the lens. I used automatic exposure on most of the shots, which kept the lens open for three seconds. You can detect the small movement of the main craft during these exposures by the slight trailing of the green on top and red on bottom. I took quite a few photos with the smaller craft doing the formations near the mothership, there are trails of distinct colored objects all over the frames showing up as red, yellow then green. The bottom of the larger craft shows objects sitting on the "deck" in some frames. I can see a triangular shaped craft in the middle of the deck surrounded by smaller dots on the edges of the deck. An amateur astronomer reported seeing a similar object with an 8" Celestron from Miami Shores. He saw a disk shaped craft with a definite dome. " This is exactly what I saw in one of my photographs. The image I have shows a definite dome shape, red on the bottom and green on top. Thanks to Patrick Mullarky [mullarky@hotmail.com](mailto:mullarky@hotmail.com)

#### INVESTIGATION OF LOCO, OKLAHOMA UFO VIDEO

Jim Hickman-Director, Aerial Phenomena Research Group has received data from the Norman National Weather Service on the July 11, 1997, radar images showing a possible UFO. Several of experts were consulted to come up with this version. "These radar images were obtained from the Twin Lakes (near Oklahoma City) National Weather Service radar at 7:18 PM CDT on 25 May, or about three minutes before the "object" was videotaped. Reflectivity is shown, which relates to rainfall intensity in order of increasing "warm" colors (blue to green to yellow to red indicates increasing intensity). The "object" video was shot looking northeast from just to the left (west) of the dot

representing Loco, OK (near the center of the zoom. This location is about 75 miles SSW of the radar site. Due to earth's curvature, the radar beam was at a height of about 6,500 feet above ground level at the video location. Also due to the earth's curvature, the radar was unable to "see" anything below this height. These displays are presented only to show the relative positions of nearby thunderstorms near the time of the "object" sighting.

They do not show the "object" itself. They should be considered inconclusive as evidence in regard to any direct scientific investigation of the "object." The "object" was not, nor could it be, resolved by the radar. There are several reasons for this. First, the "object" was below cloud base (which was around 3,000 feet in this case), and thus was well below the radar's "horizon." Second, estimations of the "object's" size (50 feet or less) indicate that it was far too small to be resolved by the radar at that range. Although weather radar's can detect very small objects in certain cases, they are not designed to resolve specific properties (such as size, shape, speed) of objects smaller than the width of the radar beam. The beam itself is a narrow "cone" that increases in diameter (or width) with increasing distance from the antenna -- much like headlight beams, only much narrower. At a range of 75 miles, the beam width on this radar is about 7,000 feet. Therefore, it cannot resolve details of individual targets smaller than about 1.3 miles wide. (This value would be smaller for targets closer to the radar, and larger for more distant targets.) Third, even if the "object" were high enough or large enough, the radar antenna takes at least 20 seconds to rotate through a full 360-degree sweep. The chances of it being pointed in the right direction at the exact time of the "object" (which was on video for only about 1.5 seconds) are extremely remote.

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>I was just wondering what the situation/research status (is  
>there any?) on Colonel Corso might be - the book has been  
>published 3 years ago, and as far as I remember, he planned to  
>write another book about his involvement with 'Alien  
>Technology'; and if I'm not completely mistaken, after Corso's  
>death his son intended to get 'Part II' done, published and  
>released.

Dear Ralf and Listers,

I think the mystery of Corso is far from being resolved. As most know, some researchers have made the effort to investigate specific instances in the book that turned out to be faulty history or claims that are hard to take at face value. The best critical description of Corso I have read is the characterization of him as the "Forrest Gump" of UFO history -- somehow always being on the spot of important revelations about secret UFO research.

Yet.... there is something about Corso's claims that still attracts me. Perhaps the most significant is what others have found -- that despite his stupendous claims with regards to Roswell, that Corso was who he said he was. He was a career military intelligence man who displayed great courage and initiative in the closing days of World War II. He did testify about American POWs whisked out of Korea to the Soviet Union. He did serve on the staff of the National Security Council under Eisenhower. And, most importantly, he did serve in the Army's foreign technology office from 1959-1961.

As you know, Corso's book was released on the 50th anniversary of the purported Roswell crash. But, as many recall, the U.S. Air Force craftily pre-empted much of the ballyhoo over Roswell with its publication of the new explanation or cover story of Roswell, blaming it all on misidentification of Mogul balloon materials. "Responsible" media always included the Air Force's version of events in reporting the Roswell anniversary, and any genuine interest by the media in the events of 1947 were swallowed up by its derisive features about the impact of the anniversary on Rosell's economy and other such entertaining but irrelevant topics.

Interestingly, when I wrote lobby letters to federal elected officials over the next year advocating congressional hearings on Corso's claims, each official who responded referred to the official Air Force account of Roswell as their bottom line for taking no further interest. In other words, even if the Mogul explanation was not sufficient for some serious researchers, it was enough for members of the House and Senate Select Committees on Intelligence to quash any re-examination of the Roswell claims.

One glaring omission in the Air Force's reaction to the Roswell anniversary was any comment about Corso's book. Maybe someone

else on this list has seen something I haven't, but Corso's claims were met with a thundering silence by those people who best knew his service record. In fact, I called the Pentagon (I am a newspaper editor; I was writing a column) seeking an official comment on Corso, and asked the question that you did -- "Is Corso nuts, or is Corso a liar?" I was referred to the "proper" person to make a response, but received no call backs. My deadline came and went, and that's where I left it.

Has anyone else heard any official comment by the Army or Air Force on Corso's claims in his book?

Anyway, to answer one of your other questions, Corso's ghostwriter, William Byrne, definitely took an interest in UFOs after his interviews with Corso, and is now the publisher of the American magazine, UFO. Byrne was clearly impressed by Corso's claims and was, in my opinion, to blame for some of the inaccuracies in Corso's book.

I think Larry Hatch is right when he said most researchers have written Corso off as unreliable. Yet...

Pat McCartney

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>>The observations of those on the scene later are not  
>>speculation. Marcel, Rickett, .

>And what about Marcel's civilian counterpart who was also there?

Again, Thompson reveals his complete ignorance. First of all, the CIC or counterintelligence people involved were NOT civilians. They were military -- got that? Just because they wore civilian clothing didn't make them civilians -- good grief!

I also notice that John Thompson doesn't respond to Stanton Friedman's mentioned of Lewis Rickett. Does Thompson know who Rickett was? Apparently not. Rickett was one of those "civilian" CICman who operated out of Marcel's office, and he backed Marcel's story 100%. He went to the crash site while a major recovery was underway, involving dozens of military people. He saw and handled the anomalous thin metal material. He reported a gouge, as did the rancher's son Bill Brazel (who was a young married adult at the time, not some kid). And Rickett confirmed that it had been a saucer crash.

>Who is still alive?

Rickett was also very much alive when interviewed.

However, Thompson is obviously referring to Sheridan Cavitt, the senior "civilian" CICman in Marcel's office. Incidentally, he died earlier this year.

>I guess he's just a certified liar? Why do  
>you try so hard to ignore what is there now to say the Roswell  
>crash was not an alien event?

Maybe because Cavitt had contradicted himself so many times over the years. You could hardly find a worse witness for a Mogul balloon crash. He claimed the crash site was no bigger than his living room, kind of hard to reconcile with a 600 foot tall balloon train that was supposedly scattered over the countryside. Even after being prompted by his contemporary AF counterintelligence interviewer about the alleged flower tape on the Mogul radar reflectors, Cavitt claimed there was nothing like that. All the talk about alien hieroglyphics was made up by saucer buffs trying to make money.

Furthermore Cavitt claimed to have never met Brazel, or ever gone out with Marcel to the crash site, contradicting not only Marcel, but Brazel as well in his 1947 Roswell Daily Record interview. Please explain to us how Cavitt could find his tiny balloon crash no bigger than his living room out in the middle

of nowhere without Brazel leading him to the spot.

Cavitt in the past also denied being at Roswell at the time or being in any way involved with the events. But then the Air Force tried to turn him into a star witness for a Mogul balloon crash. Unfortunately they failed to brief Cavitt ahead of time what the new story was supposed to be. Instead they got caught with Cavitt repeating the original weather balloon cover story of 1947.

That Cavitt would continue to lie like this is a good indication that he was still covering up something else.

Absolutely nobody backs up Cavitt's version of events, not even his then assistant Rickett, who backed up Marcel's story instead. To this Cavitt tried to label Rickett a tall tale teller and insinuated that he was mentally ill because he once worked at a mental facility at one time.

I might add that Cavitt and Marcel were actually good friends and the families often got together at Roswell. Cavitt did not attack Marcel in his interview, despite some prompting by Col. Weaver, the interviewer. Cavitt instead said that Marcel was unusually intelligent, he could conceive of no reason for Marcel to have made up his story, and furthermore, if Marcel said there were markings on some of the recovered material, then maybe there were. Cavitt had a lot of respect for Marcel.

However, when Weaver typed up an affidavit for Cavitt to sign immediately after the interview, he had Cavitt claiming that both Marcel and Rickett were apt to tell tales, contradicting what Cavitt actually said about Marcel in the interview.

Another interesting exchange in the interview took place when Cavitt's wife Mary jumped in and said that the Cavitt's knew to keep their mouths shut about what happened, and couldn't understand why the Marcells would talk about it. All this over a balloon?

>>What accident with what equipment involved? Supposedly according >>to Burdakov, Korollev's input came from spy information, >>presumably from Los Alamos where we know some wreckage was taken >>Marcel was familiar with aircraft accidents. The material was >>very different and no conventional materials were found. There >>were plenty of airplane accidents in New Mexico.

>I talking about a Project Mongul balloon that went down, as the >USAF, now says and the accident was Colonel Blanchard okaying to >put out the press release that the Army Air Corps had recovered >a "flying saucer."

So your claim is that AF counterintelligence came up with this scheme to confuse the Soviets for decades, and they did all this in the space of about an hour after the press release went out? Then they totally dropped all mention of Roswell for the next 47 years until forced to respond by a GAO investigation (hence the Mogul balloon theory)? What happens to your claim of intelligence nuturing Soviet belief in captured alien technology over all that time? And why would Soviet intelligence believe any of this unless they had determined the saucers were real?

>>>I suspect we already knew by the summer of 1947 that the Soviets >>>had or were close to having their own nuclear weapons. But we >>>now had something more potent than nuclear bombs with the >>>"Roswell Recovery."

>Stanton's reply:

>>I have seen NSC meeting notes indicating the Russians weren't >>expected to have nuclear weapons until the early 1950s.. and >>weren't in 1947 known to have delivery systems. Interesting plot >>line but where is the evidence? As noted in Crash at Corona and >>several other books the case for a crashed saucer is very strong.

>>>Well, they were wrong! And I suspect many did think they >>>could have it earlier. ... Only the most dim-witted and >>>short-sighted after WWII would've thought that the Russians >>>weren't working on their own A-bomb projects.

>>Whatever Thompson might suspect, historically the intelligence and >>scientific consensus of the time was that the Soviets would be unable to



>>manufacture a bomb for many years.

>Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in 1951 for giving  
>some of our atomic bomb secrets away. They had been feeding info  
>for a long time. The Russians, as another post to you correctly  
>says, detonated their first bomb before then.

We have more of Thompson's argument by proclamation. Although there was much concern in 1947 about the Soviet's eventually getting the bomb, very few experts thought they were on the verge of having it. Part of this thinking was based on the war-devastated Soviet economy.

>I'm saying that the U.S. did nothing later to discourage the  
>Soviets from believing we had no alien technology. What was a  
>screw-up by Blanchard was forgiven later as some Brass probably  
>thought, "What would it hurt if the Soviets thought we had  
>something." This would be especially true after the Soviets  
>denotated their first bomb.

Again, why would they think we had something if their own extensive military and intelligence could determine that saucer's were fictional? Disinformation schemes like Thompson is proposing only work if the other side believes something to be true. Otherwise they might just as well have tried to convince the Soviets that we had captured Santa antigrav technology.

This raises the debunker dilemma that saucers are only a good disinfo ploy if they are real. But the whole point of trying to claim they are a disinfo ploy is to demonstrate they are not real. And around we go.

In reality, the Air Force NEVER publicly encouraged the belief that the saucers were real. Quite the contrary. And they certainly never dropped hints that we might have captured alien technology. Roswell was almost totally forgotten until revived by researchers like Stanton Friedman in the 1980's.

Historically, immediately after the Roswell debunking by Gen. Ramey, the military continued to emphasize the weather balloon angle for the saucers. The UP story of July 9, 1947 led with the sentence that the Army and the Navy were engaged in a concerted effort to debunk the saucers. This included several demonstration weather balloon launchings throughout the country published in various newspapers. Among these was at Alamogordo, where intelligence carried out a phony Mogul balloon launch, mentioned that they were launching such balloons in the area, that they probably accounted for the saucers being reported, and likely accounted for the rancher's claim of finding one on his property.

Rather than trying to promote a belief in saucers or that we might have captured saucer technology, the military tried mightily to kill the Roswell story and the nationwide interest in the many saucer sightings. There was a deliberate debunking campaign about the saucers, which has continued on and off into the present. The history on this is so clear, it is hard to believe that somebody could call himself a UFO researcher and not be aware of it.

>>Stalin, who routinely condemned to death millions for many  
>>reasons far less than making a public announcement mistake,  
>>couldn't believe the USAF could make such a huge error with  
>>their public announcement of recovering a "saucer."

>If you want to see what intrigues the Soviets went in scheming,  
>misinterperting, and putting out disinformatin/misinformation, I  
>suggest you read Armand Moss's fine book: "Misinformation,  
>Disinfomation and the JFK Conspiracy Exposed." There are also  
>several books out by former Soviet intelligence agents who show  
>what paranoid thoughts Communist leaders entertained. The  
>Roswell saucer story would have been discussed at all levels, if  
>for nothing else, because it did get brief, but HIGH, publicity.

I can buy that they might have discussed it. But Thompson's claim is that they obsessed about it for 50 years and are still obsessing about it. And why would they do that if there was nothing whatsoever to the saucers? What evidence can Thompson point to that would clearly indicate to the Soviets that we were successfully exploiting alien technology? Do we have fleets of



saucers waiting to bomb them into submission? ICBMS tipped with H-bombs are a very powerful deterrant and very real, not some hypothetical boogeyman superweapon that might or might not be true.

>Of course, the Press has often been non-performing in their >duties; still are. On the other hand, I suspect if they had done >a "Watergate press" back then on the story we would've found out >for sure that this was no UFO crash! This also explains why the >locals buried the story so quickly.

Huh?

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>The fact is there is no concrete proof that multiple, reliable >witnesses saw anything that was extraterrestrial.

It's easy to make sweeping statements like that simply by declaring all the witnesses that did report something highly unusual to be "unreliable." That gets rid of that pesky corroboration, so that Thompson can then go on to say:

>The only witness that I've heard that could be considered >reliable is Marcel. A witness who made a colossal mistake.

Don't forget Rickett, another intelligence man in Marcel's office who backed Marcel. How about Gen. Exon, the former C/O of Wright Patterson, who flat out said it was a crashed saucer made of strange material? Or Gen. Dubose, Ramey's chief of staff, who corroborated Marcel's account of a cover-up in Fort Worth. Or Bill Brazel or Loretta Proctor, who collectively corroborated Marcel's descriptions of the anomalous material and/or crash site.

There is currently zero evidence that Marcel made a "colossal mistake." Does John Thompson know that Marcel's next appointment was a SAC Chief of some sort of foreign air intelligence position? Is this the sort of position one would expect for some guy who couldn't ID tin foil, paper, rubber, balsa wood and Scotch tape?

Does John Thompson know that Marcel is listed in his records as being a radar intelligence officer? He had taken an intensive course in radar intelligence only 2 years before, which included a section on radar countermeasures. The primary radar countermeasure was aluminum foil chaff backed with paper, the exact same foil-paper material they used on the radar targets.

How about the post-Roswell praise that Marcel received from Roswell-involved senior officers like Blanchard, Ramey, and Ryan? Ryan, Blanchard's replacement at Roswell at a future AF Chief & Chairman of the JCS, called Marcel's career "most outstanding" and "most exemplary." Gen. Ramey, the guy who put out the weather balloon story and should have been mad as hell at a screw-up intelligence officer who embarrassed his command, instead termed Marcel "outstanding" and future command officer material. Likewise Blanchard greatly praised Marcel's ability as an intelligence officer and upped his rating. There just isn't a hint in his subsequent record that he screwed up anything.

>His son doesn't count.

No, of course not, and apparently nobody else counts in your book, either because you are ignorant they exist or because you choose to deliberately ignore what they had to say. I don't put much stock in the proclamations of some guy on Roswell when he doesn't even know simple basics, like the CIC being military, not a bunch of civilians.

>He was young and if my dad brought home >something and said "Isn't this strange?" I would agree and be >left with that memomy for the rest of my life. Again, why >doesn't the one other witness who was there support Marcel?

Because he is an obvious liar whose story of what he found and how he found it doesn't agree with anybody else, the Mogul balloon theory, or how the story was reported in 1947. And he has changed stories many times about his involvement. Again, I notice John Thompson fails to mention Rickett, another CICman

likely to be involved, who backed up Marcel, not his former CIC boss Cavitt. Marcel's account has a lot of independent corroboration. Cavitt's has zilch.

Oh well, just declare Rickett and all the rest unreliable -- right?

>I'm well aware that at the time of the Roswell incident that the >Army still had the Air Force. I used USAF only to simplify > matters. Their attempts in the '90s have been most clumsy and > embarrassing. Why even comment on all this now? It only brings > more attention to the matter.

Maybe because in reality their hand was forced by a GAO congressional inquiry? Does Thompson know anything at all?

>Maybe, because there is a larger >secret that Project Mongul.

Yes, maybe, like a saucer crash?

>Who knows how much time, money and >effort was wasted by the Soviets on UFO related projects because >of them thinking that the U.S had a recovered disk?

Certainly not John Thompson.

>Time now still being wasted by the Russians.

Even more argument by proclamation. Does Thompson have even one piece of evidence that the Soviets have foolishly wasted resources and are continuing to do so on UFO related projects because they thought we had a recovered disk? What the Soviets were really worried about were very conventional bombers and ICBMs carrying nuclear weapons.

>This is why the USAF may still keep parading old colonels out to >put out such nonsense as "dummies" falling from the sky. Maybe >they are in a slight panic that the greatest Cold-War >disinformation ploy will be found. I can think of no other >reason for their foot-in-mouth attempts to kill this story.

Which didn't begin until the mid 1990's when forced to comment by the GAO inquiry. The AF has not exactly been nurturing this story for 50 years.

>>That's the real secret of Roswell: An accidental but >>disinformation masterpiece that still goes on today. It also, >>perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and >>poor Major Marcel never got promoted again. They did, afterall, >>need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

>Major Marcel did get promoted. He was never the fall guy until >the TV Showtime Roswell show. invented that story..

>I believe it was customary for officers in the military then, >when they retired, to be advanced one rank. Is this the type >promotion you speak of? If so, that doesn't count.

He received the Reserve promotion to Lt. Col. only 4 months after Roswell and was recommended by both Blanchard and Gen. Ramey through his Chief of Staff Dubose. All three were deeply involved with Roswell. Why would they recommend him for anything if he had badly screwed up only a few months before?

>Blanchard's >career was not hurt as it should have been for screwing-up. But >as years passed and the Soviets denotated their first bomb all >was forgiven. The Roswell alien story was not a bad thing afterall.

Yep, those Rooskies couldn't be intimidated with a real A-bomb and real bombers. The only deterrant we had was to frightened to death with the "Roswell alien story." All it took was one mention of it in 1947, and it has deterred them ever since with never a reminder for almost 50 years.

>It was Blanchard's mistake, as he was in command. And at least >in the 1940s, in the military, the "buck stops here." His >mistake should've been a career stopper. It wasn't but there >isn't a thread of proof that will now stand up to prove the >Roswell or Corona--yes, I bought your book--crash involved alien

>technology.

Anybody could have deduced that much about the book just by reading the jacket cover. Has Thompson bothered to read beyond that?

>So why did he make it past a level that most officers are never expected to see?

>My "plot line," as you call it, looks better and better. The difference between you and me is that I will agree it is only a plausible story-line.

A "plausible" story-line or a "plausible" one? Thompson's theory is so ridiculous and full of inaccuracies that it is hardly plausible, but maybe it is very remotely "plausible."

>Your's is too. When its all said and done, with no proof, it's only entertainment.

Which is the only reason Thompson is here, not to discuss anything intelligently. That would require that he know at least a few basic historical facts rather than mouthing off with unsupported personal opinion. He could start with such conventional items as the CIC being military and the Soviet A-bomb taking most experts by surprise.

>>Obviously I believe this is an interesting plot line with nothing to support it and much to contradict it. Jim Keith's story line of course is wholly imaginary. The material was very lightweight and very strong.. hardly concrete in a dummy bomb.

>Stanton Friedman

>Actually, it is "an interesting plot line" that is more plausible than your story-line. Please find one living, reliable witness that will back your story-line.

Oh, now they all have to be living? Having affidavits and recordings isn't enough? The real question is can Thompson find even one witness, reliable or otherwise, living or dead, who can back up any of his noisy proclamations?

>I can tell you when something this big comes down it makes a hell-of-a wallop. A thud that can be heard for miles around; one that shakes houses. I realise that the Roswell area in the late '40s is even more remote but you couldn't keep something like this under wraps; no way!

Yes very, very remote where it happened. And very, very sparsely populated -- like one person for ever 10 square miles -- maybe. This crash didn't happen in Times Square.

>Thousands, maybe tens of thousands, would've been on the Roswell saucer crash over the years if it was true.

Another figure pulled out of a hat?

>If only the same number turned out for the alleged saucer crash--I would suspect many more for that!--as the F-4 crash, most would've been young soldiers of only 18-25 years old. No, officers don't pick up that stuff!

No they don't. People on the recovery scene like Rickett (remember him?) reported seeing several dozen people involved in guarding the scene and picking up the pieces. Even if you up this to several hundred directly involved in the recovery, it's hardly the "tens of thousands" Thompson has invented out of thin air.

>These young enlisted individuals, if alive, would be 70-75 years old now. As there are still quite a few older WWII vets alive they're should be I would, suspect, be at least 50 of these individuals alive. Why haven't some these young soldiers come forth?

Well, people like Rickett did come forth, but Thompson has ignored him. There were some other accounts of military people involved in the recovery, such as that of Pappy Henderson or Melvin Brown, but these stories have come to us second-hand.

>I have interviewed lots of witnesses for sensational events;  
>including an alleged crash here in Georgia. What you got to  
>remember is that even good well-intentional folks, as I suspect  
>Major Marcel was, make mistakes.

Could you please point to something in Marcel's record that clearly indicates that he made a mistake? Instead the superior officers involved praised him afterwards and he received assignments incompatible with those of a screw-up intelligence officer.

>Then there is always a certain  
>percentage of idiots and liars that will come out of the  
>woodwork to feed on the alleged event if it publicized enough.

I guess John Thompson would know. (Yes, I know, a cheap shot -- I already feel ashamed.)

>Proof is all that matters. There is zero proof that the Roswell  
>crash involved a vehicle of alien manufacture.

But there is a lot more than zero evidence, which is an entirely different matter. "Proof" involves hardware or documents in the public domain. There is one document, photographed in Gen. Ramey's hand, which says "the victims of the wreck you forwarded to .... Fort Worth, Tex." That alone tells us this was something much more than a balloon crash. And then, of course, there was that 1947 press release, which said the AAF had captured a flying disk.

David Rudiak

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## Re: Corso?

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>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Hi,

>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 22:28:27 +0000  
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>>Subject: Corso?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>I was just wondering what the situation/research status (is  
>>there any?) on Colonel Corso might be - the book has been  
>>published 3 years ago, and as far as I remember, he planned to  
>>write another book about his involvement with 'Alien  
>>Technology'; and if I'm not completely mistaken, after Corso's  
>>death his son intended to get 'Part II' done, published and  
>>released.

><snip>

>The only research I'm aware of, is Corso's military record.  
>Follow the link in my signature.

A few more things were learned

1. I obtained a copy of the Roster of the group working under General Trudeau at the Pentagon; 4 pages, double column, legal size from the Army Archives in Carlisle, PA.. There were 2 people in the Foreign Technology Group. a Colonel who was dying in the Hospital when Victor Golubic located him and Lt. Colonel Corso. The Junior officer of the 2. Doesn't sound like he was in charge.

2. Corso claimed in a sworn statement to Attorney Peter Gersten, that he had been a member of the National Security Council. Corso refused to withdraw the statement when questioned by Gersten. It is a statutory Body and Corso was never a member according to the Eisenhower Library. They also noted that he never attended an NSC meeting either.

3. I asked him in a friendly radio show how was he knew that it was July, 6, 1947, when he saw the body in Ft. Riley, KS, notes? a Diary? His answer was that he knew when he transferred there. Not good enough; that was months earlier.

4. I asked how he knew the names of the control group. He said there were about a dozen boards connected with the NSC. I think the list came from one of many books in which it has appeared. This wasn't a group that met every Thursday for lunch.

5. Co Author Bill Biernes admitted that he thought that the public didn't know much about Roswell so he wrote the first part to bring them up to speed. Bill knew a lot since he had been

agenting a book by Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera about Roswell.

6. How can anybody believe that an alien body was left unguarded by the people transporting it? Sort of like moving nuclear weapons . The ttransport crew doesn't park the truck overnight and come back in the morning?

7. How can anybody believe that nothing was done by the control group between 1947 and 1961 until Corso saved the world? He wasn't an engineer or scientist.

8. Surely the book was an exploitation book being published on the 50th anniversary and in Roswell... despite a lack of an index or references or any substantiation. Senator Strom Thurmond withdrew his foreword... which probably helped sell an additional 20,000 copies.

I suppose I am just jealous that the Corso book sold more than TOP SECRET/MAJIC or Crash at Corona.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

From: **Dennis Stacy** <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 16:48:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

>From: Karl T. Pflock <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 19:51:51 EST  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>Dennis, and anyone else out there, what can you suggest as an  
>alternative to an extra-solar planet as a point of  
>origin--taking care to apply the principle of parsimony with  
>very great care? Be very, very conservative...

Karl,

To tell you the truth, not a heckuva lot. Us-from-the-future is intriguing, but time-travel would seem to be even more daunting than "average" interstellar travel. A different dimension I don't much like, either, but maybe we're all guilty of anthropocentric thinking here -- like we had a real alternative!

Even Star Trek's Prime Directive is anthropocentric when you think about it -- a sort of Cosmic Eleventh Commandment, as it were. And, yeah, like everyone would follow it just like they do the Terrestrial Ten.

What we've got on our hands is a real good mystery, anyway you look at it.

I'm still looking for a good translation of the Roswell I-beam hieroglyphs.

Two possibilities come to mind:

- 1) Made in China
- 2) If found, please call this number...

Other alternatives welcome.

Dennis Stacy

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 16:53:25 -0500  
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>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 23:15:23 -0400  
>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>The vehicle observed by Civil Engineer Barney Barnett in the  
>Plains of San Augustine which came down almost intact was less  
>than 30' in diameter. A saucer shaped craft would have a much  
>lower surface to volume ration than something with wings.

<snip>

>Stanton Friedman

Stan, List,

Allow me to pick a nit.

The above excerpt exemplifies much of what is wrong with current ufology -- which is a tendency to take a verbal or anecdotal account as the fact or thing itself. As a writer, you ought to be more careful with your use of language.

One cannot say with authority that the vehicle Barnett saw came down intact and was less than 30 feet in diameter, etc. -- unless you have absolute and incontrovertible proof of same.

Here is what you can say with authority:

The vehicle Barnett said he saw was relatively intact...

Or: The vehicle Barnett told friends he saw...

Or: So-and-so said that Barnett told him that...

Or: Reportedly, according to, allegedly, claimed, and so on. These are all journalistic qualifiers which serve to inform the reader that what follows is based on anecdotal testimony, ie, what someone said, and should be taken accordingly. To say that the vehicle Barnett saw was so-and-so is an assertion of fact, unwarranted because it can't be proved.

It sounds like a small affair, I admit, but this is how claims and anecdotes get solidified into historical "facts" in the UFO literature when they are passed from one source to another, and from one writer to another.

An assertion by anyone (even the President of the United States) is not necessarily the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth -- an assertion that everyone ought to keep in mind!

Dennis Stacy



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## Re: Corso?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 16:54:55 -0500  
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Please note that George Knapp, our local Las Vegas investigative reporter and international UFO researcher, will be speaking on the subject of Colonel Philip Corso at the 9th annual International UFO Congress Convention and Film Festival in Laughlin, Nevada on March 7th, 2000.

Mr. Knapp had many interviews with Col. Corso before he passed away and prior to the publication of his book. He spoke at our local MUFON organization on the subject of Colonel Corso, including videotapes of his interviews, before any of us had ever heard of the Colonel or his book. Some of the interviews never revealed before will be part of Mr. Knapp's lecture.

FYI-

Chris Sanderson

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## Tim's Christmas Greetings!

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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 19:39:04 -0500  
Subject: Tim's Christmas Greetings!

Dear Updates!

Lynda, Alexandra and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to the many challenges and battles of the New Millennium and hope to meet as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Please remember that we're always interested in hearing from you and that we can be contacted as follows;

+44 (0) 1704 213517.

Seasons greeting,

Tim, Lynda and Alexandra Matthews.

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## As The Centuries Begin To Blend

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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 19:39:49 -0500  
Subject: As The Centuries Begin To Blend

To Subscribers, Readers at the Archive, Friends, Detractors,

At this time of festivities and wishes, Sue and I would like to wish you all you wish yourselves and all you wish for others.

As the centuries begin to blend, may you and yours have a joyous celebration and may we all, soon, be treated to revelations that bring happiness and wonder.

And let us remind you of the words of

Deteriorata

Go placidly amid the noise and waste, and remember what comfort there may be in owning a piece thereof.

Avoid quiet and passive persons, unless you are in need of sleep.

Rotate your tires.

Speak glowingly of those greater than yourself, and heed well their advice, even though they be turkeys.

Know what to kiss, and when.

Consider that two wrongs never make a right, but that three do.

Wherever possible, put people on hold.

Be comforted, that in the face of all aridity and disillusionment, and despite the changing fortunes of time, there is always a big future in computer maintenance.

Remember the Pueblo. Strive at all times to bend, fold, spindle, and mutilate.

Know yourself. If you need help, call the F.B.I.

Exercise caution in your daily affairs, especially with those persons closest to you; that lemon on your left, for instance.

Be assured that a walk through the ocean of most souls will scarcely get your feet wet.

Fall not in love therefore; it will stick to your face.

Gracefully surrender the things of youth; birds, clean air, tuna, Taiwan.

And let not the sand of time get into your lunch.

Hire people with hooks.

For a good time, call 606-4311. Ask for Ken.

Take heart in the deepening gloom that your dog is finally getting enough cheese.

And reflect that whatever misfortune may be your lot, it could only be worse in Milwaukee.

You are a fluke of the universe.

You have no right to be here.

And whether you can hear it or not, the universe is laughing behind your back.

Therefore, make peace with your god, whatever you conceive him to be -- hairy thunderer or cosmic muffin. With all its hopes, dreams, promises, and urban renewal, the world continues to deteriorate.

Give up.

- Tony Hendra, National Lampoon, 1972

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

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>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 14:00:28 -0500 (EST)  
>From: David Rudiak <[Rudiak@aol.com](mailto:Rudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

How they howl when the holy grail of ufology is attacked. My job is not to do the skeptic's work. But frankly I'm tired of people who know I'm a UFO investigator coming up and saying, "Oh yea. That Roswell crash is something." When my finely honed investigator skills say, horse-hockey!

>Again, Thompson reveals his complete ignorance. First of all, >the CIC or counterintelligence people involved were NOT >civilians. They were military -- got that? Just because they >wore civilian clothing didn't make them civilians -- good grief!

Did you read my other post. I said I made a mistake on that.

>I also notice that John Thompson doesn't respond to Stanton >Friedman's mentioned of Lewis Rickett. Does Thompson know who >Rickett was? Apparently not. Rickett was one of those >"civilian" CICman who operated out of Marcel's office, and he >backed Marcel's story 100%. He went to the crash site while a >major recovery was underway, involving dozens of military >people. He saw and handled the anomalous thin metal material. >He reported a gouge, as did the rancher's son Bill Brazel (who >was a young married adult at the time, not some kid). And >Rickett confirmed that it had been a saucer crash.

I also know that none of you talk about about Gerald Anderson, the star of Stanton's "plains of San Agustin" incident. Y'all have just completely failed to bring him in. I think he claimed that he was a Navy Seal and wasn't? Something like that. If had a dollar for every ex-sailor--if he was one even-- that claimed he was a Seal I'd be a rich man! Also that " Kevin Randle had a personality conflict with Anderson" (p. 89, Crash at Corona ) Could it be that Kevin, who was in the military, saw right through Anderson? Stanton is always harping about people not knowing about "securtiy clearances" welll he don't know beans about how the military or its people work. Real Seals don't go around bragging about it.

>Maybe because Cavitt had contradicted himself so many times over >the years. You could hardly find a worse witness for a Mogul >balloon crash. He claimed the crash site was no bigger than his >living room, kind of hard to reconcile with a 600 foot tall >balloon train that was supposedly scattered over the

> countryside. Even after being prompted by his contemporary AF  
> counterintelligence interviewer about the alleged flower tape on  
> the Mogul radar reflectors, Cavitt claimed there was nothing  
> like that. All the talk about alien hieroglyphics was made up  
> by saucer buffs trying to make money.

It's interesting that you and others keep bringing up how  
"Cavatt... contradicted himself." I seem to have heard that  
General DuBose has contradicted himself on what happened.

> Furthermore Cavitt claimed to have never met Brazel, or ever  
> gone out with Marcel to the crash site, contradicting not only  
> Marcel, but Brazel as well in his 1947 Roswell Daily Record  
> interview. Please explain to us how Cavitt could find his tiny  
> balloon crash no bigger than his living room out in the middle  
> of nowhere without Brazel leading him to the spot.

> Cavitt in the past also denied being at Roswell at the time or  
> being in any way involved with the events. But then the Air  
> Force tried to turn him into a star witness for a Mogul balloon  
> crash. Unfortunately they failed to brief Cavitt ahead of time  
> what the new story was supposed to be. Instead they got caught  
> with Cavitt repeating the original weather balloon cover story  
> of 1947.

> That Cavitt would continue to lie like this is a good indication  
> that he was still covering up something else.

Fifty years ago is a long time. And maybe he just didn't want to  
fool with any whacko UFO researchers. The rest of the world does  
not share our seal for this subject. Maybe, you didn't notice?  
But when it came time to sign for the Air Force's report in the  
'90s he seemed very capable of saying what he wanted.

> Absolutely nobody backs up Cavitt's version of events, not even  
> his then assistant Rickett, who backed up Marcel's story  
> instead. To this Cavitt tried to label Rickett a tall tale  
> teller and insinuated that he was mentally ill because he once  
> worked at a mental facility at one time.

> I might add that Cavitt and Marcel were actually good friends  
> and the families often got together at Roswell. Cavitt did not  
> attack Marcel in his interview, despite some prompting by Col.  
> Weaver, the interviewer. Cavitt instead said that Marcel was  
> unusually intelligent, he could conceive of no reason for Marcel  
> to have made up his story, and furthermore, if Marcel said their  
> were markings on some of the recovered material, then maybe  
> there were. Cavitt had a lot of respect for Marcel.

If Cavitt is such a snake, backstabber and liar why didn't he  
turn on Marcel? I suggest he humored Marcel's claim as he  
genuinely liked the man and didn't want to hurt his feelings.  
That does not mean that he didn't think Marcel was a good  
officer. They were friends; friends try not to disagree...

On memory, even George Washington wasn't perfect. I'll give you  
a personal example: I re-met a friend who was in Cambodia with  
me at the end of the Vietnam War. Now we hadn't seen each other  
for over ten years and I asked him about a shared event that  
took place there. I thought at the place, Oudong, we had spent  
two nights with a FANK (Cambodian) army brigade there. He said  
two days and one night. After talking about it I agreed that his  
version was right. And that was only 12 years after the event.  
If I hadn't met him, I would still believe what I had thought.  
I'm sure you can think of similar situations in your own life.

>>> What accident with what equipment involved? Supposedly according  
>>> to Burdakov, Korollev's input came from spy information,  
>>> presumably from Los Alamos where we know some wreckage was taken  
>>> Marcel was familiar with aircraft accidents. The material was  
>>> very different and no conventional materials were found. There  
>>> were plenty of airplane accidents in New Mexico.

>> I talking about a Project Mongul balloon that went down, as the  
>> USAF, now says and the accident was Colonel Blanchard okaying to  
>> put out the press release that the Army Air Corps had recovered  
>> a "flying saucer."

> So your claim is that AF counterintelligence came up with this  
> scheme to confuse the Soviets for decades, and they did all this  
> in the space of about an hour after the press release went out?

>Then they totally dropped all mention of Roswell for the next 47  
>years until forced to respond by a GAO investigation (hence the  
>Mogul balloon theory)? What happens to your claim of  
>intelligence nuturing Soviet belief in captured alien technology  
>over all that time? And why would Soviet intelligence believe  
>any of this unless they had determined the saucers were real?

No. I'm saying it could've worked out that way with no one trying. Another personal example relating to my experience in Cambodia. I was there in the latter part of 1974. I was a civillain with no government ties. You would be amazed how many people thought I was in the CIA and refused to believe I had no goverment connection. The more I denied it the more the locals were convinced I was not being truthful. Suspicious people play great mind games when something APPEARS out of the norm.

The Soviet had their own UFO sightings going on. Is it concievable that they just tucked this info away and completely forgot it? It's possible but I don't think so. I admit my idea is a story line but its more plausible than your's when's there's not a single scrape of physical evidence to proof UFOs are nuts and bolts craft.. Actually why don't we settle for a draw: Maybe neither happened as you and I suggest.

>>>Whatever Thompson might suspect, historically the intelligence and  
>>>scientific consensus of the time was that the Soviets would be unable to  
>>>manufacture a bomb for many years.

>>Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in 1951 for giving  
>>some of our atomic bomb secrets away. They had been feeding info  
>>for a long time. The Russians, as another post to you correctly  
>>says, detonated their first bomb before then.

>We have more of Thompson's argument by proclamation. Although  
>there was much concern in 1947 about the Soviet's eventually  
>getting the bomb, very few experts thought they were on the  
>verge of having it. Part of this thinking was based on the  
>war-devestated Soviet economy.

>>I'm saying that the U.S. did nothing later to discourage the  
>>Soviets from believing we had no alien technology. What was a  
>>screw-up by Blanchard was forgiven later as some Brass probably  
>>thought, "What would it hurt if the Soviets thought we had  
>>something." This would be especially true after the Soviets  
>>denotated their first bomb.

>Again, why would they think we had something if their own  
>extensive military and intelligence could determine that  
>saucer's were fictional? Disinformation schemes like Thompson  
>is proposing only work if the other side believes something to  
>be true. Otherwise they might just as well have tried to  
>convince the Soviets that we had captured Santa antigrav  
>technology.

Neither you or I know what kind of crazy ideas both sides have entertained.

>This raises the debunker dilemma that saucers are only a good  
>disinfo ploy if they are real. But the whole point of trying to  
>claim they are a disinfo ploy is to demonstrate they are not  
>real. And around we go.

>In reality, the Air Force NEVER publicly encouraged the belief  
>that the saucers were real. Quite the contrary. And they  
>certainly never dropped hints that we might have captured alien  
>technology. Roswell was almost totally forgotten until revived  
>by researchers like Stanton Friedman in the 1980's.

I've already answered that one. It could've come about by "accident" and not design. To be clear, two accidents: First calling something a "flying saucer" when it wasn't and then not doing anything more after an intial retraction. Again, you don't know what intrigues went on behind the scenes. I don't either but it is most suspicious the way the USAF has handled it in the '90s. There is some kind of secret beyond the balloon or the USAF is hopelessly incompetent. I hope the former.

>The history on this is so clear, it is hard to  
>believe that somebody could call himself a UFO researcher and  
>not be aware of it.



No. I'm not a UFO researcher. I'm a UFO investigator. And that's the problem with Roswell.

I see a bunch of people who popped in and popped out of Roswell interviewing people and not doing much more. They believed, for the most, what they wanted to believe. And everyone milked it for a book. When you got "a dog in the fight" it sure don't make for objective reporting even with the most noble intentions. . If one good objective investigator had been there over the years and doing background checks on most of these so-called witnesses and listened to others who were there who did not agree with an alien craft crashing this thing would have never grown like it has.

For three years I pedaled the Roswell story as Stanton and others told it. But after 50 investigations you start getting somewhat savvy. After a hundred you start realizing that much isn't as it is in the books!

What we have is "Lights in the Sky." There is zero concrete proof of anything physical. I've even meet someone who has worked on a recovered UFO!

Got service records, everything to prove where he was and what he did. Oh, I forgot to say he really can't back up your version of Roswell because he's not sure where the craft he was working on came from. I could tell you where the magical hanger at Wright-Patt is too. I'll just go to my grave with that secret!

>>If you want to see what intrigues the Soviets went in scheming, >>misinterpreting, and putting out disinformation/misinformation, I >>suggest you read Armand Moss's fine book: "Misinformation, >>Disinformation and the JFK Conspiracy Exposed." There are also >>several books out by former Soviet intelligence agents who show >>what paranoid thoughts Communist leaders entertained. The >>Roswell saucer story would have been discussed at all levels, if >>for nothing else, because it did get brief, but HIGH, publicity.

>I can buy that they might have discussed it. But Thompson's >claim is that they obsessed about it for 50 years and are still >obsessing about it. And why would they do that if there was >nothing whatsoever to the saucers? What evidence can Thompson >point to that would clearly indicate to the Soviets that we were >successfully exploiting alien technology? Do we have fleets of >saucers waiting to bomb them into submission? ICBMS tipped with >H-bombs are a very powerful deterrent and very real, not some >hypothetical boogeyman superweapon that might or might not be >>true.

I didn't say they were "obsessed." They might have been entertained by it. And if one ruble was spent checking it out, it took away from their defense budget.

>>Of course, the Press has often been non-performing in their >>duties; still are. On the other hand, I suspect if they had done >>a "Watergate press" back then on the story we would've found out >>for sure that this was no UFO crash! This also explains why the >>locals buried the story so quickly.

>Huh?

What's the "huh?" Are you too young to remember the Watergate incident and how it came about? Now there were some reporters that set their sights on Ricky Dicky's games. Why didn't any big time reporters fly to Roswell and interview folks when this happened? Why did they just published the Army's version of events? It is rather strange how they were so trusting on a story this big. But then again maybe they didn't believe in UFOs. Nearly every city in America seemed to be under saucer attack in July of 1947. Even my hometown had an attack.

>>The fact is there is no concrete proof that multiple, reliable >>witnesses saw anything that was extraterrestrial.

>It's easy to make sweeping statements like that simply by >declaring all the witnesses that did report something highly >unusual to be "unreliable." That gets rid of that pesky >corroboration, so that Thompson can then go on to say:

Its not "sweeping" its overwhelming! You come up with two witnesses who saw debris and yet ignore that they're should have

been hundreds.

>>The only witness that I've heard that could be considered  
>>reliable is Marcel. A witness who made a colossal mistake.

>Don't forget Rickett, another intelligence man in Marcel's  
>office who backed Marcel. How about Gen. Exon, the former C/O  
>of Wright Patterson, who flat out said it was a crashed saucer  
>made of strange material? Or Gen. Dubose, Ramey's chief of  
>staff, who corroborated Marcel's account of a cover-up in Fort  
>Worth. Or Bill Brazel or Loretta Proctor, who collectively  
>corroborated Marcel's descriptions of the anomalous material  
>and/or crash site.

>There is currently zero evidence that Marcel made a "colossal  
>mistake." Does John Thompson know that Marcel's next  
>appointment was a SAC Chief of some sort of foreign air  
>intelligence position? Is this the sort of position one would  
>expect for some guy who couldn't ID tin foil, paper, rubber,  
>balsa wood and Scotch tape?

Can you explain to me why the man who recovered a flying saucer  
left the service only two years later as a Major? Why would he  
leave active duty at all with this feather in his hat?  
By-the-way, regular commissioned officers are what count. Are  
you saying that Marcel never even held a regular commission as a  
Major? An example: West Point graduates are commissioned with a  
regular commission.

Most ROTC, officer candidate officers are commissioned with  
reserve commissions.

Why would the man who help recover the greatest find in  
mankind's history--to believe your story-- leave the military so  
soon after? One other note: If you read military journals such  
as the Navy's quasi-official Proceedings or the Marine's Marine  
Corps Gazette you would understand that not to have perfect  
marks means to be an inferior officer. This is a constant gripe  
with officers, much like our allegedly great public school  
system. Everything in an officer's records must look perfect to  
be only normal. To look basically like an A- or B+ officer is to  
mean he is a flop and not to be advanced. Marcel to me looked  
like he was on the fast track but then something happened.  
Roswell?

>Does John Thompson know that Marcel is listed in his records as  
>being a radar intelligence officer? He had taken an intensive  
>course in radar intelligence only 2 years before, which included  
>a section on radar countermeasures. The primary radar  
>countermeasure was aluminum foil chaff backed with paper, the  
>exact same foil-paper material they used on the radar targets.

I admit he should've known. There was, however, a tremendous  
hysteria going on in the country at the time over UFOs. And the  
rancher was saying he had one. It kinda reminds me of the  
three radar operators in Macon who said they saw and had a UFO  
on their screens in 1996. However, on careful examination they  
agreed they were actually looking at Venus and that it could've  
been some kind of "ground clutter" that by pure chance was in  
the same direction Venus was from them. Oh yea: These trained  
and highly technical observers said pilots saw the UFO too.  
People makes mistakes all the time! Even the best.

>>His son doesn't count.

>No, of course not, and apparently nobody else counts in your  
>book, either because you are ignorant they exist or because you  
>choose to deliberately ignore what they had to say. I don't put  
>much stock in the proclamations of some guy on Roswell when he  
>doesn't even know simple basics, like the CIC being military,  
>not a bunch of civilians.

Actually I can't take credit for this one. Bill Hendricks of the  
Atlanta Constitution first brought this up to me. He went to  
Roswell during the Love Feast of 1997 and talked to some of the  
witnesses.

He pointed out what my own investigations were already showing:  
Kids make horrible witnesses. They're boot to life and get  
easily carried away on what they see; especially when their  
loving dad is saying, "That's right. It's a saucer."

As Bill put it you only have two real witnesses: Major Marcel and Walter Haut. (Of course, you got this other guy you keep talking about.) But if you've been in the military and your low on the totem pole, and a Full Byrd says it's night and you know its daylight, its dark! Haut only did his job; no more, no less.

>Oh well, just declare Rickett and all the rest unreliable -->right?

One more story: I get this guy who says something wierd happened at an army base. Most convincing but totally unbelievable. He believes it happend; he almost had his former drill instructor saying, "Maybe, it happened." Now I get another guy from the other side of the coast calling me about something similar at the same base and in the same year. And he claims it also has do with my own UFO crash story. Yes, we got one for every season and every state! I'm checking.

How much money do you think I can pump out of this one? NONE, if it don't stand up \_totally\_...

>>Their attempts in the '90s have been most clumsy and >>embarrassing. Why even comment on all this now? It only brings >>more attention to the matter.

>Maybe because in reality their hand was forced by a GAO >congressional inquiry? Does Thompson know anything at all?

Yep. But not because a saucer crashed.

>>Who knows how much time, money and >>effort was wasted by the Soviets on UFO related projects because >>of them thinking that the U.S had a recovered disk?

>Certainly not John Thompson.

Nor you.

>>Maybe they are in a slight panic that the greatest Cold-War >>disinformation ploy will be found. I can think of no other >>reason for their foot-in-mouth attempts to kill this story.

>Which didn't begin until the mid 1990's when forced to comment >by the GAO inquiry. The AF has not exactly been nurturing this >story for 50 years.

Where's your \_secret\_ proof that they admit the Roswell crash happened? You don't no and you don't know what kind of games they've played with the Russians.

>>>That's the real secret of Roswell: An accidental but >>>disinformation masterpiece that still goes on today. It also, >>>perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and >>>poor Major Marcel never got promoted again. They did, afterall, >>>need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

>Blanchard's >>career was not hurt as it should have been for screwing-up. But >>as years passed and the Soviets denotated their first bomb all >>was forgiven. The Roswell alien story was not a bad thing afterall

You might want to talk to Bill H. on this. This is the only thing that impresses him as being unexplainable on how a commanding officer, who screwed up royally, went on to become a four star general. After Marcel's story this is your only card to hold.

>Yep, those Rooskies couldn't be intimidated with a real A-bomb >and real bombers. The only deterrant we had was to frightened >to death with the "Roswell alien story." All it took was one >mention of it in 1947, and it has deterred them ever since with >never a reminder for almost 50 years.

We use all kinds of ploys. Anything that wastes their defense money will do. It's not fact; just an idea. Roswell isn't fact either!

>>It was Blanchard's mistake, as he was in command. And at least >>in the 1940s, in the military, the "buck stops here." His >>mistake should've been a career stopper. It wasn't but there

>>isn't a thread of proof that will now stand up to prove the  
>>Roswell or Corona--yes, I bought your book--crash involved alien  
>>technology.

>Anybody could have deduced that much about the book just by  
>reading the jacket cover. Has Thompson bothered to read beyond  
>that?

As you now know I read more. How about Gerald Anderson?

>>So why did he make it past a level that most officers are never  
>>expected to see?

>>My "plot line," as you call it, looks better and better. The  
>>difference between you and me is that I will agree it is only a  
>>pausable story-line.

>A "pausable" story-line or a "plausible" one? Thompson's theory  
>is so ridiculous and full of inaccuracies that it is hardly  
>plausible, but maybe it is very remotely "pausable."

No more than your's.

>>Your's is too. When its all said and done,  
>>with no proof, it's only entertainment.

>Which is the only reason Thompson is here, not to discuss  
>anything intelligently. That would require that he know at  
>least a few basic historical facts rather than mouthing off with  
>unsupported personal opinion. He could start with such  
>conventional items as the CIC being military and the Soviet  
>A-bomb taking most experts by surprise.

One FOIA request stating what you say don't make it so!  
Personally, being an ex-Marine I have more faith in what they  
really thought was going on then. No one was that dumb to think  
the Russians weren't moving right along on the A-bomb.

>Oh, now they all have to be living? Having affidavits and  
>recordings isn't enough? The real question is can Thompson find  
>even one witness, reliable or otherwise, living or dead, who can  
>back up any of his noisy proclamations?

You obviously haven't investigated much. There are liars and  
there are liars. If not lying they often embellished. Signing  
statements and giving video testimony is good but not conclusive  
proof of anything. We wouldn't need juries if everybody told the  
truth! For the record I do not think Marcel lied but I do think  
he was wrong. There is nothing to indicate anything that he  
wasn't a fine officer. But lots of fine officers occasionally  
make mistakes; even Generals.

>>I can tell you when something this big comes down it makes a  
>>hell-of-a wallop. A thud that can be heard for miles around; one  
>>that shakes houses. I realise that the Roswell area in the late  
>>'40s is even more remote but you couldn't keep something like  
>>this under wraps; no way!

Again any recovery operation of an alien vehicle would not be a  
get-in and get-out within only a few days. Even after nearly a  
month with 300 trained recovery soldiers they still left bucket  
loads of F-4 debris here.

Have you ever seen a recovery operation?

I was lucky to have lived only a mile away from one . Part of  
the debris was actually on family connected land adjacent to  
ours. I admit I had an advantage but I made it a point to learn  
everything from it I could.

It would have taken thousands to have wisked that Roswell saucer  
away in only days and not leave anything behind. If they only  
had 300 men they would've been there well over a month and  
still, at best, done an incomplete job. And if Stanton keeps  
growing his debris field they would have needed more time.

The F-4 crash had helicopters, air-lifted baby bull dozers and  
lots of all terrain vehicles. Even a black beret Air Force  
platoon for security. They went over it again and again yet  
recently someone found a two foot big piece othe F-4 they  
missed..

>>Thousands, maybe tens of thousands, would've been on the Roswell  
>>saucer crash over the years if it was true.

Hey, you might want to talk to my Wright Patt guy. But hey, I'm not helping with your crash story.

If they did recover one it would just not sit in a dark garage. People would be working and tinkering with it until they completely reversed engineer it. That might take years or decades. But nobody has got anything and that explains why every government that investigates UFOs quits: Because when it is all said and done, they gather more data but know nothing more than any good UFO investigator does..

>>If only the same  
>>number turned out for the alleged saucer crash--I would suspect  
>>many more for that!--as the F-4 crash, most would've been young  
>>soldiers of only 18-25 years old. No, officers don't pick up  
>>that stuff!

>No they don't. People on the recovery scene like Rickett  
>(remember him?) reported seeing several dozen people involved in  
>guarding the scene and picking up the pieces. Even if you up  
>this to several hundred directly involved in the recovery, it's  
>hardly the "tens of thousands" Thompson has invented out of thin  
>air.

See above for why two people don't cut it for something this sensational...

>There is always a certain  
>>percentage of idiots and liars that will come out of the  
>>woodwork to feed on the alleged event if it publicized enough.

Well that comes back to investigating. Obviously, I'm talking to a boot here. If you can't get enough experience please see the Mexico City UFO video case--some came out of the woodwork for it. Like the Drake equation, it's all a matter of numbers; there's a certain percentage of our population that will be unreliable.

>I guess John Thompson would know. (Yes, I know, a cheap shot --  
>I already feel ashamed.)

Yes it was but accouts are now settled.

>>Proof is all that matters. There is zero proof that the Roswell  
>>crash involved a vehicle of alien manufacture.

>There is one document,  
>photographed in Gen. Ramey's hand, which says "the victims of  
>the wreck you forwarded to .... Fort Worth, Tex." That alone  
>tells us this was something much more than a balloon crash. And  
>then, of course, there was that 1947 press release, which said  
>the AAF had captured a flying disk.

>David Rudiak

Now, we're into reading tea leaves.

Well, my wife and children just got home from last minute shopping. Gotta play Santa Claus. Kinda like Roswell.

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## Re: As The Centuries Begin To Blend

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 20:45:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 21:39:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: As The Centuries Begin To Blend

To everyone on the list,

A sincere Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

On the dawn of this new millenium, let us make sure that we, as human beings, face up to the reality of UFOs and their occupants (our neighbours in space) instead of suffering another 100 years of ridicule and denial!

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps  
UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian

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## Scientific American: Wormholes and Warp Drives

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 22:51:23 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 21:46:14 -0500  
Subject: Scientific American: Wormholes and Warp Drives

List members may want to check out the January, 2000 issue of Scientific American, which has a lengthy review article titled "Negative Energy, Wormholes, and Warp Drive" by Lawrence H. Ford and Thomas A Roman.

The article covers many of the buzzword proposed technologies for achieving faster than light travel, including Michael Alcubierre's warp drive and Morris, Thorne, and Visser's traversable wormholes. Also touched upon are time machines, antigravity, and the Casimir effect, which has been proposed as a possible way to extract unlimited energy from the vacuum.

All of these require the manipulation of negative energy, a laboratory and theoretical reality, but an energy state that also has severe theoretical quantum and thermodynamic restrictions, according to the article.

The gist of the article is that while things like warp drive and wormhole space travel might be theoretical possibilities, the harsh restrictions placed on negative energy states probably makes such things impossible to achieve in practice.

At least so goes current theoretical arguments and understanding.

David Rudiak

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## Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 19:28:33 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 21:56:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

>Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

>From: Dennis Stacy  
>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 14:26:31 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 16:48:53 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

>>From: Karl T. Pflock  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 19:51:51 EST  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, Karl asked:

>>Dennis, and anyone else out there, what can you suggest as an  
>>alternative to an extra-solar planet as a point of  
>>origin--taking care to apply the principle of parsimony with  
>>very great care? Be very, very conservative...

Dennis replied:

>To tell you the truth, not a heckuva lot. Us-from-the-future is  
>intriguing, but time-travel would seem to be even more daunting  
>than "average" interstellar travel.

Hi, Dennis!

Isn't time and space the same thing?

Happy holidays!

Roger Evans

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 35

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:03:22 -0500  
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>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 14:08:02 +0000  
>From: Joseph Trainor <[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)>  
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 35  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>(by way of John Hayes <[ufoinfo@ukgateway.net](mailto:ufoinfo@ukgateway.net)>)

> UFO ROUNDUP  
>Volume 4, Number 35  
>December 23, 1999  
>Editor: Joseph Trainor

>UFOs SIGHTED IN MANY  
>CITIES IN CHINA

> China is in the grip of a major UFO flap.  
>There were hundreds of sightings in the last  
>week, and the flap has been reported in the  
>major Communist Party newspapers.

Dear Joseph [burp!]

Not to be a twit, but do you know of any mainland Non-Communist newspapers?

The "Falun Gong Weekly" is out of print I would presume.

The last (only) time I saw China was in 1985 or thereabouts. An ordinary citizen asked what newspaper I was reading on some streetcar or whatever.

It was in English, and therefore highly suspicious in appearance.

It was in fact the English-language edition of the "Peoples Daily", a definite CP rag, which is in fact much better than Pravda used to be. They actually have some news in there.

I indicated to the worried passenger that the paper was printed in the PR of China, and therefore bearing the holy imprimatur of the CP. My "fellow traveler" (literally, not politically) was visibly relieved.

A long time local wag once said that "Larry Hatch is slightly to the right of Heinrich Himmler." He was exaggerating, but its a fact that I hated communism before I knew the meaning of the word.

Nothing I have seen has changed that. Ow Contrary; every damned scrap of info I can find strengthens this early prejudice of mine.

(burp! Please forgive my French.)

Any person, institution or whatever that claims sole possession of the truth is a farce by nature.

If somebody knows something, he need only show the evidence... it will speak for itself.

Oddly, the Chinese have embraced the CP in a way the Russians never did. They revere Chairman Mao the way yankees love George Washington (I like Benjamin Franklin.)

Mao's predecessors must have been REAL assholes.

[end of rant]

Best burps for the beerdays

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Year 2000 Prediction by Gesundt.....

From: [Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 18:00:57 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:07:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Year 2000 Prediction by Gesundt.....

By Dr. J. Jamie Gesundt

- 1) January 5, 2000  
Art Bell will join with Jeff Rense and Dr. Errol Bruce Kanappy with a new show called, "UFO's Are Not Real," subtitled, "The Klass Files!"
- 2) January 6, 2000, at 10PM local time  
Earl Gray will expose himself (as being an alien, I mean).
- 3) February 9, 2000  
Art Bell, Jeff Rense and Dr. Errol Bruce Kanappy join forces with reverse speech ex-spurt, William Jefferson Clinton, and will begin a spin-off on UFO's are Not Real. The show will be called, "Expose Yourself!"
- 4) March 15, 2000, at 3:47 PM (The Hides of March) local time  
Oregon will slip into Lake Erie after the Pole shift. This will occur when a lightbulb is inserted into the wrong socket in Krakow by thirty-seven Cuban boat people.
- 5) May 15, 2000, at any time  
California will secede from the Union during the waxing gibbous phase of the moon. During the waning gibbous phase of the moon in that month, Puerto Rico will become our 50th state.
- 6) June 30, 2000 when it's least expected  
Walt Disney, Elvis and JFK land on the White House lawn in a garish saucer decorated with cha cha balls and a wild valence with Roswell symbols embossed on it.
- 7) July 4, 2000 at 10PM EDST  
Henry Winkler joins the Bell, Rense and Kanappy team as Director of Sightings, Rense resigns in protest and Bell sues Kanappy who sues Bell who then sues Rense but they get the name wrong and cannot serve the papers. It's spelled "Rinse" on the soupena... subpoena ... whatever.
- 8) August 9, 2000 at 9AM Roswell time  
It is revealed by the United States Government, that the Roswell incident never happened. It was supposed to be an interactive Internet site, however Al Gore had not as yet invented it.
- 9) Dr. J. Jaime Gesundt takes over the Bell show, the Rense show and the Kanappy show after purchasing Canada and Mexico. Dr. Gesundt runs for president of all three countries in a November coup de tat...
- 10) Dr. J. Jaime Gesundt declares Gesundt Law in Boston, after looting and rioting take place in Boston Harbor. The riots began after Gesundt places a tax on Gripple in a move to recover after buying so much real estate.

Well, that's it. We hope you enjoyed our predictions for next year. There is one more but we are precluded from divulging this one. It's the third Secret of Fateema, the wicked alien from Mongo. She's on Psychic Fiends at 10PM and you should call in to aks her what this is all about. She won't tell us and the bitch doesn't drink.(She's my mother in law)

Re: Year 2000 Prediction by Gesundt.....

Dr. J. Jaime Gesundt, Psychic

PS: July 4, 2000 during the day sometime Dr. Errol Bruce Knapp  
changes his name to Dr. Errol Bruce Kanappy

Jim Mortellaro

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## Re: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell'

From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 23:20:07 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:11:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell'

>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 00:59:07 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell' Documentary  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<very large snip...>

>Still further in the statement he says, "With regard to claims  
>that we tested this material by hitting it with hammers without  
>damaging it, I do not recall any of us doing so. I also did not  
>test this material for radioactivity with a Geiger counter (or  
>anything else)." Here he is in conflict with Marcel's statement  
>that some of the men picking up material did "test" it by  
>hammering on it in order to permanently dent it, by attempting  
>to crease it and by attempting to burn it. Marcel said they  
>were not able to dent it, burn it or crease it. Bill Brazel, who  
>collected small amounts of the material during a two year period  
>after the crash, said that he, too, was unable to crease or dent  
>it. (He didn't try to burn it.)

Great hypothesis. I've always leaned toward the more conventional (and sinister) explanation to make sense of the Marcel/Cavitt discrepancy: that Cavitt had been coached prior to making his statements for Weaver. But the bit about the Geiger counter is quite interesting in either the old conspiracy angle or Bruce's new theory. In short, why on Earth would the team investigating a crash of an "unknown" (and I stress that the crash in question may or may not have been the Roswell crash) NOT bring a Geiger counter? This seems like a very logical precaution for a couple guys investigating what, for all they know, is a downed Soviet device (working "next door" to Trinity Site and Sandia, at that!)

I interpret Cavitt's not remembering the Geiger counter as overkill; bringing a device along to a crash site to check for radioactivity sounds rather too "important," for the allegedly humdrum jaunt Weaver reports. This would tend to add weight to the Cavitt-as-liar theory.

--Mac Tonnies

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## Re: Corso?

From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 23:31:52 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:13:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 04:41:21 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 22:28:27 +0000  
>>From: Ralf Zeigermann <[kag15@dial.pipex.com](mailto:kag15@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>Subject: Corso?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Hello list,

>>I was just wondering what the situation/research status (is  
>>there any?) on Colonel Corso might be - the book has been  
>>published 3 years ago, and as far as I remember, he planned to  
>>write another book about his involvement with 'Alien  
>>Technology'; and if I'm not completely mistaken, after Corso's  
>>death his son intended to get 'Part II' done, published and  
>>released.

>Dear Ralph:

>I'm no Corso expert, but I watch this and other UFO lists  
>closely.

>I believe that my personal opinions of Corso and company are  
>pretty much in agreement with most of the saner readers of these  
>lists, namely that you can take the contents of his book with a  
>heavy grain of salt.

For the record, Corso and William Birnes (his ghost-writer, identified on the cover of The Day After Roswell) planned on writing a sequel called The Day After Dallas, about the Kennedy assassination. It's a safe bet this was to be a rather sensational account as well, but then again Corso was involved with the Warren commission and very well might have had something interesting to say about it. I exchanged some letters with Kal Korff after reading the anti-Corso essay on his website. Korff claimed Dallas was a hoax; I asked him how he could know such a thing since it had never been written, and he stopped writing me. Also, payment for Roswell wasn't all that spectacular. One could argue that Corso had nothing to lose, since he was old, but this must remain conjecture until we know more.

My impression of Corso is one of sincerity. I think the events in his book might have very well taken place, generally. Korff has demonstrated some impossibilities in several dates used in the book, but nothing I can honestly point to and cry "hoax"! This step is a bit harder for me than it is for others.

--Mac Tonnies

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## Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 23:49:45 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:16:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 14:26:31 -0600  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Karl T. Pflock <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 19:51:51 EST  
>>Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

><snip>

>>Dennis, and anyone else out there, what can you suggest as an  
>>alternative to an extra-solar planet as a point of  
>>origin--taking care to apply the principle of parsimony with  
>>very great care? Be very, very conservative...

>Karl,

>To tell you the truth, not a heckuva lot. Us-from-the-future is  
>intriguing, but time-travel would seem to be even more daunting  
>than "average" interstellar travel. A different dimension I  
>don't much like, either, but maybe we're all guilty of  
>anthropocentric thinking here -- like we had a real alternative!

The idea of a quantum multiverse has been proven to my  
satisfaction by probable-soon-to-win-the-Nobel physicist David  
Deutsch in his insightful book 'The Fabric of Reality'.  
Granted, Deutsch doesn't get into the specifics of  
interuniversal travel, but I find this (or a version of this)  
fairly attractive.

To elaborate on a previous post, I doubt that we're dealing with  
flesh-and-blood "aliens." But the intelligence in charge--call  
it "VALIS" (Vast Active Living Intelligent System\*)--wants us to  
think we are at this particular point in our psychosocial  
development (i.e. people in Ireland in the 17th century didn't  
"mistake" aliens for fairies at all; VALIS, I suspect,  
insinuates itself into our belief systems).

>Even Star Trek's Prime Directive is anthropocentric when you  
>think about it -- a sort of Cosmic Eleventh Commandment, as it  
>were. And, yeah, like everyone would follow it just like they do  
>the Terrestrial Ten.

VALIS, by necessity, would be a very patient mechanism, probably  
predating human consciousness. So I think the "hurdle" of  
anthro- centricism is illusory: these are not discrete entities  
with biological desires and motives. They're pawns of a very  
well- maintained postbiological intelligence.

>What we've got on our hands is a real good mystery, anyway you  
>look at it.

>I'm still looking for a good translation of the Roswell I-beam  
>hieroglyphs.

>Two possibilities come to mind:

>1) Made in China

>2) If found, please call this number...

>Other alternatives welcome.

"To Build Your Very Own Flying Saucer, Insert Tab A Into Tab  
B..."

--Mac Tonnies

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## Re: Filer's Files #51 -- 1999

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 21:30:33 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:21:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #51 -- 1999

>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 14:02:30 EST  
>Subject: Filer's Files #51 Happy Hollidays  
>To: undisclosed-recipients;

Dear George:

"Some Christian writers have speculated that UFOs could very well be a part of God's angelic host who preside over the physical affairs of universal creation." -GF

Please stop that.

I would prefer to have a higher estimation of your critical abilities than the statement shown above.

- LH

PS: I like Southern Comfort too, but not at this price. Please don't be angry.

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## Re: Corso?

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 22:03:30 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:24:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 13:50:57 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Pat McCartney <[ElPatricio@aol.com](mailto:ElPatricio@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>Has anyone else heard any official comment by the Army or Air  
>Force on Corso's claims in his book?

>Anyway, to answer one of your other questions, Corso's  
>ghostwriter, William Byrne, definitely took an interest in UFOs  
>after his interviews with Corso, and is now the publisher of the  
>American magazine, UFO. Byrne was clearly impressed by Corso's  
>claims and was, in my opinion, to blame for some of the  
>inaccuracies in Corso's book.

>I think Larry Hatch is right when he said most researchers have  
>written Corso off as unreliable. Yet...

>Pat McCartney

Dear Pat:

Thank you for a thoughtful and kind essay.

I can only speak for myself, and my personal opinion remains  
that the contents of Corso's book are fiction.

Thank you for responding in a non-majuberous manner.

You are a gentleman (or some red-head) depending upon gender  
as the name "Pat" implies no particular Irish gender.

Very best wishes

- LH

PS: I live very close to San Francisco where "gender matters"  
are largely majuberous. The same cannot be said of  
conservative Redwood City, CA where the sceotic population  
distrusts trees that shed their leaves too soon. -LH

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>were. And, yeah, like everyone would follow it just like they do  
>the Terrestrial Ten.

>What we've got on our hands is a real good mystery, anyway you  
>look at it.

At last one point of agreement!

Yes, the UFO "thing" exists as a goddam good little mystery, if  
nothing else.

All Corso's aside, we are faced with a mystery.

All of Art Bell's liver and lung rejuvenating formulas (3  
bottles for the price of two) will not solve it. Neither will  
excesses of believerism nor neo-sceology.

UFOs remain the most majuberous subject on this Earth, and all  
the sociologists on Earth cannot resolve it by waving hands or  
thumping on some book.

(End of monotribe.)

- Larry Hatch

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## Most FOIA Users Seek Info On UFOs

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 11:36:05 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:29:16 -0500  
Subject: Most FOIA Users Seek Info On UFOs

Source: The Nando Times,

<http://www2.nando.net/noframes/story/0,2107,500146251-500175985-500692416-1,00.html>

Stig

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Most FOIA users seek info on UFOs

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By MICHAEL DOYLE, Nando Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON -- Even though John Moss was a California politician of considerable foresight, the author of the Freedom of Information Act author never imagined the legislation who worked so hard on would be used so often to track UFOs.

A Sacramento Democrat, Moss spent 13 years getting FOIA through a hesitant Congress. It was, Moss said, essential to equip the American public with information so they could be responsible citizens.

Thirty-two years after the Freedom of Information Act's 1966 enactment, an individual used Moss's handiwork to file a request with the secretive DIA. The requester, identified only as Case No. 0195-1998, wanted the agency's supposed files on "the disappearance of Frederick Valentich in October 1978; he reported being followed by a UFO."

Those conversant with UFO mysteries know the Valentich name well. A 20-year-old Australian pilot, he disappeared in his Cessna 182 after reporting a strange flying object over the Bass Strait between Australia and Tasmania.

For everyone else, the request for secret Valentich and UFO files represents one of the unimagined consequences of the Freedom of Information Act. Without anyone expecting it, Americans tracking UFOs became among the most persistent users of the law.

"I don't think that this was something contemplated in the legislation, though it certainly wasn't excluded," said Michael R. Lemov, a Washington attorney and former staffer for Moss. "I must say, it wouldn't have been one of the priorities."

And yet, for some agencies, UFO-related requests have become all in a day's work. At the privacy-loving National Security Agency, for instance, a Bee review shows that UFO-related requests accounted for about 123 out of 832 total requests last year. No other single subject -- not Princess Diana, not missing POWs, not worldwide surveillance programs -- received nearly as many requests.

The UFO-related requests to the CIA used to be about as common, though the agency's posting of available files on its Internet site -- <http://www.foia.ucia.gov/frame2.htm> -- has relieved much



of the pressure.

"It's part of the myth that's out there," CIA spokesman Tom Crispell said, "that the CIA is somehow involved in the cover-up of aliens...there are so many individuals out there that believe in the conspiracy."

But UFOs are only part of it. In a world filled with Oliver Stone movies, "The X-Files," and some admittedly bizarre government behavior, secret agencies provoke the most colorful FOIA requests.

There was, for instance, the 1998 request to the CIA for a "copy of the \$50,000,000,000 reward contract which is only on file" at CIA headquarters. It's not apparent from the agency's FOIA log what the supposed reward was for. Another individual demanded a copy of the "CIA Torture Manual," while a certain Mr. Hughes used FOIA to seek "the amount of CIA budget that is allotted for the use of prostitutes, pornography, exotic dancers and brothels." A perennial request at CIA is for information about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"Like the JFK assassination conspiracy theories, the UFO issue probably will not go away soon, no matter what the Agency does or says," historian Gerald Haines wrote, in the CIA's on-line "Studies in Intelligence."

The requests can be all-encompassing, as when a Mr. Andrew Sparkes demanded "all documents pertaining to U.F.O.'s in the possession of the Department of Energy." They can also be narrowly focused, as when a Mr. Derek Liddell asked the National Security Agency for "documents relating to a near head-on collision between a helicopter and a UFO on 10/18/75 in Mansfield, Ohio." A requester to the Defense Intelligence Agency had an apparent statewide focus with a February 1998 request for agency information on "aliens in Virginia."

And, the requests can be, seemingly, Hollywood-inspired. In January 1998, for instance, an individual asked for the Defense Intelligence Agency files on "Men in Black."

Nor are the questions aren't limited to the nation's spy and military agencies. In early 1999, for instance, a resident of the small New Jersey town of Stanhope submitted three requests to the Agriculture Department seeking the department's supposed UFO files.

On their own, the UFO requests came seem odd. But government files made public through FOIA also peel the cover back on some events that remain inexplicable to this day, even if they aren't other-worldly. It was FOIA, for instance, that made available the previously secret memo recording a 1976 aerial encounter between Iranian fighter jets and a strange, fast, bright UFO near Tehran.

"The credibility of many of the witnesses," noted the disclosed memo, which is now available at the NSA's Internet site, "was high."

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## Alfred's Odd Ode #331

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 06:40:07 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:38:31 -0500  
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #331

Apology to MW #331 (For December 25, 1999)

I'm just ONE voice in this crowd, and though I've listened hard (out loud <g.>), so UNCONVINCING are these men who'd teach we are \*alone\*, my friend. I have listened to these \*learned\*, read their work (completed college), and they do NAUGHT but leave deep holes -- shallow thinking . . . stunted souls. They pretend reality, dismiss the facts that won't agree, and counterfeiting history they sell their old hypocrisy.

I look into a starry sky and see potential, depth and time. I realize that there's enough (of all the truly needed stuff) to sail passed imagination -- passing ANY protestation. ALL that we believe we'd fail, our rabid fictions, legends -- tales, has happened in those stellar reaches... there to torment, stress and teach us. Lost in time and dusty space, could live the creatures of some race who'd solved the problems that we face or vanished there without a trace. . .

We would think they CAN'T be here -- assign to them our limits, fear, and make out like they won't surpass achievements WE might make at last? We pronounce imagined \*laws\* and tell them where their line is drawn. We pronounce our \*flawless\* physics airily like fools not "with it". We ignore new paradigms if they don't fit tradition's rhymes, and we don't care to spend the time to do REAL work -- a likely crime.

We're a bunch of sad pretenders, charlatans and glad offenders living in a noxious past that gloats obscenely, if you ask. No one finds the facts they need all mixed with misdirection's breed to keep their status quo alive so they can \*live\* while WE survive. Hear them tell you "no free lunch", and bear down for their endless crunch. Complacent, they're a charmless bunch; they just don't care. That's more than hunch.

Something's hidden, and despised, well wrapped within a maze of lies, and we can't put our finger ON our \*strange\* discomfort -- \*dear\* and strong. We're tied or mated to our fear in ways to make control more \*clear\*, and so won't question pretty lies that weave their phony web -- disguised. We have wives and husbands -- children... mothers, fathers, other brethren . . . needing forecasts they can trust to plan a future as they must! We would have it solid, useful, realistic, substantial -- truthful. We'll grow tired of your usual, grow cynical -- had a snoot full... riot in the streets, at last, when we discover what's gone past... that time just may be coming fast, when you're the one confused -- harassed.

I don't have the "facts", I'm told, by churlish goons and shallow scolds. I'm the liar, I'm accused, when I would point where we're abused, and offer that we can't get \*facts\* from cyber-thugs who grind an axe. Something not admitted slinks behind facades of fishy stinks, and it would change the way we FEEL to know, at last, what's true and real! Someone knows the real deal, will take what they can grab and steal, and make their judgement (so unreal!) as to, then, how YOU should feel.

I'm standing here, my leg is damp, you're saying that it's \*raining\*, champ! Trouble is, I heard your zipper, hear the

smirk inside your whisper, smell ammonia, (used asparagus?) -- you should drink more water. Careless! I can't believe what you propose; it's blown from Aristotle's nose -- that saucers shan't command our skies, that time and space won't prove you lie, that we are hidden, unobserved, so quite alone, and \*undisturbed\*. I don't believe your mechanisms, I don't go in for your religion, I don't \*buy\* your evening news, or think that cops should never lose. You have earned my hard disgust. It grows as you provoke mistrust. Insult (try!) just makes me harder, more intense (increases ardor), and I, at last, regard the sky -- those tiny points of light described, FEEL space (a living thing!) and KNOW there's more than what YOU sing...

[Lehmberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmberg@snowhill.com)

I look up and hear Mozart and Beethoven. You offer an assumptive monotone of "How Much is that Doggie in the Window." Thanks, but . . . I'll just keep looking up.

Oh, and... you know who you are.

Restore John Ford!

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Hi Errol,

The original copy of Filer's Files that both you and I received was incomplete. The full copy is below in case you have not received it.

Season's greetings to all.

John Hayes.

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Filer's Files #51 -- 1999, MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
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A BLESSED CHRISTMAS and A BRIGHT NEW "YEAR

At Christmas time, we hear many stories about Angels visiting the Earth. There message is that God not men is the final authority. In the first chapter of the New Testament we're told the Holy Ghost visited the Virgin Mary and that an Angel of the Lord visited Joseph. When Jesus is born the Magi or Wisemen from the East follow a star and are able to find the baby Jesus. Technically a star is very difficult to follow because stars appear to move as the world turns on its axis. It is more likely that the star was an unidentified light hovering high in the sky. Jesus Christ when he grows up declares, "He was sent by his Father in Heaven and in my Father's house there are many mansions and I go to prepare a place for you." His statements infer this is a place or planet in the northern sky. He gives a message of morality and peace. Obviously there are many interpretations of his statements, but much can be interpreted in relation to both angels and aliens and extraterrestrial travel. Psalms 91, 10-12 gives us a great promise that the angels watch over us.

"No evil will befall you nor will any plague come near your tent. For He will give His angels charge concerning you. To guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, Lest you strike your foot against a stone."

The Bible claims that the angels are sent by the Father in Heaven who promises the greatest gift of all, 'eternal life.' We can speculate at this time of year that the religious stories of the past are related to the signs and wonders we see in our skies now. I've studied the Bible, the Torah, the Koran and many ancient writings. The angels, the messengers of God, brought the Holy Scriptures to man. Think of these ancient writings as not only religious but as technical and historical documents. The Bible describes over a hundred appearances of angels as well as many UFOs in surprising detail. Their message provides comfort in our lives. Billy Graham the friend of most of our recent Presidents wrote in his book "Angels,"

"Some Christian writers have speculated that UFOs could very well be a part of God's angelic host who preside over the physical affairs of universal creation."

I wish you all a most Merry Christmas and thanks for your many letters and friendship you have shared with me this past year. I look forward to a bright and fruitful future because after all we have great wonders and signs in our skies. My hope is that your life will be filled with good health and

joy and that your guardian angel continues to protect you.

#### NEW YORK SIGHTINGS BY TWO SECURITY OFFICERS

GLENS FALLS -- The witness stated, "On Sunday, December 19, 1999, myself and another security officer who was a mile away were discussing our previous UFO sightings on our cell phones when I saw one again." It was a brilliant white pulsating light, with an orange tinge that slowly rose into the sky. My friend held the line open as he headed to a field for a better observation point. Finally, he informed me he also had the light in view. The object hovered for 5 minutes, drifting left, then right, then back to a center position. The object turned on red strobe, and slowly drifted towards Glens Falls. I feel the object tried to disguise itself, as within minutes, Air Force planes from the north and west seemed to converge on our area. This was our third Sunday sighting just before or after dark. The first sighting was on November 28, when the object hovered and bolted north into the Adirondacks, like lighting at an estimated speed from zero to 3000 mph. In the second observation object went out like a flash. Although, we work for different companies we are observant security officers who have both witnessed the UFOs. Thanks to [www.nymufon.org](http://www.nymufon.org). Larry Clark and [proserver1015@interland.net](mailto:proserver1015@interland.net)

#### NEW JERSEY FLYING TRIANGLE

SEWELL - MUFON's Evelyn Galson turned in her investigation of a triangle shaped UFO observed by Chris Augustin a web designer. On July 17, 1999, Chris looked up while throwing something in his trashcan. The lighting configuration on a low flying object was very strange. The triangle had three white lights, one in each corner and a center red light. It flew from west to east towards the Atlantic Ocean very slowly. The craft was much lower than normal traffic at an estimated 500 feet altitude and was three times the size of the full Moon. It appeared solid with sharp edges and making a low humming noise. Thanks to Evelyn Galson and Chris Augustin.

#### WEST VIRGINIA SIGHTINGS

HUNTINGTON--I was a skeptic until I had my 1st & 2nd dramatic UFO sightings. My 2nd sighting left me with a wonderful feeling and a tingling sensation up my back and over my head. I said to the UFO "I know you-I know who you are; I've seen you before." Then it blinked out. Now that I have met sincere people with similar encounters, I know that this is a real phenomenon. Do you think these individual contacts are preparation for eventual contact? Thanks to Joe Gardner [JOSEPOPI@camelot.serve.com](mailto:JOSEPOPI@camelot.serve.com)

#### MISSOURI HOVERING LIGHTS

COLUMBIA - My wife was taking my daughter's friend home on December 8, 1999. They were headed east on Route HH, when my daughters' friend spotted the object at 9:30 PM. It scared my wife as she thought it was an airplane crashing into the trees. It came from the north and crossed their path. My wife was afraid to turn onto Kircher Road, because the object was hovering over the trees near the road. It was moving sporadically, hover and then move, hover and move again. The children had their windows down and the object made no noise as it hovered. The distance was hard to judge, but since it is a heavily wooded area they must have been very close to see it for as long as they did. They didn't want to report it for fear people would think them crazy, but many others also reported the same exact sighting. A boy in the area, witnessed the object floating over his house. My wife was not a believer in UFO's but now she's changed her mind. I asked them why they couldn't make out a shape of the vehicle at such close range? They all said the lights were so bright that they couldn't see anything, but large brilliant landing-like lights. My wife recalls seeing white and red lights as do the children. They claim that the lights are much brighter also. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director, National UFO Reporting Center

#### NORTH CAROLINA UFO

ASHEVILLE -- Hi my name is John. "On a night in October 1998, I was riding in a golfcart at the hotel where I work and I saw a bright red light more less hovering high in the western sky." So I went around to the back of the hotel and walked up a fire escape for a better look. It was very high as far as I can tell. It would get a very bright red for a while and then fade out but not on a regular basis just kind intermittently. I watched it for about 10 minutes and it was drifting up and to the right very slowly. I saw at least two aircraft fly nearby and I know they had to have seen it also. I went back down the fire escape and knocked on the door of the gift shop and asked Phyllis to come see this. She and I watched for five minutes. It would get very bright and then get dimmer and finally just disappeared completely. A few minutes later Mike and George came by on their rounds, so I told them what Phyllis and I had seen. Mike said, "Is that it?" The UFO was there again? So all four of us watched for ten more minutes. I had to



leave but Mike told me that he watched it for about 10 more minutes. The next morning it was on WLOS morning news and six people had called the police. Thanks to John at [flybowee57@email.msn.com](mailto:flybowee57@email.msn.com)

#### FLORIDA UFOs SEEN NEAR SHUTTLE LAUNCH

CAPE KENNEDY -- After watching the shuttle launch on July 25, 1999, at 12:24 AM, I went back to the Intercoastal waterway on Jeffrey Street in Boca Raton, at 2:30 AM to check my catfish lines and saw a "star twinkling red yellow and green." I immediately loaded my 35 mm camera with 800 ASA speed film and put on 270 mm lens, and set it on my tripod. Looking through the lens I distinctly saw smaller craft appear one at a time right next to the "mothership" in formations of three's, four's and five's. They put on the greatest laser light show that you could ever imagine, shooting colors at each other. While visiting my mother in Boca Raton, we watched shuttle launch on CNN. The TV news conference indicated there were a lot of problems with the launch, and you could see the concern on the faces of the NASA people. After watching the liftoff on TV we ran from mom's condo about fifty yards to the Intercoastal waterway and were able to clearly see the shuttle headed due east. About 2:30 AM, I noticed a strange "star" about 45 degrees above the horizon in the northeast sky just below the seven sisters constellation. After I set up the camera, Billy woke up and confirmed what I was seeing. I'm 46 with 20/20 vision but the eyes of an 8-year-old are much better. We also had 8-24\*50 Legacy Binoculars. The larger object appeared white and round. About every 15 minutes it would turn completely opaque or translucent. Although you could still see it, it appeared as star pulsing colors.

I focused each frame with the main object in the bottom portion of the circle of the 270 mm lens. As Billy and I watched the round white dot through the lens a smaller dot or craft would appear right next to it on the right. Then another object would appear, then another, and they would flash colors at each other. These craft formed triangles, squares, and circles, depending on how many decided to appear at once. Then these smaller craft would either leave or turn their lights off, leaving only the larger white dot. Billy and I never took our eyes off this object until daybreak when it slowly began going up and to the left about 7:30 AM. Our photographs show the mothership in color with red on the bottom and green on top, quite different from what we saw through the lens. I used automatic exposure on most of the shots, which kept the lens open for three seconds. You can detect the small movement of the main craft during these exposures by the slight trailing of the green on top and red on bottom. I took quite a few photos with the smaller craft doing the formations near the mothership, there are trails of distinct colored objects all over the frames showing up as red, yellow then green. The bottom of the larger craft shows objects sitting on the "deck" in some frames. I can see a triangular shaped craft in the middle of the deck surrounded by smaller dots on the edges of the deck.

An amateur astronomer reported seeing a similar object with an 8" Celestron from Miami Shores. He saw a disk shaped craft with a definite dome. " This is exactly what I saw in one of my photographs. The image I have shows a definite dome shape, red on the bottom and green on top. Thanks to Patrick Mullarky [mullarky@hotmail.com](mailto:mullarky@hotmail.com)

#### INVESTIGATION OF LOCO, OKLAHOMA UFO VIDEO

Jim Hickman-Director, Aerial Phenomena Research Group has received data from the Norman National Weather Service on the July 11, 1997, radar images showing a possible UFO. Several of experts were consulted to come up with this version. "These radar images were obtained from the Twin Lakes (near Oklahoma City) National Weather Service radar at 7:18 PM CDT on 25 May, or about three minutes before the "object" was videotaped. Reflectivity is shown, which relates to rainfall intensity in order of increasing "warm" colors (blue to green to yellow to red indicates increasing intensity). The "object" video was shot looking northeast from just to the left (west) of the dot representing Loco, OK (near the center of the zoom. This location is about 75 miles SSW of the radar site. Due to earth's curvature, the radar beam was at a height of about 6,500 feet above ground level at the video location. Also due to the earth's curvature, the radar was unable to "see" anything below this height. These displays are presented only to show the relative positions of nearby thunderstorms near the time of the "object" sighting.

They do not show the "object" itself. They should be considered inconclusive as evidence in regard to any direct scientific investigation of the "object." The "object" was not, nor could it be, resolved by the radar. There are several reasons for this. First, the "object" was below cloud base (which was around 3,000 feet in this case), and thus was well below the radar's "horizon." Second, estimations of the "object's" size (50 feet or less) indicate that it was far too small to be resolved by the radar at that range.

Although weather radar's can detect very small objects in certain cases, they are not designed to resolve specific properties (such as size, shape, speed) of objects smaller than the width of the radar beam. The beam itself

is a narrow "cone" that increases in diameter (or width) with increasing distance from the antenna -- much like headlight beams, only much narrower. At a range of 75 miles, the beam width on this radar is about 7,000 feet. Therefore, it cannot resolve details of individual targets smaller than about 1.3 miles wide. (This value would be smaller for targets closer to the radar, and larger for more distant targets.) Third, even if the "object" were high enough or large enough, the radar antenna takes at least 20 seconds to rotate through a full 360-degree sweep. The chances of it being pointed in the right direction at the exact time of the "object" (which was on video for only about 1.5 seconds) are extremely remote.

What the radar does show are intense thunderstorms, measuring about 10 miles or more in average diameter and extending about 50,000 feet or more in height. Details of the structure of these storms, down to a resolution of a mile or so, can be seen. The storm that was being videotaped is seen just to the north and northeast of the video site. The storm structure exhibits an appendage or "hook" extending westward from the main core of the storm. This feature, among others, is indicative of possible rotation in the area of the appendage. In this case, rotation was confirmed by the video in the form of a funnel cloud extending from a lowering in the cloud base known as a "wall cloud." Thanks to National Weather Service and Jim Hickman  
<http://www.itlnet.net/users/jhickman>, [aprg@itlnet.net](mailto:aprg@itlnet.net)

#### UFOs SIGHTED ON TEXAS LONG RANGE RADAR

PERRIN FIELD -- Navarrone Technologies writes that in 1953, I was a Radar Tech at Perrin Field North of Dallas. I was performing routine maintenance on a PPI scope (Plan Position Indicator) when I spotted a huge blip in the New York area. I called an Officer, who was the Operator, and we watched as the Blip split into nine smaller ones, flying in formation. The bogies did not respond to IFF interrogation. Radio contact from the radar hut was made to Denver and Salt Lake bases, and they confirmed the sighting. Perrin Field was a long-range early warning base; we could measure distance and azimuth but not altitude. F-86 Fighters from Perrin Field and other fighters from Denver and Salt Lake were ordered to intercept and destroy. They were staggered at altitudes of 500 feet, to try and get a visual sighting. The formation of UFO's was heading directly towards Dallas. We watched as the fighters were heading to intercept; the UFO's had crossed the border of Oklahoma and entered Texas by this point. When the fighters got to about 20 miles of interception, the UFO's stopped dead in the air, made a right angle turn and took off towards the Northwest. We calculated their speed at about 8000 miles per hour.

There were 8 officer Radar Operators and 3 Radar Techs in our Hut during this episode. Within ten minutes after the final sighting a group of about 8 men in civilian suits, and 14 uniformed armed guards came into the Hut, separated us, and took us at gunpoint to a hangar on the other side of the field. We were each interrogated for about 4 hours and during that time had to draw diagrams of what we saw, and write a written narrative of everything that took place during this "encounter". After having the fear of God put into us about NEVER talking about this incident to anyone, we had to sign a document that threatened us with a \$10,000 fine and 10 years imprisonment for violating the Official Secrets Act. These objects, whatever they were violated the laws of Physics, as we know it. I don't think there is any doubt that they were not of this Earth. Thank you for your efforts in trying to end the secrecy. God Bless, Chandler Yergin

#### MEXICAN UFO VIDEO

MEXICO CITY -- December 8, 1999, executive Jose Gerstl awoke at 7:20 AM, and saw for the first time in his life a OVNI (UFOs) in the sky on a clear morning and only a very short distance away. At first the object looked like a small balloon. But in a few seconds, it began moving forward and backwards slowly. Jose ran for his videocamera thinking that this could my chance to tape one of those strange objects. The object seemed to have gotten closer. It was a clear morning with a bright sun at 7:45 AM, so I had a good view and with my camera's zoom lens I made some close-ups of the OVNI. It had an oval shape and the sunlight reflected on the left side of the object. About 4 minutes passed when suddenly it emitted some kind of beam of bright light from the center and then the light turned from yellowish to reddish in sequence and then returned to white again. The sighting lasted almost 8 minutes, Thanks to Jeff Rense and Santiago Yturria OVNI Investigaciones Mexico.

#### UFO SHOT FROM SATELLITE MOST LIKELY THE MOON

Russel Kirchner phoned to inform me that the GOES might have photographed a large dark mother ship UFO. Russel started a rather large controversy with many readers sending in different opinions. Bob Young was probably the first to write that the Moon was most likely the object photographed in space on November 21, 1999, at 14:45Z hours. Bob wrote: The satellite is



geosynchronous, that means that as the Earth turns (360 degrees in each 24 hours, or 7.5 Moon diameters each 15 minutes) the Moon will rather quickly move out of the field of this picture. The previous pictures had the Moon way over to the left, 7.5 diameters, and the next picture had the Moon behind the Earth. The thing is that at the time of the picture the Moon exhibited the phase of the oval and it was in the position of the object. Since there aren't two oval objects in the location of the Moon, unless the UFO was, by great coincidence, in front of the Moon, the mystery of this picture seems to be solved. Bob Young (YoungBob2) said, I am NOT supporting the UFO claim, and now it appears neither is Nick Balaskas from York University.

Nick at first felt it was not the Moon based on the UFO's shape, dark color and size. Nick has revised his opinion: "Jupiter was at opposition (opposite the Sun with respect to the Earth) a month before the November 21, GEOS picture." Why does it appear to be behind the Earth in the picture I thought? Well, since the Sun was not shining directly down on the Earth but a little to the right, Jupiter would be roughly at the location where Sky & Telescope says. Then I thought, where would the Moon be with respect to Jupiter? Well, since the Moon moves by just over 12 degrees in the sky each day and according to my Observer's Handbook the Moon had the same R.A. or celestial longitude as Jupiter on the 20th at about 22:00Z, then 3/4 of a day later when the GEOS picture was taken the Moon be nearly 10 degrees further east (to the left of the picture). Since I calculated earlier that the Earth in the GEOS picture was about 20 degrees across, the Moon would indeed be in the general vicinity of the UFO is in the picture. Conclusion: Our "...Giant UFO in Earth Orbit" is now an IFO - the Moon. Thanks to Nick Balaskas Physics and Astronomy York University, Canada.

Nicla Camerin writes, "He has also observed the UFO in the NOAA Satellite photos. These objects are NO a moon. I looked at the images for the day before and after at the same time. If that object had been the moon, it would have been there on those days as well. The moon was only a quarter more or less but doesn't appear the day after or before. But I'm sure that is not the moon. The image appears to be a full disk, and in the left corner you can see another 'spot'. I zoomed in, and rendered and seems to be another 'object.' Do you have any idea at what timing are get this satellite images? In the full disk 4 seems to be a 'blur' in the top-left part instead of the bottom are defined. In the full disk there seems to be some kind of heat around the object. Which the images are UV, IR of the goes satellite of this series? Thanks to Nicla Camerin [niclacc@cantv.net](mailto:niclacc@cantv.net)

National Weather Service professionals that use the photos everyday have an interesting opinion. Gary writes: "I am of no help with respect to the Goes-8 images you sent me. My immediate thought was a transmission and/or processing error. I have looked at tens of thousands of Goes images and I have never seen the moon. So, I think that is out. Also, I would think that an advanced alien society would not get caught in a somewhat low-tech weather satellite image." Have a great holiday!". Thanks to Gary and Jim Hickman.

Here again are the controversial photos: There is some disagreement if the moon will show up on infrared. Anyone know?  
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"Robert Selover writes, "In the photo, the "moon" appears elliptical in shape - I wouldn't think such an expensive camera setup could produce such a distorted representation of an essentially "round" object." Then, there's the infrared photos which also seem to show the same elliptical shape as above -- again representing a generally round planet with the same profile and orientation with respect to earth. I'm really curious -- how does the moon come off as appearing elliptical with the same profiles and earth-wise same orientation in both simple unfiltered photos and in corresponding IR photos? There is an apparent optical distortion. Thank "Robert Selover"  
[<rselover@tln.org](mailto:rselover@tln.org)

John locker writes close inspection, and the time stamp indicate this to be an image of the Moon. Anyone with Satellite Toolkit software can confirm this by viewing the Moon, from the position of the Goes geostationary satellite. Those "windows" are the Ocean of Storms, the Sea of Rains and the Sea of Clouds. Thanks to: [satcom@cybase.co.uk](mailto:satcom@cybase.co.uk) (John locker)

I constantly surf around the NOAA website checking out the satellite images for interesting "landmarks." I can explain the UFO seen in the GOES 8 images from Nov. 21, 1999. The UFO is actually the Moon! It is not an alien space craft as speculated. Here is what happens: When the moon, the earth and the Goes 8 satellite are at a precise position its cameras catch the moon in the image. Please refer to: NOAA websites.  
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Hope this helps your experts, Mark Lennox, York University, Toronto, Canada

#### CHINA REPORTS SUDDEN SURGE IN UFOs

BEIJING: JM Mariojouis, Skywatch China Director in Macau reports that a strange UFO was seen all over the eastern area between Shanghai and Beijing on December 10, 1999. Clear pictures of it have been aired on a Hong Kong TV channel. I'm contacting everyone I know to get more info and the pictures. Until now, the UFO has been described as a very strange ball leaving a trail of smoke behind and flying up (at least on the pictures). Dec. 10, 1999 -- (Agence France Presse) China is undergoing a sudden surge in unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings, always with the same description, the normally staid official press said Monday. The Beijing Youth Daily published an article on the sightings Monday with a photo of two airborne oblong luminous objects taken the night before by China's central broadcaster. The newspaper said the photo, which resembles a pair of missiles, was taken above the district of Changping, north of Beijing.

In another article, illustrated with a similar photo taken above the capital, the newspaper carried witnesses accounts of UFO sightings on November 14 and December 11. Shanghai's press weighed in last week, reporting -- with a photo -- on two local UFO sightings on the same date at the beginning of the month, at roughly the same place and time. "It was oblong, yellow, with a shiny pointed top and a white tail," said Mrs Yang for the Liberation Daily. An aviation expert who saw video footage of one of the sightings was quoted as saying the object was neither an airplane nor a meteorological phenomenon, but an "artificial flying object." (c) 1999 Agence France Press)  
[jmexit@macau.ctm.net](mailto:jmexit@macau.ctm.net). Editor's Note: The Communist Chinese government is very sensitive to signs and wonders in it's skies. Several million imprisoned Christians and the Falun Gong tend to take them as a sign of support.

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## OZ UFO Ferris Wheel 'Solved' Dec 24 1999

From: Diane Harison - Keith Basterfield Network <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
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OZ UFO Ferris Wheel 'Solved' 24th.12.1999"

14.08.1999, Location: Logan Village. Bobermien Road, Duration of sighting: 20 minutes, Time: 9.15pm

(Source: 1800 Freecall Australian UFO Research Network Hotline Number)

Observation: 45 degrees to the horizon, Direction:Westerly direction to

Jimboomba Township Shape: Ferris wheel, Size: 50 cent piece at arms length, Lights: Colour white, 50 or more Weather: Some cloud mostly clear, Number of witnesses: 6 The UFO was seen by 15 people from all different locations of southern

Brisbane. To date we have not been able to identify it.

SOLVED 24th 12 1999

While everyone was wrapping their Christmas presents Rob & I went out to wrap up a mystery after receiving a phone call from Shanna regarding a

sighting that was happening right there and then. Some list members may remember the OZ UFO Ferris Wheel that occurred August 14th 1999. The AUFORN UFO Hotline received a call from sharnna

to say it was back. Rob & I decided to go and investigate to see if we could solve this mystery once and for all.

The last time it was sighted it stayed around for some 40 minutes so we took a hunch and drove out to the area in hope of catching a glimpse of this elusive UFO and Bingo we found it.

Its always good to solve a UFO mystery especially one that has caused so many sightings. Thanks to Robert Frola's great eyes and my driving we finally found the light source.

It was local resident and business person Mr Cameron McGregor of North Maclean he owned up to being the captin of the Ferris Wheel spaceship. When we told him we had been looking for the light source for quite sometime he gave out a great big belly laugh and said your lucky I was just about to turn it off.

Mr Cameron said the night of 14th August 1999 he and his wife were celebrating her 50th birthday, her present was a laser light show with 2 very big Griven Tracer 4000w which can be visible for up to 20 Kilometers away each has 4000w HMI lamp and you can be use them in all kinds of weather.

Mr Mc Gregor said in future he will drop us a line so we know where he will be. He said he didn't realize how much trouble the lights would cause, he said its a new business "I started only four months ago.

On a couple of occasions the police have come out to ask him to kill the light show due to their Emergency 000 line was being inundated with calls from concerned residents.

Cameron informed us the places in which he had been in the last 4 months.

Ispwich twice: (1) Council party (1) Happy hour at one of the local pubs Toowoomba: Just after the carnival of flowers it was such a clear night the lights were seen by some one at Stradbroke Island.

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Regards Diane Harrison

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\* FROM JEFF'S DESK \*

More interesting events in China...apparently hundreds of major sightings...reported by the official PRC press...

From Joseph Trainor <[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)>  
Editor - UFO ROUNDUP Vol 4, No 35 12-24-99

### UFOs SIGHTED IN MANY CITIES IN CHINA

China is in the grip of a major UFO flap. There were hundreds of sightings in the last week, and the flap has been reported in the major Communist Party newspapers.

"China is undergoing a sudden surge in unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings, always with the same descriptions."

"The Beijing Youth Daily published the sightings Monday (December 13, 1999) with a photo of two amber oblong objects taken the night before by China's central broadcaster."

"The newspaper said the photo, which resembles a pair of missiles, was taken" in Changping, a city 70 kilometers (42 miles) north of Beijing.

"In another article, illustrated with another photo taken above the capital (Beijing--J.T.), the newspaper carried eyewitness accounts of the UFO sightings of November 14 and December 11, 1999."

"Shanghai's press weighed in last week, reporting--with a photo--on two local UFO sightings on the same date at the beginning of the month (December--J.T.) at roughly the same place and time."

"'It was oblong, yellow, with a shiny pointed top and a white tail,' one of the witnesses identified only as Mrs. Yang told the (newspaper) Liberation Daily."

"An aviation expert who saw video footage of one of the sightings was quoted as saying the object was neither an airplane nor a meteorological phenomenon but an 'artificial flying object.'"

"The Beijing Youth Daily theorized that the sightings could have been illusions created by fumes from the engines of jets lifting off at dusk."



(See Agence France Presse for December 10, 1999, "China reports sudden surge in UFO sightings." Many thanks to Jan H. Raabe for the AFP report.)

And that Oz 'golfball-sized meteorite' story is still under serious investigation...

#### INVESTIGATORS PROBE GUYRA UFO CRASH SITE

Guyra, a small town in northern New South Wales, Australia, continues to be the focus of interest following the crash of a mystery object into its reservoir dam last week.

On Friday, December 10, 1999, authorities in Australia stated that the damage to the dam, which resulted in a 12-meter cavern, had been "caused by a small meteorite about the size of a golf ball. Police said the meteorite was embedded about 14 feet into soft rock and could not be quickly removed."

On Wednesday, December 8, 1999, retired Col. John Auchettl and Dr. Ron Barnett of Phenomenon Research Australia (PRA) flew to Guyra from Melbourne to begin an on-site investigation.

According to Col. Auchettl and Dr. Barnett, "We went over the impact site in more detail. We arrived at the site very early on the 8th and checked out the location with a number of research tools. The radiation level at the site was at normal background levels. That night, an IR (infrared) camera was used to look for hot spots--none were found. Samples have been taken and will be looked at."

Col. Auchettl and Dr. Barnett found a number of interesting anomalies at the purported UFO crash site. These include:

(1) The object's angle of entry (approach) to the dam was very shallow, less than 45 degrees.

(2) No one in Guyra heard a sonic boom or an explosion prior to the crash.

(3) The reeds have burn marks, "which is most unusual in a meteorite impact."

(4) The reeds were flattened "in a strange shape, not quite like an explosion but with the characteristics of a compression wave."

(5) The mud splash indicates that the object "may have skipped on the water" before hitting the dam.

A fossicker (prospector in the USA--J.T.) claimed to have seen "a comet-like object" heading towards Guyra the night of the crash.

Doug Strang "was having a beer and watching the sky near Mount Isa" in northwestern Queensland when "something passed overhead."

Strang reported that he saw "an object with white taillings. It was already burning up, and it was going at a nice steady pace. I mean, was it a shooting star? It looked like a comet. It was obviously burning up."

"And as it moved toward the horizon, it split into three or four sections. What I did see was four smaller white dots in alignment, and then nothing. That was it. I didn't see anything fall." (Many thanks to Diane Harrison of Australian UFO Research and Kenneth Young of Cincinnati UFO Research for this report.)

(Editor's Comment: Evidence of a compression wave followed by a mud splash suggests a large object as opposed to "a meteorite the size of a golf ball." It could have struck the dam and then rebounded into deeper water. The UFO may still be at the bottom of the reservoir.)

The Xmas Files

[http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/xmas\\_files\\_991223.html](http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/xmas_files_991223.html)

By Michael Battaglia - Staff Writer

Xmas File 12-99XF

Case #19 - Agent Wolff Molder

Interrogation Notes

U.S. Postal Service Police Bureau branch office.

Minneapolis, MN - December 11, 2:15 P.M.

It was the busiest Xmas I'd ever seen. The interview of this eyewitness went like all the others. The subject had been brought into the hospital ER in tatters, suffering from exposure.



Considering what the victim had been through, he was quite cogent even remarking, 'They're gonna' let me outta' here tomorrow mornin' seems like ya need to be a lot sicker than me to be welcome in a hospital nowadays.'

"HMO, huh?" I quipped to relax him as the hypnotist made her preparations. Lately, I can't seem to interview witnesses without one. But that's par for the course when you are investigating an Xmas-File case. I started the session -- "Now if you don't mind, we're going to help you remember, Mister--"

--Gritt. Strom Gritt. Look, yer shrink can keep wavin' that shiny thing in my face, but ya ain't gonna' have any luck puttin' me under. Fact is, they tried that hypno-thing on me in the Army an', an' ...."

He went under.

"It was a real tinny mechanical-like voice. I looked around, but only that varmint thing was there. Then I hear somethin' like 'We love you' in the same voice. Well I'll be darn fool if it wasn't comin' from the rodent! The thing was walkin' on its hind legs even!"

"Finally," I told the hypnotist. "Now, Mr. Gritt, I want you to think of yesterday afternoon. Can you tell me what happened?"

"Sure can. It began like any normal December day."

"'Normal' meaning...?"

" 'Normal', meanin' I was out hunting grouse."

"Get anything?"

"What's that got to do with what happened?"

"You didn't, then."

"Yeah. Anyhow, there I was, it was just gettin' dark and I was trackin' in the snow. That's when I saw these oddball prints. Sorta like a rabbit's -- but really like nuthin' I'd ever seen before. At first I didn't make much of it, then, all of a sudden, I see this strange green glow comin' from the trees up ahead. So I approached, real slow like. I went 15 yards or so -- that's when I saw it in the clearing. A big, ah, how can I say it?--"

"Saucer-shaped object?" I suggested hopefully.

"More like a giant factory -- big as a warehouse -- And it was hoverin', oh, I'd say a good 50 feet up. An' there was this ramp leading into trucks--"

"What kind of trucks?"

"Regular type trucks"

"From Earth?"

"Where else?"

"Go on Mr. Gritt," I urged.

"Well, there's these smaller boxes -- made of cardboard, it looked like to me -- hundreds, no, maybe thousands of 'em. And, they's all moving down the ramp and into these trucks, ya see. So I snuck up closer, makin' sure they didn't see me. That's when I saw it --"

"Saw what?"

"All of them boxes had somethin' inside."

"Can you describe what they looked like?"

"I'd be glad to. Except I can't. Ya see, right behind me I suddenly feel this kind'a presence. I turn around and sure enough, there's this -- animal. It resembled some kind'a raccoon, but without a mask--and not as big. But, come to think of it, more like a squirrel, but maybe bigger -- but with a face more

like a bat. Anyhow, I drew my rifle up real slow like and got a bead on 'em -- not to shoot him, mind ya, I only had a grouse permit ya see, but just in case he tried somethin', I figured I'd be ready. He could'a had rabies, ya know. Then, all of sudden, I hear, 'u-nye mee-mee noo-loo'."

"Could you repeat that, Mr. Gritt?"

" 'u-nye mee-mee noo-loo' -- It was a real tinny mechanical-like voice. I looked around, but only that varmint thing was there. Then I hear somethin' like 'We love you' in the same voice. Well I'll be darn fool if it wasn't comin' from the rodent! The thing was walkin' on its hind legs even I swear it."

He was breathing heavy now, even under hypnosis.

"Then I see another one. And another -- Pretty soon I was surrounded. But here's the topper -- when they see each other they all start dancin' an' singin' -- in that crazy language. Before I could get it all figured out, there's this flash of light -- and next thing I know, I'm plugged into this I-V bottle, talking to an agent of the federal government, an' drinkin' out of a straw."

"Calm down, Mr. Gritt, everything's going to be all right." The hypnotist brought him back from slumberland with her usual command -- 'Okay sir, when I say 'swamp gas', you'll wake up refreshed, and will not remember a thing about your encounter.'

That's pretty much how all of the eyewitness stories went. As I compared the accounts, I had come to realize this was no run of the mill Xmas-File.

Wishing each and every one of you extraordinary people the best holiday ever. And may Y2K turn out to be the biggest non-event of the century.

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One man's life touches so many others, when he's not there it leaves an awfully big hole. - Clarence the Angel in "It's a Wonderful Life"

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\* EDITOR'S CORNER \*

Well, one new hard drive later, one program I've been unable to recover from the crashed old one is my email program or any of the files or address books. So many of you sent such wonderful contributions to be put in our special New Year's edition. Please send again. For those who are new, we will be printing the best of the emails of what will change for you this year, what you'll do differently after this Y2K wake-up call (which we are optimistically assuming that's all it will be). Please send that to mailto:[jocelyn@dewittec.net?Subject=A\\_Vital\\_Change](mailto:jocelyn@dewittec.net?Subject=A_Vital_Change)

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>>The vehicle observed by Civil Engineer Barney Barnett in the  
>>Plains of San Augustine which came down almost intact was less  
>>than 30' in diameter. A saucer shaped craft would have a much  
>>lower surface to volume ration than something with wings.

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>>Stanton Friedman

>Stan, List,

>Allow me to pick a nit.

>The above excerpt exemplifies much of what is wrong with current  
>ufology -- which is a tendency to take a verbal or anecdotal  
>account as the fact or thing itself. As a writer, you ought to  
>be more careful with your use of language.

Dennis,

I think you recognize that my 2 sentence comment was a very  
informal comment trying to respond to a particular claim. It was  
clearly not intended to be a scientific article submitted to a  
professional journal. I had already referenced sources...

>One cannot say with authority that the vehicle Barnett saw came  
>down intact and was less than 30 feet in diameter, etc. --  
>unless you have absolute and incontrovertible proof of same.

The notion that one can only relate that for which one has  
absolute and incontrovertible proof is obviously a very great  
overstatement.

You ran Kent Jeffrey's very long article about Roswell in the  
MUFON Journal.

There was no proof of anything in it except Kent's ignorance  
about how security works.

My detailed comments are available on my website at:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html>

Certainly Mr. Thompson's comments were made with a load of  
misinformation and no proof of anything except his ignorance of  
the Roswell story.

>Here is what you can say with authority:

>The vehicle Barnett said he saw was relatively intact...

>Or: The vehicle Barnett told friends he saw...

>Or: So-and-so said that Barnett told him that...

>Or: Reportedly, according to, allegedly, claimed, and so on.

>These are all journalistic qualifiers which serve to inform the  
>reader that what follows is based on anecdotal testimony, ie,  
>what someone said, and should be taken accordingly. To say  
>that the vehicle Barnett saw was so-and-so is an assertion of  
>fact, unwarranted because it can't be proved.

>It sounds like a small affair, I admit, but this is how claims  
>and anecdotes get solidified into historical "facts" in the UFO  
>literature when they are passed from one source to another, and  
>from one writer to another.

>An assertion by anyone (even the President of the United States)  
>is not necessarily the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but  
>the truth -- an assertion that everyone ought to keep in mind!

>Dennis Stacy

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the truth as I have so often noted.

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armchair theorizing, and a total absence of investigation or  
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I am reminded of an old line that one is more entitled to an  
opinion for which he cannot account than a beer for which he  
cannot pay.

Happy Holidays to all.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: As The Centuries Begin To Blend

From: Sean Jones <[tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 22:07:17 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 07:22:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: As The Centuries Begin To Blend

> From Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

Happy Christmas Errol, Sue and all

Along these thoughts one did cross my mind.

When the French eat chicken, do they say "this tastes just like  
frog legs"?

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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## UFO Sighting Report OZ File 26.12.1999

From: Diane Harrison - Keith Basterfield Network <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 10:36:07 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 07:29:51 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 26.12.1999

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FOLLOWUP Diane Harrison AUFORN 1800 Callin Code: 00426  
06.12.1999 ( CE2 )

1800 Callin Code: 00426 06.12.1999 ( CE2 )  
Date Reported: 09.12 1999  
Time reported to Hotline 5.15pm  
Date sighted: 06.12. 1999  
Day Reported: Thursday  
Day sighted: Monday  
Time Reported: 2.30am

Location: New England HWY Between Armidale & Glen Innes "Guyra  
area"

Witness: Brian Renworth aged 74 years a credible witness

Description of object: Huge White & Orange Object - lots of  
lights.

Report:

Brian called to say he was a witness to a UFO. He thought he had better call because he had seen the report on TV about the Guyra object crashing into the dam.

Another very credible witness rang me on Thursday 09.12 .99 she told me she had called the Armidale police station to find out if anything strange had been reported on Monday 6.12.99 a Police woman said she had heard that quite a few reports of a strange red beam of light had been seen coming down from the sky on Monday evening of 06. 12.99. An other credible witness told me that Guyra had 2 short power blackouts on Monday evening??

Taped Interview with Brian Renworth

Day: Thursday  
Date Recorded: 09.12 .99

Diane: You said you were traveling from NSW to Queensland between 2.00am and 3.00am in the morning.

Brian: Yes thats right , that was on Monday morning.

DH: Brian could you explain what you saw while travelling up the road near Guyra?.

BR: Well I don't know if I passed Guyra or if it was before Guyra. Now on this section of road there were hundreds of red and white reflectors, it looked like a busy traffic intersection. There were no vehicles other than myself and a trailer coming a long way back behind me.

DH: How far back would you say the trailer was?

BR: A quarter of a mile I suppose.

DH: Was the truck close enough to see what was going on?

BR: He had his big lights on and they were worrying me, I had mine on at low beam. When I saw all this frizell of lights ahead of me I thought what the hell was it. It just looked like a landing strip and as I approached it I was struck with this red light, it just lit everything up and everything went red.

DH: Everything went red?

BR: Yes and I could feel the heat of what ever it was.

DH: Brian could I just clarify something. When you said you saw something that looked like a landing strip what kind of shape did you see?

BR: Well it was just like both sides of the road it looked like an island in the middle of the road on both sides.

DH: An island did you see a shape at all?

BR: It just was a maze of reflectors ahead of me so I had to slow down

DH: Were the reflectors in any sort of pattern?

BR: They were on both sides of the HWY and down the middle of both lanes, they looked like they were every 10 feet for as far as you could see.

DH: You said when you got close they all turned to a bright what colour?

BR: This red glow what ever it was lit all the white reflector, they went red. And I was totally blinded.

DH: When that happened what did you do?

BR: Well I just drifted along and slowed down on the other side of these lights.

I got away out of them and then I slowed down because I couldn't darn see.

DH: Where was the truck, do you remember the truck?

BR: Ho yes he was way back I don't know if it was a truck or a semi trailer but he had his high beams on and then that made it worse it lit everything up and because my lights to its only a reasonably new motor car I got and it had bright lights too, but I was on low beam and you would have sworn you where coming in a Kingsford Smith Aerodrome with all these reflectors.

DH: Was it that bright?

BR: Yes.

DH: What kind of car do you drive.?

BR: I drive a Subaru wagon a 98 model.

DH: Brian what was the reason for going to Queensland.?

BR: I traveling up to visit my daughters for Christmas.. I've been driving for some fifty odd years and I have never seen anything like this.

DH: When you said the lights blinded you, what did you do next.?

BR: Well I drifted through these rows of lights it they thinned out and I slowed down into the side of the road and sat there for a little while because I couldn't see. Well I was really had been flashed in the eyes with all this reflection.

DH: When you said you drove through the reflection, what impression did you have of where the light was coming from, was it on the ground or above you.?

BR: It seemed high and it seemed to be behind me, I could feel the heat of this? and ha and I copped it back in the rear view mirror to that hit me in the eyes.

DH: Did you hear any noise at all.

BR: No, no noise I had my windows up like it was quite in the car. I didn't hear any unusual noise at all, I did have the radio on though.

DH: Did anything happen to the radio.?

BR: Well it gave a screeching thats all, other wise the radio's intact.

DH: How is your car.?

BR: The car? Ya well it seems alright, I drove it for the first time today.

DH: Are there any physical evidence or signs of any damage at all, like paint work damaged or.?

BR: No.

DH: What about yourself how are you.?

BR: Well I had the shakes on Monday and my sight was affected I couldn't stand any sun light. I had to wear dark glasses and even on Tuesday morning I still had my dark peppers on and when I went shopping my daughter drove her car she took me shopping I couldn't drive mine, and this afternoon I left Ipswich to come over here (a Bay Island).

DH Comment: Some details have to be let out to protect Brian.

BR: And thats the first time I've driven the car since I landed at Ipswich on Monday.

DH: Brian you said you actually called the Ipswich police.

BR: I rang them this morning from Ipswich because I heard on the radio all about this stuff down in that Guyra place, and hell nobody seemed to know what time it happened and this happened to me between the hours of 2.00am and 3.00 am on Monday morning.

DH: And what time did you end up getting to Glen Innes which is the nearest town if you were heading that way to Ipswich.

BR: Look that I don't know I can't remember, I fueled at Armidale and I had enough fuel to last me right through up to here (Ipswich). I landed at Ipswich my daughter said "jee dad what's up with your eyes," like one eye was all blood shot really blood shot.

>>>>Refuel Confirmed: By the Mobile Shop attendant in Armidale at time

Approx 2.15am the attendant said it easy to remember people at that hour because its so quite and you look forward to customers coming in, it helps break the boredom.

DH: How are your eyes now.?

BR: There still a little bit on the blurry side other wise I'm alright.

DH: What about the rest of yourself?

BR I'm a little pink just like I have a mild sunburn. I'm going to the doctors in the morning for my checkup.

DH: Could you let me know what the doctors says.?

DH: When you rang the Ipswich Police what did you ask them?

BR: I asked them if they got any or would they know of any laser beams or any thing on the road like, and they said " no we don't use them" they said that the latest I think its a speed laser which they use here, its a red laser but you don't see any beam from it.

But this was well I don't know it sort lit everything up. (a little upset)



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## Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

From: Bill Weber <[koran@cchat.com](mailto:koran@cchat.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 23:04:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 07:41:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Drake Equation - A Parallax View

Hi, Mac,

>>I'm still looking for a good translation of the Roswell I-beam  
>>hieroglyphs.

>>Two possibilities come to mind:

>>1) Made in China

>>2) If found, please call this number...

>>Other alternatives welcome.

> "To Build Your Very Own Flying Saucer, Insert Tab A Into Tab  
> B..."

> --Mac Tonnies

Given the fact it crashed, how about, "This device fully Plug  
and Play compatible."

Best,

Bill

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## Re: As The Centuries Begin To Blend

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 23:20:00 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 07:47:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: As The Centuries Begin To Blend

>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 20:45:52 -0500  
>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Subject: Re: As The Centuries Begin To Blend  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>On the dawn of this new millenium, let us make sure that we, as  
>human beings, face up to the reality of UFOs and their occupants  
>(our neighbours in space) instead of suffering another 100 years  
>of ridicule and denial!

I'm with you, in sentiment. Only I would write: "On the dawn of  
the year 2000, let's make sure that we, as human beings, face up  
to the reality that \_something weird and unexplained is going  
on\_.

Mac Tonnies

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 08:48:46 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 17:06:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 16:14:28 -0400  
>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 15:22:33 -0600  
>>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>cannot pay.

That should be one is no more entitled to an opinion... sorry  
about that..

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## Re: Corso?

From: Michael Christol <[mchristo@mindspring.com](mailto:mchristo@mindspring.com)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 11:47:22 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 17:12:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

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>the book, but nothing I can honestly point to and cry "hoax"!  
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>--Mac Tonnies

Hi Mac...

Good take on this subject.

But, I would warn you that Kal Korff is a cancer to anything  
he touches. His goal in life is to destroy the historical  
facts of such things as Corso's book and many of the other  
sensational claims of UFOlogists.

He got his start as a teen writing under the guidance of  
William "Bill" Moore when he wrote two books debunking  
the Billy Meier Case.

Moore was the chief antagonist of Meier in the beginning and  
stirred up organizations such as MUFON and APRO against Wendelle  
Stevens and Meier.

You probably know the history of Moore and his confession at the  
1989 MUFON Convention in La Vegas.

He is a "black eye" to ufology and those who still maintain any  
sense of loyalty to him are sorely misguided.

So, do as you choose. But as for myself, if Kal Korff said it  
was raining, and 40 degrees, I would plan on a day at the beach  
and carry sunscreen. <g>

REgards, Mike

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From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 12:22:27 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 17:15:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 23:31:52 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Mac Tonnie <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 04:41:21 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 22:28:27 +0000  
>>>From: Ralf Zeigermann <[kag15@dial.pipex.com](mailto:kag15@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>>Subject: Corso?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Hello list,

>>>I was just wondering what the situation/research status (is  
>>>there any?) on Colonel Corso might be - the book has been  
>>>published 3 years ago, and as far as I remember, he planned to  
>>>write another book about his involvement with 'Alien  
>>>Technology'; and if I'm not completely mistaken, after Corso's  
>>>death his son intended to get 'Part II' done, published and  
>>>released.

>>Dear Ralph:

>>I'm no Corso expert, but I watch this and other UFO lists  
>>closely.

>>I believe that my personal opinions of Corso and company are  
>>pretty much in agreement with most of the saner readers of these  
>>lists, namely that you can take the contents of his book with a  
>>heavy grain of salt.

>For the record, Corso and William Birnes (his ghost-writer,  
>identified on the cover of The Day After Roswell) planned on  
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Hello Mac:

Re: Corso?

I must admit, that the little bit I saw or read about Corso himself, seemed to indicate some personal sincerity. He does seem likeable, and I would prefer to believe that his memory had deteriorated with age and illness.

If so, this would put the spotlight on his ghostwriter Birnes.

I suppose I could make some gratuitous jab at "The Day After Debbie Does Dallas", but that might be unseemly. I know relatively little about the Kennedy assassination, nothing that isn't generally known.

For Corso (ala' Birnes) to be deeply involved in both sensational ( and best- selling) matters, would seem ..ah .. kind of rare.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch.

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## Re: OZ UFO Ferris Wheel 'Solved' Dec 24 1999

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 13:15:04 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 17:21:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: OZ UFO Ferris Wheel 'Solved' Dec 24 1999

>Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 00:57:05 +1000  
>From: Diane Harison - Keith Basterfield Network <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
>Subject: OZ UFO Ferris Wheel 'Solved' Dec 24 1999  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>OZ UFO Ferris Wheel 'Solved' 24th.12.1999"

>14.08.1999, Location: Logan Village. Bobermien Road, Duration of  
>sighting: 20 minutes, Time: 9.15pm

>(Source: 1800 Freecall Australian UFO Research Network Hotline  
>Number)

>Observation: 45 degrees to the horizon, Direction:Westerly  
>direction to

>Jimboomba Township Shape: Ferris wheel, Size: 50 cent piece at  
>arms length, Lights: Colour white, 50 or more Weather: Some  
>cloud mostly clear, Number of witnesses: 6 The UFO was seen by  
>15 people from all different locations of southern

>Brisbane. To date we have not been able to identify it.

>SOLVED 24th 12 1999  
>While everyone was wrapping their Christmas presents Rob & I  
>went out to wrap up a mystery after receiving a phone call from  
>Shanna regarding a

>sighting that was happening right there and then. Some list  
>members may remember the OZ UFO Ferris Wheel that occurred  
>August 14th 1999. The AUFORN UFO Hotline received a call from  
>sharnna to say it was back. Rob & I decided to go and investigate  
>to see if we could solve this mystery once and for all.

>The last time it was sighted it stayed around for some 40  
>minutes so we took a hunch and drove out to the area in hope of  
>catching a glimpse of this elusive UFO and Bingo we found it.

>Its always good to solve a UFO mystery especially one that has  
>caused so many sightings. Thanks to Robert Frola's great eyes  
>and my driving we finally found the light source.

>It was local resident and business person Mr Cameron McGregor of  
>North Maclean he owned up to being the captin of the Ferris  
>Wheel spaceship. When we told him we had been looking for the  
>light source for quite sometime he gave out a great big belly  
>laugh and said your lucky I was just about to turn it off.

>Mr Cameron said the night of 14th August 1999 he and his wife  
>were celebrating her 50th birthday, her present was a laser  
>light show with 2 very big Griven Tracer 4000w which can be  
>visible for up to 20 Kilometers away each has 4000w HMI lamp and  
>you can be use them in all kinds of weather.

<snip>

Dear Diane:

Thank you very much!

I had suspected something very similar to the "sky trackers" as they were called in Europe. We have them here too.

Several strong beams are projected upward. These can be made to rotate around themselves, converge and diverge etc. They hit the stage in France and Britain in the 1970s or 80s, and caused quite a fuss. One in France was traced to the grand opening of some trendy discotech... teque... ah, some singles music joint.

One common term is "ferris wheel". If you read between the lines, all that is seen is some lights... rotating as if attached to a solid body, when no such body is actually visible.

I had two listings for the event you mention, apparently the image could be seen for miles as you say.

That's what my magic delete key is for, and I thank you again.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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>How they howl when the holy grail of ufology is attacked. My job  
>is not to do the skeptic's work. But frankly I'm tired of people  
>who know I'm a UFO investigator coming up and saying, "Oh yea.  
>That Roswell crash is something." When my finely honed  
>investigator skills say, horse-hockey!

I have serious doubts based on Thompson's postings that he is an investigator. A proclaimer of false statements? YES. Somebody who is self impressed? YES. But an investigator investigates rather than sticking his foot in his mouth every time he opens it, as he seems to as Dave Rudiak has already demonstrated.

>>Again, Thompson reveals his complete ignorance. First of all,  
>>the CIC or counterintelligence people involved were NOT  
>>civillians. They were military -- got that? Just because they  
>>>wore civilian clothing didn't make them civillians -- good grief!

>Did you read my other post. I said I made a mistake on that.

>>I also notice that John Thompson doesn't respond to Stanton  
>>Friedman's mentioned of Lewis Rickett. Does Thompson know who  
>>Rickett was? Apparently not. Rickett was one of those  
>>"civilian" CICman who operated out of Marcel's office, and he  
>>backed Marcel's story 100%. He went to the crash site while a  
>>major recovery was underway, involving dozens of military  
>>people. He saw and handled the anomalous thin metal material.  
>>He reported a gouge, as did the rancher's son Bill Brazel (who  
>>was a young married adult at the time, not some kid). And  
>>Rickett confirmed that it had been a saucer crash.

>I also know that none of you talk about about Gerald Anderson,  
>the star of Stanton's "plains of San Agustin" incident. Y'all  
>have just completely failed to bring him in. I think he claimed  
>that he was a Navy Seal and wasn't? Something like that. If had  
>a dollar for every ex-sailor--if he was one even-- that claimed  
>he was a Seal I'd be a rich man! Also that " Kevin Randle had a  
>personality conflict with Anderson" (p. 89, Crash at Corona )  
>Could it be that Kevin, who was in the military, saw right

>through Anderson? Stanton is always harping about people not  
>knowing about "securtiy clearances" welll he don't know beans  
>about how the military or its people work. Real Seals don't go  
>around bragging about it.

As it happens I and others have seen Gerald's military  
credentials. and did check him out with other people. He passed  
a polygraph examination. His isn't the only proPlains  
testimony.. what about Baca, Danley, Leed, Maltais, Knight etc??

>>Maybe because Cavitt had contradicted himself so many times over  
>>the years. You could hardly find a worse witness for a Mogul  
>>balloon crash. He claimed the crash site was no bigger than his  
>>living room, kind of hard to reconcile with a 600 foot tall  
>>balloon train that was supposedly scattered over the  
>>countryside. Even after being prompted by his contemporary AF  
>>counterintelligence interviewer about the alleged flower tape on  
>>the Mogul radar reflectors, Cavitt claimed there was nothing  
>>like that. All the talk about alien hieroglyphics was made up  
>>by saucer buffs trying to make money.

>It's interesting that you and others keep bringing up how  
>"Cavatt... contradicted himself." I seem to have heard that  
>General DuBose has contradicted himself on what happened.

I and other have spent time with DuBose as well. Just how much  
checking did you do? Did you meet with him, check him out with  
West Point?

>>Furthermore Cavitt claimed to have never met Brazel, or ever  
>>gone out with Marcel to the crash site, contradicting not only  
>>Marcel, but Brazel as well in his 1947 Roswell Daily Record  
>>interview. Please explain to us how Cavitt could find histiny  
>>balloon crash no bigger than his living room out in the middle  
>>of nowhere without Brazel leading him to the spot.

>>Cavitt in the past also denied being at Roswell at the time or  
>>being in any way involved with the events. But then the Air  
>>Force tried to turn him into a star witness for a Mogul balloon  
>>crash. Unfortunately they failed to brief Cavitt ahead of time  
>>what the new story was supposed to be. Instead they got caught  
>>with Cavitt repeating the original weather balloon cover story  
>>of 1947.

>>That Cavitt would continue to lie like this is a good indication  
>>that he was still covering up something else.

>Fifty years ago is a long time. And maybe he just didn't want to  
>fool with any whacko UFO researchers. The rest of the world does  
>not share our seal for this subject. Maybe, you didn't notice?  
>But when it came time to sign for the Air Force's report in the  
>'90s he seemed very capable of saying what he wanted.

Cavitt was first talked to 20 years ago and many times since.  
Yes he certainly said what others wanted him to say.

>>Absolutely nobody backs up Cavitt's version of events, not even  
>>his then assistant Rickett, who backed up Marcel's story  
>>instead. To this Cavitt tried to label Rickett a tall tale  
>>teller and insinuated that he was mentally ill because he once  
>>worked at a mental facility at one time.

>>I might add that Cavitt and Marcel were actually good friends  
>>and the families often got together at Roswell. Cavitt did not  
>>attack Marcel in his interview, despite some prompting by Col.  
>>Weaver, the interviewer. Cavitt instead said that Marcel was  
>>unusually intelligent, he could conceive of no reason for Marcel  
>>to have made up his story, and furthermore, if Marcel said their  
>>were markings on some of the recovered material, then maybe  
>>there were. Cavitt had a lot of respect for Marcel.

>If Cavitt is such a snake, backstabber and liar why didn't he  
>turn on Marcel? I suggest he humored Marcel's claim as he  
>genuinely liked the man and didn't want to hurt his feelings.  
>That does not mean that he didn't think Marcel was a good  
>officer. They were friends; friends try not to disagree...

>On memory, even George Washington wasn't perfect. I'll give you  
>a personal example: I re-met a friend who was in Cambodia with  
>me at the end of the Vietnam War. Now we hadn't seen each other  
>for over ten years and I asked him about a shared event that



>took place there. I thought at the place, Oudong, we had spent  
>two nights with a FANK (Cambodian) army brigade there. He said  
>two days and one night. After talking about it I agreed that his  
>version was right. And that was only 12 years after the event.  
>If I hadn't met him, I would still believe what I had thought.  
>I'm sure you can think of similar situations in your own life.

Yet another meaningless analogy

>>>>What accident with what equipment involved? Supposedly according  
>>>>to Burdakov, Korollev's input came from spy information,  
>>>>presumably from Los Alamos where we know some wreckage was taken  
>>>>Marcel was familiar with aircraft accidents. The material was  
>>>>very different and no conventional materials were found. There  
>>>>were plenty of airplane accidents in New Mexico.

>>>I talking about a Project Mongul balloon that went down, as the  
>>>USAF, now says and the accident was Colonel Blanchard okaying to  
>>>put out the press release that the Army Air Corps had recovered  
>>>a "flying saucer."

>>So your claim is that AF counterintelligence came up with this  
>>scheme to confuse the Soviets for decades, and they did all this  
>>in the space of about an hour after the press release went out?  
>>Then they totally dropped all mention of Roswell for the next 47  
>>years until forced to respond by a GAO investigation (hence the  
>>Mogul balloon theory)? What happens to your claim of  
>>intelligence nuturing Soviet belief in captured alien technology  
>>over all that time? And why would Soviet intelligence believe  
>>any of this unless they had determined the saucers were real?

>No. I'm saying it could've worked out that way with no one  
>trying. Another personal example relating to my experience in  
>Cambodia. I was there in the latter part of 1974. I was a  
>civilian with no government ties. You would be amazed how many  
>people thought I was in the CIA and refused to believe I had no  
>government connection. The more I denied it the more the locals  
>were convinced I was not being truthful. Suspicious people play  
>great mind games when something APPEARS out of the norm.

This is just what you have done without bothering to get facts  
in hand.

>The Soviet had their own UFO sightings going on. Is it  
>concievable that they just tucked this info away and completely  
>forgot it? It's possible but I don't think so. I admit my idea  
>is a story line but its more plausible than your's when's  
>there's not a single scrape of physical evidence to proof UFOs  
>are nuts and bolts craft.. Actually why don't we settle for a  
>draw: Maybe neither happened as you and I suggest.

>>>>Whatever Thompson might suspect, historically the intelligence and  
>>>>scientific consensus of the time was that the Soviets would be unable  
>>>>to manufacture a bomb for many years.

>>>Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in 1951 for giving  
>>>some of our atomic bomb secrets away. They had been feeding info  
>>>for a long time. The Russians, as another post to you correctly  
>>>says, detonated their first bomb before then.

>>We have more of Thompson's argument by proclamation. Although  
>>there was much concern in 1947 about the Soviet's eventually  
>>getting the bomb, very few experts thought they were on the  
>>verge of having it. Part of this thinking was based on the  
>>war-devastated Soviet economy.

>>>I'm saying that the U.S. did nothing later to discourage the  
>>>Soviets from believing we had no alien technology. What was a  
>>>screw-up by Blanchard was forgiven later as some Brass probably  
>>>thought, "What would it hurt if the Soviets thought we had  
>>>something." This would be especially true after the Soviets  
>>>denotated their first bomb.

>>Again, why would they think we had something if their own  
>>extensive military and intelligence could determine that  
>>saucer's were fictional? Disinformation schemes like Thompson  
>>is proposing only work if the other side believes something to  
>>be true. Otherwise they might just as well have tried to  
>>convince the Soviets that we had captured Santa antigrav  
>>technology.

>Neither you or I know what kind of crazy ideas both sides have  
>entertained.

>>This raises the debunker dilemma that saucers are only a good  
>>disinfo ploy if they are real. But the whole point of trying to  
>>claim they are a disinfo ploy is to demonstrate they are not  
>>real. And around we go.

>>In reality, the Air Force NEVER publicly encouraged the belief  
>>that the saucers were real. Quite the contrary. And they  
>>certainly never dropped hints that we might have captured alien  
>>technology. Roswell was almost totally forgotten until revived  
>>by researchers like Stanton Friedman in the 1980's.

>I've already answered that one. It could've come about by  
>"accident" and not design. To be clear, two accidents: First  
>calling something a "flying saucer" when it wasn't and then not  
>doing anything more after an initial retraction. Again, you  
>don't know what intrigues went on behind the scenes. I don't  
>either but it is most suspicious the way the USAF has handled  
>it in the '90s. There is some kind of secret beyond the balloon  
>or the USAF is hopelessly incompetent. I hope the former.

Yes, The secret is that the AAF recovered the wreckage of at  
least one alien spacecraft.

>>The history on this is so clear, it is hard to  
>>believe that somebody could call himself a UFO researcher and  
>>not be aware of it.

>No. I'm not a UFO researcher. I'm a UFO investigator. And that's  
>the problem with Roswell.

>I see a bunch of people who popped in and popped out of Roswell  
>interviewing people and not doing much more. They believed, for  
>the most, what they wanted to believe. And everyone milked it  
>for a book When you got "a dog in the fight" it sure don't make  
>for objective reporting even with the most noble intentions. .

This is total hogwash unless you are referring to Kal Korff,  
Phil Klass, and other debunkers who have written anti Roswell  
books demonstrating as much ignorance as you have...

I met with Jesse Marcel Sr. in Houma, LA; with Jess Jr. in  
Helena, MT; with General DuBose near Orlando, FL, with Lewis  
Rickett near St. Petersburg, FL; with Sappho Henderson in the  
San Fernando Valley, CA; with Dr. John Kromshroder near San  
Diego, CA; with the Maltais in Magdalena, NM With Colonel Leed in  
New York, with the Maltais in Bemidji, MN; with Gerald Anderson  
in Springfield, MO, in Kansas City, MO, in Datil, NM; for  
starters. I know that Don Berliner, Kevin Randle, Don Schmitt,  
Bill Moore have also put on loads of miles. I have been to 19  
Archives - all over the USA. Just what research (as opposed to  
false proclamations) have you done???

>If one good objective investigator had been there over the years  
>and doing background checks on most of these so-called witnesses  
>and listened to others who were there who did not agree with an  
>alien craft crashing this thing would have never grown like it  
>has.

How in the world do you dare to proclaim that there were not  
objective investigators involved??

>For three years I pedaled the Roswell story as Stanton and  
>others told it. But after 50 investigations you start getting  
>somewhat savvy. After a hundred you start realizing that much  
>isn't as it is in the books!

I repeat, what Roswell Research have you done???

>What we have is "Lights in the Sky." There is zero concrete  
>proof of anything physical. I've even meet someone who has  
>worked on a recovered UFO!

>Got service records, everything to prove where he was and what  
>he did. Oh, I forgot to say he really can't back up your verison  
>of Roswell because he's not sure where the craft he was working  
>on came from. I could tell you where the magical hanger at  
>Wright-Patt is too. I'll just go to my grave witht that secret!

More irrelevant window dressing.

>>>If you want to see what intrigues the Soviets went in scheming,  
>>>misinterperiting, and putting out disinformatin/misinformation, I  
>>>suggest you read Armand Moss's fine book: "Misinformation,  
>>>Disinfomation and the JFK Conspiracy Exposed." There are also  
>>>several books out by former Soviet intelligence agents who show  
>>>what paranoid thoughts Communist leaders entertained. The  
>>>Roswell saucer story would have been discussed at all levels, if  
>>>for nothing else, because it did get brief, but HIGH, publicity.

>>I can buy that they might have discussed it. But Thompson's  
>>claim is that they obsessed about it for 50 years and are still  
>>obsessing about it. And why would they do that if there was  
>>nothing whatsoever to the saucers? What evidence can Thompson  
>>point to that would clearly indicate to the Soviets that we were  
>>successfully exploiting alien technology? Do we have fleets of  
>>saucers waiting to bomb them into submission? ICBMS tipped with  
>>H-bombs are a very powerful deterrant and very real, not some  
>>hypothetical boogeyman superweapon that might or might not be

>I didn't say they were "obsessed." They might have been  
>entertained by it. And if one ruble was spent checking it out,  
>it took away from their defense budget.

>>>Of course, the Press has often been non-performing in their  
>>>duties; still are. On the other hand, I suspect if they had done  
>>>a "Watergate press" back then on the story we would've found out  
>>>for sure that this was no UFO crash! This also explains why the  
>>>locals buried the story so quickly.

>>Huh?

>What's the "huh?" Are you too young to remember the Watergate  
>incident and how it came about? Now there were some reporters  
>that set their sights on Tricky Dicky's games. Why didn't any  
>big time reporters fly to Roswell and interview folks when this  
>happened? Why did they just published the Army's version of  
>events? It is rather strange how they were so trusting on a  
>story this big.

You are obviously unaware of the timing of the release of the  
story with regard, especially, to the Eastern Press. Perhaps you  
are too young to realize how close this was in time to the end  
of WW 2 and how remote Roswell was then.

>But then again maybe they didn't believe in  
>UFOs. Nearly every city in America seemed to be under saucer  
>attack in July of 1947. Even my hometown had an attack.

>>>The fact is there is no concrete proof that multiple, reliable  
>>>witnesses saw anything that was extraterrestrial.

>>It's easy to make sweeping statements like that simply by  
>>declaring all the witnesses that did report something highly  
>>unusual to be "unreliable." That gets rid of that pesky  
>>corroboration, so that Thompson can then go on to say:

>Its not "sweeping" its overwhelming! You come up with two  
>witnesses who saw debris and yet ignore that they're should have  
>been hundreds.

>>>The only witness that I've heard that could be considered  
>>>reliable is Marcel. A witness who made a colossal mistake.

>>Don't forget Rickett, another intelligence man in Marcel's  
>>office who backed Marcel. How about Gen. Exon, the former C/O  
>>of Wright Patterson, who flat out said it was a crashed saucer  
>>made of strange material? Or Gen. Dubose, Ramey's chief of  
>>staff, who corroborated Marcel's account of a cover-up in Fort  
>>Worth. Or Bill Brazel or Loretta Proctor, who collectively  
>>corroborated Marcel's descriptions of the anomalous material  
>>and/or crash site.

>>There is currently zero evidence that Marcel made a "colossal  
>>mistake." Does John Thompson know that Marcel's next  
>>appointment was a SAC Chief of some sort of foreign air  
>>intelligence position? Is this the sort of position one would  
>>expect for some guy who couldn't ID tin foil, paper, rubber,  
>>balsa wood and Scotch tape?

>Can you explain to me why the man who recovered a flying saucer  
>left the service only two years later as a Major? Why would he  
>leave active duty at all with this feather in his hat?  
>By-the-way, regular commissioned officers are what count. Are

Now an amateur psychologist, too. Wow. What feather? He was instructed to follow Brazel out after noting the strangeness of the wreckage. He was instructed to fly with wreckage to Texas and instructed there to keep quiet. He followed orders. Remember I found him in 1978. He didn't come looking for me or any body else in the media.

>you saying that Marcel never even held a regular commission as a  
>Major? An example: West Point graduates are commissioned with a  
>regular commission.

>Most ROTC, officer candidate officers are commissioned with  
>reserve commissions.

>Why would the man who help recover the greatest find in  
>mankind's history--to believe your story-- leave the military so  
>soon after? One other note: If you read military journals such  
>as the Navy's quasi-official Proceedings or the Marine's Marine  
>Corps Gazette you would understand that not to have perfect  
>marks means to be an inferior officer. This is a constant gripe  
>with officers, much like our allegedly great public school  
>system. Everything in an officer's records must look perfect to  
>be only normal. To look basically like an A- or B+ officer is to  
>mean he is a flop and not to be advanced. Marcel to me looked  
>like he was on the fast track but then something happened.  
>Roswell?

>>Does John Thompson know that Marcel is listed in his records as  
>>being a radar intelligence officer? He had taken an intensive  
>>course in radar intelligence only 2 years before, which included  
>>a section on radar countermeasures. The primary radar  
>>countermeasure was aluminum foil chaff backed with paper, the  
>>exact same foil-paper material they used on the radar targets.

>I admit he should've known. There was, however, a tremendous  
>hysteria going on in the country at the time over UFOs. And the  
>rancher was saying he had one.

The rancher had found strange wreckage which he brought to the attention of the sherrif.

>It kinda reminds me of the  
>three radar operators in Macon who said they saw and had a UFO  
>on their screens in 1996. However, on careful examination they  
>agreed they were actually looking at Venus and that it could've  
>been some kind of "ground clutter" that by pure chance was in  
>the same direction Venus was from them. Oh yea: These trained  
>and highly technical observers said pilots saw the UFO too.  
>People makes mistakes all the time! Even the best.

>>>His son doesn't count.

>>No, of course not, and apparently nobody else counts in your  
>>book, either because you are ignorant they exist or because you  
>>choose to deliberately ignore what they had to say. I don't put  
>>much stock in the proclamations of some guy on Roswell when he  
>>doesn't even know simple basics, like the CIC being military,  
>>not a bunch of civilians.

>Actually I can't take credit for this one. Bill Hendricks of the  
>Atlanta Constitution first brought this up to me. He went to  
>Roswell during the Love Feast of 1997 and talked to some of the  
>witnesses.

>He pointed out what my own investigations were already showing:  
>Kids make horrible witnesses. They're boot to life and get  
>easily carried away on what they see; especially when their  
>loving dad is saying, "That's right. It's a saucer."

Did you go to Roswell? Just which witnesses did Bill talk to. Or did he just majke a quick trip in and write about it??

>As Bill put it you only have two real witnesses: Major Marcel  
>and Walter Haut.( Of course, you got this other guy you keep  
>talking about.) But if you've been in the military and your low  
>on the totem pole, and a Full Byrd says it's night and you know

>its daylight, its dark! Haut only did his job; no more, no less.

Haut issued a press release. He did know Jesse, Blanchard, etc.  
He has never claimed to have seen wreckage , bodies, etc.

>>Oh well, just declare Rickett and all the rest unreliable --  
>>right?

>One more story: I get this guy who says something wierd happened  
>at an army base. Most convincing but totally unbelievable. He  
>believes it happend; he almost had his former drill instructor  
>saying, "Maybe, it happened." Now I get another guy from the  
>other side of the coast calling me about something similar at  
>the same base and in the same year. And he claims it also has do  
>with my own UFO crash story. Yes, we got one for every season  
>and every state! I'm checking.

>How much money do you think I can pump out of this one? NONE, if  
>it don't stand up \_totally\_...

>>>Their attempts in the '90s have been most clumsy and  
>>>embarrassing. Why even comment on all this now? It only brings  
>>>more attention to the matter.

>>Maybe because in reality their hand was forced by a GAO  
>>congressional inquiry? Does Thompson know anything at all?

>Yep. But not because a saucer crashed.

>>>Who knows how much time, money and  
>>>effort was wasted by the Soviets on UFO related projects because  
>>>of them thinking that the U.S had a recovered disk?

>>Certainly not John Thompson.

>Nor you.

>>>Maybe they are in a slight panic that the greatest Cold-War  
>>>disinformation ploy will be found. I can think of no other  
>>>reason for their foot-in-mouth attempts to kill this story.

>>Which didn't begin until the mid 1990's when forced to comment  
>>by the GAO inquiry. The AF has not exactly been nurturing this  
>>story for 50 years.

>Where's your \_secret\_ proof that they admit the Roswell crash  
>happened? You don't no and you don't know what kind of games  
>they've played with the Russians.

>>>>That's the real secret of Roswell: An accidental but  
>>>>disinformation masterpiece that still goes on today. It also,  
>>>>perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and  
>>>>poor Major Marcel never got promoted again. They did, afterall,  
>>>>need a fall guy to maintain the Roswell farce.

>>Blanchard's >>career was not hurt as it should have been for  
>>screwing-up. But >>as years passed and the Soviets denotated  
>>their first bomb all >>was forgiven. The Roswell alien story was  
>>not a bad thing afterall

>You might want to talk to Bill H. on this. This is the only  
>thing that impresses him as being unexplainable on how a  
>commanding officer, who screwed up royally, went on to become a  
>four star general. After Marcel's story this is your only card  
>to hold.

>>Yep, those Rooskies couldn't be intimidated with a real A-bomb  
>>and real bombers. The only deterrant we had was to frightened  
>>to death with the "Roswell alien story." All it took was one  
>>mention of it in 1947, and it has deterred them ever since with  
>>never a reminder for almost 50 years.

>We use all kinds of ploys. Anything that wastes their defense  
>money will do. It's not fact; just an idea. Roswell isn't fact  
>either!

>>>It was Blanchard's mistake, as he was in command. And at least  
>>>in the 1940s, in the military, the "buck stops here." His  
>>>mistake should've been a career stopper. It wasn't but there  
>>>isn't a thread of proof that will now stand up to prove the  
>>>Roswell or Corona--yes, I bought your book--crash involved alien

>>>technology.

>>Anybody could have deduced that much about the book just by  
>>reading the jacket cover. Has Thompson bothered to read beyond  
>>that?

>As you now know I read more. How about Gerald Anderson?

What checking have you done on Anderson, or Leed or Danley or  
Baca or the Maltais etc??

>>>So why did he make it past a level that most officers are never  
>>>expected to see?

>>>My "plot line," as you call it, looks better and better. The  
>>>difference between you and me is that I will agree it is only a  
>>>pausable story-line.

>>A "pausable" story-line or a "plausible" one? Thompson's theory  
>>is so ridiculous and full of inaccuracies that it is hardly  
>>plausible, but maybe it is very remotely "pausable."

>No more than your's.

>>>Your's is too. When its all said and done,  
>>>with no proof, it's only entertainment.

>>Which is the only reason Thompson is here, not to discuss  
>>anything intelligently. That would require that he know at  
>>least a few basic historical facts rather than mouthing off with  
>>unsupported personal opinion. He could start with such  
>>conventional items as the CIC being military and the Soviet  
>>A-bomb taking most experts by surprise.

>One FOIA request stating what you say don't make it so!  
>Personally, being an ex-Marine I have more faith in what they  
>really thought was going on then. No one was that dumb to think  
>the Russians weren't moving right along on the A-bomb.

What FOIA request? I quoted from one of many NSC documents I dug  
out at Archives I have spent weeks at.. You ought to try  
visiting one sometime.

>>Oh, now they all have to be living? Having affidavits and  
>>recordings isn't enough? The real question is can Thompson find  
>>even one witness, reliable or otherwise, living or dead, who can  
>>back up any of his noisy proclamations?

>You obviously haven't investigated much. There are liars and  
>there are liars. If not lying they often embellished. Signing  
>statements and giving video testimony is good but not conclusive  
>proof of anything. We wouldn't need juries if everybody told the  
>truth! For the record I do not think Marcel lied but I do think  
>he was wrong. There is nothing to indicate anything that he  
>wasn't a fine officer. But lots of fine officers occasionally  
>make mistakes; even Generals.

>>>I can tell you when something this big comes down it makes a  
>>>hell-of-a wallop. A thud that can be heard for miles around; one  
>>>that shakes houses. I realise that the Roswell area in the late  
>>>'40s is even more remote but you couldn't keep something like  
>>>this under wraps; no way!

>Again any recovery operation of an alien vehicle would not be a  
>get-in and get-out within only a few days. Even after nearly a  
>month with 300 trained recovery soldiers they still left bucket  
>loads of F-4 debris here.

>Have you ever seen a recovery operation?

>I was lucky to have lived only a mile away from one . Part of  
>the debris was actually on family connected land adjacent to  
>ours. I admit I had an advantage but I made it a point to learn  
>everything from it I could.

>It would have taken thousands to have wisked that Roswell saucer  
>away in only days and not leave anything behind. If they only  
>had 300 men they would've been there well over a month and  
>still, at best, done an incomplete job. And if Stanton keeps  
>growing his debris field they would have needed more time.

>The F-4 crash had helicopters, air-lifted baby bull dozers and  
>lots of all terrain vehicles. Even a black beret Air Force  
>platoon for security. They went over it again and again yet  
>recently someone found a two foot big piece othe F-4 they  
>missed..

Just how do you know what went on at the Foster Ranch? It's in NM  
not Georgia. Hardly a tree in sight. The pasture is almost 4  
square miles - not near any road. There could have been hundreds  
out there with nobody from town or the big cities knowing it at  
all.

>>>Thousands, maybe tens of thousands, would've been on the Roswell  
>>>saucer crash over the years if it was true.

>Hey, you might want to talk to my Wright Patt guy. But hey, I'm  
>not helping with your crash story.

>If they did recover one it would just not sit in a dark garage.  
>People would be working and tinkering with it until they  
>completely reversed engineer it. That might take years or  
>decades. But nobody has got anything and that explains why every  
>government that investigates UFOs quits: Because when it is all  
>said and done, they gather more data but know nothing more than  
>any good UFO investigator does..

Only if they are as smug and self satisfied and ignorant of the  
facts as Thompson is.

>>>If only the same  
>>>number turned out for the alleged saucer crash--I would suspect  
>>>many more for that!--as the F-4 crash, most would've been young  
>>>soldiers of only 18-25 years old. No, officers don't pick up  
>>>that stuff!

>>No they don't. People on the recovery scene like Rickett  
>>(remember him?) reported seeing several dozen people involved in  
>>guarding the scene and picking up the pieces. Even if you up  
>>this to several hundred directly involved in the recovery, it's  
>>hardly the "tens of thousands" Thompson has invented out of thin  
>>air.

>See above for why two people don't cut it for something this  
>sensational...

>>>There is always a certain  
>>>percentage of idiots and liars that will come out of the  
>>>woodwork to feed on the alleged event if it publisized enough.

>Well that comes back to investigating. Obviously, I'm talking to  
>a boot here. If you can't get enough experience please see the  
>Mexico City UFO video case--some came out of the woodwork for  
>it. Like the Drake equation, it's all a matter of numbers;  
>there's a certain percentage of our population that will be  
>unreliable.

>>I guess John Thompson would know. (Yes, I know, a cheap shot --  
>>I already feel ashamed.)

>Yes it was but accouts are now settled.

>>>Proof is all that matters. There is zero proof that the Roswell  
>>>crash involved a vehicle of alien manufacture.

>>There is one document,  
>>photographed in Gen. Ramey's hand, which says "the victims of  
>>the wreck you forwarded to .... Fort Worth, Tex." That alone  
>>tells us this was something much more than a balloon crash. And  
>>then, of course, there was that 1947 press release, which said  
>>the AAF had captured a flying disk.

>>David Rudiak

>Now, we're into reading tea leaves.

>Well, my wife and children just got home from last minute  
>shopping. Gotta play Santa Claus. Kinda like Roswell.

Rarely have I seen so much nonsense in so little space.

Stan Friedman

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>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 23:31:52 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 04:41:21 -0800  
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>>>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>>>Subject: Corso?  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Larry, Mac, Ralf, and listfolk:

>>My impression of Corso is one of sincerity. I think the events  
>>in his book might have very well taken place, generally. Korff  
>>has demonstrated some impossibilities in several dates used in  
>>the book, but nothing I can honestly point to and cry "hoax!"  
>>This step is a bit harder for me than it is for others.

>I must admit, that the little bit I saw or read about Corso  
>himself, seemed to indicate some personal sincerity. He does  
>seem likeable, and I would prefer to believe that his memory had  
>deteriorated with age and illness.

>I suppose I could make some gratuitous jab at "The Day After  
>Debbie Does Dallas", but that might be unseemly. I know  
>relatively little about the Kennedy assassination, nothing that  
>isn't generally known.

>For Corso (ala' Birnes) to be deeply involved in both  
>sensational ( and best- selling) matters, would seem ..ah ..  
>kind of rare.

But not unheard of. The world is full of literary hoaxes,  
most recently and spectacularly a complex case of a  
European man who wrote powerfully on his experiences  
as a child caught up in the Holocaust. All kinds of people  
thought him sincere, too, and it's now known beyond  
question that he made up the story.

Nothing about Corso/Birnes's book struck me as remotely  
plausible, and I am -- unlike many of the duo's critics --  
open-minded about Roswell. It struck me as very plainly, and  
very clumsily, written out of recent UFO literature and  
crashed-disc speculation. It's not even a good science- fiction  
novel. It's also full of laughable errors, as Karl Pflock and  
Brad Sparks have devastatingly pointed out in separate reviews.

And then we hear that Corso/Birnes were planning to contribute

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to the already massive mythology concerning the Kennedy assassination (debunked eloquently, by the way, in Gerald Posner's superb Case Closed, which everybody in the grips of conspirium delirium ought to read as soon as possible). C'mon, folks -- get a clue. When there's no shortage of real UFO issues and puzzles to investigate and wonder about, why are we wasting time on the transparently bogus?

Jerry Clark

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Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1999 08:15:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: OZ UFO Ferris Wheel 'Solved' Dec 24 1999

>Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 13:15:04 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: OZ UFO Ferris Wheel 'Solved' Dec 24 1999  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Dear Diane:

>Thank you very much!

>I had suspected something very similar to the "sky trackers" as  
>they were called in Europe. We have them here too.

>Several strong beams are projected upward. These can be made to  
>rotate around themselves, converge and diverge etc. They hit the  
>stage in France and Britain in the 1970s or 80s, and caused  
>quite a fuss. One in France was traced to the grand opening of  
>some trendy discotech... teque... ah, some singles music  
>joint.

>One common term is "ferris wheel". If you read between the  
>lines, all that is seen is some lights... rotating as if  
>attached to a solid body, when no such body is actually visible.

>I had two listings for the event you mention, apparently  
>the image could be seen for miles as you say.

>That's what my magic delete key is for, and I thank  
>you again.

>Best wishes

I believe it's called a Ferris wheel in the US... Yes you're  
right

Hi Larry

Sorry a type00 Ferris Wheel not Ferrist darn Spell check. Ha!  
Maybe the USA Ferris Wheel was a Griven Tracer 4000w system?

These Laser lights are available for rent to the general public.  
It took us 4 months to solve this mystery running around the  
neighborhood like silly buggers and every time we got close the  
darn thing got turned off... <LOL> Boy, you have to keep a sense of  
humor.

Now if you think about it if some wanted to play a trick on the  
public and lead them into believing a Space Ship was in the  
area, I cant think of a better device to hire not that I'm  
suggesting people do that :>). but for less than \$200 dollars  
you can hire the Tracer and have a heap of fun. (Not recommended  
- remember our OZ police are likely to take it off you hence  
goes your deposit.)

Light source hard to find:

This is why the source of light was harder to find. The owner  
was on an elevation of approx. 322 metres facing in an easterly

direction. The UFO sightings came from down in the valley and some came from even a higher elevation like MT Tamborine. The people at MT Tamborine would only see filtered light shining through the clouds and would not be able to see the light source due to cloud cover.

The Tracer projected its beam in what appeared to be a straight line coming from above the clouds. This, as you would understand, was an optical illusion.

Well folks its nice to have UFO sightings, its even better when you can solve them right?

Thanks Larry have a Happy New Year ALL

Regards,

Diane Harrison

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>>For the record, Corso and William Birnes (his ghost-writer, identified on the cover of The Day After Roswell) planned on writing a sequel called The Day After Dallas, about the Kennedy assassination. It's a safe bet this was to be a rather sensational account as well, but then again Corso was involved with the Warren commission and very well might have had something interesting to say about it. I exchanged some letters with Kal Korff after reading the anti-Corso essay on his website. Korff claimed Dallas was a hoax; I asked him how he could know such a thing since it had never been written, and he stopped writing me. Also, payment for Roswell wasn't all that spectacular. One could argue that Corso had nothing to lose, since he was old, but this must remain conjecture until we know more.

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>>--Mac Tonnies

>Hi Mac...

>Good take on this subject.

>But, I would warn you that Kal Korff is a cancer to anything he touches. His goal in life is to destroy the historical facts of such things as Corso's book and many of the other sensational claims of UFOlogists.

My only problem with Korff is his alleged "expertise" in so many different areas of inquiry; it's difficult for me to swallow Korff's broadband knowledge of all things weird.

On the "World's Greatest Hoaxes" show a while ago, for example, Korff was hyped as having researched the notorious Patterson "Bigfoot" footage for 25 years. Maybe he has and maybe he hasn't...but 25 years? This strikes me as a bit excessive and unduly self-promoting. My apologies to Korff if I'm misrepresenting him here.

I will say that his book 'Spaceships of the Pleaides' looks very much on the ball to me, and I appreciate his rare concern re. UFO-based cultist movements.

Korff's Roswell book, however, didn't do much for me. He dismisses loads of perfectly acceptable testimony because of minor changes of wording upon retelling. I didn't find all of his assertions all that responsible or intelligent, and his remained my least favorite of the Roswell-debunking books of the period (Klass' 'The Real Roswell Crashed Saucer Coverup' was, surprisingly, the most coherent of the bunch, its main flaw

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being Klass' idiotic eagerness to reject eyewitnesses because they are now, in his words, "TV celebrities" thanks to a mixture of false memory and old-fashioned hucksterism).

--Mac Tonnies

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>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
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>isn't generally known.

>For Corso (ala' Birnes) to be deeply involved in both  
>sensational (and best-selling) matters, would seem ..ah ..  
>kind of rare.

Exactly. The fact remains that 'Dallas' remained unpenned. We don't know what it was about, really, to the chagrin of many over-eager Corso-bashers. Korff enthusiastically used the proposed book about the Warren Commission as "proof" that Corso was a con-artist despite the rather difficult fact that it didn't even exist!

Oh, well. That's debunkery.

--Mac Tonnies

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

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Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1999 08:46:19 -0500  
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>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 22:01:18 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Dec 1999 21:36:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 14:00:28 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: David Rudiak <[Rudiak@aol.com](mailto:Rudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 23:15:23 -0400  
>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>How they howl when the holy grail of ufology is attacked.

The howling is due to the ignoramouses who attack. Maybe you should try to get a few facts straight before you strike. How about learning a little history, e.g.?

>When my finely honed investigator skills say, horse-hockey!

Don't flatter yourself Mr. Finely Honed Investigator. In the end, you are just a dime-a-dozen skeptic who hasn't done his homework shouting "horse-hockey."

>>Again, Thompson reveals his complete ignorance. First of all, >>the CIC or counterintelligence people involved were NOT >>civilians. They were military -- got that? Just because they >>wore civilian clothing didn't make them civilians -- good grief!

>Did you read my other post. I said I made a mistake on that.

That's far from your only mistake. It's just one indication among many of your slovenly thinking and "investigative" skills. Your just one more guy who love's to spout opinions without caring about whether anything you say is accurate or backed by any evidence. Or if you prefer, you are obviously a few dilithium crystals short of Warp 1.

>>I also notice that John Thompson doesn't respond to Stanton >>Friedman's mentioned of Lewis Rickett. Does Thompson know who >>Rickett was? Apparently not. Rickett was one of those >>"civilian" CICman who operated out of Marcel's office, and he >>backed Marcel's story 100%.

>I also know that none of you talk about about Gerald Anderson, >the star of Stanton's "plains of San Agustin" incident.

You raised the issue of the "civilian" CIC intelligence officer who went out with Marcel to the debris field. Why didn't we quote him? That would be Sheridan Cavitt. Stanton Friedman mentioned Lewis Rickett, who corroborated Marcel's story and undercut his boss Cavitt.

What does Gerald Anderson have to do with this, other than a means for you to dodge an issue? Even if he were telling the truth, he wasn't describing what happened at Roswell base or the



Brazel crash site. He's extraneous to what Marcel, Rickett, or Cavitt had to say about any of this.

>Y'all have just completely failed to bring him in.

Maybe he's irrelevant to what Rickett had to say about the Brazel crash site or the fact that he was corroborating something far different than a balloon crash? Your skeptical claim is that Marcel was the only credible witness and he had only "kids" like his son corroborating his story. That's the real "horse hockey" and evidence of your ignorance regarding the case.

>I think he claimed that he was a Navy Seal and wasn't?

Why don't we just give you even more rope so that you can hang yourself? No, Gerald Anderson did not claim to be a Navy Seal. Perhaps you are confusing him with R. A. M. Stephens?

>Something like that. If had a dollar for every ex-sailor--if he was one even-- that claimed he was a Seal I'd be a rich man! >...Stanton is always harping about people not knowing about >"security clearances" well he don't know beans about how the >military or its people work. Real Seals don't go around bragging about it.

More diversionary drivel off the main topic. And perhaps you've never heard of Gov. Jesse Ventura? Please tell him you know how the military really works and he couldn't possibly be a "Real Seal" because he brags about it.

>>Maybe because Cavitt had contradicted himself so many times over >>the years.

>It's interesting that you and others keep bringing up how >"Cavatt... contradicted himself." I seem to have heard that >General DuBose has contradicted himself on what happened.

"You seem to have heard..." Absolutely everything you say seems to be hearsay and misinformation. Perhaps you could be more specific? In reality, Dubose always maintained that Roswell events were highly secret and that there was a high-level cover-up of what happened after the press release. He's an important witness because he was a high-level officer, Gen. Ramey's Chief of Staff, and handled the phone traffic at Fort Worth during the incident. He also corroborated Marcel's claim of the weather balloon cover story.

>Furthermore Cavitt claimed to have never met Brazel, or ever >gone out with Marcel to the crash site.....

>>Cavitt in the past also denied being at Roswell at the time or >>being in any way involved with the events. But then the Air >>Force tried to turn him into a star witness for a Mogul balloon >>crash. Unfortunately they failed to brief Cavitt ahead of time >>what the new story was supposed to be. Instead they got caught >>with Cavitt repeating the original weather balloon cover story >>of 1947.

>>That Cavitt would continue to lie like this is a good indication >>that he was still covering up something else.....

>Fifty years ago is a long time.

But, according to you, not so long that the Russians could never figure out it was a joke, stop obsessing about it, and wasting resources on a wild goose chase.

>And maybe he just didn't want to >fool with any whacko UFO researchers. The rest of the world does >not share our seal for this subject. Maybe, you didn't notice? >But when it came time to sign for the Air Force's report in the >'90s he seemed very capable of saying what he wanted.

Which was self-contradictory and also contradicted by everyone, including himself, and everything else. Maybe those "finely-tuned investigative skills" should be telling you the man was spouting "horse hockey" when there was no need to lie if it was nothing but a Mogul balloon crash. Cavitt was still hiding something.

Incidentally, "seal" in this case isn't your silly Navy Seals, but "zeal" as in "zealousness."

>>Absolutely nobody backs up Cavitt's version of events, not even  
>>his then assistant Rickett, who backed up Marcel's story....

>>I might add that Cavitt and Marcel were actually good friends  
>>and the families often got together at Roswell. Cavitt did not  
>>attack Marcel in his interview, despite some prompting by Col.  
>>Weaver, the interviewer... Cavitt had a lot of respect for Marcel.

>If Cavitt is such a snake, backstabber and liar why didn't he  
>turn on Marcel?

Good question. All I can say is that in the interview he didn't. But in the affidavit typed up immediately afterward by Col. Weaver, either he or Weaver did stab Marcel in the back. There it was written that Marcel and Rickett were both prone to telling tall tales. But Cavitt said nothing of the kind in the actual interview, in fact indicated the exact opposite. I've also believe (here's my hearsay) that Cavitt later claimed that Marcel was a "hot-headed Cajun," or words to that effect. Again, there's nothing like that in the original interview. Furthermore, Col. Blanchard in his evaluations of Marcel afterwards notes Marcel's businesslike approach, that he was cool-headed under pressure, very logical in his conclusions, and similar descriptions, quite unlike a portrait of a "hot-headed Cajun."

Incidentally, I don't think Cavitt was necessarily sinister, but a spook of the old school who chose to keep his mouth shut and lie when necessary if he felt in was in the national security. His wife Mary made it pretty clear on several occasions that he was keeping a secret and would never talk about it.

>I suggest he humored Marcel's claim as he genuinely liked the  
>man and didn't want to hurt his feelings.

You suggest? Kind of hard to hurt the feelings of a man who had been dead for 8 years. Yet another indication of how little you know and how little you care about being accurate.

>That does not mean that he didn't think Marcel was a good officer.  
>They were friends; friends try not to disagree...

According to the superior officers involved in the Roswell events like Col. Blanchard Gen. Ramey, and Gen. Dubose, Marcel was indeed a very good officer, and one they felt was destined for higher rank. In fact, they recommended him for his Reserve promotion a few months after Roswell.

>On memory, even George Washington wasn't perfect.....

<insert Thompson war story here>

Nobody says Marcel's memory was perfect, but his basic story has a lot of corroboration from people you continue to ignore. Again, I'm not talking "kids", but credible adults who have told consistent stories with no indications that they are liars, people like Loretta Proctor, Bill Brazel, Gen. Dubose, Gen. Exon, Robert Porter, Lewis Rickett, Robert Smith, Robert Shirkey, and others.

>>So your claim is that AF counterintelligence came up with this  
>>scheme to confuse the Soviets for decades, and they did all this  
>>in the space of about an hour after the press release went out?  
>>Then they totally dropped all mention of Roswell for the next 47  
>>years until forced to respond by a GAO investigation (hence the  
>>Mogul balloon theory)? What happens to your claim of  
>>intelligence nurturing Soviet belief in captured alien technology  
>>over all that time? ...

>No. I'm saying it could've worked out that way with no one  
>trying. Another personal example relating to my experience in  
>Cambodia. I was there in the latter part of 1974. I was a  
>civillain with no government ties. You would be amazed how many  
>people thought I was in the CIA and refused to believe I had no  
>government connection.... Suspicious people play  
>great mind games when something APPEARS out of the norm.

Yet more Thompson war stories with no point. What does any of this have to do with your claim that Roswell was a

disinformation scheme that the Soviets bought into for over 50 years.

>The Soviet had their own UFO sightings going on.

But your claim from your alleged many years as an investigator is that it is nothing but people telling exaggerated stories. If that is all it was, then don't you think the Soviets with their vastly greater resources that those possessed by John Thompson would have figured this out as well and a very long time ago? They have radar, jet interceptors, top-notch scientists, etc.

>Is it conceivable that they just tucked this info away and >completely forgot it? It's possible but I don't think so. I >admit my idea is a story line ....

Yes, that's all it is. Go sell it to Hollywood. Unless the Russians believed UFOs were real craft, then a Roswell crashed saucer story has no more credibility than Santa Claus with his antigrav technology.

>...but its more plausible than your's when's >there's not a single scrape of physical evidence to proof UFOs >are nuts and bolts craft.

They appear on radar (e.g. 1952 Washington D.C.), movies and photos (e.g. McMinnville, Grand Falls, Tremonton), produce landing traces (e.g., Socorro, which also left a metallic trace), electromagnetic interference (e.g., Levelland), emit microwaves (RB47 case), all which are evidence of physical reality. There have also been various people to come forward to claim we have actual "nuts and bolts" physical evidence, people like Wilbert Smith and Gen. Exon, to name but two.

>Actually why don't we settle for a >draw: Maybe neither happened as you and I suggest.

Why don't you try producing even one witness or one document that supports your scenario. What I see instead is a poker player with nothing in his hand and trying to bluff.

>>I'm saying that the U.S. did nothing later to discourage the >>Soviets from believing we had no alien technology. What was a >>screw-up by Blanchard was forgiven later as some Brass probably >>thought, "What would it hurt if the Soviets thought we had >>something." This would be especially true after the Soviets >>denotated their first bomb.

>Again, why would they think we had something if their own >extensive military and intelligence could determine that >saucer's were fictional? Disinformation schemes like Thompson >is proposing only work if the other side believes something to >be true.

>Neither you or I know what kind of crazy ideas both sides have >entertained.

You call that an intelligent answer?

>This raises the debunker dilemma that saucers are only a good >disinfo ploy if they are real. But the whole point of trying to >claim they are a disinfo ploy is to demonstrate they are not >real. And around we go.

>>In reality, the Air Force NEVER publicly encouraged the belief >>that the saucers were real. Quite the contrary. And they >>certainly never dropped hints that we might have captured alien >>technology. Roswell was almost totally forgotten until revived >>by researchers like Stanton Friedman in the 1980's.

>I've already answered that one. It could've come about by >"accident" and not design. To be clear, two accidents: First >calling something a "flying saucer" when it wasn't and then not >doing anything more after an initial retraction.

Excuse me, but we are still waiting for your second "accident." In fact, you are admitting that the AF did absolutely nothing to promote a belief in flying saucers or crashed saucers afterwards.

>Again, you don't know what intrigues went on behind the scenes.

Doing nothing to promote a phony crashed saucer belief amongst the Russians is "intrigue?" This is yet another example of your highly muddled thinking. They promoted it, but they didn't.

>I don't either but it is most suspicious the way the USAF has handled  
>it in the '90s. There is some kind of secret beyond the balloon  
>or the USAF is hopelessly incompetent. I hope the former.

Again, you are all over the map. I agree the USAF counterintelligence has handled things suspiciously in the 1990's. But first you claimed that it was a Mogul balloon crash which Marcel misidentified. Now you are saying that if present-day AF people aren't incompetent, then there is a "secret beyond the balloon."

>No. I'm not a UFO researcher.

Obviously not.

>I'm a UFO investigator.

Who can't tell a consistent story or be bothered to check details before express opinions.

>And that's the problem with Roswell.

Yep, guys like you, full of opinions but uninformed.

>I see a bunch of people who popped in and popped out of Roswell  
>interviewing people and not doing much more. They believed, for  
>the most, what they wanted to believe. And everyone milked it  
>for a book.

Sorry, but a number of people have looked into this and not "milked it for a book" or made a dime. Just another one of your worthless sweeping generalizations.

>For three years I pedaled the Roswell story as Stanton and  
>others told it. But after 50 investigations you start getting  
>somewhat savvy. After a hundred you start realizing that much  
>isn't as it is in the books!

Your "saviness" isn't in much evidence in your posts. I think all most of us see is a guy very high on himself and his opinions but not very knowledgable. At best, all you are saying is that you are disillusioned with UFO witnesses.

>What we have is "Lights in the Sky."

More "bull hockey!" Many cases involve clearly structured craft, some seen up close up, appear on radar, leave ground traces, been photographed, etc.

>There is zero concrete proof of anything physical. I've even  
>meet someone who has worked on a recovered UFO!

>Got service records, everything to prove where he was and what  
>he did. Oh, I forgot to say he really can't back up your verison  
>of Roswell because he's not sure where the craft he was working  
>on came from.

Who cares if it was Roswell. Maybe you could tell us more about this individual and what he says.

>>I can buy that they might have discussed it. But Thompson's  
>>claim is that they obsessed about it for 50 years and are still  
>>obsessing about it. And why would they do that if there was  
>>nothing whatsoever to the saucers? What evidence can Thompson  
>>point to that would clearly indicate to the Soviets that we were  
>>successfully exploiting alien technology?

>I didn't say they were "obsessed." They might have been  
>entertained by it. And if one ruble was spent checking it out,  
>it took away from their defense budget.

Again you can't tell a consistent story. Now they didn't take it seriously, but were merely "entertained" by it. Doesn't sound much at all like your original "great disinformation ploy of the Cold War" which you originally tried to sell.

>>>The fact is there is no concrete proof that multiple, reliable  
>>>witnesses saw anything that was extraterrestrial.

>>It's easy to make sweeping statements like that simply by  
>>declaring all the witnesses that did report something highly  
>>unusual to be "unreliable." That gets rid of that pesky  
>>corroboration, so that Thompson can then go on to say:

>Its not "sweeping" its overwhelming! You come up with two  
>witnesses who saw debris and yet ignore that they're should have  
>been hundreds.

More Thompson denseness. In the context of intelligence people  
at Roswell, I mentioned two, Marcel and Rickett, who said the  
debris was highly anomalous and there was more to this than a  
balloon crash. I never said there was only two who claimed to  
have personally seen the debris or described it as anomalous.  
There were considerably more.

>>>The only witness that I've heard that could be considered  
>>>reliable is Marcel. A witness who made a colossal mistake.

>>Don't forget Rickett, another intelligence man in Marcel's  
>>office who backed Marcel. How about Gen. Exon, the former C/O  
>>of Wright Patterson, who flat out said it was a crashed saucer  
>>made of strange material? Or Gen. Dubose, Ramey's chief of  
>>staff, who corroborated Marcel's account of a cover-up in Fort  
>>Worth. Or Bill Brazel or Loretta Proctor, who collectively  
>>corroborated Marcel's descriptions of the anomalous material  
>>and/or crash site.

That's more than "two," isn't it, and there were more.

>>There is currently zero evidence that Marcel made a "colossal  
>>mistake."

>Can you explain to me why the man who recovered a flying saucer  
>left the service only two years later as a Major?

Three years later, but who's counting?

>Why would he leave active duty at all with this feather in his hat?

He got a hardship discharge to take care of his ailing mother in  
his home town. It's in his service record. Had nothing to do  
with Roswell.

>By-the-way, regular commissioned officers are what count. Are  
>you saying that Marcel never even held a regular commission as  
a >Major?

Jeez, you are dense. Marcel was a commissioned officer. What I  
said was that he was a draftee, not a West Point graduate or a  
career officer, like a lot of the officers around him. That  
makes him less likely to be promoted. It was also peace-time  
following a very big war. The military was down-sizing and was  
already bloated with officers. Even very gifted career officers  
like Eisenhower and Twining spent very long periods without  
promotion at lower rank during peacetime. Twining was a mere  
2nd Lt. for 17 years; Eisenhower a Major for 15.

>Why would the man who help recover the greatest find in  
>mankind's history--to believe your story-- leave the military  
>so soon after?

Three years is "soon?" Marcel's commission ran out in the  
Spring following Roswell. The AF easily could have cut him  
loose at that time if they thought they had an embarrassment on  
their hands. Instead they recommissioned him.

>If you read military journals such as the Navy's  
>quasi-official Proceedings or the Marine's Marine Corps Gazette  
>you would understand that not to have perfect marks means to  
>be an inferior officer. Everything in an officer's records must  
>lookperfect to be only normal. To look basically like an A- or  
>B+ officer is to mean he is a flop and not to be advanced.  
>Marcel to me looked like he was on the fast track but then  
>something happened. Roswell?

Marcel was always rated an A- or B+ officer. Yet he advanced

from 1st Lt. to Major in less than 3 years. His ratings actually went up AFTER Roswell, e.g. the next one he got from Col. Blanchard. As usual you have things backwards. Lack of promotion tells us nothing about Marcel's performance at Roswell, just like much longer periods without promotion for Twining and Eisenhower tell us nothing about their competence or where they eventually ended up. How the military rates officers today has little to do with 50+ years ago. E.g., it's an all volunteer army now.

>>His son doesn't count.

>>No, of course not, and apparently nobody else counts in your >>book, either because you are ignorant they exist or because you >>choose to deliberately ignore what they had to say. I don't put >>much stock in the proclamations of some guy on Roswell when he >>doesn't even know simple basics, like the CIC being military, >>not a bunch of civilians.

>Actually I can't take credit for this one. Bill Hendricks of the >Atlanta Constitution first brought this up to me. He went to >Roswell during the Love Feast of 1997 and talked to some of the >witnesses.

We are not impressed. How many were "some?" Who were they?

>He pointed out what my own investigations were already showing: >Kids make horrible witnesses. They're boot to life and get >easily carried away on what they see; especially when their >loving dad is saying, "That's right. It's a saucer."

Most of the Roswell witnesses weren't "kids." Get a clue, if that's possible.

>As Bill put it you only have two real witnesses: Major Marcel >and Walter Haut. (Of course, you got this other guy you keep >talking about.)

And Brazel Jr., and Proctor, and Strickland, and Porter, and Smith, and Exon, and Dubose, and many others, but they aren't "real" witnesses?

>>Oh well, just declare Rickett and all the rest unreliable --right?

>One more story:

The point is, many of these "stories" were told independently of one another, yet cross-corroborate important details of what happened. E.g., Brazel Jr. gave the same basic description of the orientation and size of the debris field as Marcel. Brazel Jr. and Loretta Proctor gave the same basic descriptions of the anomalous wood-like material as described by Marcel. Brazel Jr. described the same anomalous foil-like material as Marcel, as did Smith, Tadolini, Rickett and others. Gen. Exon said it was a saucer crash (what does he have to gain out of this besides grief?) and gave the same general physical characteristics of the debris as Marcel, based on testing at Wright-Patterson. Dubose corroborated much of what Marcel said happened in Fort Worth.

>>>Their attempts [USAF] in the '90s have been most clumsy and >>>embarrassing. Why even comment on all this now? It only brings >>>more attention to the matter.

>>Maybe because in reality their hand was forced by a GAO >>congressional inquiry? Does Thompson know anything at all?

>Yep. But not because a saucer crashed.

The point was you didn't have a clue why the AF bothered to comment at all, yet you weaved it into your ridiculous theory of trying to fool the Russians. Your comments about Roswell always seem to be based on ignorance, yet you have no shortage of opinion on the matter.

>>>Maybe they are in a slight panic that the greatest Cold-War >>>disinformation ploy will be found. I can think of no other >>>reason for their foot-in-mouth attempts to kill this story.

>Which didn't begin until the mid 1990's when forced to comment >by the GAO inquiry. The AF has not exactly been nurturing this

>story for 50 years.

>Where's your \_secret\_ proof that they admit the Roswell crash  
>happened?

You are a dim bulb. I never said that. In fact, I said they clearly tried to kill the story in 1947. It was \_your\_ theory that the AF has been stringing along the Russians -- remember?

>You don't know what kind of games they've played with the  
>Russians.

There you go again, and then try to pin your silly theories on me.

>>>That's the real secret of Roswell: An accidental but  
>>>disinformation masterpiece that still goes on today. It also,  
>>>perhaps, explain why at least one participant made flag rank and  
>>>poor Major Marcel never got promoted again.

>>Blanchard's career was not hurt as it should have been for  
>>screwing-up.

Neither was Marcel's. Maybe they didn't screw up.

>>But as years passed and the Soviets denotated  
>>their first bomb all was forgiven.

>You might want to talk to Bill H. on this. This is the only  
>thing that impresses him as being unexplainable on how a  
>commanding officer, who screwed up royally, went on to become a  
>four star general. After Marcel's story this is your only card to hold.

Only card? Maybe you care to explain Gen. Exon's testimony that this was a saucer crash, or Gen. Dubose's that the matter was very high security and went straight to the White House? I mention them not because they are the only other people who talked, but because they were high ranking officers.

>>yes, I bought your [Friedman's] book--crash involved alien technology.

>>Anybody could have deduced that much about the book just by  
>>reading the jacket cover. Has Thompson bothered to read beyond  
>>that?

>As you now know I read more. How about Gerald Anderson?

Gerald Anderson -- that's it? It's obvious you don't know a damn thing.

>>That would require that he know at  
>>least a few basic historical facts rather than mouthing off with  
>>unsupported personal opinion. He could start with such  
>>conventional items as the CIC being military and the Soviet  
>>A-bomb taking most experts by surprise.

>One FOIA request stating what you say don't make it so!

You definitely are a waste of time. The history of Soviet A-bomb development and U.S. expectations go far beyond "one FOIA request."

>Personally, being an ex-Marine I have more faith in what they  
>really thought was going on then.

Yeah, that's the story of John Thompson all right. Your personal opinion always matter more than anything else.

>No one was that dumb to think  
>the Russians weren't moving right along on the A-bomb.

They knew the Russians were working on it. But consensus opinion of the experts was that the Russians wouldn't have it for many years. That's historical fact. But I forget, you know better because you are an "ex-Marine" and know better than the people actually involved or a mountain of historical documents.

>If not lying they often embellished. Signing statements and giving video testimony is>good but not conclusive proof of anything.

You still don't seem to understand that there is a difference between "proof" and evidence. Legal affidavits are admissible in court even if the person is dead. So are death bed confessions. Overwhelming, unambiguous evidence or "proof" is actually pretty rare in real life and even in science. Courtroom trials are mostly conflicting testimony with little physical evidence. Even physical evidence has to be authenticated by testimony.

>... For the record I do not think Marcel lied but I do think he >was wrong... But lots of officers occasionally make >mistakes; even Generals.

A mistake of that magnitude and that embarrassing should have affected his subsequent service evaluations and assignments. It didn't.

>>>I can tell you when something this big comes down it makes a >>>hell-of-a wallop... but you couldn't keep something like >>>this under wraps; no way!

Perhaps that explains why we are discussing it now? Incidentally the debris was described as very light in weight by various people and consisted almost entirely of small pieces. Marcel was of the opinion it had come apart in the air. Small, light debris like this, could float down and not embed itself in the soil, making a clean-up operation much quicker and simpler. Just about everything would end up on the surface.

>Again any recovery operation of an alien vehicle would not be a >get-in and get-out within only a few days.

>It would have taken thousands to have wiped that Roswell saucer >away in only days and not leave anything behind. If they only >had 300 men they would've been there well over a month and >still, at best, done an incomplete job. And if Stanton keeps >growing his debris field they would have needed more time.

More ignorant blather. Stanton hasn't kept "growing his debris field." He merely quoted Marcel's original estimate that the Brazel debris field was about 200-300 feet wide by 3/4 miles long.

100 guys, not 300, standing shoulder to shoulder would extend across the width of the debris field, easily walk along and pick up every scrap of surface debris along 3/4 miles in very little time. Just to make sure they got everything, they could similarly sweep other areas. This wouldn't take a month or require "thousands" of people.

>But nobody has got anything and that explains why every >government that investigates UFOs quits: Because when it is all >said and done, they gather more data but know nothing more than >any good UFO investigator does..

Except the Russians, of course, who still believe the Roswell fairy tale and continue to waste resources it. That's your theory, isn't it? As usual, you have a lot of trouble being consistent with your logic.

>>People on the recovery scene like Rickett >>(remember him?) reported seeing several dozen people involved in >>guarding the scene and picking up the pieces. Even if you up >>this to several hundred directly involved in the recovery, it's >>hardly the "tens of thousands" Thompson has invented out of thin air.

>See above for why two people don't cut it for something this >sensational...

But your personal anecdotes and generally ignorant opinions do cut it? There have been far more than "two people" who have credibility and talked about what happened. I was talking about two first-hand accounts of the debris field scene, not the total number of witnesses to various facets of the event. There have been other first-hand accounts, such as AP photographer Robin Adair who said he tried to overfly the debris field, saw dozens of people at the scene, and was waved off.

>>There is always a certain >>percentage of idiots and liars that will come out of the >>woodwork to feed on the alleged event if it publicized enough.



>Like the Drake equation, it's all a matter of numbers; there's  
>a certain percentage of our population that will be unreliable.

And also a certain percentage that will be reliable. Your  
personal prejudice is that everybody is unreliable when it comes  
to Roswell.

>>Proof is all that matters. There is zero proof that the  
>>Roswell crash involved a vehicle of alien manufacture.

And you continue to be unable to distinguish between "proof" and  
evidence.

>>There is one document,  
>>photographed in Gen. Ramey's hand, which says "the victims of  
>>the wreck you forwarded to .... Fort Worth, Tex."

>Now, we're into reading tea leaves.

No, we're into reading documents. The above interpretation is  
the overwhelming consensus of people who have looked at the  
Ramey memo.

David Rudiak

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Hi All,

I hope you all had an enjoyable X-mas break, I am still a little bloated from all the food and drink but life carries on as they say.

Anyway can anyone put me in touch with the original author to the following report featured in UFO Round-Up?

HUGE TRIANGULAR UFO SEEN IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE, UK

On Tuesday, December 7, 1999, "at 6:30 p.m., I saw an incredibly large craft near my house while taking my dog for a walk. I first sighted a large white light that had many different colours moving about inside of it...

"Has anyone seen anything similar? I would be interested to know." (Email Form Report) >>

Regards,

Roy.. Keep Smiling...

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## Guyra: ELP?

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[Non-Subscriber Post --ebk]

Dear All,

I have read a post on the Guyra event associated "sunburn" of a witness. The phenomenon resembles the event which took place before the Febr.4, 1975 China earthquake, when a fallen "lightning" burnt a face of several persons. And the Guyra event in general more and more resembles me a powerful manifestation of earthquake lights. Weak and shallow earthquakes are registered in the region. Problems with local electricity supply are also very indicative. Maybe soon I will post details in my www-site.

Regarding the physical agent of the burn, we can just to speculate that it could be ultraviolet radiation of the "lights" in the about 0.4 - 0.3 micron band (other bands are absorbed by glass).

It would be very interesting to check the road for possible burn and other traces.

Another aspect - to look for possible problems with local radio/electronic devices.

Sincerely,

Andrei Ol'khovатов

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## Re: Corso?

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<snip>

>I must admit, that the little bit I saw or read about Corso  
>himself, seemed to indicate some personal sincerity. He does  
>seem likeable, and I would prefer to believe that his memory had  
>deteriorated with age and illness.

>If so, this would put the spotlight on his ghostwriter Birnes.

>I suppose I could make some gratuitous jab at "The Day After  
>Debbie Does Dallas", but that might be unseemly. I know  
>relatively little about the Kennedy assassination, nothing that  
>isn't generally known.

>For Corso (ala' Birnes) to be deeply involved in both  
>sensational ( and best- selling) matters, would seem ..ah ..  
>kind of rare.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch.

Larry-

A couple of points to keep in mind.

Corso met with a number of ufologists in Roswell (~1995) to discuss what he knew about the Roswell incident. However, his claims at that point were (I believe) fairly vague. He reportedly carried a file folder with a lot of papers in it, but who knows whether that was supporting evidence or his own writings. He declined to let anyone look at it. I believe this occurred before he became involved with Birnes and appears to show that he was not completely led astray by his co-author. However, Corse really wasn't an expert in the Roswell event from a ufologist perspective, so what we find in his book about the "crash" was written by Birnes.

Prior to his involvement with Corso, I believe that Birnes had been involved in at least one other UFO publication. While he was not listed as the co-author, his familiarity with the publishing industry was helpful to another author who wanted to get his book into print. My impression is that Birnes is a conspiratorialist, which would explain his interest in a book on the "Kennedy Assasination". Who knows, perhaps Corso was the "Smoking Man" made so famous in . . . . . well, never mind. .

Happy New Year to all

Steve

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Steve. You wrote:

>My impression is that Birnes is a  
>conspiratorialist, which would explain his interest in a book on  
>the "Kennedy Assasination". Who knows, perhaps Corso was the  
>"Smoking Man" made so famous in . . . . . well, never mind. .

Well.. perhaps Corso was exactly who he said he was and tried to tell the truth as he knew it. He seemed honest to me when I heard him during his Art Bell interview. I have also read his book which seems a simple prerequisite for discussing Corso and his recollections. The factual errors in Corso's version of history only indicate a faulty memory( Corso was not up on UFO literature). The information about the seeding of alien technology was Corso's part of the truth; he tried to contribute it as best he could. What part of the truth do you have and when can we expect your contribution?

Also...Corso investigated the Kennedy assasination. Why not write a book about these experiences? And does being a "conspiratorist" discredit Birnes ... and what does this have to do with Corso's...oh well...never mind...

Ed

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>I'm still looking for a good translation of the Roswell I-beam  
>hieroglyphs.

>Two possibilities come to mind:

>1) Made in China

>2) If found, please call this number...

>Other alternatives welcome.

"In case of emergency,..."

"No Step"

"Rejected by Inspector 1313"

"Xzgorlap Was Here"

"Boeing Airplane Company"

"Do Not Open in Flight"

David Rudiak has already ref'd. us to the negative energy article in the Jan. '00 Scientific American. There are two other feature articles in same that are relevant to facets of the discussion on this thread: the cover piece, "Once We Were Not Alone," bearing on the issue of why Homo Sap is or at least seems to be the only intelligent indigenous Terran species, and "Snowball Earth," concerning the hypothesis that truly brutal climate reversals might well have given rise to or importantly encouraged the rise of multicellular organisms.

-- Cheers and '50s Ufology Forever!

KARL

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>Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 19:49:38 -0500 (EST)  
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>>How they howl when the holy grail of ufology is attacked.

>>>I also notice that John Thompson doesn't respond to Stanton  
>>>Friedman's mentioned of Lewis Rickett. Does Thompson know who  
>>>Rickett was? Apparently not. Rickett was one of those  
>>>"civilian" CICman who operated out of Marcel's office, and he  
>>>backed Marcel's story 100%.

>You suggest? Kind of hard to hurt the feelings of a man who had  
>been dead for 8 years. Yet another indication of how little you  
>know and how little you care about being accurate.

Yes, with you I suspect you would talk about your dead friends,  
if they didn't agree with you completely.

>>I see a bunch of people who popped in and popped out of Roswell  
>>interviewing people and not doing much more. They believed, for  
>>the most, what they wanted to believe. And everyone milked it  
>>for a book.

>Sorry, but a number of people have looked into this and not  
>"milked it for a book" or made a dime. Just another one of your  
>worthless sweeping generalizations.

I stand by what I said. If a competent investigator had lived in  
Roswell all these years they would have known the reputations of  
many locals that you cite that claim something strange. You  
cannot do roadside investigating! An investigator needs to be  
there to watch these witnesses over time to see what kind of  
people they are. But I suspect you've never done a background  
check on anyone in your life. If they told you what you wanted  
to hear you are more than willing to believe.

>>What we have is "Lights in the Sky."

>More "bull hockey!" Many cases involve clearly structured  
>craft, some seen up close up, appear on radar, leave ground  
>traces, been photographed, etc.

You have never done a case to make the sweeping statement of above. If you have, please tell me where I can see your work. You have a great memory for details seen in books and UFO magazines or on the Net.

Have you ever met with witnesses, got them to sign general case forms and then called neighbors, the police, 911, the weather service, TV/radio stations, ect and then submitted the completed report to an organization, such as MUFON, for review? If so, how many and when? Have you videoed your witnesses and then shown the tapes to other investigators to get their unbiased opinions on what they think the witnesses are "made of?"

Have you gone down country roads and taken names off mailboxes where the alleged UFO was seen at and then called these folks to see if they saw the same UFO as the witnesses claimed? Have you ever submitted UFO photos or videos for an analysis by independent photo analysts? If you had, you would find much is bull hockey! Finding any definitive proof in this field is like looking for a diamond where one has never been found before.

You're the type who never met a UFO story you didn't like! Because structured objects are seen--and yes I've done several reliable cases of this--does not mean they are structured. Seeing is not necessarily being real. I've yet to do one case where a reliable witness has gone up and kicked a UFO! Do I think there may be structured UFOs that are physical: Maybe; hopefully, but that don't make it so!

Why do you think mainstream science doesn't accept any that is reported? Because the "beef" is always--let me repeat, ALWAYS--missing.

There are a FEW good photographs but nothing conclusive that anyone outside the UFO community would accept as conclusive proof. I have done an excellent case with a UFO photo, but the strength of the case is not the photo: It's the witnesses, who included a police chief, with a masters degree and who was three times head of the Georgia Police Chief's association. I also had another retired police chief and others vouched for his reputation. But the photo remains unimpressive.

What I have is good faith in the witnesses and their belief that the object in the photo did impressive flights, as they say, before the photo was taken. Do I believe them? Yes. But that's my judgement not scientific proof.

Trace cases? What good story do you speak of? I'm not aware of any TRACE case that has out-of-this world minerals or metals. I've done probably as good a trace case as anyone but it doesn't prove anything. The marks I saw in a concrete driveway don't prove even remotely that an out-of-this world craft made them. Would I like to believe; yes! But what I want to believe counts for nothing; only what I can prove.

(Same as your Roswell crash story. You THINK but you CAN'T prove.)

Again, the strength of the case depends on the excellent character of the witnesses involved, who for the record, didn't see an actual UFO make the marks. I can tell you that trace-cases are the rarest of all cases and don't exist in numbers like you read about! Give me one of your's that you've personally investigated. Don't tell me about crop circles either. I've seen one of those; didn't prove a thing to me.

What do you want ufology to be? Is it to be for good entertainment or to prove, beyond, a reasonable doubt that the UFO phenomenon is real? Instead of hammering me, why don't you solicit support for what George Filer has proposed: Putting out instrumentation packages to acquire data that mainstream scientists will accept. If there's no proof, then we can just close shop and forget it! We have a phenomenon that lacks any physical or concrete proof to show it is legitimate.

Enough time has been wasted on Roswell. I think, initially, it held some promise but no one that is objective can continue to ignore the wealth of evidence that says nothing happened there. The conclusion of the USAF's first report on Roswell brings up what my own real life experience with a recovery operations showed: There is zero documentation or proof to show adequate

resources were committed to finding anything outside Roswell. The GAO couldn't find it and no one else can. Repeating there was an Army Air Force/Air Force cover-up for why no proof that a massive recovery operation took place is far from adequate!

Funny, I've talked to many active duty military officers in my investigations; I've found most are sympathetic to something going on and some have even offered their own stories they've heard. Where does this conspiracy of silence on Roswell begin and end? You say Cavitt was a "good patriot." He was told in no uncertain terms that he could say anything he wanted. But I guess in your version, he was told behind the scene that his family would be killed if he spoke the truth? What manure. He did speak the truth as he saw it.

>There is zero concrete proof of anything physical. I've even  
>>meet someone who has worked on a recovered UFO!

>>Got service records, everything to prove where he was and what  
>>he did. Oh, I forgot to say he really can't back up your version  
>>of Roswell because he's not sure where the craft he was working  
>>on came from.

>Who cares if it was Roswell. Maybe you could tell us more about  
>this individual and what he says.

Because I don't spread manure unless the story holds up; so far it hasn't. You would accept it, though; there's not a shadow of doubt in my mind that you would eat all, and eat it fast!

>>If you read military journals such as the Navy's  
>>quasi-official Proceedings or the Marine's Marine Corps Gazette  
>>you would understand that not to have perfect marks means to  
>>be an inferior officer. Everything in an officer's records must  
>>look perfect to be only normal. To look basically like an A- or  
>>B+ officer is to mean he is a flop and not to be advanced.  
>>Marcel to me looked like he was on the fast track but then  
>>something happened. Roswell?

>>He pointed out what my own investigations were already showing:  
>>Kids make horrible witnesses. They're boot to life and get  
>>easily carried away on what they see; especially when their  
>>loving dad is saying, "That's right. It's a saucer."

>Most of the Roswell witnesses weren't "kids." Get a clue, if  
>that's possible.

The most important one was. Major Marcel's son.

>The point is, many of these "stories" were told independently of  
>one another, yet cross-corroborate important details of what  
>happened. E.g., Brazel Jr. gave the same basic description of  
>the orientation and size of the debris field as Marcel. Brazel  
>Jr. and Loretta Proctor gave the same basic descriptions of the  
>anomalous wood-like material as described by Marcel. Brazel Jr.  
>described the same anomalous foil-like material as Marcel, as  
>did Smith, Tadolini, Rickett and others. Gen. Exon said it was  
>a saucer crash (what does he have to gain out of this besides  
>grief?) and gave the same general physical characteristics of  
>the debris as Marcel, based on testing at Wright-Patterson.  
>Dubose corroborated much of what Marcel said happened in Fort  
>Worth.

Your idea of cross-corroboration is ridiculous. Based on your's and other's objectivity displayed, I'd have to be with the investigator who interviewed them to believe that. And interviews done 30-40 years after the event are watered-down versions of the events at best. And were all these people interviewed before ANY public knowledge was made of the alleged Roswell crash?

>They knew the Russians were working on it. But consensus  
>opinion of the experts was that the Russians wouldn't have it  
>for many years. That's historical fact. But I forget, you  
>know better because you are an "ex-Marine" and know better than  
>the people actually involved or a mountain of historical  
>documents.

Did you do the documentation? Or are you only repeating what you've read like a good parrot?

>>If not lying they often embellished. Signing statements  
>>and giving video testimony is good but not conclusive proof  
>>of anything.

>You still don't seem to understand that there is a difference  
>between "proof" and evidence. Legal affidavits are admissible  
>in court even if the person is dead. So are death bed  
>confessions. Overwhelming, unambiguous evidence or "proof" is  
>actually pretty rare in real life and even in science.  
>Courtroom trials are mostly conflicting testimony with little  
>physical evidence. Even physical evidence has to be  
>authenticated by testimony.

In court once the USAF and GAO presented their evidence this  
thing would lose hands down. Any lawyer will tell you that  
actual witnesses in the flesh mean more than signed affidavits  
from people who don't/can't show up.

>>... For the record I do not think Marcel lied but I do think he  
>>was wrong... But lots of officers occasionally make  
>>mistakes; even Generals.

>A mistake of that magnitude and that embarrassing should have  
>affected his subsequent service evaluations and assignments. It  
>didn't.

You've said nothing to indicate that the "recovery" helped him  
as it should.

>>>>I can tell you when something this big comes down it makes a  
>>>>hell-of-a wallop... but you couldn't keep something like  
>>>>this under wraps; no way!

>Perhaps that explains why we are discussing it now? Incidentally  
>the debris was described as very light in weight by various  
>people and consisted almost entirely of small pieces. Marcel  
>was of the opinion it had come apart in the air. Small, light  
>debris like this, could float down and not embed itself in the  
>soil, making a clean-up operation much quicker and simpler.  
>Just about everything would end up on the surface.

Sure! Dream on; even my Wright Patt witness don't say it's that  
light! What did they do? Cross the universe in a balsa wood  
space ship? Or was it a tissue space ship? You, literally,  
grasped at straws to keep your story alive.

>>Again any recovery operation of an alien vehicle would not be a  
>>get-in and get-out within only a few days.

>>It would have taken thousands to have wisked that Roswell saucer  
>>away in only days and not leave anything behind. If they only  
>>had 300 men they would've been there well over a month and  
>>still, at best, done an incomplete job. And if Stanton keeps  
>>growing his debris field they would have needed more time.

>More ignorant blather. Stanton hasn't kept "growing his debris  
>field." He merely quoted Marcel's original estimate that the  
>Brazel debris field was about 200-300 feet wide by 3/4 miles  
>long.

Others say, however, that all the debris fit into a pickup truck  
and was taken on a single B-29 bomber. You're the one who is  
ignorant. You've never seen a recovery operation so you know  
nothing you speak of. And all those little feather pieces you  
talk of; wouldn't they just be a little bit hard to find? What  
were they all painted neon yellow? Some might have been so light  
they drifted half-way around the world! Did they get those too?  
We didn't have any craters so that's been what happened!

>100 guys, not 300, standing shoulder to shoulder would extend  
>across the width of the debris field, easily walk along and pick  
>up every scrap of surface debris along 3/4 miles in very little  
>time. Just to make sure they got everything, they could  
>similarly sweep other areas. This wouldn't take a month or  
>require "thousands" of people.

You know nothing. Try it yourself!

>>But nobody has got anything and that explains why every  
>>government that investigates UFOs quits: Because when it is all  
>>said and done, they gather more data but know nothing more than

>>any good UFO investigator does..

>Except the Russians, of course, who still believe the Roswell  
>fairy tale and continue to waste resources it. That's your  
>theory, isn't it? As usual, you have a lot of trouble being  
>consistent with your logic.

I said, "maybe." And my reason for why every government gets out  
of it is just what I said. If you quit reading books and  
investigate for yourself you would know the truth of what I say.  
Keep reading; highly entertaining! When's the next "Tom Swift"  
sequel come out on Roswell? Isn't that what it's really about  
NOW.

>>>There is always a certain  
>>>percentage of idiots and liars that will come out of the  
>>>woodwork to feed on the alleged event if it publicized enough.

>>Like the Drake equation, it's all a matter of numbers; there's  
>>a certain percentage of our population that will be unreliable.

>And also a certain percentage that will be reliable. Your  
>personal prejudice is that everybody is unreliable when it comes  
>to Roswell.

You're right.

>>>Proof is all that matters. There is zero proof that the  
>>>Roswell crash involved a vehicle of alien manufacture.

>And you continue to be unable to distinguish between "proof" and  
>evidence.

Evidence don't count for nothing; only proof.

>>>There is one document,  
>>>photographed in Gen. Ramey's hand, which says "the victims of  
>>>the wreck you forwarded to .... Fort Worth, Tex."

>>Now, we're into reading tea leaves.

>No, we're into reading documents. The above interpretation is  
>the overwhelming consensus of people who have looked at the  
>Ramey memo.

>David Rudiak

I've and others have looked at it. Don't see nothing except what  
you want to make of it. Any resolution is far too poor. The USAF  
said the same about the photos they looked at.

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>have and when can we expect your contribution?

I also have read his book, which he graciously signed for me in Roswell. I'm afraid I missed the Art Bell show, but have video taken in Roswell in which he describes his involvement. Unfortunately, that doesn't afford me any great "truths" that I can inject to enlighten this thread very much.

If faulty memory can be blamed on his failing to get his facts straight about the Roswell event, then how can we trust his memory regarding his "seeding" activities. Are we to pick and choose that which we want to believe or reject that which we don't?

I have no great stake in this one way or the other, and it would be most interesting if someone can find that "smoking gun" that will prove Corso's claims to be true. If his son follows through and manages to get more of his father's information out to the public, that would be of interest and I would take a look at it. But the paradigm shift that this would lead to will require far more than anecdotal statements and faith to take root, and so far that has been lacking.

>Also...Corso investigated the Kennedy assassination. Why not  
>write a book about these experiences? And does being a  
>"conspiratorist" discredit Birnes ... and what does this have to  
>do with Corso's....oh well...never mind...

I believe that being a conspiratorialist limits ones ability to view subjects from a neutral position. For many that's probably not a big deal, but (as an example) if I wanted to learn more about the impact of the millenium on religion, I'd rather hear it from Bill Moyer than I would from Pat Robertson.

I am not aware of any major involvement that Corso might have had in the Kennedy assassination, which would have occurred just a few years after his alleged "seeding" of alien technology into our own. If he had special knowledge to share, that would be good. But I guess we'll never know, unless it's included in the material his son has.

Steve

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>>Stan,

>>I will say this, you don't give up. I have read your books,  
>>books by other's on Roswell, seen most of the documentaries done  
>>on it. But by the far the best and most OBJECTIVE account  
>>appeared in the June MUFON issue of 1997. Yes, you know who I  
>>speak of: Kent Jeffrey's "Roswell--Anatomy of a Myth."

>>Kent spent money and much time--as you have--on investigating  
>>the Roswell story. He was also so much taken by the subject that  
>>he help with the International Roswell Initiative which was a  
>>large petition to hopefully open any classified files on the  
>>Roswell Crash.

>>Here was a man who was passionately involved and interviewed  
>>many of the same people you have and many that you didn't  
>>interview. This latter group includes "15 B-29 pilots and 2 B-29  
>>navigatgors, all of whom were stationed at Roswell Army Air  
>>Field in July 1947" (page 7-8).

>>According to Kent, a commercial airline pilot, "Not one single  
>>man had any direct knowledge of a crashed saucer or of any kind  
>>of unusual materail." Not one! "...Even more significantly, in  
>>all their collective years with the 509th Bomb Group, not one of  
>>these men had ever encountered any other individual who had such  
>>knowledge."

>Sorry, John, wrong again. Kent Jeffrey was a passionate  
>collector of stories and expressor of strong opinions not backed  
>by evidence.

>You really ought to read my five page treatment of his MUFON  
>article. Give me a snail mail address. or send an SASE to UFORI,  
>POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. I have been to reunions of the  
>509th as well.

Stan,

Are you saying that you went to reunions of the 509th and got  
different answers than Jeffrey did? If so, who did you talk to  
at the time?

On the other hand, if you went to 509th reunions and got  
negative responses to your inquiries, what are the names of the  
negative responders and why haven't you written them up in your  
books and papers along with all the promoted prosayers? Are you  
saying that Jeffrey simply lied?



Have you ever interviewed any Roswell participants who didn't support your view of the crash and recovery of an ET spacecraft? If not, why not? Have you pursued negative commentators as assiduously as positive ones? Howcome you didn't manage to find Kent Lorenzo (if I have the name right off the top of my head), who was at the base hospital at the time, and who said that nothing untoward happened during the time in question, let alone anything remotely involving the autopsy of alien bodies?

Actually, you did find him. But what he had to say didn't mesh with what you wanted said, so he got royally ignored in your "official history" of events. And remains so to this day. Along with any and all other naysayers to Roswell (and Corona, and San Augustin) orthodoxy, as far as I can tell.

Conversely, you refuse to retract any significant legitimacy associated with Gerald Anderson, who, five years old at the time, claimed to have witnessed a San Augustin crash recovery because he supports your belief in the latter, despite having been caught in at least two obvious and palpable deceptions regarding same. And don't tell us about the lie detector test -- the guy has been caught out to everyone's satisfaction but yours. Even John Carpenter eventually admitted as much, though I doubt you ever will.

Ditto Glenn Dennis. I know, he's a nice guy in person. Hard to believe he put everyone on, isn't it?

And what about that there Frank Kaufmann? Just another American patriot trying to get his story out to the general public. Kinda reminds you of Philip Corso, doesn't it? But I forget: Corso was a real military officer. And real military officers never lie. Or exaggerate. While the cover-up goes on forever.

<snip>

>I certainly am not saying [I] believe everything people tell an investigator. At best everything starts in my gray basket. and >then gets checked.

Nice platitude.

>I am the guy who is given a hard time for exposing Robert S. >Lazar, Michael Wolf Kruvant, Guy Kirkwood, Frank Stranges etc >etc.as frauds.

>Stanton T. Friedman

Who? And who's giving you a hard time, anyway? Do I get credit for exposing Courtney Brown and Richard Hoagland? The question is, why haven't you exposed any of your own sources, beginning with Gerald Anderson?

Dennis W. Stacy

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Of importance is that it came from an official USAF announcement. The Nike-Hercules air defense system had been used and each of the three missiles had detonated a nuke at high altitude.

30 years later I tried to look the incident up, but could only find a blurb about 3 nuclear explosions out over the Pacific Ocean that were part of a test. I believe this is debunking.

Someone on this discussion group stated that they would only believe if they were told over the TV on a regular news program that UFOs exist. Well, if it weren't for the debunking, it did happen once. For that matter, Roswell was much the same way, with the USAF officially announcing a "saucer" then saying later it was a balloon.

If anyone has any information or memory of the incident of 3 nukes over California back in the late 50's then I would appreciate their comments, information, gossip, or whatever.

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## CPR-Canada News: Canadian Crop Circle Summary

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### CANADIAN CROP CIRCLE SUMMARY REPORT 1999

By Paul Anderson  
Director  
Circles Phenomenon Research Canada

December, 1999

#### Overview

Unexplained "crop circles", circular and other geometric patterns of flattened field crops, continued to be reported across Canada in 1999, as well as a number of other countries, including England, the Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, the USA, Israel and elsewhere. This past year's "circle season" in Canada, from July to October, saw developments in the phenomenon on a number of fronts, including the number of reported formations (20, up from 14 in 1998 and 2 in 1997), size and complexity (ranging from the common small simple circles to formations two to three hundred feet in size, some more elaborate than in past years) and many associated anomalies, notably stalk nodes from some formations with very significant stretching, swelling and expulsion cavities as compared to normal control samples, as well as numerous electrical equipment malfunctions and failures in and around some formations.

Formations were reported in six provinces - British Columbia (1), Alberta (4), Saskatchewan (10), Ontario (3), Quebec (1) and Prince Edward Island (1). Many excellent firsthand reports came in this year, from farmers in whose fields the circles were found, thanks to the efforts of a growing network of CPR-Canada coordinators, field investigators, researchers and other assistants, as well as a reporting hotline and growing publicity in various media, etc. As in past years, most formations were reported near the end of the harvesting season, in late August and September, simply because that is when most of them are initially discovered by farmers as they are combining their fields, literally stumbling across them as it were. Relating to this is the fact that circles in Canada have appeared virtually across the entire country, which geographically is of course much larger an area than England (where it is easier to discover and document new formations almost as soon as they appear, often by pilots, as most formations there tend to be found within a

fifty or so mile radius of the Stonehenge / Avebury area). Therefore, a significant number of formations in this country probably never get reported at all, and in fact we know of several cases in the past where formations were found but not initially reported to anyone, then only found about weeks, months or even a year or two later. As mentioned above, thanks to a growing network, hotline, etc., that situation is now beginning to improve.

As has been the case virtually since the phenomenon started being documented in this country in the 1970's, most circles were reported in the province of Saskatchewan (ten out of twenty reports this year), and in many cases (in several provinces) in the very same areas, or in close proximity to, where they were found last year and previous years. In one case in Alberta, the second formation found this year just outside of Edmonton, was in the same end of the same field as a set of simpler circles last year. It is the consensus now of CPR-Canada and others, that these localized "hot spots" should be the primary focus for future surveillance, field studies and other experiments. It is a situation analogous to southern England, where by far the most formations (in the world as well as England itself) are found each summer in the Wiltshire and Hampshire areas.

### Highlights of the Season

The first Canadian reports for this year were a couple of elaborate pictogram style formations, one just over three hundred feet long (the longest on record so far in Canada), discovered in a couple of adjacent wheat fields on the New Credit Reserve near Hagersville, Ontario on July 22. These were similar to some of the early nineties patterns from England, and displayed a fairly complex layering of the plants. The formations drew much attention from the local media and public, as well as the Native Indian community where they appeared, who actually held ceremonies out in the fields to celebrate their appearance. CPR-Canada and other field investigators reported malfunctioning camera and video camera equipment inside and over the formations. Odd small "balls of light" were also reported in the area by some witnesses around the general time of their appearance, similar to reports common in England and Europe. Another odd long "script" kind of design was later reported near Montebello, Quebec, initially found in mid-July in a cut field, although subsequent correspondence indicated this may have been done by one of the local farmers for normal advertising purposes, and not an actual formation.

Other reports came in over the next few weeks, from near Dease Lake, BC (single circle in grass in a very remote location), Ardmore, Alberta (group of small circles in hay, found to be fungi-related) and a "celtic cross" formation just outside Edmonton, Alberta on a research farm run by the University of Alberta (deemed upon ground inspection to be a probable, though unproven, hoax). A couple small circles were also found in a blueberry field near Christopher Cross, Prince Edward Island, the first known case of that kind.

Activity was quiet in Saskatchewan, the usual centre of Canadian reports, until early September, when a number of formations started being reported by farmers one after another, over the next few weeks. Some of the largest and most impressive formations ever seen in Canada showed up in these prairie fields this past summer and fall, notably Neilburg, where a large one hundred eighty five foot pattern of eleven circles in wheat was found. This was the first of several formations this year to exhibit the stretched, swollen and burst stalk nodes. CPR-Canada works closely with the BLT Research Team (<http://www.bltresearch.net>), which has been scientifically documenting these and other anomalies from crop formations world-wide for the past several years; much more information on this work is available from BLT and CPR-Canada. It was also a departure from previous Canadian formations, being more "European" in design, a sort of simplified version of the famous fractal and Julia Set patterns in England. A formation of two circles, each with an identical cross appendage attached, was found near Conquest, Saskatchewan around the same time, close to where a similar set appeared last year.

The main centre of activity in Saskatchewan was around the town of Midale, (again from where several reports came in last year),

with a total of six reports in this area alone (from early September to early October), all in wheat, ranging from sets of single circles to an intricate "medicine wheel" pattern containing complex lay patterns. Other circles were reported nearby at Weyburn (another group of small random circles in hay).

Also in September, additional reports came in from Alberta, at Acadia Valley, a very nice one hundred twenty nine foot triple dumbbell pattern, again with the anomalous node effects on plant stalks, and the second formation just outside Edmonton, a large one hundred ninety one foot complex seven-circle pattern in barley with radial lay patterns in all circles; another one of the best of the year, and of any year so far. Many stretched and ruptured nodes were found in this formation in particular, and it was also interesting to note that the field itself was thickly infested with thistle plants, which made sampling (and just walking) difficult. There was also a report of circles near Drumheller, but these were unable to be confirmed.

Formations continued to be reported into late September and October, with another set of two beautifully made circles near Viscount, Saskatchewan, the sixth Midale, Saskatchewan formation (set of three circles in a line) and "teardrop and diamond" shapes in field of eight foot tall corn near Lowville, Ontario, in which a number of electrical equipment malfunctions were reported by another local team.

Excellent video footage and photos, both ground and aerial, as well as ground surveys were obtained for many of the Canadian formations this year, Alberta and Saskatchewan in particular. Several formations were also extensively sampled for lab analysis by the BLT Research Team, including Neilburg, Edmonton #2, Acadia Valley and some of the Midale area formations.

In most cases, no direct evidence of hoaxing was found, with no footprints, no initial tracks leading in or out of circles, lack of damage to the flattened or surrounding crop, etc. This, taken, with the aforementioned scientific evidence, would continue to suggest that there is a genuine phenomenon occurring, in Canada as well as around the world. Hoaxes (with the percentage of reported formations being man-made a source of heated debate among many researchers) are usually more obvious and self-evident upon close examination.

As last year, media coverage was more extensive than in most previous years, including CBC (both radio and television), The Western Producer, Canada's leading farming and agricultural publication and a number of other media.

#### Summary

In short, 1999 was a banner year for crop circles in Canada, and may indicate that we need to be keeping a closer eye on what is going on in the fields of our farmlands. CPR-Canada will be doing just that, with new projects and initiatives being planned for next summer in 2000, given the increased number of reports the last couple of years. A print version of this summary, with additional photos, diagrams and newsclippings, etc. will be published shortly. Proceeds help cover research expenses and projects.

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## UFO Reported On Mississippi's Gulf Coast

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Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 09:38:34 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 08:39:54 -0500  
Subject: UFO Reported On Mississippi's Gulf Coast

Source: The Sun Herald,

<http://www.sunherald.com/region/docs/ufo122799.htm>

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UFO reported on Coast

Todd Twilley  
The Sun Herald

Several reports of a UFO came in to local authorities and the Sun Herald Sunday.

Keesler Air Force Base and the Ocean Spring Police Department both received calls of a white light streaking across the sky headed in a northern direction around 7 p.m.

An Ocean Springs police dispatcher said personnel at Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport said they saw the object as well, but that no one knew what it was.

A caller to the Sun Herald described the object as a white light with a tail and sparks that continued to fly from the UFO.

Witnesses said the object was moving too slowly to have been a meteorite.

Reports differed on whether a sound was heard from the UFO.

Peter Davenport, director of the U.S. UFO Center in Seattle, Wash. said they had not received any calls about UFO activity in the area.

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Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 08:43:31 -0500  
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Source: The Sun Herald,

<http://vh60009.vh6.infi.net:80/news/docs/ifo122899.htm>

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NASA says Discovery passed over Coast

Identity of UFO discovered

KEN FINK  
THE SUN HERALD

Reports of a UFO on Sunday night were not bogus, but the unidentified object seen passing over the Coast has now been identified as STS-103: space shuttle Discovery.

NASA confirmed Monday that the object numerous skywatchers had reported Sunday evening was the shuttle on its last day aloft.

"It passed over New Orleans at 5:34 (p.m.) Sunday night and it was over Natchez at 5:42," said Lanee Cooksey, a spokeswoman at the John C. Stennis Space Center. "I called Houston and they confirmed the path."

Discovery passed over the Coast at an altitude of 368 miles and a speed of 16,926 mph.

Discovery has been aloft since Dec. 19 on a mission to repair the ailing Hubble space telescope. It landed safely at Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., just after 6 p.m. Monday. NASA officials vowed to have the craft back and its systems powered down before Jan. 1 to avoid any Y2K glitches.

For future viewing times, flight paths and other shuttle information, go to [www.spaceflight.nasa.gov](http://www.spaceflight.nasa.gov).

Sunday evening, reports flooded Coast police departments and Keesler Air Force about a white light passing over the Coast. Personnel at Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport also reported the sighting, described by some as a white light moving slowly to the north.

The shuttle's path Sunday night took it over the Gulf and northeast over Louisiana and Mississippi.

"We were out there watching it," said Nancy McCoy of Gulfport. McCoy said she has been keeping up with the shuttle's flight path through an Internet Web site. "It was great. It was kind of a neat thing to see."

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## ET Exhibition Touring Australia

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Stig

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ET, no need to call home . . . you'll fit in here

By Natalie O'Brien

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ALIEN implants, mysterious metal objects from outer space and bizarre encounters of the fourth kind sound more like an episode from The X Files than an exhibition for public consumption.

But these arcane objects and events form the basis of Phenomena, a touring showcase on extraterrestrials and unidentified flying objects the first of its kind to open in Fremantle.

It's also the world premiere and project director Brian Borshoff said its popularity demonstrated the growing fascination with UFOs and the idea of extraterrestrial contact.

"Interest in UFOs is ramping up for the millennium," said Mr Borshoff. "UFOs are no longer considered fringe subjects, their study has crossed over into mainstream science."

He said people are so fascinated by the subject that UFO sites have the highest hit rate on the Internet and five of the 10 most popular films in history were about either UFOs or extraterrestrials.

He said the concept of UFOs had become so entrenched around the world that an image of a flying saucer was instantly recognised transcending language barriers.

"They have become a cultural icon, which is amazing for something we still don't know the truth about."

The exhibition at the Fremantle Passenger Terminal is separated into seven "pods" examining everything from the history of UFO sightings to the evidence of contact, details of alien abductions and even the sighting of crop circles which date back to 1678.

Researchers spent months scouring the world, gathering everything available on the subject, from photographs to detailed witnesses' accounts and potential physical evidence from other worlds.

Exhibits include video footage of what are believed to be UFOs, plus details of abduction experiences and the display of "implants" surgically removed by an American doctor from people claiming to have been abducted by aliens.

Also on display is what is claimed to be the first physical

evidence of another life form a metal sphere found on a Mexican farm.

Made from an "intriguing" combination of metals including titanium, vanadium and aluminium, it is said to be one of only two ever found. The other one is believed to be held by US authorities.

"We have got the best evidence available, presented it as accurately and neutrally as possible and and we let people make their own informed decisions," said Mr Borshoff.

"We are encouraging everyone from enthusiasts to debunkers after all, science is all about questioning."

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I know this happened because I participated in the test. It was  
a single detonation in space above the central Pacific.

EMP from the detonation took out the phone systems in Hawaii. It  
also thoroughly disrupted the HF radio band.

Loy

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## AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 14:37:13 -0500  
Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Dear Colleagues,

I wonder can you be of assistance. I am researching a new book on the alien autopsy film and I am looking for professional commentary from surgeons, pathologists, film experts, special effects experts, etc, etc. If you have any such material I would greatly appreciate it if you could share it with me.

I am also looking for 'positional statements' from ufologists, what they believe is the nature and origin of the film and how have they reached such a conclusion.

If you can help with any of the above please contact me direct at: [pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Mantle.  
[www.beyondroswell.com](http://www.beyondroswell.com)

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>If anyone has any information or memory of the incident of 3  
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The closest I can come to this is an incident that happened late in the evening of April 18, 1962 (not ~1957) over the western US. The nuke test near Hawaii happened a week later (April 25). A glowing object was first seen over in Oneida, N.Y. and was later picked up and radar and seen passing over the western U.S. AF spokespeople at the time said that jets were scrambled from Phoenix and Stead AFB near Reno. Something exploded near west-central Utah or east-central Nevada (not over the Sierras). Light from the explosion was seen over a very wide area, at least 11 states, perhaps a million square miles or more. Many thought it a nuclear detonation. Reports of the flash came from



as far east as Kansas, as far west as San Francisco, as far south as Phoenix, and up near the Canadian border by airline pilots.

Kevin Randle has investigated a bit and written on this incident. The Air Force wrote it off as a meteor bolide, but the radar tracking, extensive area of observation, length of observation (32 min. on radar, according to the Blue Book report), jet scrambling from two bases, plus other information (e.g., the AF spokesman at Stead said a commercial airline pilot reported the object flying UNDER them), all point to something other than a meteor.

Incidentally, some NY resident wrote a letter to the AF about the incident. On Sept. 21, 1962, a Pentagon spokesman sent a letter back saying the object was unidentified, but the flight characteristics were similar to the U-2 spy plane or a balloon!

David Rudiak

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## Re: Corso?

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 10:11:44 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 20:45:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1999 22:01:49 -0500  
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1999 11:37:34 -0800  
>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Steven,

You wrote:

>If faulty memory can be blamed on his failing to get his facts  
>straight about the Roswell event, then how can we trust his  
>memory regarding his "seeding" activities. Are we to pick and  
>choose that which we want to believe or reject that which we  
>don't?

Corso was involved in many events of his time. He was an old man; our memories begin to fog. The big picture is still there but the fine grain is missing. I admit he made errors in fact but there is no doubt that he participated in the events he says he did:

"Corso is also the hero of the Cuban Missile Crisis (pp. 253-258, 269), Reagan's SDI or Strategic Defense Initiative (pp. 4-5, 78, 115, 243, 249-250, 268, 273), the Korean War POW revelations (pp. 2, 37-38, 87), the exposure of KGB moles inside the CIA and elsewhere (pp. 2, 37, 139, 141, 189), and the JFK assassination -- as an investigator for the Warren Commission -- which he intimates was due to JFK finding out the truth about the CIA (pp. 2, 87, 206, 208)."

From Korff and Brad Sparks: Corso-Birnes Roswell Book Exposed.

His actual role in these dramas can be debated, as Korff and Sparks do, but there is no doubt that he was there. Corso's recollections about the seeding of alien technology are plausible to me, even if he gets a few things wrong along the way.

Ed

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## Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 16:45:31 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 21:02:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 07:56:15 -0600  
>From: Loy Pressley <[lkpres@koyote.com](mailto:lkpres@koyote.com)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 06:29:53 +0000  
>>From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
>>Subject: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

><snip>

>>From: [JackLa@webtv.net](mailto:JackLa@webtv.net) (Jon LaVine)  
>>Newsgroups: alt.paranet.ufo  
>>Subject: Circa 1957 Saucer Incident  
>>Date: Sun, 26 Dec 1999 21:05:39 -0500 (EST)

><snip>

>>30 years later I tried to look the incident up, but could only  
>>find a blurb about 3 nuclear explosions out over the Pacific  
>>Ocean that were part of a test. I believe this is debunking.

>I know this happened because I participated in the test. It was  
>a single detonation in space above the central Pacific.

>EMP from the detonation took out the phone systems in Hawaii. It  
>also thoroughly disrupted the HF radio band.

>Loy

Hello Loy, Stig, Jack and list:

Can anyone fix the date and at least approximate location of the  
detonation over the Pacific in the late 1950s?

This may have a bearing on some "UFO" reports, so the date and  
location are most important.

Thanks in advance

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 18:09:22 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 00:32:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 17:08:33 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <[pmufo@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmufo@dial.pipex.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
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>experts, special effects experts, etc, etc. If you have any  
>such material I would greatly appreciate it if you could share  
>it with me.

>I am also looking for 'positional statements' from ufologists,  
>what they believe is the nature and origin of the film and how  
>have they reached such a conclusion.

>If you can help with any of the above please contact me direct  
>at: [pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)

At the risk of being called an "arsehole" yet again, I will ask:  
Just what kind of research is Philip doing? Seems to me that  
everyone else is doing the research.

Rebecca

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Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 21:37:34 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 00:43:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Documentary?

Hi all:

I am currently (9:35pm) watching a show on TV called 'Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat'.

Just wondering if anyone has any info on this program?  
It is on an independent station here in St. Pete, Fl.

Happy New Year to all.

"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

--Arthur C. Clarke

<http://www.mindspring.com/~cheepnis>

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## Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

From: Loy Pressley <[lkpres@koyote.com](mailto:lkpres@koyote.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 20:42:42 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 01:32:08 -0500  
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>detonation over the Pacific in the late 1950s?

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>location are most important.

Hi Larry,

It was summer (I think) of 1970. I was stationed at Hamilton AFB, CA, and participated in the HF part of the radio spectrum tests.

The detonation was, I believe, 500 miles above the central Pacific Ocean. It was a fairly large detonation; 3 megaton, I believe.

I do remember very well the effect on HF radio communication: there wasn't any for about 6 hours. It was the first time that EMP was recognized for what it could do. EMP knocked out the phone system in Hawaii and played havoc with some of the other electrical systems, too.

Loy

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## Re: Documentary?

From: David Hancock <[sftree@flash.net](mailto:sftree@flash.net)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 22:22:21 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 01:46:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Documentary?

>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 21:37:34 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Allen Loper <[cheepnis@mindspring.com](mailto:cheepnis@mindspring.com)>  
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Just finished watching it, it was UPN network, channel 12 in the  
Portland, OR area.

What amazed me, is that it was the first UFO special that I ever  
recall seeing where at the end of it they did not have the  
debunkers come out and explain it all away.

I checked my TV listing to see if it was going to be shown again  
later in the week but, it is not.

I've seen some of the same material and people before in other  
UFO specials. But this time it did not seem so negative toward  
the idea.

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From: Sam Sherman <[FLEXARET2@aol.com](mailto:FLEXARET2@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 01:26:49 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 01:51:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 17:08:33 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <[pmufo@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmufo@dial.pipex.com)>  
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>it with me.

<snip>

I am not current on my AA history. Was Philip Mantle working with Ray Santilli on the AA project at one time?

Has that relationship soured and just what now is their relationship?

I believe there is adequate proof that the AA is a most profitable fraud.

Just who is this new AA research/info going to help?

I was resonsible, as a longtime film technical archivist, for bringing up the information about the "film edge codes", which information I believe was perverted to help "verify" the AA not give a truthful evaluation.

I will not bring up further such technical tests of old film unless Ray Santilli presents authentic pieces of the "original" film segments for forensic evaluation. If proper tests prove the film authentic, I will figuratively "eat my hat" and apologize to Ray Santilli publicly for calling this film an outright fraud.

Failure to have pieces of this film available, along with the original film cans and labels for evaluation by accredited "16MM experienced" archivists, will leave me with my original opinions.

-Sam Sherman

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<snip>

I watched this show last night and seem to remember seeing it once before about a year ago. It ran on the United Paramount Network of independent and owned stations. It was produced by Triage, the former producers of 'Sightings'. It may have been updated now.

It was generally well done. Showed a lot of good UFO footage from Phoenix and the big saucer from Mexico City. It presented varying viewpoints of the ET hypothesis and alternate explanations. I was not a debunking show - the type of which is becoming common today.

Last Night the Fox News Channel presented a one hour documentary 'We Are The Aliens' about UFO/ET presence. I saw only the end of the show and it was a debunking piece with sound bites of famous astronauts joking about never having "met" with aliens. Quite at odds with other comments by some of them who had seen strange UFOs in the course of their careers.

I will be on the new UFO documentary on The Learning Channel (TLC) On January 2, 2000 - 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries', talking about the UFO Alert At Edwards Air Force Base. This is something which actually happened, is thoroughly documented and defies being debunked.

For further information see- <http://www.edwardsufo.com>

- Sam Sherman

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## National Public Radio On Project GRUDGE

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 01:43:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:12:48 -0500  
Subject: National Public Radio On Project GRUDGE

The following was reported on National Public Radio, "Stardate" from the McDonald Observatory at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dec, 28 1999

Project GRUDGE

In many ways, the late 1940s have never left us. Those booming post-war years brought us everything from Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer and prepared cake mixes, to television and bikini bathing suits. The late '40s also brought a new phenomenon in the skies that's still around: flying saucers. Government agencies quickly tried to quell the fuss over unidentified flying objects. One of the earliest UFO studies ended 50 years ago this week. Called Project GRUDGE, it was conducted by the United States Air Force. It found no evidence that UFOs were alien spaceships.

The flying-saucer craze started in June of 1947, when private pilot Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine flying discs near Seattle. Over the next few months, Americans reported hundreds of saucer sightings enough for the newly formed U.S. Air Force to study them.

The first study group, Project SIGN, said it couldn't rule out the possibility that some of the saucer sightings were extraterrestrial spacecraft. But Air Force officials dumped the report and convened another group, Project GRUDGE. It studied dozens of sightings, and said they could all be explained - as astronomical objects, aircraft, or tricks of nature. The project ended on December 27th, 1949.

Despite the report, saucer sightings continued. The Air Force conducted another study later on with the same results. Even so, flying saucers remain a popular topic more than half a century after they first entered American culture.

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OPEN LETTER TO DAMOND BENNINGFIELD

December 28, 1999

Dear Mr. Benningfield:

I happened to hear your report on the 50th anniversary of the Project Grudge flying saucer report on the National Public Radio show, "Stardate," this evening.

As a long time researcher of the history of the UFO subject and related government activities I was both amused and disappointed to see that what you have written might lead the reader to think

that Project Grudge was a credible, even scientific, investigation of the subject of flying saucers (or UFOs). The Project Grudge report was not considered scientific even by the man who was in charge of Air Force Intelligence when the report was written, General Charles Cabell. According to Capt. Edward Ruppelt (the first director of Project Blue Book), in September 1951 Cabell referred to the Grudge report as the "most poorly written, unconvulsive piece of unscientific tripe" that he had ever seen. Ruppelt wrote in his book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" that in compiling the report the analysts found about 50 sightings that had not been explained by Project Sign, the predecessor to Grudge. In order to be able to say that all sightings could be explained the Grudge analysts "force fitted" explanations to these unexplained sightings. Consider the following information abstracted from my forthcoming book (to be published in May), "The UFO-FBI Connection:"

..... the 600 page Grudge report was unconvincing. There were too many poor or just plain wrong explanations. Instead, of making the saucer problem go away it merely increased the confusion over what really was going on.

According to the report, Project Grudge had carefully studied 237 sightings which was 33 fewer than Project Saucer (Project Sign, which had studied 240 domestic and 30 foreign sightings for a total of 270). From this the press may have concluded that Project Grudge had received no new reports from early spring, 1949 through December, 1949. This conclusion was false, of course. The Project Blue Book master list shows that Grudge received 250 sighting reports between May 1 and December 31 and 446 for the whole year. The reason that analyses of these sightings did not appear in the final report is simply that the Grudge personnel felt it to be a waste of time because the newer reports were similar to the older ones. The press reporters did not know about all of these new sightings, of course, since this information was not released until years later.

The Air Force had told the press that all sightings could be explained and proclaimed that the Grudge report would prove it. Although on the face of it the final report did seem to support this claim, astute reporters were not convinced. The report showed that, with the help of Dr. Hynek, the consultant in astronomy (in 1973 he founded the Center for UFO Studies), they had been able to identify 32% as astronomical. With the help of experts at the Air Force Weather Service and Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory the Grudge personnel identified 12% as sightings of weather balloons or high altitude Skyhook balloons. The Grudge personnel and the expert consultants further concluded that about 33% were hoaxes or had insufficient information for evaluation. That meant that the expert consultants could not offer explanations for 23% of the sightings (55 out of the 237). This did not stop the Grudge analysts, however. The last of several appendices to the Grudge report included the official explanations for the unexplained sightings!

This appendix created a big problem for the Air Force because members of the press who read it were not convinced. The explanations seemed at the very least, strained, and in some cases simply wrong. Ruppelt, in The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, cited one good example of the approach to explaining these reports. In a 1948 report, which was analyzed by Dr. Hynek and the Air Weather Service, an Air Force pilot had reported seeing a glowing white light over Andrews AFB. He chased it for ten minutes as it went through some turning maneuvers before it finally headed for the coast. He did manage to get a glimpse of a dark oval object smaller than his airplane. "I couldn't tell if the light was on the object or if the whole object had been glowing," he reported. Witnesses on the ground concurred with the pilot's report: they had seen the light and the airplane chasing it. Hynek reported it was not astronomical and the Air Weather Service reported that it was not a balloon. This didn't stop the Grudge personnel: the official explanation was.... a balloon!

Ruppelt illustrated the press reaction to the Grudge explanations by referring to a conversation he had several years later with one of the reporters who had gotten a copy of the

report. He said the report had been quite impressive, but only in its ambiguousness, illogical reasoning and very apparent effort to write off all UFO reports at any cost. He personally thought that it was a poor attempt to put out a fake report full of misleading information, to cover up the real story.

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Projects Sign and Grudge were not the only Air Force investigations which failed to provide acceptable explanations for all sightings. When Project Blue Book (1952-1969) closed almost exactly 20 years after Grudge there were still about 700 sightings unexplained. During the time period 1966-1969 a study was carried out at the University of Colorado directed by Dr. Edward Condon. That study left unexplained about 1/3 of the nearly 100 sightings they investigated.

The Air Force knew, at least by 1952, that there were unexplainable sightings, sightings with an "extraterrestrial overtone." On July 29, 1952, a Navy officer working in the office of the Director of Air Force Intelligence told the FBI that 3% of the sightings could not be explained and that "it is not entirely impossible that the objects sighted might be ships from another planet...." Several months later Air Force intelligence told the FBI that "some military officials are seriously considering the possibility of interplanetary ships." According to Ruppelt, some of these "military officials" were Air Force generals.

It is of particular importance to the subject of UFO research that there are sightings which remain unexplained after careful analysis. These are sightings which cannot be categorized as misidentifications of known phenomena (stars, planets, meteors, airplanes, birds, etc.) or delusions or hoaxes. These unexplainable sightings are from credible observers (sometimes multiple observers, sometimes radar and photography is involved) and the sighting details simply conflict with all known phenomena, including natural and manmade phenomena seen under unusual conditions. That there are such sightings was recognized early by the Air Force and the percentage of unexplained sightings was quantified during the Battelle Memorial Institute study that was published in 1955. Of the 3201 sightings (that occurred between June 1947 and December 1952) studied, about 1/5 were unexplained. Of more importance is the fact that when the sightings were divided into reliability (credibility) groups, the most reliable group had the highest percentage of unexplained sightings (33%). This is not what one would expect if sightings were all misidentifications, hoaxes and delusions.

In the last 20 years documents have been released by various government agencies, including the Air Force and the FBI, which show how poorly the Air Force analysts treated the UFO problem 50 years ago. So let bygones be bygones. As Project Grudge slips into the dustbin of history, let us look to more recent investigations such as the COMETA report released in France last summer. (This has been discussed on the internet and in UFO magazines... although hardly if at all mentioned by the mainstream press... and so I won't summarize it here.) That report takes into account much new as well as old information that was not available to the Grudge analysts. In the information collected over the last 50 years, the COMETA investigators found ample reason to treat the UFO problem much more seriously than does your Stardate presentation.

I thank you for calling this bit of history to our attention, however, because it is always well to know where we have been in order to know where we should not go.

Bruce Maccabe

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>>This may have a bearing on some "UFO" reports, so the date and  
>>location are most important.

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There were two series of shots that I'm aware of - Operation  
Argus in the Atlantic, in 1958, and Operation Fishbowl in the  
Pacific in 1962. (Fishbowl was part of a larger series of tests  
- Operation Dominic).

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Yep. :)

Tom

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:09:16 -0500 (EST)  
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capacity in Air Force UFO sightings/pursuits.

Hamilton officers are heard on the Air Force Audio Tapes of the  
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Do you know anything about this event or other UFO  
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Further information see the site:

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This event is featured on The Learning Channel (TLC) on January  
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- Sam Sherman

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Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 23:13:19 -0800  
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>electrical systems, too.

Amazing. I thought there was some treaty in place by then,  
banning tests in space, but then that must have come later... 3  
Megaton? Ooof! I suppose it was too high for tidal effects..

I looked thru my data and found nothing that seems to apply.  
Spain had more sightings than usual, there were a handful in  
Australia, New Zealand, France etc. Likewise California and  
Nevada, but nothing along the California coast here.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Corso

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:21:35 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:32:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 15:31:51 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 16:46:19 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Corso?

>A few more things were learned

>1.I obtained a copy of the Roster of the group working under  
>General Trudeau at the Pentagon; 4pages, double column, legal  
>size from the Army Archives in Carlisle, PA.. There were 2  
>people in the Foreign Technology Group. a Colonel who was dying  
>in the Hospital when Victor Golubic located him and Lt. Colonel  
>Corso. The Junior officer of the 2. Doesn't sound like he was in  
>charge.

Stan,

However Corso's DA Form 66 service summary has the following  
conflicting information...

Available for anybody to view at the Black Vault Web site:

[http://blackvault.com/Main/Category\\_Index/UFOs/body\\_ufos.html#MilitaryRecords](http://blackvault.com/Main/Category_Index/UFOs/body_ufos.html#MilitaryRecords)

20 July 61  
Staff Officer Foreign Technology Div      OCRD    USA (8556) Wash DC

18 Apr 62  
Chief Foreign Technology Div      OCRD USA (8556) Wash DC

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Staff Officer Plans Div      OCRD    USA (8556) Wash DC

1 Mar 63  
Retired

Therefore, Corso was listed being in the Foreign Technology Div  
for 1 year (20 July 61 to 18 July 62), with the last 4 months  
listing him as the CHIEF of the FTD.

I think a lot of things Corso said can be legitimately  
criticized, but this isn't one of them. He was more than a  
"junior officer" for the last four months he was there.  
Otherwise, I don't understand the meaning of "Chief."

David Rudiak

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## Re: Auckland Night Lights Mystery

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 23:28:19 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:34:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Auckland Night Lights Mystery

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.press.co.nz/1999/52/991229n02.htm>

Night lights mystery  
New Zealand News from The Press - Wednesday, December 29, 1999

AUCKLAND -- UFO fever is threatening to break out after a rash of calls to police about fast-moving, coloured lights in the sky north of the city.

Police received six calls over two hours from several different areas north of Auckland on Saturday night but have been unable to explain the lights.

One caller said the lights moved 400 metres in less than two seconds while two others said they moved up and down in the sky very fast.

Inspector Barry Smalley of the police northern communications centre said there was something in the sky but no-one knew quite what.

"There's something there. Because of the path it was travelling it may have been something coming through the atmosphere.

"It's another mystery. We'll have to get Mulder and Scully (from the television show, The X-Files) on to it."

The first call to police was at 9.38pm, 20 minutes after the first sighting from Raglan of what appeared to be a green flare when looking in the direction of Auckland. The flare died before it hit the sea.

Further reports had the lights moving north.

The last sighting was about 11.36pm from Tinopai, in Northland, where resident reported "huge lights" over the hills due north. The lights were reported to have moved about 400 metres in two seconds.

Two more strange lights were reported "going straight up and down sky, intensely light and intensely red" looking across the Kaipara Harbour. The lights were reported to be dancing about in the sky.

--NZPA

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Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
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## Abductions & Aliens - What 's Really Going On?

From: Jacques Poulet <[jpoulet@chucara.com](mailto:jpoulet@chucara.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 06:32:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 06:52:46 -0500  
Subject: Abductions & Aliens - What 's Really Going On?

Abductions & Aliens: What 's Really Going On?  
By Chris A. Rutkowski  
Dundurn Press

The first books I bought when I started reading about UFOs, were books on abductions. "Intruders" fascinated me. Soon after reading "Communion", I went to hear Budd Hopkins at a local conference, here in Montreal.

I later learned of the MJ-12 affair and tried desperately to find answers to both subjects. Finding elements contrary to what I had recently read, and heard, I quickly realised that no one could be entirely believed in ufology. You have to verify everything yourself or be very confident in those you accept to trust.

The MJ-12 theory was full of holes and no one really knew what was happening to abductees. I decided that I would not get involved in either of them. I kept informed but that's all. The few TV shows on those subjects and the information I saw on the net were enough.

When I heard that Chris Rutkowski had written a book on abductions, I couldn't believe it. Here was a highly respected ufologist, with a solid scientific background, writing about a subject full of controversy (much worse than UFO sightings themselves) and with much less physical evidences than mainstream ufology. I thought it was time for me to read another abduction book.

What a refreshing read. Those who wants to believe in "alien abducting people" will not like it. The same with those "nay-sayer" called skeptics. But if you're looking for answers, you must read this book. You wont find any. What you'll find is information that popular abduction researchers aren't telling you.

Chris Rutkowski has written a "must read" with lots of information. With a touch of humour, he present abductions as a phenomenon that no one really understand yet. In doing so, he points flaws in current pet theory of leading researchers (they wont like you!). His logical thinking bring the subject back to what it really is: a mystery. At the same time, he shows compassion for those abductees who trusted him with their stories, acknowledging that what they experienced can not be catalogue, simply, as being "all in their head".

Well done! I highly recommend this book to those who would want a summary of current state of alien abduction research. You'll get it as it is, pro or con.

Chris, I have to tell you that, contrary to some rumours you may have heard, the popularity of Star Trek is not waning.

Jacques Poulet <http://www.chucara.com/>

Fortean Files CDROM <http://members.tripod.com/jpoulet/>

UFO Repetitions [http://www.chucara.com/dossiers/other/gdfawcett\\_ang.htm](http://www.chucara.com/dossiers/other/gdfawcett_ang.htm)  
Col Corso's DA Form 66 <http://www.multimania.com/jpoulet/corso/bryant.htm>  
UFO Sightings Reports  
<http://members.xoom.com/jpoulet/english/reports/index.htm>

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Hello again Loy and Tom:

The plot thickens!

For all of 1962, I have a good 13 'UFO' reports for the high  
seas of the Pacific alone. Most of these are extremely  
fragmentary; date and location only. Since sightings at sea are

rare, I keep these old Bluebook listings (which came via the huge UFOCAT catalog) in case new data eventually turns up.

I also have a handful of widely scattered reports around the Pacific rim and USA West Coast.

Perhaps there were multiple series of such tests.

I can provide the listings above to anyone who thinks they might fill some missing pieces.

Tom: Were you given some advance notice of the high altitude shot you saw; or did you just see it by chance?

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Hello Sam:

Are you pretty sure about the date, 07OCT65 for the Hamilton  
incident mentioned? I keep a pretty good database of UFO  
sightings, and I cannot find anything close for that or nearby  
dates.

If you want to contact me off-list, perhaps we can compare  
notes.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

<[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)> Note the 'J' in jps, not an 'I'.



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Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 07:31:34 -0500  
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>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 10:11:44 -0800  
>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1999 22:01:49 -0500  
>>From: Steven W. Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Corso was involved in many events of his time. He was an old  
>man; our memories begin to fog. The big picture is still there  
>but the fine grain is missing. I admit he made errors in fact  
>but there is no doubt that he participated in the events he says  
>he did:

>"Corso is also the hero of the Cuban Missile Crisis (pp.  
>253-258, 269), Reagan's SDI or Strategic Defense Initiative  
>(pp. 4-5, 78, 115, 243, 249-250, 268, 273), the Korean War POW  
>revelations (pp. 2,37-38, 87), the exposure of KGB moles  
>inside the CIA and elsewhere (pp. 2, 37, 139, 141, 189), and  
>the JFK assassination -- as an investigator for the Warren  
>Commission -- which he intimates was due to JFK finding out  
>the truth about the CIA (pp. 2, 87, 206, 208)."

>From Korff and Brad Sparks: Corso-Birnes Roswell Book Exposed.

>His actual role in these dramas can be debated, as Korff and  
>Sparks do, but there is no doubt that he was there. Corso's  
>recollections about the seeding of alien technology are  
>plausible to me, even if he gets a few things wrong along the  
>way.

His involvement in these events was not in question. His  
ability to add anything of real value to the discussion could  
well be. Without any supporting evidence to prove the  
statements that he might make his information becomes little  
more than an anecdotal curiosity.

A search for the name Corso quickly locates quite a bit of  
information related to his testimony before Congress related to  
the POWs from the Korean War. That testimony is what he has  
become more remembered for, with the exception of those in the  
UFO field who now relate him to the Roswell event.

The Warren Commission was, of course, a political entity.  
Appointments were often made on the basis of political necessity  
and since Corso wasn't an investigator of note, per se, IMO his  
participation (if true, and I haven't investigated that for  
myself and haven't seen any references to it in official  
documents) was most likely a political move.

His belief regarding "moles" in many federal positions has been  
documented, but that was always treated as something that he  
"knew" to be true. Of course, his position in the military was  
that of a true soldier who thought of most of his philosophical  
opponents as enemy sympathizers.

He was a true "Red" hater and that is why he fit is so well with Jesse Helms, et al. - sorry for the politcal comment.

It is because he was actually involved in events of interest, and his record can be checked, that his book has received the interest that it has. But his book does not exactly match the written record, and he has provided little in the way of information that can be checked and verified to support it.

If such information can be found, please post it for all to see. But I suspect if such information was available then IMO it would have been released much earlier than now.

Yes, the book is interesting and provides an intriguing story that many would like to believe to be true. But where's the beef.

Happy New Year to all.

Steve

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## Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: [TMMatthews99@aol.com](mailto:TMMatthews99@aol.com)  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 07:02:20 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 07:36:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 18:09:22 -0800 (PST)  
>From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 17:08:33 +0000  
>>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <[pmufo@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmufo@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>Dear Colleagues,

>>I wonder can you be of assistance. I am researching a new  
>>book on the alien autopsy film and I am looking for  
>>professional commentary from surgeons, pathologists, film  
>>experts, special effects experts, etc, etc. If you have any  
>>such material I would greatly appreciate it if you could share  
>>it with me.

>>I am also looking for 'positional statements' from ufologists,  
>>what they believe is the nature and origin of the film and how  
>>have they reached such a conclusion.

>>If you can help with any of the above please contact me direct  
>>at: [pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)

>At the risk of being called an "arsehole" yet again, I will ask:  
>Just what kind of research is Philip doing? Seems to me that  
>everyone else is doing the research.

My dear Rebecca!

You will be surprised by our conclusions, and you'll also be glad to know that in terms of the film we may have come across the 'holy grail' as far as it is concerned. We are going to present a balanced view - allowing UFO researchers and scientific experts etc - to have their say. I think that's a good thing, don't you?

A great deal of work has been done by us - you forget that it was Phil and I who uncovered the nature and origins of the Tent Footage back in 1998.....

Thanks,

Tim Matthews.

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## Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

From: Loy Pressley <[lkpres@koyote.com](mailto:lkpres@koyote.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 06:43:08 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 07:52:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:09:16 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Sam Sherman <[FLEXARET2@aol.com](mailto:FLEXARET2@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>If you were at Hamilton AFB in 1970, were you there in 1965?

Sorry. I was only there from April 1970 through April 1971. I was in one of those career fields where they want you to be overseas all the time but they have to give you a minimum of one year in the states between overseas assignments. That was my one year. Then I went to Turkey.

>The 28th Air Division was there and had some supervisory >  
>capacity in Air Force UFO sightings/pursuits.

>Hamilton officers are heard on the Air Force Audio Tapes of  
>the 7Oct65 UFO Alert at Edwards Air Force Base, discussing  
>the scrambling of planes after 12 such objects over Edwards.

That sounds reasonable. The 28th Air Division was Air Defense Command and had F-106 interceptors at Hamilton. They also operated air defense radar sites along the California coast. They would have been the logical people to scramble air defense interceptors in the California area.

Loy

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From: Loy Pressley <[lkpres@koyote.com](mailto:lkpres@koyote.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 06:53:35 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 08:10:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 00:21:20 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 00:52:22 -0600  
>>From: Tom Genereaux <[entropy@lawrence.ks.us](mailto:entropy@lawrence.ks.us)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 20:42:42 -0600  
>>>From: Loy Pressley <[lkpres@koyote.com](mailto:lkpres@koyote.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 16:45:31 -0800  
>>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>Perhaps there were multiple series of such tests.

I don't think that there were multiple tests. The single test that was conducted was no secret. In fact, I think the government actively solicited reports of seeing the flash and any other information from civilians around the world. I once had a URL for a listing of all the nuclear weapons tests that were conducted. If I can find it again, I'll check to make sure my memories are accurate.

Larry, I can be wrong about this but I don't think so. I'm getting old and my memory isn't what it once was. I was in communications at the time and my only participation was to monitor our HF radios to see what happened to the ionosphere as pertains to HF communications during the test.

>I can provide the listings above to anyone who thinks they  
>might fill some missing pieces.

You can send it to me, Larry. I'll try to help if I can.

Loy

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 09:11:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 08:34:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 00:58:32 -0600  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 08:26:06 -0400  
>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 18:41:18 -0500 (EST)  
>>>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Stan,

>>>I will say this, you don't give up. I have read your books,  
>>>books by other's on Roswell, seen most of the documentaries done  
>>>on it. But by the far the best and most OBJECTIVE account  
>>>appeared in the June MUFON issue of 1997. Yes, you know who I  
>>> speak of: Kent Jeffrey's "Roswell--Anatomy of a Myth."

>>>Kent spent money and much time--as you have--on investigating  
>>>the Roswell story. He was also so much taken by the subject that  
>>>he help with the International Roswell Initiative which was a  
>>>large petition to hopefully open any classified files on the  
>>>Roswell Crash.

>>>Here was a man who was passionately involved and interviewed  
>>>many of the same people you have and many that you didn't  
>>>interview. This latter group includes "15 B-29 pilots and 2 B-29  
>>>navigatgors, all of whom were stationed at Roswell Army Air  
>>>Field in July 1947" (page 7-8).

>>>According to Kent, a commercial airline pilot, "Not one single  
>>>man had any direct knowledge of a crashed saucer or of any kind  
>>>of unusual materail." Not one! "...Even more significantly, in  
>>>all their collective years with the 509th Bomb Group, not one of  
>>>these men had ever encountered any other individual who had such  
>>>knowledge."

>>Sorry, John, wrong again. Kent Jeffrey was a passionate  
>>collector of stories and expressor of strong opinions not backed  
>>by evidence.

>>You really ought to read my five page treatment of his MUFON  
>>article. Give me a snail mail address. or send an SASE to UFORI,  
>>POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. I have been to reunions of the  
>>509th as well.

>Stan,

>Are you saying that you went to reunions of the 509th and got  
>different answers than Jeffrey did? If so, who did you talk to  
>at the time?

>On the other hand, if you went to 509th reunions and got

>negative responses to your inquiries, what are the names of the  
>negative responders and why haven't you written them up in your  
>books and papers along with all the promoted prosayers? Are you  
>saying that Jeffrey simply lied?

Dennis , let's not put words in my mouth. You and anyone else  
can read my Jeffrey rebuttal at my web site:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html>

He was totally naive about national security and the need to  
know concept... Surprisingly he assumed that any observed saucer  
had to have flown here on its own from another star system;  
about the causes of aircraft accidents. Somebody saying he didn't  
know about something that he had no need to know about, doesn't  
mean that it didn't happen.

Jesse and Cavitt were in Intelligence work .Why would a B-29  
pilot have a need to know about a crashed saucer?. He wouldn't.  
Why would officers who later served at Wright Paterson have  
shared classified info with Kent?? They wouldn't have. Even  
General Exon told me that he did not have a need to know for  
everything happening at WPAFB when he was Base commander.

With considerable effort I located Sappho Henderson after Len  
Stringfield published a story about her husband, Pappy. Len  
wouldn't tell me where she was. She gave me names of 5 people  
to whom Pappy might have talked . I contacted them. One was a  
retired USAF Colonel, Pappy's WW 2 Bombardier. Pappy had told  
him at a group reunion. Pappy hadn't told the others.

>Have you ever interviewed \_any\_ Roswell participants who didn't  
>support your view of the crash and recovery of an ET spacecraft?  
>If not, why not? Have you pursued negative commentators as  
>assiduously as positive ones? How come you didn't manage to find  
>Kent Lorenzo (if I have the name right off the top of my head),  
>who was at the base hospital at the time, and who said that  
>nothing untoward happened during the time in question, let alone  
>anything remotely involving the autopsy of alien bodies?

Once again as with Jeffrey, you are confusing people who say  
they know nothing with people who do know something.

Gees. I have interviewed many people who knew nothing about the  
crashes. I have interviewed a number whose testimony when  
checked didn't pan out. There is a lot of dross in them thar  
hills besides the gold. Talk to cops who ask for help about  
major crime. Lots of calls, most useless. But that is how most  
crimes are solved.

>Actually, you did find him. But what he had to say didn't mesh  
>with what you wanted said, so he got royally ignored in your  
>"official history" of events. And remains so to this day. Along  
>with any and all other naysayers to Roswell (and Corona, and San  
>Augustin) orthodoxy, as far as I can tell.

>Conversely, you refuse to retract any significant legitimacy  
>associated with Gerald Anderson, who, five years old at the  
>time, claimed to have witnessed a San Augustin crash recovery  
>because he supports your belief in the latter, despite having  
>been caught in at least two obvious and palpable deceptions  
>regarding same. And don't tell us about the lie detector test --  
>the guy has been caught out to everyone's satisfaction but  
>yours. Even John Carpenter eventually admitted as much, though I  
>doubt you ever will.

There is a great deal more support for a Plains Crash than  
Gerald Anderson including Baca, Danley, Leed etc.

You are forgetting that I was the one who went to the Telephone  
Company in Springfield and got the copy of the original phone  
bill and proved that Gerald had tried to fool Kevin by faking  
it. Gerald admitted it. We had a noisy argument about that. But  
I also saw his military papers as did others. I also was with  
him when we made an unplanned stop out in the Plains and were  
referred by a cowboy there to a woman living down the road with  
her daughter. We went there unannounced . Gerald described the  
woman who operated the store when he and his family were out  
there. They immediately recognised her. I dug out his father's  
obituary and talked to the widow of the pastor of his dad's  
church. She referred me to someone who knew his dad well. I  
called him. He told of Gerald's father having told him about a

downed craft in the desert. No way Gerald could have set that up. Out in the plains Gerald had claimed there was a windmill in a certain direction. We didn't see one there. When we checked more closely we found there was indeed a windmill, but the trees, which had indeed grown some, obscured it.

In my first conversation with Gerald he shocked me by speaking of a nasty red haired officer and a black sergeant. I had just 2 weeks earlier in a private conversation with Glenn Dennis had him describe the people who had given him a hard time. He noted a nasty red haired officer and a black sergeant You may believe they both independently made up such an unusual combination. I don't

I checked at Gerald's high school. I located 5 people who were in the Archeology Club for whom the advisor was Dr. Buskirk. It had been claimed that Gerald was in the club. All 5 looked at high school pictures of Gerald. Each said Gerald wasn't in the club. It had been claimed that 3 archaeologists had said they were in the Plains in the summer of 1947 and said there was no crash. I contacted all. What each had really said was that he wasn't there at the time and had heard nothing about a crash.. not surprisingly. There is a great deal more.. some reported in various papers.

>Ditto Glenn Dennis. I know, he's a nice guy in person. Hard to >believe he put everyone on, isn't it?

>And what about that there Frank Kaufmann? Just another American >patriot trying to get his story out to the general public. Kinda >reminds you of Philip Corso, doesn't it? But I forget: Corso was >a real military officer. And real military officers never lie. >Or exaggerate. While the cover-up goes on forever.

I have noted many problems with Frank Kaufmann's story (which was rather different on December 13 than it was years ago) and have also detailed comments about Corso. In both cases because I checked. and checked some more... I got the history of the Air Defense Command and of General Scanlon. There was no ADC radar in NM in 1947. Scanlon was Public Affairs head at Mitchell Field not head of ADC. I got the roster of General Trudeau's group with Corso and checked at the Ike Library about his supposed membership in the NSC. He wasn't. There is much more. About both Kaufmann and Corso.

><snip>

>>I certainly am not saying [I] believe everything people tell an >>investigator. At best everything starts in my gray basket. and >>then gets checked.

>Nice platitude.

It just happens to be true for me.

>>I am the guy who is given a hard time for exposing Robert S. >>Lazar, Michael Wolf Kruvant, Guy Kirkwood, Frank Stranges etc >>etc.as frauds.

>>Stanton T. Friedman

>Who? And who's giving you a hard time, anyway? Do I get credit >for exposing Courtney Brown and Richard Hoagland? The question >is, why haven't you exposed any of your own sources, beginning >with Gerald Anderson?

>Dennis W. Stacy

Richard Boylan has attacked me all over the place for not supporting Wolf. Huff and others have attacked me for debunking Lazar.

Anderson's story checks out except for the phone bill.....

Stan Friedman

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Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 08:45:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 22:28:27 +0000  
>From: Ralf Zeigermann <[kag15@dial.pipex.com](mailto:kag15@dial.pipex.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Corso?

>My question is (or my questions are):

>(a) Is Corso simply a nutcase?  
>(b) Did he merely try to raise some quick money for  
>his family before passing away?  
>(c) Is it probably all true, what's in the book?  
>(d) Any news from his ghost-writer? Is he still?  
>travelling the country, trying to sell 'The day  
>after...'?  
>(e) What is going on?  
>(f) Or have I missed something and it is all my  
>fault - not reading the UpDates properly?

Oz & ASIA DATA RESEARCH  
Phenomena Research Australia

EBK Researchers,

Whats Wrong With Corso?

Isaac Asimov, that prolific science writer (450^ books) and biochemist in his 1985 book "The Subatomic Monster" wrote that at the age of 15 in April 1935 while at Columbia College he saw Albert Einstein. Asimov described the ambience around the great man that day and the effect he had on him and others. At that time very few understood Einstein the man and few understood what he was talking about, many disputed his claims. However, the majority knew there was something great about this person!

Today I can read about Einstein sex life, his bad habits and look at his 'Pickled Brain' held by others who felt that they might find something wrong in that head, to show that Einstein was nothing more than a freak!

Sorry, Einstein was as normal as you can get and very human!

Isaac Asimov was one of those who met the man, and at that time did not understand what Einstein was saying. Unlike many of us today on this thread, Isaac Asimov made the following observations and I quote:

"Actually, the best way to test Einstein's assumption would be to test whether the deductions from that assumption are to be observed in the real universe. If so, then we are driven to the conclusion that the basic assumption must be true, for we would then know of no other way of explaining the truth of the deductions"

- The Subatomic Monster - 1985.

So, to put it plainly, if Isaac Asimov saw the A-Bomb go "Bang" then that was a truth!

Corso was no Einstein, but he creates the same problems for us.

I must acknowledge that there is a number of experts [so called] who have publicly denounced Corso as a Hoax, I have read most of their material and any defence councils brief for Corso on the surface looks grim. Liar, moneyman, dementia or alter ego, takes your pick.

I met Philip J. Corso on two occasions, corresponded, have met people who served under him - and all report the same thing, Corso was what he said he was! A truthful man, highly regarded, intelligent man who served his country with great distinction. The facts are there, the limited files are there. They may not fit your needs, but Corso was very real. He was also a charming man and a fellow Gunner Officer.

Like others on this thread, I have trouble proving his accusations? I am unable to get the "generic trail" on data that he said is out on the streets. Yet, although his claims have not ended the Roswell case for me, Corso still has something to tell us.

When his book was sent to me, I was like some, very disappointed. Was this all Corso information? Was this all he could give? Corso "Seeding" of alien technology is plausible and that's what I wanted to know more about.

#### NEW IDEAS WANTED

Today the Roswell field data has run just about dry, apart from FOI and most experts have made their name using FOI, I like many others have searched the impact site, listened to the FOI experts and shown my bias by being a believer. Isaac Asimov logic shows us how to discover Roswell in another way, by looking with some Dr Edward De Bono Lateral Thinking, for Roswell parts. May be its time to look for the parts!

#### THE KNOCK ON EFFECT

As a researcher, I believe Corso was trying to let us know that we needed to look at "the knock on effects" that Roswell MUST produced! If it's as great as the books tell us, then the ripples (waves) of that crash are with us right now.

Let's be realistic, if Roswell is a fact (?) then what was found that day, would have to be a world changing event and technology would be the key to unscrewing the incident. Its logical, if I had a craft from another world, it would soon be in parts! I may need to wait some time until I had the tools to open the parts, but like an autopsy, the parts would be off to pathology as soon as I opened it.

#### LOOKING FOR THE FLASH

Isaac Asimov left others to "Back Engineer" Einstein "Seeded" ideas and rather than make-work for himself, ASIMOV looked for the observed  $E=mc^2$  flash in the desert. You don't have to believe, have an opinion, read the works, and make the calculations. When it went off that day - Einstein was true.

#### THE MILITARY HANDYCAP

Next, the military is an unusual collection of powerful monsters, as Einstein found out, the military runs science, science does NOT run the military. Don't underestimate this fact. The so-called FOI experts know this. Why do you think you we need to go down and knock at their FOI doors? Corso knew this!

#### Corso WAS A MILITARY MAN

Corso was in the system, full time and full on. Unlike some FOI experts this was Corso life. His inability to speak out lay with the FACT that he had signed his freedom away, like we all do when we join the DoD. And like all good military people understand, the DoD is a great place to kill, burn, cross-file, cut, change, shred or hide data. Corso knew this!

So how do you give the game away without cutting your military

obligations? That was Corso problem.

#### A NON-UFO BUFF

As previously and accurately noted, Corso was not a UFO person (buff) and to think he was a UFO expert, well I was surprised that people, on this post who I felt knew better, could think that Corso was up to speed.

Remember, Philip J. Corso was not a UFO or FIO expert, like some we know. In the end he was like most of us, unable to prove what he knew?

#### TIME WAS RUNNING OUT

I can only assume the man decided it was time to tell, like many in the Roswell case history, time to tell before time got him! Corso was old and now had nothing to loose. Like most of us who have investigated cases many come to our attention long after the event - at functions or in letters from others in the family. Corso was like that, looking for people.

#### GHOSTWRITER AND PUBLISHERS

William J. Birnes - His hand absolutely filled the book. Birnes went on record with his problems. He was under some pressure to get it out and the agents rushed it on without any checks by Corso. This was not good enough, but Birnes never hid the facts. Birnes a "ghost-writer" - His name is on the cover!

#### WHY THE BOOK LOST

I now believe, rushing and Corso lack of UFO knowledge created a system that failed to transfer any hard useful information.

If Corso wanted to "Save the World" or take the spot light from the few who feel that Roswell is their "baby", then why not go all the way and "cash in" - the title should have been "My Day At Roswell" why the "Day After"?

#### VERBAL ASSAULTS ON A DEAD MAN

It still amazes me how few in number went against Corso. What triggered the anti-Corso response appears to have been caused by the quality of the book and not the quality of the man. Corso seems to have hit a nerve as the book came apart. In the end some researchers don't like Corso but the public like him. The proof is that the book is still selling well, and the man is not around like many to push his views at conferences and book sales etc. On quite a number of book sites it rates extremely high and the public reviews are over the 200 mark at some web sites, now this is strange as on average books get 3 to 9 reviews. Not rocket science but interesting.

#### As of the 29 Dec 1999 - AMAZON.COM BOOK HARD COVER RANK LISTING:

| DATE | p#  | BY       | NAME                           | SOLD    | RATE/5 |
|------|-----|----------|--------------------------------|---------|--------|
| + 92 | 191 | MOORE    | "The Roswell Incident"         | 149,000 | 4.5    |
| + 97 | 314 | RANDLE   | "The Truth...Crash at Roswell" | 63,628  | 2.5    |
| + 97 | 272 | FRIEDMAN | "Top SECRET/MAJIC"             | 57,000  | 3.5    |
| + 97 | 347 | Corso    | "The Day After Roswell"        | 40,000  | 4.0    |

Everyone is entitled to an opinion but in the end the public liked what they read, and that's a problem for the anti Corso people.

For me, if the case was hoaxed or very wrong, then let it die with the author, you can not stop the book nor can you stop someone believing in it, that's a discovery we all make when dealing with UFOs. My advice is to just put it in the rubbish bin if it's not your cup of tea.

#### QUESTION ABOUT THE BOOK

In this case ridiculous attempts and methods surfaced.

Re: Corso?

For example [1] - "If unable to kill the book then kill the man", so the expert few went after his military file - what could they do - it was magnificent, it was intact. Colonel Corso was an Artillery Officer (Gunner), highly decorated soldier, recipient of 30 medals and commendations during his long military career. WW2 Victory Medal, Occupation Medal Germany, Legion of Merit & 6 overseas bars. He received the Knight Officer Crown of Italy for his exceptional service in Italy during and after World War II. Campaigns in Korea. And he did well to get to COL by the age of 42.

Infact although some don't like it Corso was at or played a part in many of the major events of his time. He held the positions he said and was in the right positions to move between projects within the Army that the public would never know about. Take another look at his FOI record. [See Below his DA66], again remember its not all his data, I can tell you will never see the main files, but the standard DA66 what they let out looks impressive from my point of view. And from those who knew him, all confirm his OPS.

Corso MILITARY HISTORY:

By Jan Aldrich <[jan@CYBERZONE.NET](mailto:jan@CYBERZONE.NET)>

[http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso\\_da66.htm](http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso_da66.htm)  
[http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso\\_p1.htm](http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso_p1.htm)  
[http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso\\_p2.htm](http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso_p2.htm)  
[http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso\\_p3.htm](http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso_p3.htm)  
[http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso\\_p4.htm](http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso_p4.htm)  
[http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso\\_p5.htm](http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Corso_p5.htm)

OR

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/aug/m27-013.shtml>

NOTE: Don't follow the personal opinions on some web pages look at the Army Data.

For example [2] - The other strange attack took the form - "If he knew this info why didn't he cash in on the technology after he left the Army", what insider trading. One moment they say he was dummy; next they have him as a CEO in "Silicon Valley? Go on give it a try, take something from the DoD - I hope you like 30 years in a detention centre.

A few then let loose and tried to kill it with FOI details, dates, a copy of a 4 page roster (?), it didn't have a index & references, withdrawal of a foreword by Senator Strom Thurmond, Corso was not a scientist or engineer, and did you know he didn't have a PhD, lets give him a MMPI and don't forget blame William MOORE. Then there is the notion - "all kinds of people thought him sincere, but in fact he was a literary hoaxer" - literary hoax? Oh !

To top the assortment came the allegation that he was a junior officer. The man was what we call in Australia - at Staff Officer Rank - a Red Cap!

But Corso held his ground and the book ran hot. The book reached 12th on the New York Times' Best-Seller List in the summer of 1997 with minimal promotion or publicity. Not bad for a literary hoax. And the reviews grew in number.

Lets face it, Corso book came out in 1997 then Corso died on the 16 July 1998, only 1 year of fame and at the age of 83. ot your average money hungry or typical two books a year, cut and past, press clip, armchair Ufologist, was he!

IN CONCLUSION

In the end, I am still open minded, yes - unhappy with Corso book, lots of errors of fact in the book, but in my opinion that's not Corso problem. I am not in a position to defend Corso, nor should anyone have too. The best we can offer Corso is that he must be treated as an equal until proven wrong. Let time deal him out.

I like Corso! However, I also need to find parts (the beef) for the "Back Engineering" evidence to rule him in or out.



Re: Corso?

Conversely, so do the Roswell CRASH believers [count me in also] we need parts (the beef) from that impact field.

So investigate by looking at the wonderful world of Panorama - all 360 deg rather than the standard "Tunnel Vision" of many of our fellow sceptics.

Thanks to all who sent e-mail with suggestions on "Back Engineering" I cannot get back to you all. But some were most interesting.

To all enquiring minds. Good hunting.

Happy 2K.

Regards To All,

John W. AUCHETTL  
Director - PRA

Many Thanks to the following for their references:

Corso ANTI:-

By Kal Korff  
<http://www.sightings.com/ufo/Corsoexpose.htm>

Corso VISION:-

By Steven M. Greer M.D.  
International Director of CSETI  
<http://www.cseti.org/>  
Scroll Down 60% Need RealPlayer

VISION 1 - Col. Corso on video  
- In this he tell the Govt to give up the data  
and give it to the kids, they are not stupid  
about the cover-up.

VISION 2 - NBC's "Dateline" interviews Col. Corso  
- In this part interview - listen to CORSA Closing  
reference to time travel?

\* This is a great site!

IMAGES:-

- Glenn Dennis and Phillip Corso  
<http://home.pb.net/~mooch/mothership/images/Corsodennis.jpg>

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## Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 05:48:05 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 15:28:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 07:02:20 -0500 (EST)  
>From: [TMMatthews99@aol.com](mailto:TMMatthews99@aol.com)  
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 18:09:22 -0800 (PST)  
>>From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 17:08:33 +0000  
>>>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <[pmufo@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmufo@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>>Dear Colleagues,

>>>I wonder can you be of assistance. I am researching a new  
>>>book on the alien autopsy film and I am looking for  
>>>professional commentary from surgeons, pathologists, film  
>>>experts, special effects experts, etc, etc. If you have any  
>>>such material I would greatly appreciate it if you could share  
>>>it with me.

>>>I am also looking for 'positional statements' from ufologists,  
>>>what they believe is the nature and origin of the film and how  
>>>have they reached such a conclusion.

>>>If you can help with any of the above please contact me direct  
>>>at: [pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)

>>At the risk of being called an "arsehole" yet again, I will ask:  
>>Just what kind of research is Philip doing? Seems to me that  
>>everyone else is doing the research.

>My dear Rebecca!

>You will be surprised by our conclusions, and you'll also be  
>glad to know that in terms of the film we may have come across  
>the 'holy grail' as far as it is concerned. We are going to  
>present a balanced view - allowing UFO researchers and  
>scientific experts etc - to have their say. I think that's a  
>good thing, don't you?

>A great deal of work has been done by us - you forget that it  
>was Phil and I who uncovered the nature and origins of the Tent  
>Footage back in 1998.....

>Thanks,

>Tim Matthews.

Dear Philip, Rebecca, Tim and others:

I have absolutely nothing to add to the study of a AA film,.  
Santilli etc. in a factual way.

I do think that Philip's study is worthwhile nevertheless; if  
only to show how such messes occur, why and perpetrated by whom.

Philip merely asked for information, and did so repeatedly. We should all be so careful. And so, of course should Mr. Mantle BTW but that is beside the point.

I therefore propose the following:

Assuming Mr. Santilli has not repaired to Rome, Vienna or (gasp!) San Francisco with his ill-gotten gains, he should be pulled apart by four mules, one at each extremity, driven by drug crazed Mexicans and Canadians not to mention illegal Algerians with high explosives, Samoans with substandard educational records and Frenchwomen with low publick moral standards - until he tells the truth to the FBI as recorded by the CIA and the NSA (alone capable of deciphering his by then mad babblings).

If that doesn't work, we could force feed him the same pint of beer somebody handed me for nearly a bob in Yorkshire, in 1965 when I was young and innocent. The barman couldn't drink it, and gave me back my 15 pennies and apologized, much to his credit.

Failing that, we could simply ignore this complete and obvious phony, but that's lots less fun. Heck.

It seems like Europeans have more fun.

- Best wishes
- Larry Hatch

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## Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 08:07:10 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 00:33:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 06:43:08 -0600  
>From: Loy Pressley <[lkpres@koyote.com](mailto:lkpres@koyote.com)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:09:16 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Sam Sherman <[FLEXARET2@aol.com](mailto:FLEXARET2@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>If you were at Hamilton AFB in 1970, were you there in 1965?

>Sorry. I was only there from April 1970 through April 1971. I  
>was in one of those career fields where they want you to be  
>overseas all the time but they have to give you a minimum of one  
>year in the states between overseas assignments. That was my  
>one year. Then I went to Turkey.

>>The 28th Air Division was there and had some supervisory >  
>>capacity in Air Force UFO sightings/pursuits.

>>Hamilton officers are heard on the Air Force Audio Tapes of  
>>the 7Oct65 UFO Alert at Edwards Air Force Base, discussing  
>>the scrambling of planes after 12 such objects over Edwards.

>That sounds reasonable. The 28th Air Division was Air Defense  
>Command and had F-106 interceptors at Hamilton. They also  
>operated air defense radar sites along the California coast.  
>They would have been the logical people to scramble air defense  
>interceptors in the California area.

>Loy

Dear Loy;

This may sound silly, but did you go to any of those off-Grant  
street restaurtant, you know, like the Loey Goey Looey?

The LGL remains my college favorite.

Chop suey for 75 cents amelican, and the soly soose was free!!

Laugh all you want to at California, the damned bug juice was  
free and a plate of hot and sour shrimp cost a buck and a half.  
Go try that in the majuberous and unlikely neighborhoods of  
Toronto or Shanghai.

At least you can get "Shanghaid" in San Francisco. Try getting  
Francisconized in goddam Shanghhai!! (They don't know how, nor  
would they try.)

I live 25 miles to the South.

I am making myself irresistably hungry for Moo-Goo  
something-or-other, and a whole bunch of innocent sweet and sour  
shrimp. White ( steamed ) rice only.

Only tourists order fried rice. It fills the tummy before the

good stuff shows up. AOL types and MacIntosh and holdouts order fried rice with statistical regularity.

I have a friend at United Airlines that not only knows when flights from the Midwest come in, but what restaurants they will seek out, and how much fried rice these rubes will order.

Even if he loses the flight order, and believe me that can and DOES happen, he knows where they came from.

None of this has to do with the majuberous nature of the Toronto Y2K landscape of course.

Beijing of a more highly sophisticated and international nature, the people of Toronto offer all comers rice or chips with their chop suey. Given chips, one is offered malt vinegar out of a salt shaker.

I am not making a word of this up.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: French Fries with malt vinegar taste pretty good after all, but demand some salt and pretty young Manitobans. -LH

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## Re: Corso?

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 09:13:57 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 00:47:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 08:20:38 -0500 (EST)  
>From: John Auchettl <[Praufu@aol.com](mailto:Praufu@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 22:28:27 +0000  
>>From: Ralf Zeigermann <[kag15@dial.pipex.com](mailto:kag15@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>>Subject: Corso?

>>My question is (or my questions are):

Dear John A. and others:

(from a drunken Larry Hatch)

>>(a) Is Corso simply a nutcase?

YES damn nearly, if not compltely... See earlier messages.

>>(b) Did he merely tried to raise some quick money for  
>>his family before passing away?

Possibly. See other messages and theories again.

>>(c) Is it probably all true, what's in the book?  
>>(d) Any news from his ghost-writer? Is he still?  
>>travelling the country, trying to sell 'The day  
>>after...'?  
>>(e) What is going on?  
>>(f) Or have I missed something and it is all my  
>>fault - not reading the UpDates properly?

> Oz & ASIA DATA RESEARCH  
> Phenomena Research Australia

>EBK Researchers,

>Whats Wrong With Corso?

Damned near ever everything. Are you the new schtupido on the block, or did you finally translate "Crash over Corona" into Swedish?

>Isaac Asimov, that prolific science writer  
>(450^ books) and biochemist in his 1985 book  
>"The Subatomic Monster"

I read both. A most prolific and opinionated man.

>wrote that at the age of 15 in April 1935 while at  
>Columbia College he saw Albert Einstein. Asimov  
>described the ambience around the great man that day  
>and the effect he had on him and others. At that time very  
>few understood Einstein the man and few understood what  
>he was talking about, many disputed his claims. However,  
>the majority knew there was something great about this  
>person!

I disagree. Einstein was right, but most people suspected that he was goddam nuts.

>today I can read about Einstein sex life, his bad habits and  
>look at his 'Pickled Brain' held by others who felt that they  
>might find something wrong in that head, to show that Einstein  
>was nothing more than a freak!

Hah Yes! Even today they laugh at my uncles and aunts:  
"Hah ha haah" they laugh! Little do they know what will  
happen when the terrific secret of Sea Monkeys comes out!!

I must invite you to keep this secret for a week or two longer.

>Sorry, Einstein was as normal as you can get and very human!

He was also humane, but yes. Einstein was a good and fine  
german, I mean gerhuman; well an above average  
Nordlich-Amergermench or some such. One darned good ole soul.

>Isaac Asimov was one of those who met the man, and at that time  
>did not understand what Einstein was saying. Unlike many of us  
>today on this thread, Isaac Asimov made the following  
>observations and I quote:

>"Actually, the best way to test Einstein's assumption would be  
>to test whether the deductions from that assumption are to be  
>observed in the real universe. If so, then we are driven to  
>the conclusion that the basic assumption must be true, for we  
>would then know of no other way of explaining the truth of the  
>deductions"

> - The Subatomic Monster - 1985.

>So, to put it plainly, if Isaac Asimov saw the A-Bomb go  
>"Bang" then that was a truth!

<snip>

I have no idea if Azimov actually saw the first H-bang go off or  
not. I personally know somebody who did, and he's probably not  
about to talk to you either.

I must confess that I am totally amazed at your innocence and  
credulousity. Please do not take any part of my disagreement  
with your personal views, idiotic as they most manifestly are,  
as any sort of personal attack upon your personal self.

Maybe you were kicked by a kangaroo or something.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Corso?

From: Pat McCartney <[ElPatricio@aol.com](mailto:ElPatricio@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 12:45:45 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 01:04:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 06:56:22 -0500  
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>His belief regarding "moles" in many federal positions has been documented, but that was always treated as something that he >"knew" to be true. Of course, his position in the military was >that of a true soldier who thought of most of his philosophical >opponents as enemy sympathizers.

>He was a true "Red" hater and that is why he fit is so well with >Jesse Helms, et al. - sorry for the political comment.

Thanks for raising the point, Steven. Reading Corso's book is like traveling back into the world of the '40s and '50s, when the West was locked in a Cold War with the Soviet Union. Corso clearly shared the extreme paranoia of men like Sen. McCarthy, viewing as likely the penetration by communist moles of the State Department and the U.S. Congress.

At one point, Corso says that telling Congress something was considered tantamount to telling the Soviets. Reading his account of the security concerns within the military goes a long way, regardless of the merits of his Roswell claim, of understanding the entire process of compartmentalization that was created to foil intelligence operations of our World War II and Cold War adversaries.

Here's a quote from 'The Day After Roswell':

"Over the years, the replicated vehicles have become an ongoing, inner-circle saga among top-ranking military officers and members of the government, especially the favored senators and members of the House who vote along military lines. Those who are shown the secrets are immediately bound by national security legislation and cannot reveal what they saw. ... I admit I've never seen the craft at Norton with my own eyes, but enough reports passed across my desk during my years at Foreign Technology so that I knew what the secret was and how it was maintained." (pg. 100)

Can a secret of such magnitude be kept secret? Many would doubt it, but Corso cites a 1947 Truman policy code-named "Shamrock" that allowed U.S. intelligence services to monitor international communications traffic, a pact that Corso said was never revealed until it was terminated in 1975. And, as is becoming apparent now, that system has been replaced by a monitoring system called Echelon, which allows the United States and its English-speaking allies to monitor all electronic communication for a basket of sensitive words.

Corso's military mindset goes a long way toward explaining how what a friend of mine calls the "New Rosacrucians" can maintain a secret for more than 50 years.

I'll end this post by repeating my request of a few days ago: Is anyone aware of any government or military comment on Corso's



Re: Corso?

claims?

Happy New Year,

Pat McCartney

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From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 09:47:23 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 01:08:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

>From: Loy Pressley <[lkpres@koyote.com](mailto:lkpres@koyote.com)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 00:21:20 -0800  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 00:52:22 -0600  
>>>From: Tom Genereaux <[entropy@lawrence.ks.us](mailto:entropy@lawrence.ks.us)>  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 20:42:42 -0600  
>>>>From: Loy Pressley <[lkpres@koyote.com](mailto:lkpres@koyote.com)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 16:45:31 -0800  
>>>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>>>>Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?  
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

><snip>

>>Perhaps there were multiple series of such tests.

>I don't think that there were multiple tests. The single test  
>that was conducted was no secret. In fact, I think the  
>government actively solicited reports of seeing the flash and  
>any other information from civilians around the world. I once  
>had a URL for a listing of all the nuclear weapons tests that  
>were conducted. If I can find it again, I'll check to make sure  
>my memories are accurate.

>Larry, I can be wrong about this but I don't think so. I'm  
>getting old and my memory isn't what it once was. I was in  
>communications at the time and my only participation was to  
>monitor our HF radios to see what happened to the ionosphere as  
>pertains to HF communications during the test.

>>I can provide the listings above to anyone who thinks they  
>>might fill some missing pieces.

>You can send it to me, Larry. I'll try to help if I can.

>Loy

Dear Loy:

I'm no teenager either. As soon as I unglue myself from this  
insistent floor, the same one which attacks me like some magnet,  
I will go and send you the proper files and stuff.

Please forgive me if this takes a while, I'm having this awful  
argument with some tiresome hardwood.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch.

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## Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

From: Tom Genereaux <[entropy@lawrence.ks.us](mailto:entropy@lawrence.ks.us)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 11:49:59 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 01:10:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Shot Down By Missile In Late 50's?

>Amazing. I thought there was some treaty in place by then,  
>banning tests in space, but then that must have come later... 3  
>Megaton? Ooof! I suppose it was too high for tidal effects..

>I looked thru my data and found nothing that seems to apply.  
>Spain had more sightings than usual, there were a handful in  
>Australia, New Zealand, France etc. Likewise California and  
>Nevada, but nothing along the California coast here.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

There was. Atmospheric testing ended in 1963. The Limited Test Ban Treaty was signed on 5 August 1963, and went into effect on 10 October 1963. The Chinese, who were not signatories to the treaty, conducted their first atmospheric test on 16 October of 1964.

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## Hong Kong UFO Club Website

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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 01:14:58 -0500  
Subject: Hong Kong UFO Club Website

Dear friends,

Happy Millenium New Year! Important moment getting closer...  
toss for free information...

HK UFO Club is invited to open a UFO column among 24 channels on a prestigious internet magazine called i-(maga)zine. Updated and filmed weekly with 3 sections: Features, News, Club Activities. Moon will be the major person hosting/writing/filming in this almost all-video web page.

I'm happy to stay in good touch with you, to share & exchange. If you have any ufo news or group activities you think that's worth announcing on our News columns, please email me. I'm even happier to receive your video/material to put you on our feature interview. We will acknowledge proper courtesy to your group/personal names, webpage address or announcement you want to spread to the Hong Kong/China ufo fans.

izene.netvigator.com is a new web page of Hong Kong Telecom, the largest telecom co., using 1.5m ultralime broadband. A prestigious high exposure web, heavy launching in January 2000. Check us out, it helps our ratings too! See you at Laughline UFO Congress soon!?!

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Lots of energy.....

Moon Fong  
HK UFO Club President

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## Re: Documentary?

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 14:33:50 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 01:23:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Documentary?

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 01:37:21 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Sam Sherman <[FLEXARET2@aol.com](mailto:FLEXARET2@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Documentary?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 21:37:34 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Allen Loper <[cheepnis@mindspring.com](mailto:cheepnis@mindspring.com)>  
>>Subject: Documentary?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Hi all:

>>I am currently (9:35pm) watching a show on TV called 'Danger In  
>>Our Skies: The New UFO Threat'.

>>Just wondering if anyone has any info on this program?>

<snip>

>I watched this show last night and seem to remember seeing it  
>once before about a year ago. It ran on the United Paramount  
>Network of independent and owned stations. It was produced by  
>Triage, the former producers of 'Sightings'. It may have been  
>updated now.

If this shows the Aug 7, 1997 Mexico City video of a "huge" UFO  
passing behind buildings, then it was shown in the spring of  
1998.

Subsequent investigation has shown that the Mexico City video  
has "fingerprints of a hoax" and the Phoenix lights which were  
videotaped by several people were likely flares about 80 miles  
south of Phoenix.

These cases have all been discussed on the net. I suggest going  
to UFOMIND and looking up Mexico City and Phoenix.

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## Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 14:34:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 01:28:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1999 18:52:43 -0500 (EST)  
>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Have you ever met with witnesses, got them to sign general case forms and then called neighbors, the police, 911, the weather service, TV/radio stations, ect and then submitted the completed report to an organization, such as MUFON, for review? If so, how many and when? Have you videoed your witnesses and then shown the tapes to other investigators to get their unbiased opinions on what they think the witnesses are "made of?"

>Have you gone down country roads and taken names off mailboxes where the alleged UFO was seen at and then called these folks to see if they saw the same UFO as the witnesses claimed? Have you ever submitted UFO photos or videos for an analysis by independent photo analysts? If you had, you would find much is bull hockey! Finding any definitive proof in this field is like looking for a diamond where one has never been found before. >

I've done all this and have indeed explained many cases, most of which I don't bother to report. However, there is some gold amidst the dross.

>Because structured objects are seen--and yes I've done several reliable cases of this--does not mean they are structured. Seeing is not necessarily being real. I've yet to do one case where a reliable witness has gone up and kicked a UFO! Do I think there may be structured UFOs that are physical: Maybe; hopefully, but that don't make it so!

This is a problem for establishing a criterion for "proof." People may disagree on what is "proof." However, what really counts is what you do with the information. Do you ignore it, as a "dyed in the wool skeptic" (a la Klass, who used that term to describe himself during our first conversation in 1974), or do you use it to affect what you do in your own life (such as investigate more) irrespective of what others say?

>Why do you think mainstream science doesn't accept any that is reported? Because the "beef" is always--let me repeat, ALWAYS--missing.

I would say that mainstream science doesn't accept this because of the "laughter Curtain" (Hynek) and because of "brainwashing" by the Air Force in the early days ("we have investigated and found no threat to the USA and no evidence of advanced technology"). Thanks to historical research using released documents we now know that top brass in the AF were, in fact, serious about the possibility of "ships from another planet." The reluctance to release information comes down to military secrecy and politics. But the lid cannot be kept on the boiling kettle forever.

>There are a FEW good photographs but nothing conclusive that anyone outside the UFO community would accept as conclusive proof. I have done an excellent case with a UFO photo, but the

>strength of the case is not the photo: It's the witnesses, who  
>included a police chief, with a masters degree and who was three  
>times head of the Georgia Police Chief's association. I also had  
>another retired police chief and others vouched for his  
>reputation. But the photo remains unimpressive.

Do you here refer to the case involving a "double UFO" or peanut  
shape was almost identical to the photo taken in  
Ticonderoga, NY in July, 1998 (written about in the Jan, 1999  
issue of the MUFONJournal)? If so, then it certainly appears to  
me that we have a rare coincidence in UFO shape.

>What I have is good faith in the witnesses and their belief that  
>the object in the photo did impressive flights, as they say,  
>before the photo was taken. Do I believe them? Yes. But that's  
>my judgement not scientific proof.

The witnesses in the Ticonderoga case were both corrections  
officers (work at a penitentiary). Interesting! Perhaps you  
should post your report on the Ga case.

In any event, your judgement that the case is not "scientific  
proof" is your opinion. Someone else might be more likely to  
accept it. Whether or not it would convince the scientific  
community in general is a moot question because most of the  
scientific community will never hear of it (there is no  
mainstream science magazine that publishes UFO sightings).

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## 'Close Encounters Of The Third Kind' In Real Life

From: Stig Agermose <[stig.agermose@get2net.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@get2net.dk)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 00:29:12 GMT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 03:07:20 -0500  
Subject: 'Close Encounters Of The Third Kind' In Real Life

Here at the dawn of the new millennium it might be relevant to look back upon a landmark movie of the past century, and one of its sources of inspiration.

The e-mail is forwarded from 'alt.alien.research'.

Stig

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From: [indiana\\_mufon\\_member@my-deja.com](mailto:indiana_mufon_member@my-deja.com)  
Newsgroups: alt.alien.research  
Subject: Oct 1973 UFO Wave!!! I Witnessed The Event!!!  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 22:20:31 GMT

Oct,1973 UFO Wave? I was here in Indiana, and was 19yrs of age, at that time. That month, it was very warm when the sun set, and the temperatures around the country were mostly mild, to very warm for that time of year. Here in Indiana the night time air was about 70 degrees, and a 5 mph breeze, and visability was vertually unlimited. I remember me, amd a friend of mine watching the night sky for the hole month of Oct, especially after all the reports of abductions, and UFO sightings. I still remember the way the night sky looked to this day. It was very much like the same sky for the movie close incounters. You could look into the night sky, and in 1 minute, or less, and in any direction, see things moving about the stars, from all sorts of different directions. Hopefully someday, you all will be as lucky as i have been, to witness such an event. This event, is what brought on the making of the close encounters movie, and the movie really starts off from real reports that were taken that first warm Oct, 1973 night. The first report that i know of that was taken, was from a commercial airline pilot flying at high alltitude over the state of Indiana, and in the vicinity over Elkhart, Indiana. And this is how the movie close encounters starts off. But enough of the movie talk. Here is a link to the Oct, 1973 Wave, and there are many accounts of reports. Are all these people imagining these things? Did all these people make false reports? I doubt it very seriously. These reports are from the U.S. only, and not to even mention all the other reports world wide that Oct, 1973!!!! false reports from coast to coast? false reports world wide? There was lots of reports taken on one certain night, all across the U.S.!!! And it is not feasable to consider this some kind of hoax!!! There were reports in my own home town of suspected landing sites, but nothing much ever became of it, and it was reconized by the authorities to be hog wash, and nothing more!!! Thanks For Reading!!!!!!!

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## Re: Corso

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 19:20:23 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 03:11:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:21:35 -0500 (EST)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 15:31:51 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 16:46:19 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Corso?

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Thanks David.

However, I do think April 18 to July 18 is only 3 months not 4.  
Awful small outfit to do all that was supposedly done.

I just wish we had been able to talk to the earlier chief before

he died. Guess I need to get a later roster...

Also it would be good to know just when the numerous technologies were supposedly transferred. If it happened in 1962, that was just about 15 years after Roswell. Rather difficult to believe nothing was done before that.

Stan Friedman

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 18:41:27 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 03:19:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso

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To David and Stan,

I met briefly with Lt-Col Corso, in Italy (San Marino), in April 1998, shortly before his death. I asked him if he could give me exactly his posts for that period. He wrote, on the first page of my copy of his book these words:

US Army Research and Development Division  
Chief of the Foreign Technology Division  
Plans Division of the US Army Research and Development"

This seems to be compatible with the record you quote?

May I add that I found Philip Corso to be a decent and likable person. He was very calm, discreet, even serene, not the behavior to be expected of a psychotic liar hungry for money and fame.

There was an official dinner at San Marino. He was there, at a large table with members of his family : his daughter in Law with her two boys.

I was at the same table, with Colin Andrews, Prof Messeen among others. These members of his family had very polite manners. The boys with white shirts and ties! I wonder, would their grandfather have taken them with him if he was just an absurd liar? Which does not mean, of course, that there are no mistakes in the book.

Gildas Bourdais

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### Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus

From: Alex Persky <[alexvi@mail.ru](mailto:alexvi@mail.ru)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 02:55:07 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 03:28:09 -0500  
Subject: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus

#### Sighting Report

TIME: 24 Dec 1999, 08:44am GMT+2  
LOCATION: near Yurieva Gorka, Vitebsk, Republic of Belarus  
WITNESSES: Oleg V. Kirillov (programmer, age 29) and his boss.

#### COMMENTS:

The cigar-shaped UFO (brighter than clouds, color blue+red (the color of a cloud at sunset), like an aircraft, but without wings and tail, angular size about  $3 \times 0.5^\circ$ , the front part profile was rounded & asymmetric, the rear part seemed blurred) was observed by two witnesses.

The object was moving NE, elevation about  $40^\circ$ , climb  $\sim 5^\circ$ .

The object was brighter than sky at that time and slightly fluoresced, the object color was blue with red, as the color of a cloud at sunset.

The distance to the object was estimated as "very high".

There was no any noise all the time. After 3-4 secs the object suddenly vanished (one of the witnesses stated that the object disintegrated into dots and vanished).

The witness states the object was not an aircraft because of the strange color, slight fluorescence, enormous angular size and speed, strange disappearance, and there was no any noise. There was no impression of a real solid object, it was more like an image, maybe semi-transparent.

The possible explanation suggested by the witness -- mirage, during that night (Dec 23-Dec 24) the air temperature decreased from  $-1^\circ\text{C}$  to  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  (approximately). The sun was set. There is no working airport in Vitebsk, but O.Kirillov noticed a plane, which have flown over the city at high altitude some minutes before the UFO appeared.

The witness was sober :) , and he does not use drugs.

I interviewed him personally, and his testimony seemed very sincere to me.

Regards,

Alex Persky

Vitebsk, Republic of Belarus

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## F-18's Chase Triangle Over Pensacola

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 02:08:39 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 03:45:52 -0500  
Subject: F-18's Chase Triangle Over Pensacola

Source: 'alt.ufo.reports'.

Stig

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From: "Ted Bragg" <[tedbragg@home.com](mailto:tedbragg@home.com)>  
Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports  
Subject: UFO chased by F-18's in Pensacola  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 03:39:43 GMT

This may be a little late, but back during the alledged UFO sightings in Gulf Breeze, FL, me and five others saw a very unusual sight:

At the time ('91) the USS Lexington carrier was stationed at the Pensacola Navy base. The carrier was known for its F-18 training.

It was turning dusk when we saw a large, triangular shaped black object skim just a few feet above the water in the Pensacola Bay. From the shoreline where we were, it was about 200 to 250 yards from the shoreline. It didn't make a sound, except the water it kicked up as it moved very fast. It zipped out of sight nearly as soon as we got a look at it.

A few seconds later, we hear a sonic boom, and two F-18 Hornets scream past, going at least MACH 1. They were just above the water as well...about 20 feet.

This was weird enough, (and folks, I'm not making this up.) but as the object passed the carrier and the piers around it, the lights flickered, went out, then came back on after it went by. The jets chased after it, but we never heard what happened. The news never got wind of it, but a radio show got alot of callers for the sighting.

A few things that made this stick out:

The F-18s were not allowed to fly that low in the bay and channel. They were forbidden to fly anywhere NEAR the Pensacola bridge, which they went under chasing the craft (the bridge had a major tragic accident the year before when a barge slammed into it, killing about 20 people, including a classmate of mine.)

And then there's the issue about the jets carrying missles. None of the F-18's were supposed to have live ordinance in operation locally except during wartime or emergencies.

The fact they were going supersonic at SEALEVEL...enough to knock a house apart...or deafen those old people who live there...it just stuck out like a sore thumb. They never did that before.

The craft was about 20 feet long, triangular in shape, had a 'squashed fin' (can't think of a better way to describe it) along the top part of it. The back tapered off in an angular

fashion. It looked like a large arrowhead.

No lights, no sound. No windows we could tell. It was only about 5 to 10 feet from the water, but didn't kick up the kind of spray a jet or hovercraft would. And what hovercraft could go faster than an F-18? And not make a heckuva lotta noise?

Have there been anymore sightings in the Gulf Breeze area since '91?

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## Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 22:00:05 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 04:04:03 -0500  
Subject: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 00:59:07 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 08:18:47 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman On History Channel's 'Roswell'

<snip>

>There is, after all, one indisputable fact in this whole story:  
>Col. Blanchard, the Roswell (Army) Air Force commander,  
>did order the release of the story which said a crashed  
>flying saucer had been found on a ranch near Roswell and  
>had been retrieved by Major Jesse Marcel.

Bruce, All:

There are so many parts of this tale which, once introduced, have taken on a life of their own. I assume that you did not have access to the original source, so I offer the following.

The press release issued by 2nd Lt. Warren Haut did not, I repeat, not, say that a flying saucer "crashed" anywhere. It said, "Landed", that it was "stored" and later that, "the disc was picked up", by Marcel.

In 1995 Christopher D. Allan posed this question to me: When was the word "crash" first used in regard to this incident? He pointed out that to his knowledge it was not used in 1947 in the newspapers, the Haut press release, the F.B.I. teletype message, or anywhere else.

The eagle-eyed Mr. Allan had piqued my curiosity 1947 news accounts do not, indeed, use "crash". For example, a July 8 article in the ROSWELL DAILY RECORD mentions a July 2 "sighting" by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilmot, but not a crash. The first A.P. bulletin from Roswell (2:25 P.M., July 8) used "landed". (See: Kevin D. Randle & Donald R. Schmitt, THE TRUTH ABOUT ROSWELL, P. 47.)

Government documents from July 1947 do not say crash. The July 8 F.B.I. memo, for instance, used "recovered". THE COMBINED HISTORY 509th BOMB GROUP AND ROSWELL ARMY AIR FIELD, 1 JULY 1947 THROUGH 31 JULY 1947 used "reported to be in possession".

So, when was the word "crash" first used with Roswell?

Frank Scully is often given the blame. But on Oct. 12, 1949, in a VARIETY column he gave his first account from con men Silas Newton and Leo GeBaur of a disc which, "landed", in New Mexico with 16 charred bodies. A Nov. 23 column told more.

Then, in 'Behind The Flying Saucers' (Henry Holt & Co., Sept. 1950) Scully reprinted "20 Questions" for the Air Force from a previous column, which included, "the flying saucer that landed on a ranch in New Mexico." He also wrote of a 3 1/2 foot high dead body taken from a saucer that had landed in New Mexico (p. 173).

TIME and NEWSWEEK published, in 1950, rumors of dead aliens and crashed saucers in New Mexico, apparently stimulated by the

Scully book. But, Roswell was not mentioned by name (Kevin D. Randle, "The Search for the Truth about the Roswell Crash" in MUFON UFO JOURNAL, Oct. 1995, p. 9, and Stanton Friedman, "Roswell Revisited" in MUFON 1995 INTERNATIONAL UFO SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS.)

Early 1950s investigators knew of many crash tales that had been stimulated by Scully's book, which of course had said only that a disc had "landed" (James W. Moseley, 'UFO Crash Secrets At Wright/Patterson Air Force Base', Abelard, 1991, p. 49).

Then, in the spring of 1955, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 3, briefly recounted the experience of entertainer Hughie Green, who said that while driving across the U.S., in June 1947, he had heard a radio announcement that a saucer, "Had crashed in New Mexico." (Jerome Clark, The Emergence Of A Phenomenon, The UFO Encyclopedia, VOL. 2.) The pre-Roswell date could have been due to faulty memory, but no mention of Roswell by name suggests that the Green story may not probably did not intrude the crash element to the story.

In 1966 Brinsley LePour Trench repeated the Green story in his overseas best-seller 'The Flying Saucer Story'. He said it had, "crashed in New Mexico and that the Army had moved in to investigate." Roswell still wasn't mentioned.

It has often been said by skeptics and pro-crash proponents that for three decades, until the late 1980s, the tale of the Roswell saucer lay forgotten and dormant in old newspaper archives. This overlooks what I think was the original and a continuing source for some key elements of the current story.

On April 28, 1956, ex-broadcaster, author and saucer lecturer Frank Edwards, in Q & A after a lecture to a New York City saucer group, said that at Roswell, "A farmer reported that he saw something strike a mountainside and crash". (Public Meeting Of April 28, 1956, New York: Civilian Saucer Intelligence; Ibid., Clark.)

More details were added by Edward's at a Lecture on UFOs at an Indianapolis, Indiana, convention on October 27, 1955 or 56 (Randle & Schmitt, 'UFO Crash At Roswell', p. 27; "1955" in footnote for above on p. 290.) "According to what I was told," Edward's said, "They threw troops in a circle all around that place, and would let nobody in for five days."

Whether these remarks were Edward's' spin on the Wilmots' sighting, were stimulated by the Green tale, or was just something that he had made up to enliven the story is unclear. Christopher Allan has speculated that Edward's might have learned about the incident from a press clipping sent to him by a radio listener. He never claimed to have investigated it.

Then in 1966, Edward's wrote his best-seller 'Flying Saucers - Serious Business' (the first UFO book to sell a million copies). He wrote on page 76, "Then there are such difficult cases as the rancher near Roswell, New Mexico, who phoned the Sheriff that a blazing disc-shaped object had passed over his house at low altitude and had crashed and burned on a hillside within view of the house...We were not told, however... why the military cordoned off the area while they inspected the wreckage..."

The Edward's best-seller was listed in the bibliographies of both 'UFO Crash At Roswell' and the seminal 1980 'The Roswell Incident' (Berlitz & Moore), which many believe broke a 30-year silence on the matter. Yet, oddly neither of these two books, which were devoted entirely to the affair, contained one word about the Roswell claims in Edward's' book, despite their sensational nature.

Frank Edward's seems to have been the first to use the word "crash" with Roswell; was first to offer witness descriptions of the crash (although his witnesses seem to have been the Wilmots, who said something only flew over); was first to describe a cordon of troops, and evidently first to describe a five day quarantine of the site.

It seems clear that Edwards' popular 1950s and 1960s saucer lectures to audiences, some of whom paid to fill large halls, may have been a continuing source for the oral transmission of the "crash" story of Roswell. The role of his 1966 million-

seller in perpetuating this tale is also probably unrecognized.

I would appreciate receiving clips or citations from readers of this list who know of any 1940s or pre-1980 use of the term "crash" in reference to Roswell.

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## Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 19:47:40 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 04:13:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 07:02:20 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Tim Mathews <[TMMatthews99@aol.com](mailto:TMMatthews99@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 18:09:22 -0800 (PST)  
>>From: Rebecca Keith <[xiannekei@yahoo.com](mailto:xiannekei@yahoo.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 17:08:33 +0000  
>>>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <[pmufo@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmufo@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

<snip>

>My dear Rebecca!

>You will be surprised by our conclusions, and you'll also be

I doubt that I'll be surprised -- not much surprises me anymore.

>glad to know that in terms of the film we may have come across  
>the 'holy grail' as far as it is concerned. We are going to  
>present a balanced view - allowing UFO researchers and  
>scientific experts etc - to have their say. I think that's a  
>good thing, don't you?

I think AA film was a bad deal all the way around. I think that plenty has been written already and another entire book (perhaps this one, like Mantle and Hesemann's previous one will have, as Rob Irving wrote, nice pictures we can color) devoted to the subject would be a waste of trees. (Did Irving say that, too?) Apologies to Mr. Irving if I have misquoted him.

>A great deal of work has been done by us - you forget that it  
>was Phil and I who uncovered the nature and origins of the  
>Tent  
>Footage back in 1998.....

And I can't possibly forget all Mantle's help in promoting the damn thing in the first place! Some help he was when researchers were trying to get a little closer to the truth way back when. He appeared, for all intents and purposes, to be in Santilli's pocket. He certainly wasn't helping uncover the truth then.

Then we hear from Mr. Mantle that he's leaving ufology, then he's back again editing a new magazine, then he's out again, then he's back again. I just wish he wouldn't erase all his data and addresses every time he changes his mind about what field he's going to be in because he keeps asking for addresses and material that he's already been given or are readily available!

Thanks,

Rebecca

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From: [RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 00:29:30 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 08:35:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 17:08:33 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <[pmufo@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmufo@dial.pipex.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Dear Colleagues,

>I wonder can you be of assistance. I am researching a new book  
>on the alien autopsy film and I am looking for professional  
>commentary from surgeons, pathologists, film experts, special  
>effects experts, etc, etc. If you have any such material I would  
>greatly appreciate it if you could share it with me.

>I am also looking for 'positional statements' from ufologists,  
>what they believe is the nature and origin of the film and how  
>have they reached such a conclusion.

>If you can help with any of the above please contact me direct  
>at: [pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com).

Hi Phil,

I was under the impression that the AA film was/has turned out to be yet and again another broken turd on the Ufological dung heap.. that has consisted of such notables as Yellowbook/Redbook/mass landings, alien motherships coming with Hale Bopp and other such stupidity.

The bottom line is, and probably always will be, no matter what story is told, when is Santilli going to release 1 (ONE) single frame of the film, so that it can be authenticated by Kodak? For many its always appeared to be another gimmick to get money out of peoples pockets and put them in another.

Perhaps in the same book you could devote 5 or 6 chapters of position statements and learned commentary on the infamous Hitler diarys, with an afterword on the Piltdown man? :)

Cheers,  
Robert

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## 1968 Plane Crash Still Fascinates

From: **Todd Lemire** <[tlemire@home.com](mailto:tlemire@home.com)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 00:33:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 08:42:24 -0500  
Subject: 1968 Plane Crash Still Fascinates

Interesting Article that appeared in the Detroit Free Press  
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1968 plane crash still holds power to fascinate

Washed-up wreckage keeping mystery alive

December 29, 1999

BY PAUL PETERSON  
FREE PRESS SPECIAL WRITER

REDRIDGE -- The disappearance of a National Center for Atmospheric Research plane in 1968 remains one of the more intriguing mysteries in the Upper Peninsula.

Although federal officials appear to have written off the plane's disappearance, some people involved in the original search say the case should be reopened.

"I think it would be good for the families to have closure in the case," said Lester (Bill) Zinser, a pilot for NCAR in 1968 who led the search. "I know I would like to know just what happened to those men."

The flight disappeared Oct. 23, 1968, while collecting water radiation temperature data from Lake Superior. The plane made its last contact with Houghton County Memorial Airport about 12:30 p.m. Not long after, some nearby residents saw a flash in the sky.

Three men were on board the flight: research pilots Gordon Jones and Robert Carew, and University of Wisconsin graduate student Velayudh Krishna.

Zinser said there was nothing unusual about the flight, which originated in Madison, Wis.

"It was a routine flight in perfect weather...certainly nothing out of the ordinary. There was nothing on board that could have caused an explosion," said Zinser, who is now retired and living in Bakersfield, Calif. "I knew those men, and they were professionals. Something went wrong that day."

Early winter weather hampered search efforts that October, but the atmospheric center and local law enforcement officials conducted an intensive search using sonar equipment in September 1969.

"They looked for more than a month, but nothing showed up," said Gary Beauchamp, a deputy with the Houghton County Sheriff's Department who took part in the search.

Plane parts have washed up on shore in the Freda area -- the most notable in 1976 when a part was identified as a rear horizontal stabilizer that could have come off the Beechcraft plane. The part was sent to NCAR headquarters in Boulder, Colo. All of the parts have been light blue -- the same color as the missing plane.

Robert Serafin, the current NCAR director, said the recovery of suspected plane parts by recreational divers in late 1997 prompted his office to contact the Denver office of the National Transportation Safety Board the next year to ask it to update the search.

NTSB officials said there was not enough evidence to resume the search.

"We looked at the parts NCAR provided us with, and the probability was good they were from the missing plane," said Norman Wiemeyer, chief of the NTSB Denver office. "But there wasn't enough there to warrant looking into further. The parts were too small to make any solid conclusions."

One of the more persistent rumors surrounding the disappearance was that the plane wandered into a restricted zone and was shot down by an Air Force missile. The Air Force has never commented on the incident.

"I can't say that it happened that way, but I have no other theories," Zinser said. "It seems that is the most logical theory."

Serafin says no proof exists that the plane was shot down.

"I've heard that rumor before, but I believe it's pure speculation," he said.

Wiemeyer said discovery of bigger plane parts could lead to reopening of the case.

"It happened a long time ago, and that's what makes it such a tough case. But we would look into it if more conclusive evidence was to surface," he said.

Former Houghton County Sheriff John Wiitanen -- one of the principals in the case who recently died -- often maintained that the plane went down in Lake Superior and became lodged in an underwater valley formation. Parts, he reasoned, wash up on shore periodically.

"Lake Superior gives up its secrets reluctantly," he said a year ago. "Someday, a large part will wash up on shore, and then maybe we'll find out what really happened."

End of Article  
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Todd Lemire

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"What you believe isn't important; it's what you find out by research and investigation that's important."

George Fawcett

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## Re: 'Close Encounters Of The Third Kind' In Real

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 06:27:42 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 08:44:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Close Encounters Of The Third Kind' In Real

As you may have noticed, 'indiana\_mufon\_member@my-deja.com' forgot to post the URL of the site dealing with the October 1973 wave, but he has retrieved his mistake! Go to

<http://www.avalon.net/~middlecoast/ossamp.htm>

for a sample chapter of Kevin Randle's book about the events and follow the link.

Stig

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## Re: Corso?

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 01:24:18 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 08:58:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 22:28:27 +0000  
>From: Ralf Zeigermann <[kag15@dial.pipex.com](mailto:kag15@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Subject: Corso?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>I was just wondering what the situation/research status (is  
>there any?) on Colonel Corso might be - the book has been  
>published 3 years ago, and as far as I remember, he planned to  
>write another book about his involvement with 'Alien  
>Technology'; and if I'm not completely mistaken, after Corso's  
>death his son intended to get 'Part II' done, published and  
>released.

There is some question about his death. You may recall that he  
"died" rather conveniently just before he was going to give a  
sworn statement for a court case. When researchers pursued the  
tale being told about his death, i.e. he supposedly was  
hospitalized in Jupiter Florida, then x-fered to some other  
hospital where he died.

One small problem was when people requested a copy of his death  
certificate, it couldn't be found. Likewise when people  
contacted the hospitals they didn't know anything. Supposedly  
there were no obits published... from a guy who was involved in  
the POW/MIA issue, in the Eisenhower White House blah blah blah.

It was at the very end of the Dateline interview with him that  
he said something like "Did I mention the NAZI time machine...."

>My question is (or my questions are):

>a) is Corso simply a nutcase? Some of his story is not true,  
>the rest as yet unverifiable by any official records.

> <snip>

>d) any news from his ghostwriter? Is he still travelling the  
>country, trying to sell 'The day after...'? Birnes is now the  
>publisher of UFO magazine.

Cheers,

Robert

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## FSG - Final/Millennial Issue

From: Scott C. Carr <[sardonica@erols.com](mailto:sardonica@erols.com)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 02:28:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 09:06:44 -0500  
Subject: FSG - Final/Millennial Issue

The last issue of "The Flying Saucer Gazette" is now online.  
After a one year hiatus, the socio-ufological journal is back  
for one final, Millennial issue before editor Scott Carr heads  
for the hills to avoid the coming Apocalypse...

Interested readers may check it out at:

<http://www.erols.com/sardonica>

-Scott C. Carr  
Editor, "The Flying Saucer Gazette"  
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## Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus

From: Carlos G. Roselli <[croselli@email.ypf.com.ar](mailto:croselli@email.ypf.com.ar)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 09:56:05 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 09:15:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 02:55:07 +0200  
>From: Alex Persky <[alexvi@mail.ru](mailto:alexvi@mail.ru)>  
>Subject: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus  
>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Sighting Report

>TIME: 24 Dec 1999, 08:44am GMT+2  
>LOCATION: near Yurieva Gorka, Vitebsk, Republic of Belarus  
>WITNESSES: Oleg V. Kirillov (programmer, age 29) and his boss.

>COMMENTS:

>The cigar-shaped UFO (brighter than clouds, color blue+red (the  
>color of a cloud at sunset), like an aircraft, but without wings  
>and tail, angular size about 3 f $\times$ 0.5f, the front part profile was  
>rounded & asymmetric, the rear part seemed blurred) was observed  
>by two witnesses.

>The object was moving NE, elevation about 40 climb ~5.

>The object was brighter than sky at that time and slightly  
>fluoresced, the object color was blue with red, as the color of  
>a clouds at sunset.

<snip>

>There was no any noise all the time. After 3-4 secs the object  
>suddenly vanished (one of the witnesses stated that the object  
>disintegrated into dots and vanished).

<snip>

>The witness states the object was not an aircraft because of the  
>strange color, slight fluorescence, enormous angular size and  
>speed, strange disappearance, and there was no any noise. There  
>was no impression of a real solid object, it was more like an  
>image, maybe semi-transparent.

<snip>

Hello,

I have got a similar description here in Malargüe, Mendoza, Argentina. The witness was Tyco Lobo, a local radio speaker, 30 years old. It was mid-afternoon (with no precise date, just April 1984), he and some fellows state they saw some sort of blue to reddish blue crafts (5 to 7), cigar-shaped, no sounds, crossing the sky from N to S in V-formation. Altitude was close enough for the witness to describe the objects shape; Lobo is quite sure the objects did not have wings or any other feature, except for the "semi-transparent" quality. Lobo describes a calm, comfortable and clean sunny day.

This transparent quality of object is something I witnessed personally in 1987, using binoculars. Also, I have got similar descriptions of "transparent" sightings in Papua New Guinea, where I worked few years ago. It is curious...

Regards from Argentina,

Carlos G. Roselli

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## Re: Corso?

From: John Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 06:48:54 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 09:20:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 09:13:57 -0800  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 08:20:38 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: John Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Dear John A. and others:  
>>(from a drunken Larry Hatch)

Hi Larry, and all on this List.

Drunken Larry, no way.

>>EBK Researchers,  
>>What's Wrong With Corso?

>>Damned near ever everything.

Corso lived in Oz, in fact was at my Corps Training School. A bit of a 'Red Neck' but did his job very well.

>>Are you the new schtupido on the block,

Yepp!

I would spell is as dunbschttupiddo. New to the block.. well you see living in Oz we don't get any news because the world is upside down for us and my Dingo broke down so I hardly travel these days - my wife wishes I was new!

>>or did you finally translate "Crash  
>>over Corona" into Swedish?

Larry it was into Swazi and KwaZulup-Natal.

>>Isaac Asimov, that prolific science writer  
>>(450^ books) and biochemist in his 1985 book  
>>"The Subatomic Monster"

>>I read both. A most prolific and  
>>opinionated man.

He was a Brilliant man.

>>wrote that at the age of 15 in April 1935 while at  
>>Columbia College he saw Albert Einstein.> Asimov  
>>described the ambience around the great man that day  
>>and the effect he had on him and others.>At that time very  
>>few understood Einstein the man and few understood what  
>>he was talking about, many disputed his claims.> However,  
>>the majority knew there was something great about this  
>>person!

>>I disagree. Einstein was right, but most  
>>people suspected that he was goddam nuts.

I disagree, did you get a free home in the grounds of Princeton  
for by being hated?

>>today I can read about Einstein sex life, his bad habits and  
>>look at his 'Pickled Brain' held by others who felt that they  
>>might find something wrong in that head, to show that Einstein  
>>was nothing more than a freak!

>>Hah Yes! Even today they laugh at my  
>>uncles and aunts: "Hah ha haah" they  
>>laugh!>Little do they know what will  
>>happen when the terriffic secret of  
>>Sea Monkeys comes out!!

Larry, by the sounds of things you're one of my relations. Uncle  
Larry.

>>I must invite you to keep this secret  
>>for a week or two longer.

Just you and I, that's my word, trust me I'm a military man!

>>Sorry, Einstein was as normal as you can get and very human!

>>He was also humane, but yes. Einstein  
>>was a good and fine german, I mean  
>>gerhuman;>well an above average  
>>Nordlich-Amergermench>or some such.  
>>One darned good ole soul.

Wrong again, his real name was "Mr Chuck Reganbush". But had to  
change his name to get a grant to develop the Q-Bang hypothesis.

Which I later translated into Swazi and KwaZulup-Natal.

>>Isaac Asimov was one of those who met the man, and at that time  
>>did not understand what Einstein was saying. Unlike many of us  
>>today on this thread, Isaac Asimov made the following  
>>observations and I quote:

>>"Actually, the best way to test Einstein's assumption would be  
>>to test whether the deductions from that assumption are to be  
>>observed in the real universe.>If so, then we are driven to  
>>the conclusion that the basic assumption must be true, for we  
>>would then know of no other way of explaining the truth of the  
>>deductions"

>>>>>>- The Subatomic Monster - 1985.

>>So, to put it plainly, if Isaac Asimov saw the A-Bomb go  
>>"Bang" then that was a \_truth\_!

>><snip>

>>I have no idea if Azimov actually saw  
>>the first H-bang go off or not.

Azimov saw the Q-Bang the H-bang was around 1947.

>>I personally know somebody who did, and he's  
>>probably not about to talk to you either.

Sorry, Larry wrong again!

Australia  
Monte Bello + Maralinga  
1952-1957

French Polynesia  
Mururoa Atoll 1966-1996

"Les navigateurs francais et la decouverte europeenne de  
l'Australie"

On a serious note.

Re: Corso?

In fact I had an uncle, WO2 Keith R. Auchettl (Army# 33371) who drove a Centurion Tank 250 yards from ground zero at the UK Maralinga Emu-Field A-Bomb test on the 15th Oct 1956, South Australia. At that stage USA=43 USSR=3 UK=1 shots. Got a MBE from this dumb act from HM ERII. Did him no good, died of cancer in 1965. Now that's a FACT!

That Centurion Tank # ARN169041 "Total Recall", is now on operational display with Australian 1 Armd Regt, Darwin, Northern Territory.

>>I must confess that I am totally amazed  
>>at your innocence and credulousity.

Still a virgin or is that "vgin", you know Larry, in that Star Track Movie.

Credulousity, absolutely!!!

>>Please do not take any part of my  
>>disagreement with your personal  
>>views,

Thanks Larry, its always a 'Badge of Honour' to have your Johnny Walker blessing.

>>idiotic as they most manifestly are,

Your been speaking to my two girls. "Gee dad your an idiot". The odd thing is since I have been on the Lithium Tablets they now let me fly passengers. The Prozac was good but you can't mix it with the Melleril.

>>as any sort of personal attack upon  
>>your personal self.

>>Maybe you were kicked by a kangaroo  
>>or something.

Uncle Larry, twas a WOMBAT - nah twas a YOWIE and a yah big YOWIE at that.

>>Best wishes

>>- Larry Hatch

Must go now you see:

"us oztralians are much smartter than the rest of da world we get the mellenom bug[s] first - so there! Will let you know what da end is like. Oh! by da way da Johnny W Black Label went in the mail yes2day"

Best wishes to you Larry and all on this post.

Have a great 2K.

Will contact Errol if the world ends.

John Auchettl  
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## Traces Of The Ancients

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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 09:41:09 -0500  
Subject: Traces Of The Ancients

We all know that no space civilization yet has landed on top of the roof of the United Nations and announced their existence.

Does this mean that they really don't exist? Why do the spaceships that are believed to have come from other planets run away from us like wild animals?

<http://tuvpo99.tripod.com/old/1.html>

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## Re: Corso?

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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 10:17:02 -0500  
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>Cheers,  
>  
>Robert

Las Vegas television reporter George Knapp interviewed Corso and Glenn Campbell of UFOMIND.COM wrote an article about Knapp's presentation in Law Vegas:

<http://www.cninews.com/Search/CNI.0710.html>

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interest in publishing a follow up book. Of course, this comes from snippets of information posted to the Internet, and I don't know how much of it is fact.

I may have been "out to lunch" but I don't recall any indication of a mystery surrounding his death.

Steve

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## Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:04:03 -0500  
Subject: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 14:34:02 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1999 18:52:43 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: John C. Thompson <[gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com](mailto:gin@wp-lag.mindspring.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>There are a FEW good photographs but nothing conclusive that  
>>anyone outside the UFO community would accept as conclusive  
>>proof. I have done an excellent case with a UFO photo, but the  
>>strength of the case is not the photo: It's the witnesses, who  
>>included a police chief, with a masters degree and who was three  
>>times head of the Georgia Police Chief's association. I also had  
>>another retired police chief and others vouched for his  
>>reputation. But the photo remains unimpressive.

>Do you here refer to the case involving a "double UFO" or peanut  
>shape was was almost identical to the photo taken in  
>Ticonderoga, NY in July, 1998 (written about in the Jan, 1999  
>issue of the MUFONJournal)? If so, then it certainly appears to  
>me that we have a rare coincidence in UFO shape.

Yes, the photo that was taken in early March, 1997 in LaGrange, Georgia when UFO activity was high. The moving image seen in the Ticonderoga, NY video and the LaGrange photo are twins. It appears the same mother gave birth to them! The LaGrange photo UFO case was submitted to MUFON in 1997. Its investigation, the same as sent to MUFON, can be seen on ISUR's website at: <http://www.isur.com/articles/ga9703.html>

This same photo was also allegedly examined by an off duty FBI photoanalyst who declared it an unknown. Jeff Sainio declared it an unknown. But its strength are the witnesses who said they saw two identical UFOs which initially met in an inverted V arrangement in the sky. One of the fused shaped UFOs then shot off to the west and shot back. This same UFO then flew, almost instantly, to the south.

The photo was taken of the remaining UFO as it moved slowly to the north.

I've also talked to the Ticonderoga witness several times. While not meeting him in the flesh I was impressed with him on the phone. There was a NY MUFON investigator, who did the case, and I've heard nothing to indicate that he didn't feel the same about this witness's honesty.

Nonetheless his video does not show any object doing impressive aerial feats; as the single LaGrange photo also fails to show. So we have several good witnesses at two different locations, at different times, seeing, it appears, an identical UFO. Playing "devil's advocate" the video and the photo show something that could only be a jumbo type airliner with its wings making a "shadow" type effect.

On the other hand, the LaGrange witnesses said they never saw any type of vertical "stripe" going around the "fuse" or "peanut" as their photo registers. I also have no doubt of their complete honesty and accuracy of observations made of the 1997 sighting. Of course, one video showing what they say they saw would end the matter.

Which brings the larger question, why is there not a single "Mexican City UFO video," which seems to show some detail and display unusual movement, that everybody could accept as being the real goods? I have taken my own video of a UFO and, thoroughly, flubbed the effort so I know the difficulties involved. It all happens unexpectedly and with no experience most flop at it and never get a second change. But it would seem out of millions who now have video cameras that someone should get something with sightings occurring daily around the world.

>>What I have is good faith in the witnesses and their belief that  
>>the object in the photo did impressive flights, as they say,  
>>before the photo was taken. Do I believe them? Yes. But that's  
>>my judgement not scientific proof.

>The witnesses in the Ticonderoga case were both corrections  
>officers (work at a penitentiary). Interesting! Perhaps you  
>shoud post your report on the Ga case.

>In any event, your judgement that the case is not "scientific  
>proof" is your opinion. Someone else might be more likely to  
>accept it. Whether or not it would convince the scientific  
>community in general is a moot question because most of the  
>scientific community will never hear of it (there is no  
>mainstream science magazine that publishes UFO sightings).

All true but scientists have legitimate reasons, in my opinion, for not being embraceful of UFOs. I think more is involved than just fear of the "giggle factor." (Many will help, however, if their role is kept low profile and approached correctly.) I don't think ufologists, for many good reasons, largely working always with no funds, have supplied anything worth studying. We try, try and try but our efforts have mostly been unsuccessful.

Its always been my thought that it will be someone or some agency that have no connections to ufology who will supply the proof. One good close-up daylight video of a UFO exhibiting out-of-this world movements, with many reliable independent witnesses, and some kind of backup independent instrumentation proof, such as radar, could change all this. This, unfortunately, has not happened.

Perhaps, it will. I think it can safely be said that never have so many people been aware of others seeing UFOs; not even in 1947, when the country bordered on UFO hysteria. Collectively, the last decade has seen more public coverage of the UFO issue than ever. It also appears that media coverage is becoming more postive and suggesting that the phenomenon, whatever it may be, is real.

Best Regards,  
John C. Thompson

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Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:14:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 18:41:27 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Gildas Bourdais <[GBourdais@aol.com](mailto:GBourdais@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>To David and Stan,

>I met briefly with Lt-Col Corso, in Italy (San Marino), in April  
>1998, shortly before his death. I asked him if he could give me  
>exactly his posts for that period. He wrote, on the first page  
>of my copy of his book these words:

>US Army Research and Development Division

>Chief of the Foreign Technology Division

>Plans Division of the US Army Research and Development"

>This seems to be compatible with the record you quote?

>May I add that I found Philip Corso to be a decent and likable  
>person. He was very calm, discreet, even serene, not the behavior  
>to be expected of a psychotic liar hungry for money and fame.

And just how would you expect a "psychotic liar hungry for money and fame" to actually behave? Standing on his head wearing his underpants and juggling the fish-knives? Doesn't it occur to you that someone who is a scam-artist out for the money (and I don't know enough to say what the situation was with Corso, he may just have been a nice but confused old gent) is going to be as nice as pie to everyone he meets, charming, discreet and serene all the way to the bank.

Ufologists logic on fraudsters seems to go: "The man is not a con-artist because he doesn't look or sound like a con artist". Well of course he doesn't, that's his job isn't it, he's trying to get money off you. If he took your money and wasn't charming and plausible, he'd be a mugger, right?

It seems that some ufologists are prepared to accept that people are honest so long as they're not walking along with a mask and a bag marked "swag" over their shoulder; and so long as they don't wear a Napoleon hat they must be perfectly sane.

>There was an official dinner at San Marino. He was there, at a  
>large table with members of his family : his daughter in Law  
>with her two boys.

>I was at the same table, with Colin Andrews, Prof Messeen among  
>others. These members of his family had very polite manners. The  
>boys with white shirts and ties! I wonder, would their  
>grandfather have taken them with him if he was just an absurd  
>liar?

Nice freebie, who was paying for it? Interesting place San Marino, beautiful postage stamps. Does no harm to go along with dear old Uncle Phil and keep an eye on the old guy.

>Which does not mean, of course, that there are no mistakes  
>in the book.

Really? You think so?

>Gildas Bourdais

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

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Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:20:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 10:07:32 -0500  
>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 01:24:18 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Corso?  
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Corso had a massive (and unexpected due to previous medical exams showing no seriously occluded coronary arteries) infarct. Initially, the intensity and degree of heart damage was judged to be life threatening. However, and mysteriously, Corso was released from the hospital within (if memory serves) the week. His cure was adjudged near miraculous.

After being sent home with an extremely positive prognosis, Corso suffered a final infarct, again unexpected, which finally killed him.

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Steve, the mystery of his death is it's timing and the highly unusual circumstances of his two heart attacks. Whilst easy to holler "conspiracy," it's easier to merely look and say, "Hmmm, this is highly unusual!" And then ask why this might be so.

Personally, there is little I put past our and other governments, including murder, assassination and general really bad stuff.

Jim Mortellaro

Remember, for every bottle of Gripple you buy for Y2K, Gesundt gives one penny to our best UFO researchers. Of course, we do seel a great deal of Gripple. But can you imagine what our worst researchers get?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:27:33 -0500  
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>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 14:33:50 -0500  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Documentary?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 01:37:21 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Sam Sherman <[FLEXARET2@aol.com](mailto:FLEXARET2@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Documentary?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>I watched this show last night and seem to remember seeing it  
>>once before about a year ago. It ran on the United Paramount  
>>Network of independent and owned stations. It was produced by  
>>Triage, the former producers of 'Sightings'. It may have been  
>>updated now.

>If this shows the Aug 7, 1997 Mexico City video of a "huge" UFO  
>passing behind buildings, then it was shown in the spring of  
>1998.

>Subsequent investigation has shown that the Mexico City video  
>has "fingerprints of a hoax" and the Phoenix lights which were  
>videotaped by several people were likely flares about 80 miles  
>south of Phoenix.

>These cases have all been discussed on the net. I suggest going  
>to UFOMIND and looking up Mexico City and Phoenix.

It's important to emphasize that these "fingerprints" of a hoax, in the Mexico City case, do not provide evidence of a hoax in any way as convincing as fingerprints in a detective case, since the causative agent appears to be alien intelligence whose state of evolution could be thousands or even millions of years ahead of our own. If one wishes to assume it was a hoax, they must assume that:

(a) Any UFO intelligence involved was not smart enough or ethical enough to have a long range strategy for dealing with humankind that includes handing out crumbs of apparent disbelief, during their staged sightings and contacts, for negative skeptics to latch onto so they won't go beserk;

(b) The ETI in question are not evolved enough in technology and matters of the psyche to be able to cause the videotape data to turn out the way it did -- with suspicious "fingerprints" of a hoax; and

(c) that first-hand testimony from sincere witnesses should be discounted.

Regarding (b), we should recall that Jeff Saino had to assume that a clever video hoaxer fed in the position of a UFO image relative to a reference point within the scene, and relative to the camera "bounce," some thousand times with only a 72% reliability figure, and made other errors in his hoaxing due either to laziness or ignorance. He assumed that the hoaxer wrote software to accomplish his UFO-image positioning automatically (see p. 11 of MUFOM J. of Oct 98), while making and utilizing tedious camera-bounce measurements, apparently by

hand, every 20th of a second, with the latter failing a substantial fraction of the time. And we should recall that Bruce earlier found proper correlation between the UFO's increase in brightness with decreasing distance from the camera on that smoggy day.

Any one of assumptions (a)-(c) is dubious or implausible; all three together are very implausible. Granted, however, that in the absence of eye-witness testimony, this could not be so stated. Obviously, then, in any case with both physical evidence and eye-witness testimony, the latter should be taken into account, and then also (a) needs to be taken into account.

Jim Deardorff

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Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:37:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 00:29:30 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip  
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>>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>Dear Colleagues,

>>I wonder can you be of assistance. I am researching a new book  
>>on the alien autopsy film and I am looking for professional  
>>commentary from surgeons, pathologists, film experts, special  
>>effects experts, etc, etc. If you have any such material I would  
>>greatly appreciate it if you could share it with me.

<snip>

There's nothing new in ufology, so let's hash up the Alien  
Autopsy footage once again. Oh joy!

Better yet, let's get all those nice boys and girls out on  
web-land to write in with their comments. We'll put them all  
together, edit it, and serve it up as a book. Loads of  
royalties!!!

Sure beats my job as a computer analyst.

Mark Haywood

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The UFOcity.com Report  
for December 1999  
"The Truth Matters"  
By Peter Robbins

"Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right... and a desire to know; but besides this, they have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge, I mean of the characters and conduct of their rulers."

John Adams

"Every great advance in natural knowledge has involved the absolute rejection of authority."

Thomas Henry Huxley

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So, it's finally here: tomorrow is the last day of the century. And most of the several billion people watching television around the world tomorrow night will have their sets tuned to an image of Times Square in New York City, just a quick walk from where I sit typing this. It's an American, and increasingly an international tradition, but this year, folks won't be tuning in for quite the same reason as they have in previous years. Like a high-stakes automobile race or a baby in a stage play, many viewers will be tuning in to await the unpredictable.

And awaiting the unpredictable is pretty much how we are leaving this century and entering the next. I've never been very good at predictions, but I am confident that January first will see my city no worse for wear than most other January firsts. In any case, I very much hope that this will be the case. Any well-timed act of violence or terrorism in New York City - or in any other city, town or village, will reverberate through our increasingly interconnected communities, wherever they are.

The fact of the matter is that whatever does or does not happen on the world stage tomorrow, the next day, week or month affects us all and will set the tone by which we begin the new century.

In this sense, excessive governmental secrecy functions much like terrorism. It keeps us feeling off-center, anxious, and wondering what the truth really is. Fighting terrorism is out of the hands of most of us, but fighting government secrecy, specifically about UFOs, needn't be. We have recently contacted the announced presidential hopefuls and asked them what they would do about UFO secrecy if they are elected. We will soon be posting all of their responses (or lack of same) and inviting you to contact any or all of the candidates to let them know how you feel about this pressing issue. After more than fifty years of treating this subject as some sort of idiot child, it is time that our presidential candidates wake up to the fact that many of us take this matter very seriously indeed and will no longer be deferring to fear or ridicule in letting them know it.



As we enter the presidential primary season, we hope you will join with us in making your feelings known to the candidates. In doing so, we can begin to put this period in history behind us and move forward to reclaiming a very precious part of our democratic heritage. And if we don't do it my friends, no one else will: bad things happen when good people do nothing. Every good wish from all of us at UFOcity.com to you and your families for a safe and happy new year. God knows, it's going to be an interesting one..!

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UFO Magazine Names UFOcity.com As One Of the Most (Likely) To Be Remembered UFO Websites Of the Decade

>From UFO Magazine's December "Webwatch" column:

"...we thought it'd be fun to close out the Millennium by looking back on some of our favorites. Webwatch stresses this is not a "best of" column. These are rather, websites which we wouldn't bet against as being the ones most remembered when we look back on the past decade.

"Peter Robbins UFOcity.com <http://www.UFOcity.com> is a relatively new entry into the UFO cyber-sweepstakes. But it has made an impact quickly. The news from around the world here is updated daily as are sightings reports. There are also columns by Robbins, Nick Pope, Filers Files, and more. This is one of those sites that is an excellent daily stop for anyone seeking the latest from the world of ufology."

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British Ministry of Defence To Release UFO Information.. Maybe

In a November 14 news story, the London-based tabloid, News Of The World, said the UK Defence Minister Peter Kilfoyle will soon be releasing classified files covering approximately 300 UFO cases going back 30 years. The newspaper also alleged that the information released will also include unreleased information on the UK's best-known UFO event, the Bentwaters or Rendlesham Forest incident, as well as formerly secret plans for how Her Majesty's government would respond to an invasion by aliens.

The only problem seems to be that the MOD is unaware of the alleged, upcoming information release. This being the case, we decided to see if we could learn more about the provocative rumor and telephoned Nick Pope at the Ministry of Defence. Between 1991 and 1994 Nick's job at the MOD was to investigate UFO sightings reported to the Ministry. His response to our question follows:

"There is little I can add to the statement I have already made.\* No official statement has been made on this matter, either by the Ministry of Defence or by any other government agency. While I no longer have any official responsibilities relating to policy on the UFO phenomenon, I still work at the MOD and have my ear to the ground. I have neither been consulted about any mass release of UFO files, nor do I have any firm information that such a move is planned. If I do hear anything, I will let you know immediately."

And, in turn, we will let you know as soon as we do.

\* See the currently posted December edition of Nick's column, "London Calling."

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Intruders Foundation Website Back Online

Although still under construction, the revamped and expanded website of Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation (IF) is back online. The foundation is devoted to studying the UFO abduction phenomenon, educating the public on the subject, and assisting individuals who have been through this experience. Visit IF at <http://www.intrudersfoundation.org> For information on membership and upcoming IF events, call 212-645-5278.

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December 29th 01999, Dublin, Ireland   Admin Message

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NOT THE Y2K BUG

A serious matter has become apparent to the upper echelons of the Blather establishment. It would appear that some subscribers have not been receiving Blather - unfortunately, due to the nature of the problem, we have no way of knowing for sure who has been missing our irregular paranormal spiel.

The problem should now be rectified, but if, for any reason, you have previously \*unsubscribed\* from Blather, but still receive this email, please send an email to [list@blather.net](mailto:list@blather.net) with the word unsubscribe in the body of the message, or respond to this message. We apologise for the inconvenience.

For readers that have subscribed some time ago, but have received no Blather email before now, see the 'Archived Issue' section below, where details can be found of back issues.

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ACCIDENTAL WHAT?

Yes, it's now online - Dave Walsh's talk on \*Accidental Satanism\* from Fortfest 99.

<http://www.blather.net/articles/accidentalsatanists.html>

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ARCHIVED ISSUES

Blather Doesn't Care

<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no7.html>

December 7th 01999

As we are mere weeks away from the end of the year, Blather would like to make it known that \*we don't care\* about the (change of) m\*llennium.

We don't.

Ok?

However, we will discuss possible Irish meteorites, Wexford UFOs and other malarkey...

Funny what you can find near Bundoran...



<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no6.html>

October 6th 01999

Aliens in Jars from Sligo/Donegal, big cats roaming Belfast, and 'Black Rays' over Lough Neagh... Eamon Ansbro appears with a new booklet, interesting videos of an alleged extraterrestrial, eh, incursion into Dublin, and yet bleedin' more about Norwegian lake monsters. Where will it all end?

the importance of being an erne peist

<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no5.html>

August 31st 01999

The \*Sunday People\* of August 22nd provides us with the painful headline 'O'Nessie Makes a Splash - Mystery monster has made an Irish waterway its home!', along with a picture of the alleged peist (gaelic; worm). It comes courtesy of reporter Stephen Maguire, who, having laid hands on a photograph of it, breathlessly informs us that 'this is the first picture of Ireland's own 'Loch Ness' monster'.

zen when? tao now!

<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no4.html>

July 27th 01999

With the Count O'Blather on hiatus, the surreal and melancholic Barry Kavanagh finds himself ideally placed to take on the sinister holiday role of agent-provocateur. Be amazed as BK pontificates on Chinese Philosophy and the works of Raymond M. Smullyan...

epiphany weather

<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no3.html>

July 5th 01999

It's some months now since Blather last paid any direct attention to the curious, if somewhat tiresome, phenomenon of Irish ufology and reported UFOs. Truth be told, the respite was sorely needed. Still, duty-bound we return to the fray, however grudgingly...

on the ghost bus

<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no2.html>

June 18th 01999

At 19:30 hours on the 25th of May, this Blatherskite ended a headlong bicycle sprint across Dublin's humid inner city, arriving at O'Connell St. with barely enough time to leap aboard the Dublin Ghost Bus and wave his credentials, before the spectral vehicle lurched away into the evening.

hell-fire francis

<http://www.blather.net/archives3/issue3no1.html>

June 5th 01999

Blather takes the readership through 18th century claims of Satanic politicians and into chalk tunnels in Buckinghamshire, England...to tell the tale of the English Hell-Fire Club of the 1750-60s

More archived issues at

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Prize One: \*2020: Hindsight - The Book of the Bug\*  
By Jock Howson

Jock writes: 2020:Hindsight is a new and uniquely challenging entrant into the Post-holocaust lists. Ranking alongside Miller's 'Canticle for Leibowitz' and Pournelle's 'Lucifer's Hammer', it predicates the collapse of western society as a result of severe financial and technical problems associated with the Millennium Bug.



Written retrospectively in the year 2020, it is the tale of how a small community survives the horrors and torments of The End and the chaos and confusion that follows. The narrator, known only as The Librarian, a man crippled in the food riots which precede the final collapse, tells the tale of how the Bug, both directly and indirectly, causes economic and social collapse. He tells us also of his small community's tragicomically inept fight against external and internal social disintegration.

Through the Librarian's rambling and doubtful account we come to understand the true nature of their passage through a Hobbesian decline to a dysfunctional and ultimately doomed existence.

The book is primarily black comedy and bitter satire, indelicately interwoven with farce and tragedy in a complex and innovative structure and style. Largely devoid of plot or character or narrative description but structurally and textually rich and demanding, it is full of thought-provoking incident and allusion. It brings into question most of our literary and social precepts, challenging our views on personal relationships and on the relationships between perception and belief, and fiction and reality, and truth and deception. And self-deception.

It must also makes us question just what will happen when the new Millennium arrives.

A very worrying entertainment.

([http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/0953614107/qid=943643698/sr=1-10/02\\_6-4870404-2448035](http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/0953614107/qid=943643698/sr=1-10/02_6-4870404-2448035))

Prize Two: Pot Stories For  
the Soul  
Compiled by Paul Krassner  
With a foreword by Harlan Ellison  
Published by \*High Times\*  
(<http://www.hightimes.com/>)

'For this book, Paul Krassner contacted 250 friends and acquaintances to cull stories. These true tales, ranging from funny to bizarre to poignant, include "How the Yuppies Mailed 30,000 Joints to Perfect Strangers," "The Bust at Ken Kesey's Place," and "The Acid Trip of a Death Row Prisoner.'  
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Prize Three: \*3 Myths of Gods, Devils and Beasts\*  
by the Rhipidon Society

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## A Final Prayer for Something Lost Along the Way

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To all our friends and associates, to those listers with whom we've argued and whose characters we have attempted to assassinate, to everyone to whom this mail is sent, we wish to add one final note to this century in the form of a letter of prayer to the Big Guy.

Dear Big Guy;

I speak to you each and every day, religiously. (No pun intended). I aks you for many things, most of which I want and only some of which I really need. You've listened, I know You have. And every time I aks You for something, You answer me one way or another.

This time, I aks for something I not only need (not just want) but the world needs, and desperately. I aks for an illusive and often unstable thingy; a thingy which is often mistaken for deceit.

Strangely, what I aks for is truth. Absolute truth, not just the pap they give you to keep you from going ballistic, to keep you meek and mild, but the real thing.

Truth.

That's all I aks. Oh, and Lord, just one more thing. Is it possible to get it, like, right away? Sooner than later? How about giving it to us before the new year starts? I know it's asking a lot. We've had many opportunities to speak it and think it and know it. In fact, I truly believe that You gave it to us once. But somewhere along the way, we lost it. When and why doesn't matter any more. We just lost it. And in most cases these days, it isn't our fault. We weren't even there when it happened. Not so's we can remember anyway.

So as the year comes to a close, indeed the century does, I aks You, 'Please Lord, give us truth.'

And now for the most important thingy of all, "Please Lord, let us be able to recognize it for what it really is. Some of us have problems with that.'

That's it, Big Guy. Thanks for the memories. Even the ones I hate, like the times I hadda spend with them bastards from Mongo. And that one time my mother in law called me a jerk, and when my brother in law, the postal worker from hell, nearly punched my lights out.

And thanks for my mommy and daddy. They don't make 'em like that any more. And my beautiful wifey. Even though her family is all nuts. I swear I think she was adopted.

Happy New Century to you Kanappy, and Rinse, and all the rest who make an attempt at conveying truth. And thanks for giving us the funniest president in history, you know, the one with the zipper stuck on open?

As Tiny Tim said, "Bless us, everyone." Please.

Jim Mortellaro

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## Shuttle TV: Is What We See What NASA Gets?

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Greetings list -

From: [http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/shuttle\\_tv\\_991227.html](http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/shuttle_tv_991227.html)

By Jim Oberg  
special to space.com  
posted: 05:50 pm EST  
27 December 1999

Within hours of reaching orbit, STS-103 began beaming familiar video scenes of space back to Earth and into the homes of thousands of space enthusiasts with access to the "NASA TV" program.

But for televised pictures as clear as these, some observers have cast a lot of lingering doubt over whether NASA is cutting off transmissions of specific aspects of space flight that "the government doesn't want us to see."

On the shuttle's first pass across Florida, the shuttle transmitted scenes of the payload bay doors opening that clearly showed a few flickering dots drifting up and out of the payload bay.

Two orbits later, crossing Mexico by night, the shuttle used its low-light B&W camera to send images of city lights, lightning bursts and stars rising from behind Earth.

"We don't censor anything," insisted Rob Navias at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Navias, who bears the title "Associate Director for Public Affairs for Mission Operations and Television," knows by heart the 1958 NASA charter which requires real-time release into the public domain, "for the full and open dissemination of the conduct of human spaceflight."

Where are the cuts?

Just how these transmissions reach the public is a fascinating story all in itself. Let's follow the signal and see where along the way there might be opportunities to delay it, mask it or cut it off, and who would have to be involved.

Although the shuttle can send TV images directly to two ground sites (one at Cape Canaveral and the other at Goldstone, California), the vast majority of video transmissions are bounced from relay satellites in 24-hour orbits (the "Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System", or TDRSS) down to the main NASA receiving site at White Sands, New Mexico.

The raw signal is then relayed to the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston for processing and release.

That relay, currently via transponder 5 of the GE2 commercial satellite, can indeed be scrambled to prevent public viewing.

That used to be done for all Defense Department missions, but there haven't been any for years. It is still done for private

medical conferences and for relaying proprietary science data (NASA grants exclusive use of raw results to the 'Principal Investigators' for one year).

Breaking the encryption

But apparently it's not always encoded.

"I've been watching transponder 5 for at least the last six or seven shuttle missions," space artist Rick Sternbach told space.com. However, there's a trick to it: the view is often "muxed" (multiplexed) with alternating frames of engineering data which makes the raw video feed look bizarre.

"It's an every-other-frame deal", Sternbach explained, "so you can freeze the image on any good VCR and study parts of the shuttle and launch complex you probably haven't ever seen before." He was particularly amused by one pre-launch survey of the shuttle where the camera stopped on a dark spot on an SRB, zoomed in and focused on "a roly-poly bug" for about ten minutes.

No fingers on the button

How about the issue of a "tape delay", often suggested as a means of reviewing and censoring undesirable scenes of sudden disaster ... or naked frolics ... or even flying saucers out the window?

Radio call-in talk shows routinely implement a 10-12 second delay so the moderator can punch a button to stop unexpected profanity from being broadcast. Does NASA do the same?

James Hartsfield is a public affairs officer at the Johnson Space Center who regularly takes his turn manning the PAO console in Mission Control.

"There's no delay -- it's immediate," he told space.com.

You can even test this at home, as I did on a space station docking mission last spring. Get an accurate timepiece near the TV and watch the television transmissions for particular discrete events, such as docking or undocking.

Log the time the event appeared to occur, and then later compare it to the officially announced time. When I did this check with the shuttle docking, the televised time was within a few seconds -- I couldn't estimate any more accurately -- of the actual event. There was no measurable lag at all.

The images are cooked!

Calvin Avery is a television specialist who used to work in the control room in Houston that processed the incoming pictures, and he agreed they were practically instantaneous. But, he revealed to space.com, the images are manipulated by specialists there.

"Flight crews used to review our recorded video and told us the scenes were not as vivid as seen in space," Avery told space.com. "So in the control room we'd push up the blue, push up the red to greater levels than in the downlink."

He described how these color adjustments were made to ensure that white objects -- the shuttle skin, or a space-walking astronaut's suit -- were truly white, and that the images as released were as realistic as possible.

Both officials and workers agreed that "what NASA gets is what the public sees."

Ray Castillo, the executive producer of NASA TV at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC, agrees: "For our purpose, which is news dissemination, there is absolutely no reason why we'd want to hold it up in any way."

Avery, who now directs a video operations center at Rice University, agrees that there is no censorship of shuttle video (as he pointed out to space.com, the television workers are contract employees with no security clearances).

"Their button would have been in my control room," he told me.  
"There is no such button."

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Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
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## Re: Traces Of The Ancients

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>We all know that no space civilization yet has landed on top of  
>the roof of the United Nations and announced their existence.

>Does this mean that they really don't exist? Why do the  
>spaceships that are believed to have come from other planets run  
>away from us like wild animals?

Sorry; I haven't looked at the listed website yet, so I'm not sure if this is a rhetorical question or not. Regardless, this is a question that never fails to bug me. It's the standard line used by prominent scientists when asked their opinion on UFOs: "If aliens were so smart, they would have made themselves public instead of skulking around and scaring farmers, etc."

I think it's a rather safe bet that, if UFOs represent a high-tech extraterrestrial civilization, it would be in their worst interests to pursue overt contact. Evidence points to life being a rather commonplace phenomenon in the cosmos. Regardless, intelligent life is quite likely a rarity, to be respected on its own terms. This holds regardless of how many intelligent civilizations there are, as each is going to be sufficiently different from the other to make all of them potentially interesting.

(If I'm making some assumptions, here, then I'm making far, far fewer than the critics who endlessly tout the "White House lawn" scenario.)

Spacefaring aliens would gain essentially nothing from revealing themselves, given the gulf between their technological development and ours. This is probably most clearly illustrated in the "Science" article cited by Strieber in Confirmation. I argue that the sort of intelligence necessary to account for the UFO phenomenon would have the following attributes:

- 1.) An arbitrarily advanced medical technology resulting in virtual immortality.
- 2.) Near-endless material resources assisted by self-replicating machines and nanotechnological manufacturing techniques. In other words, "they" are not here to exploit the Earth's physical resources. Materials for construction and habitation are more conveniently available elsewhere in our solar system.
- 3.) Some form of advanced artificial intelligence (a prerequisite to #2).

So if they're here, then it's not because we have something they want, in any recognized sense. (I view accounts of "hybridization" programs and such with a high degree of skepticism, but I don't necessarily discount them.) The reason they're here, in my opinion, would be much more similar to the role of anthropologists who interact only when there is little



or no risk of contaminating the target population. In the meantime, the "aliens" might be patiently tweaking our psychosocial development in ways so that we will be able to interact meaningfully with them at some later point in or evolution. The key word here is "meaningful."

There has been speculation that humanity is reaching a stage of technological progress of unprecedented speed, termed "singularity." Since singularity is the fastest rate of technological advance in a culture's history, it can happen only once. I personally find it interesting that the modern era of UFO sightings began shortly after the detonation of our first atomic devices; maybe the "aliens" took this as their cue, and are hoping to capitalize on our own accelerated development by insinuatng themselves deeper into our social fabric, making for less stressful contact further down the line.

--Mac Tonnies

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>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 16:46:19 -0500

>Also it would be good to know just when the numerous  
>technologies were supposedly transferred. If it happened in  
>1962, that was just about 15 years after Roswell. Rather  
>difficult to believe nothing was done before that.

>Stan Friedman

To Stan and David

That's a very good question, but I suggest this possible  
answer to it:

General Trudeau was not in the know of the main operations  
of study of the Roswell debris.

He just had inherited a little amount of material which had been  
alloted to the Army at the very beginning, all the rest being  
kept by the highly secret group, etc: you know that!

Trudeau would have just decided to try to use it independantly.  
Does that sound completely crazy?

Gildas Bourdais

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<http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

UFO LASER BLINDS  
MOTORIST NEAR GUYRA

On Monday, December 6, 1999, at 2:30 a.m., Brian Renwith, 74, was driving his 1998 Subaru station wagon on the New England Highway in northern New South Wales, Australia when he saw a peculiar array of lights on the roadway ahead.

Renwith was driving between Armidale and Glen Innes, heading north towards Queensland, when he spotted the mysterious lights. Armidale is about 32 kilometers (20 miles) south of Guyra, the site of the recent UFO crash. (See UFO Roundup, volume 4, numbers 34 and 35 for details--J.T.)

"When I saw all the frizell of lights ahead of me, I thought, what the hell was it?" Renwith reported, "It looked like an island in the middle of the road. It was just a maze of reflectors ahead and so I had to slow down. They were on both sides of the highway and down the middle of both lanes. They looked like they were every ten feet as far as you could see."

"As I approached it, I was struck with the red light," he added. "It just lit everything up, and everything went red."

Renwith described entering the blaze of lights and then feeling that the object was rising and moving behind him.

The UFO "seemed high and it seemed to blind me," he added, "It was a laser-type beam the thickness of a broom handle. It hit the side mirror and flashed back in my face. I could feel the heat from this thing."

Instantly blinded, Renwith slowed the Subaru and pulled over to the side of the road. He sat there for over an hour, his eyes blind and streaming tears. After a long while, his vision cleared enough for him to drive away.

Afterwards, when he heard about the Guyra UFO crash on TV, he contacted the Australian UFO Research Network and was interviewed by ufologist Diane Harrison.

Renwith still suffers from severe eye irritation as a result of the incident. (Many thanks to Diane Harrison of AUFORN for this report.)

NINE UFOs SEEN IN MISSOURI  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY

On Saturday, December 25, 1999, from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the eyewitness, who identifies himself as "Goni" said he saw nine UFOs approaching from

the east over Valles Mines, Missouri. He described them as "nine objects moving periodically and in formation.. They sloped at a 45-degree angle, and (there) appears to be a glow from flames."

"After about an hour, I spotted a U.S. jet cruising at a good speed, making a pass, then back again. The UFOs didn't seem threatened by this and went on about their business."

"While moving," the UFOs "had a white color, thought to be flames, then a light reddish glow."  
(Email Form Report)

#### DISCOVERY COMPLETES SPACE TELESCOPE MISSION

The space shuttle Discovery and its seven-member crew safely returned to Earth on Monday, December 27, 1999 after a successful eight-day mission to repair the ailing Hubble Space Telescope.

Following replacement of the gyroscope array, which failed on November 13 putting the Hubble into "safe mode," the Discovery astronauts began work on a wide array of repair tasks.

On Thursday, December 23, 1999, astronauts Michael Foale and Claude Nicollier "stepped outside again and working amid floating cables and connectors replaced the Hubble Space Telescope's antiquated computer with a newer model."

"With the door of the Hubble swung open like the hood of a car, Michael Foale and Claude Nicollier hovered next to each other as they pulled out the old computer and put in the new one."

"A quick electrical check showed that all the connections were good."

"'The Hubble not only has new brains. It's thinking,' Mission Control told the crew."

"The Hubble's old computer was based on an Intel 386 microchip. The new one is an Intel 486--20 times faster with six times the memory. Actually, there are three identical computers in the replacement box, only one of which is used at any given time. Each has two megabytes of memory."

"'Now that doesn't sound like much in days where everybody talks about 64 megabytes or 128 megabytes,' said Hubble program manager John Campbell. 'But you should keep in mind that we don't do Windows and we don't have disks and we don't do Internet, and the old computer only had a tenth of a megabyte, so this is a major increase in capability.'"

"Foale and Nicollier, both astrophysicists, were awestruck gazing up at the four-story telescope jutting out of the shuttle cargo bay, more than 370 miles above Earth."

"'Well, Claude, what do you think?' Foale asked."

"'Beautiful. Beautiful,' Nicollier murmured."

On Friday, December 24, 1999, the Discovery crew undertook the third and most difficult spacewalk of the mission.

Astronauts Steven Smith and John Grunsfeld "floated out into the shuttle cargo bay for the third and final spacewalk of the mission."

"'Ah, John, another beautiful day outside,' Smith called out."

"They quickly hooked up an electronic unit to the pointing system, then replaced Hubble's broken radio transmitter." The unit went down in 1998, and NASA has been using the backup radio to transmit and receive data.

"NASA never expected the radio transmitters to break, so the connectors were not made to be handled with the astronauts' bulky gloves. Engineers redesigned the replacement unit and devised a special tool to remove and install the small connectors."

"Even with the tool, it was tedious work. Grunsfeld had to rest his hands while unplugging the old transmitter."

"Hubble's old reel-to-reel recorder, on the other hand, was meant to be replaced. The new solid state recorder has no reels, no tapes and no moving parts and can hold ten times as

much data."

"Besides installing the two instruments, Smith and Grunsfeld had to hang steel shields around the base of the 9-year-old telescope to guard against the sun's damaging rays."

The astronauts also installed new batteries with voltage regulators to prevent overheating. All told, the Discovery crew installed \$70 million worth of new equipment on the \$3 billion space telescope.

Although its landing was delayed for a few hours by high winds, the shuttle Discovery safely touched down on the runway at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 1999. Col. Curtis Brown, U.S. Air Force, was at the controls during the landing.

"A sensor went off in the cockpit, indicating the shuttle had low pressure in one tire, but it ended up being a faulty indicator."

"'Welcome back to Earth after a fantastic flight,' said Mission Control's Scott Altman."

"The mileage for the eight-day trip was 3.26 million miles."

Next to fly is the shuttle Endeavour, which is set to launch in late January on the first manned space mission of the Twenty-first Century. (See the Duluth, Minn. New-Tribune for December 24, 1999, "Hubble telescope gets new brain," page 4A; December 25, 1999, "Hubble repairs near completion," page 4A; December 28, 1999, "Space shuttle Discovery returns to Earth," page 4A. Also USA Today for December 28, 1999, "'Welcome back to Earth,' Discovery," page 3A.)

#### CASSINI ENTERS ASTEROID BELT, HEADS FOR JUPITER

On Monday, December 20, 1999, while the shuttle Discovery was closing in on the Hubble Space Telescope, the robot spacecraft Cassini entered the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

Cassini was launched from Earth on October 15, 1997 and is on an epic seven-year voyage to Saturn. Last August, Cassini performed a close flyby of Earth, picking up enough momentum to fling itself out to Jupiter.

The Cassini Flight Team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California reports that the spacecraft remains in excellent health and on track for its arrival at Saturn in July 2004."

"The mission and science teams are busy preparing for Cassini's four-year orbital survey of Saturn. They are also working on additional opportunities to make observations and test Cassini's science instruments during the spacecraft's flyby of Jupiter on December 30, 2000 from a distance of 10 million kilometers (6.2 million miles)." (JPL news release of December 21, 1999. Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for sending along the news release.)

#### A CENTURY OF UFOs

And now UFO Roundup presents a historical chronology of UFO and alien sightings during the Twentieth Century. These are not the most important sightings of each year, but they are significant. Here's the UFO history of our century year by year:

1900 - Teenager Miranda McKay and three other girls, plus their Scottish chaperone from Appleyard College boarding school, disappear at Hanging Rock, near Melbourne, Australia.

1901 - An unusual substance, "smelling like glue" falls from a clear sky at Sart, Belgium.

1902 - Unusual sky booms heard over Boschof, Oranjevrystaat, South Africa.

1903 - Large alien seven feet tall with long hair, horns and huge bulging eyes appears and is chased away by coal miners in Iola, Kansas, USA.

- 1904 - Three luminous UFOs are seen by the crew aboard the USS Supply, which is on a cruise off the shore of northern California, USA.
- 1905 - "Buzzing" UFO descends from heavy overcast and flies over Portland, Oregon, USA.
- 1906 - "Mystery meteor" performs weird aerial maneuvers over Syracuse, New York, USA.
- 1907 - "Torpedo-shaped" UFO explodes over downtown Burlington, Vermont, USA. Seen by Bishop John S. Michaud, former governor Alexander Woodbury, A.A. Buell and others.
- 1908 - Spherical black UFO with a brilliant spotlight hovers and flies over Bridgewater, Massachusetts, USA. Seen by John E. Flynn, Philip S. Prophet and others.
- 1909 - Cigar-shaped UFO appears repeatedly over Dunedin and smaller towns along the South Island's Otago coast in New Zealand.
- 1910 - Large cigar-shaped UFO hovers over Huntsville, Alabama and Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, playing its bright spotlight over both cities.
- 1911 - "Mystery airship" flies under the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City, USA.
- 1912 - "Mysterious airships" hover over cities and towns in Kent, UK.
- 1913 - Large cigar-shaped UFO flies slowly over Milwaukee and Sheboygan, Wisconsin, USA, flashing its bright spotlight over streets and buildings, and then retreats back out into Lake Michigan.
- 1914 - Three luminous UFOs fly low over Benton Harbor, Michigan, USA.
- 1915 - A cigar-shaped craft, thought to be a German Zeppelin, is seen over Andenes, Norway.
- 1916 - Norwegian fishermen working nets north of Svalbard (Spitzbergen) Island see a "dark Zeppelin" moving quickly over the Arctic pack ice, heading for the North Pole.
- 1917 - Minister and family use a telescope to watch a silver UFO shaped like a wagon wheel near Salida, Colorado, USA.
- 1918 - Luminous cruciform UFO seen hovering over Lismore, N.S.W., Australia.
- 1919 - Two British soldiers see several orange spherical UFOs hovering over Salisbury Plain near Figeldean, Wiltshire, UK.
- 1920 - Fishermen see a blue egg-shaped UFO touch down near Mount Pleasant, Iowa, USA.
- 1921 - Bright circular UFOs seen above a cloud overcast at night in Killingly, Connecticut, USA.
- 1922 - Twin girls aged 8 see a daylight disc UFO near Davenport, Iowa, USA.
- 1923 - A UFO explodes in mid-air over Quetta, Pakistan. Flaming debris rains down, destroying a few buildings. The fire lasts for hours, leaving only melted slag and "thin wires."
- 1925 - Mysterious fireball explodes just outside Chevy Chase, Maryland, USA.
- 1926 - Nicholas Roerich sees a daylight disc UFO in a clear blue sky in northern China.
- 1927 - While flying near Scottsbluff, Nebraska, USA, pilot Barney Oldfield finds his biplane flanked by "flying manhole covers."
- 1930 - Small humanoid alien shows up at a farm in Mandurah, W.A., Australia, asking for water. Shot to death by terrified farmer.
- 1931 - On a flight from Australia to New Zealand in his Tiger Moth biplane, Sir Francis Chichester encounters and chases a teardrop-shaped UFO over the Tasman Sea.
- 1932 - Death of Charles Fort, the father of ufology.
- 1933 - Small disc hovers behind a house in Nambour, Queensland, Australia. It's grabbed by a boy, who suffers itching and blistering on his hands as a result of grabbing the object.
- 1934 - During a winter blizzard, mysterious engine noises are heard above the clouds in New York City, USA.

- 1938 - "Mysterious lights" hover over Tabor, Quebec, Canada.
- 1939 - Bright green UFO hovers over Juminda, Estonia for an hour, then disappears.
- 1940 - "Fiery cartwheel" UFO is seen ascending from a hilltop in Bata, Hungary.
- 1941 - German aviatrix Hannah Reisch sees a UFO speeding by at an altitude of 20,000 meters (66,000 feet) while flight-testing a forerunner of the Messerschmitt 163 Komet.
- 1942 - "Battle of Los Angeles." U.S. Army gunners fire at a UFO squadron passing over L.A. and Burbank, California, USA.
- 1943 - Spanish troops of the Division Azul see a washtub-shaped UFO hovering nearby during a battle in Russia.
- 1944 - First appearance of the "foo fighters" over France and Belgium, the UFOs of World War II.
- 1945 - Three Japanese Zeroes engage two daylight discs in a dogfight over Wonsan, North Korea. One Zero is shot down, and the UFOs flee into space.
- 1946 - A cylinder-shaped UFO crashes in Lake Kolmjarv in Sweden during the "ghost rockets" flap of that year.
- 1947 - A UFO crashes in Roswell, New Mexico, USA. Three aliens are killed, and the survivor is captured by the U.S. Army.
- 1948 - Capt. Thomas Mantell's F-51 Mustang is shot down by a UFO over Franklin, Kentucky.
- 1949 - U.S. Navy scientists use a theodolite to observe a daylight disc UFO near Arrey, New Mexico, USA.
- 1950 - Airliner Northwest 2501 is shot down by a UFO over Lake Michigan.
- 1951 - U.S. Army platoon fires armor-piercing bullets at a hovering bell-shaped UFO in Chorwon, South Korea.
- 1952 - "Battle of Washington D.C." A UFO fleet buzzes the USA's capital city and then flees before U.S. Air Force jets arrive.
- 1953 - Lt. Felix Moncla's F-86 Sabre jet is captured by a UFO over Lake Superior, hauled aboard by a tractor beam. Lt. Moncla is still MIA.
- 1954 - Two truck drivers get into a fistfight with small humanoid aliens at a roadside cafe between Caracas and Petare, Venezuela.
- 1955 - After sighting a UFO, a family is besieged by over 20 small big-eared aliens at their farmhouse in Kelly, Kentucky, USA.
- 1956 - A Royal Canadian Air Force F-100 fighter is captured by a UFO over Lake Huron.
- 1957 - Several cigar-shaped UFOs are seen by residents of Levelland, Texas, USA.
- 1958 - Uruguayan Air Force pilot engages a daylight disc UFO in a dogfight over Pan de Acucar, near Salto, Uruguay. The UFO uses a microwave beam to disable the plane.
- 1959 - Rev. W.B. Gill and his parishioners at Boianai mission, Papua New Guinea are astounded when a flat saucer hovers overhead and four aliens wave to them.
- 1960 - Czech military officers observe a UFO with their binoculars at Brno, Czech Republic.
- 1961 - Betty and Barney Hill are abducted aboard a UFO while driving just south of Littleton, New Hampshire, USA. First publicized abduction and first appearance of the Zeta Reticulans.
- 1962 - UFO explodes over a South Atlantic beach in Ubatuba, Sao Paulo state, Brazil. Molten slag is recovered.
- 1963 - Four children see a UFO land just outside Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. An alien nine feet (2.7 meters) tall and wearing a white monk's hood beckons to them.
- 1964 - Patrolman Lonnie Zamora sees a UFO and aliens on the ground in Utah, USA.
- 1965 - UFO blacks out a U.S. military base at Nha Trang, Vietnam and is seen by hundreds of American soldiers.



1966 - College coeds at the dorm in Ann Arbor, Michigan have repeated sightings of UFOs.

1967 - Patrolman Herbert Schirmer sees a UFO take off from Ashland, Nebraska, USA. Later, under hypnosis, he describes an abduction experience. First of the "silent contactees."

1968 - Children see a landed UFO and an alien at St. Stanislas de Koska, Quebec, Canada.

1969 - Eleven witnesses see a daylight disc UFO hover over a farm in Anolaima, Colombia.

1970 - Two skiers see a UFO descend and emit a beam of light in Imjarvi, Finland.

1971 - UFOs with stubby side wings are seen over a tea plantation in Hewaheta, Sri Lanka.

1972 - Two flying humanoid aliens seen by a crowd in the plaza at Ixtalapa, Mexico.

1973 - Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker are captured by alien robots and taken aboard a saucer in Pascagoula, Mississippi, USA.

1974 - A UFO crashes at Llandderfel, Wales. The British Army recovers two dead aliens.

1975 - Travis Walton is hauled aboard a UFO by a tractor beam near Snowflake, Arizona, USA. He is missing for five days and then returns with an amazing abduction story.

1976 - F4 fighter jets of the Iranian Air Force battle UFOs over Tehran, capital of Iran.

1977 - A small alien wearing a green uniform and a helmet with blinking red and white lights on it is seen by several people in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico.

1978 - Pilot Frederick M. Valentich encounters a UFO while flying across the Bass Strait from Melbourne to Hobart, Tasmania. Valentich describes the UFO in a frantic radio call, which is suddenly cut off. Pilot and plane are still missing.

1979 - Newsman videotapes luminous UFOs over Keikoura, New Zealand.

1980 - Woman motorist abducted from her car and taken aboard a UFO in Pudasjarvi, Finland.

1981 - Peruvian fighter jet gets into a dogfight with a UFO over Chosica, Peru.

1982 - Brilliantly-illuminated UFO hovers over Mount Senohara in Japan.

1983 - Large V-shaped UFOs seen over Newburgh, New York, USA.

1986 - Pilot for Japan Air Lines sees a giant UFO over Anchorage, Alaska, USA.

1987 - Reddish-orange UFOs fly over Meishan, Sichuan province, China.

1988 - Family in their car chased down the highway by a UFO in South Australia.

1989 - UFO lands at a park in Voronezh, Russia. Four aliens 3 meters (10 feet) tall emerge from the craft, causing a panicky crowd of onlookers to flee.

1995 - UFO crashes near Boyle, Ireland. Crew of five aliens are captured by a NATO task force and Irish Gardai (police).

1996 - UFO crashes just north of Varginha, Minas Gerais state, Brazil. The seven surviving aliens are captured by the Brazilian Army.

1997 - "Battle of Phoenix." Giant triangular UFO seen over Phoenix and other cities in central Arizona, USA.

1998 - Three Japanese fighter jets shot down by UFOs over the ocean off northern Japan.

1999 - Exploding UFO levels huge patch of jungle west of Sao Felix do Xingu, Para state, Brazil.

To paraphrase the National Enquirer, "And how was your century?"

LOREN COLEMAN NAMED  
BIGFOOTER OF THE YEAR

The Center for Bigfoot Studies in California has awarded Loren Coleman its 1999 Bigfooter of the Year title.

In the December 1999 issue of Bigfoot Times, editor Daniel Perez wrote, "As we approach the year 2000, 52-year-old Loren Coleman snagged the top spot with the publication and co-authorship of two books in one year--The Field Guide to Bigfoot, Yeti and Other Mystery Primates Worldwide and Cryptozoology A to Z, bringing tremendous publicity to the cause and securing his place as the Bigfooter of the Year."

Coleman, who lives in Portland, Maine, is a cryptozoologist, writer, consultant and filmmaker at the University of Southern Maine. He has been studying Bigfoot and other mysterious creatures for 40 years, when, as a 12-year-old boy in Decatur, Illinois, he became fascinated with the Yeti or "Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas." (Editor's Comment: UFO Roundup readers can check out Loren's latest adventure at his website, located at <http://www.lorencoleman.com>.)

from the UFO Files...

### 3000: PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

Now that it'll be a new millenium in a couple of days, have you ever wondered what the year 3000 will be like?

There may be a way to find out.

Thirty-eight miles south of Bismarck, the capital of North Dakota, is a little town on the prairie called Cannon Ball (population 700). About three miles southeast of Cannon Ball, N.D. is Holy Hill, a site long held sacred by the indigenous Lakota and Samish (also known as Sioux and Mandan) people.

A very strange incident occurred here back in 1913. That winter, a Lakota man named Joe Huff invited his elderly relatives to visit him in Bismarck. Among them was his great-uncle, Eagle Staff.

Eagle Staff was a medicine chief (what we today call a spiritual advisor--J.T.). At the time, he was 80 years old, having been born during a very auspicious time--November 1833, known to the Lakota people as "the night the stars fell" due to the tremendous Leonid meteor storm that year.

During the trip to Bismarck, Huff showed them the new nickelodeons. Feature films were still two years in the future. The elderly people were amazed and delighted by the moving images. Eagle Staff, however, remained aloof. He said, "I have seen this thing before."

Aware that the old man hadn't been off the Standing Rock reservation since 1880, Huff asked, "When?"

"When I was a boy. At Holy Hill."

Huff looked on in disbelief. The cinema had only been invented less than twenty years earlier. How could Eagle Staff have seen it back in the 1840s?

"The spirits showed us images of the future," the old man added.

"Of course, Uncle." Thinking that Eagle Staff's mind had begun to wander, Huff gave the matter no more thought.

A few weeks later, "Eagle Staff asked Huff to go with him to his house for an overnight visit. Huff agreed and climbed in the wagon next to Eagle Staff and for the journey to his log home."

Once they arrived in Cannon Ball, "they talked until late into the night. At last Eagle Staff said, 'Have you ever heard the spirits working on Holy Hill?'"

"No," Huff replied.

"This is the month for the spirits to work," Eagle Staff explained. "But as they do not work every night, I do not know if they will work tonight. But if they do, I will knock on your window, and you can get up to hear them."

Sure enough, sometime after midnight, Huff was awakened by a soft rapping at the window. Out in the snow stood Eagle Staff, wrapped in a bearskin cloak, a frosty plume trailing from his lips.

When Huff came outside, he said, "Listen. The spirits are working."

Huff heard a strange sound. Click-click! Like two rocks being knocked together. Turning to the southwest, he saw a weird glow near the summit of Holy Hill, a flickering white aura similar to the light of a cinema film.

Immediately Huff wanted to go to the hill. But Eagle Staff held him back. "The spirits will leave as soon as you arrive. But if you have a good ear, get down on the ground and listen."

"Huff did as he was bidden. The clicks were even more clear when Huff placed his ear to the ground. It was like that for two miles around, Eagle Staff said. At ground level the clicks seemed to come from directly beneath, but when Huff stood again, they drifted through the air from the direction of Holy Hill."

Had Eagle Staff and the other medicine chiefs seen visions of the future in the 1840s? Joe Huff couldn't say for sure. But he was never again so certain about the nature of reality as he was before his trip to Cannon Ball, North Dakota. (See the book *Haunted America* by Michael Norman and Beth Scott, Tor Books, New York, N.Y. 1994, pages 268 and 269.)

#### AN INVITATION TO OUR READERS

If any of our readers have a dream about the upcoming Twenty-first Century over the New Year's weekend, write it down and send it by email to [Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com). UFO Roundup will run selections from each letter during the month of January 2000.

Well, here we are on the verge of Y2K. The good news is, D-Day wasn't on December 28. Although National Guard units are preparing for any contingency, there has been no Operation Abacus. The bad news is, the state of Israel sent 12,000 troops, including its special Millenium Units, to occupy the Temple Mount in Jerusalem on Wednesday, December 29, 1999. And the Jewish state has deported 60 Christians for "unspecified crimes" including no doubt accepting Jesus Christ as their personal savior. (See USA Today for December 30, 1999, "Israeli authorities bulk up forces," page 8A) I'm afraid a Bill of Rights, or even an Edict of Nantes, in that unhappy land will have to wait until the Next Millenium.

In the meantime, don't spend New Year's Eve in your foxhole with your helmet, flak jacket and rifle. Although, when you think about it, that is an apt metaphor for the whole stupid Twentieth Century. The Millenium only comes around once every thousand years. Go out and have some fun.

I intend to. If I didn't have to work tomorrow, I'd drive out to Cannon Ball, N.D., grab a box of popcorn and watch previews of the year 3000. Or maybe drop on over to Inyan Kara or Mato Tipi and see what's happening. But there'll be a powwow a lot closer to home. I plan to eat some frybread and wild rice stew and dance to the beat of the spirit drum. And maybe later on, when it gets really cold, I'll slip away to a promontory overlooking the Big Lake and marvel at the ebony sky full of stars. And maybe I'll see a UFO. Maybe it'll even land and at last we'll meet face to face. Maybe.

And if the computer doesn't crash, and it isn't TEOTWAWKI, we'll be back in the Next Millenium with more UFO news from around the world, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." Happy new Year!

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## Re: Corso?

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 07:42:19 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:06:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso?

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 12:22:29 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[jmortell@aol.com](mailto:jmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

I had previously written:

>>During the next several weeks, until he passed on, he went  
>>through his files with his son, who has reportedly expressed  
>>interest in publishing a follow up book. Of course, this comes  
>>from snippets of information posted to the Internet, and I  
>>don't know how much of it is fact.

>>I may have been "out to lunch" but I don't recall any  
>>indication of a mystery surrounding his death.

>Steve, the mystery of his death is it's timing and the highly  
>unusual circumstances of his two heart attacks. Whilst easy to  
>holler "conspiracy," it's easier to merely look and say, "Hmmm,  
>this is highly unusual!" And then ask why this might be so.  
>Personally, there is little I put past our and other  
>governments, including murder, assassination and general really  
>bad stuff.

>Jim Mortellaro

Jim-

Let me begin by stating up front that I'm not a medical expert  
and have not personally investigated Corso, per se. I have met  
the gentlemen and found him to be sincere. I have also  
attempted to keep up with information related to his claims by  
staying touch with researchers who had on-going contact with him  
and by reading the various postings on the Internet.

I wouldn't deny that this is worth investigating if there's  
anything actually there to investigate. But it's probably  
important to keep in mind that unless you (or your sources) have  
inside knowledge as to his medical prognosis then we are relying  
on information that is being released by the family. As such,  
that information may be limited in scope. As you are probably  
aware, there is no freedom of access to medical information that  
the patient (or their family) want to keep to themselves. On  
the other hand, the family may well have released all of his  
medical records and that would give you information to begin a  
probe into the strangeness level of his death.

I don't really find his death all that sudden or mysterious,  
given his age. In many cases a potential heart attack is not  
detectable by a routine physical examination and as retired  
military I would suspect that he was receiving much of his  
medical support through the Veterans Administration. I mean no  
disrespect for the hard working people of the VA, but I believe  
there are few (outside the organization) who would tout that  
agency as the pinnacle of medical expertise and caution.

I suppose that if his medical information is available it would be advantageous to review his medical history for the past several years and see if there is anything unusual in his death. Why didn't his family, which was I believe at his side when he died, express outrage at the suddenness of his unexpected passing? Why, if the reports are true, did he make a conscious effort to impart information to his son, so that he could allegedly forward that information on to the public (and probably make a few bucks in the process)? If he believed that his prognosis was good, he could have taken his time and published the material himself. [I have been searching my email archives to locate the posting that discussed this, but so far to no avail]

As you can tell, our views on the circumstances surrounding Corso's death are somewhat different. I think that we are basing them on different pieces of information from multiple sources, and each contain elements of truth and/or speculation. But a general discussion on the mysterious nature of his death will only serve to promote a conspiratorialist view, and would only muddy the waters (so to speak) as we try to show that [insert your paradigm here].

The real issue, IMO, should be the status of the information that was allegedly transferred to Corso's son, and its eventual release. If there's any "beef" in that pile of information, I'd like to see it. Otherwise, I believe we are merely left with a proud man who has managed to tarnish is reputation through the publication of a controversial book containing inaccuracies that detract from its veracity and contentions that remain unsupported.

Steve

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## Re: Corso

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:54:15 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:10:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Corso

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:22:23 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Gildas Bourdais <[GBourdais@aol.com](mailto:GBourdais@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 19:20:23 -0400  
>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Corso  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:21:35 -0500 (EST)  
>>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
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>>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 15:31:51 -0400  
>>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 16:46:19 -0500

>>Also it would be good to know just when the numerous  
>>technologies were supposedly transferred. If it happened in  
>>1962, that was just about 15 years after Roswell. Rather  
>>difficult to believe nothing was done before that.

>>Stan Friedman

>To Stan and David

>That's a very good question, but I suggest this possible  
>answer to it:

>General Trudeau was not in the know of the main operations  
>of study of the Roswell debris.

>He just had inherited a little amount of material which had been  
>alloted to the Army at the very beginning, all the rest being  
>kept by the highly secret group, etc: you know that!

>Trudeau would have just decided to try to use it independantly.  
>Does that sound completely crazy?

I can't say "completely crazy". But I can wonder at the lack of  
urgency for trying to back engineer or understand or disseminate  
such important examples of advanced technology. A two man group  
hardly seems appropriate.

Corso was not an engineer or a scientist. I worked on army  
sponsored classified nuclear programs at Aerojet General  
Nucleonics in the early 1960s and at General Motors 1963-1966.

Lots of people and money.

Filing cabinet makes it sound as though he might have been given  
access to reports from the professionals who had been working on  
the wreckage elsewhere and did have the background for it.

Stan Friedman

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